

North Star

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(a Unit of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons)



Commander's Corner

GREETINGS!

With this issue of the North Star, a Notice of Annual General Meeting is included. This means that another year has passed and my term as your District Commander comes to an end. The past year has had its highs and lows. As most of you know, our District Training Officer, Nick Boutcher, passed away in February. This was a terrible shock to us all and Nick will be sorely missed. I am sure you will all join me in thinking of Nick's wife Sheila and their children at this sad time.

We will now look forward to welcoming a new District Bridge and Commander who will be charged with running the affairs of the District for the coming year. This will be no easy task and to those members who will be serving a first term on the Bridge, I say thank you for allowing your names to stand, and to those returning for a further term, thank you also for your continuing commitment to VIND.

The past year has seen a number of changes implemented by CPS. I know from first hand knowledge that not all of these changes have met with unanimous approval, not only of VIND members, but members from many other Squadrons across the country. Most of you are aware of the changes to which I refer and I will not go into the details again, but I will say that these changes have been introduced in an effort to improve the image of CPS and, hopefully to attract more members.

Membership has been declining Nationally for several years and your Governing Board has been trying to address this problem by implementing a Strategic Five Year Plan, which was introduced in January 2005. Whether the changes already made will have the desired effect, remains to be seen. All I can ask at this time is for all of us to do our best to make these changes work. We have an organization whose work is vital to the health of safe boating and whether we entirely agree with the changes to date, this should not affect our commitment to continue to present opportunities to the public to take advantage of the expertise of our Training staff to learn, and become safer boaters.

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Commander's Corner

My two year term as District Commander has been an interesting one and my task would have been impossible if it were not for the support of the District Bridge and the members at large. I have had a great crew to work with and have very much enjoyed getting out to the various Squadrons to meet their Bridges and members.

When instructing classes, I have always told the students that while they are mainly with us to learn, CPS is also about having fun and enjoying what we do. I can safely say that this is certainly followed by the Squadrons of VIND.

I sincerely trust that I will see many of you at the Annual General Meeting in Parksville. This promises to be a fun weekend and Ballenas Squadron has ordered great weather - the pressure is on, Jim.

We will also be holding our Annual Rendezvous this summer and will be trying out a new venue. You will have probably received details of this by now but I am sure you will hear a lot more in the coming months. See you there!

Wishing you all fair winds and safe boating.

D/C Ray Orr

Rendezvous 2008

Come and join us for our annual Rendezvous at our new venue!

- * Place Maple Bay Marina
- * Date; August 23,24 & 25 2008
- * Use of the covered "Quarter Deck" in case of inclement weather
- * No camping on site, plenty of camping close by and ample parking on site.
- * Games; Bocce, Bean Bag Toss, Treasure Hunt, Quizzes.
- * Reservation for 10 Boats. They can accommodate many more,
Members make their own arrangements regarding moorage.
Reservations will be cancelled 7 days prior to AUGUST 14th.

Clifford Miller

Notice of AGM

CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS

VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH DISTRICT

To The Members of Vancouver Island North District

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Vancouver Island North District will be held at Quality Resort Bayside, 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville, B.C. on May 31 2008 at 1000 for the purposes of:

- [a] receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of the Officers of the District:
- [b] receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2008 and the Report of the District Auditor thereon
- [c] electing the Officers of the District;
- [d] appointing the District auditor;
- [e] considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of this Notice. Under District Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 Members of this District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election.

The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this third day of April, 2008

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Holly Fowler

District Secretary

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PARKSVILLE – OCEANSIDE AREA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Friday, May 30th – 1900 hrs. --- “**HAWAII NORTH**” -- MEET AND GREET !

Bring your Hawaii outfits, or your warm weather holiday wear, and enjoy some fun and fellowship with your colleagues from around the District. Can you do the hula dance or play the ukulele ?

Accommodations – the conference hotel is the Quality Resort Bayside, 240 Dogwood Street, just off the highway beside Parksville’s famous mini-golf resort. Room rates are \$99.00 per night plus tax. Please call to make your own reservation – (250) 248-8333 . Advise that you are attending the VIND Power Squadron conference.

Alternate Accommodations :

Paradise Seaside Motel/Resort, 411 Island Highway, (250) 248-6171

Parks Sands Beach Resort , 105 East Island Highway, (250) 248-3171

Sandcastle Inn, 374 West Island Highway , (250) 248-2334

Travelodge Parksville, 424 W. Island Highway, 1– 800 – 661-3310

VIP Motel, 414 West Island Highway, (250) 248-0018

Boats :

Current Moorage Rates – French Creek Harbour – 1055 Lee Road, phone (250) 248-5051;
Fax: (250) 248-5123 -- \$0.75 per foot on a daily basis ... 4 days or more get the ½ month rate, currently -- \$2.36 per foot up to 54 feet.

R.V.Parking :

Paradise RV Park – 375 Island Highway, ocean views, phone (250) 248-6612. Off season rates are \$22 – 23.00 daily ; weekly \$120- 125.00 .

French Creek House resort & Campground , 1- 1025 Lee Road, phone (250) 248-3713 (call for rates)

Accompanying Persons Tour :

The Accompanying Persons Tour will leave the parking lot of the Quality Resort Bayside at 1000 hrs and return at approximately 1430 hrs. The tour will include the beautiful Milner Gardens with lunch at the beautiful new Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course Clubhouse. Casual attire appropriate.

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Registration

Vancouver Island North District

Conference 2008 & Annual General Meeting

May 30 to June 1 2008

Quality Resort Bayside, **240 Dogwood Street, Parksville**

(Tel: 248-8333)

Join us at Parksville with its parks, beaches, wildlife, gardens and golf courses to name a few of its attractions.

The business meetings and AGM are open to all members at no cost. Registration is not required for these meetings and members are encouraged to attend. Registration deadline is 17 May 2008. Register before April 5, 2008 to be entered into the EARLY BIRD DRAW. The prize is a credit on your registration of up to \$50.00.

Please PRINT – information will be kept confidential.

Member Name(last)_____ (first)_____ (Squadron)_____

Name as you wish it on the Name tag: _____

(P, AP, JN, N) Squadron/Bridge Position

Mailing address:

Phone No: Fax: email:

Accompanying Person's name(s) for name tag:

Friday: May 30th Registration – hotel lobby 1800-2000 hrs

MEET & GREET (cash bar) 1900-2100 hrs No: X \$12.00

Saturday: May 31st Lunch (cash bar) 1200 hrs No: X \$18.50

Reception 1800 – 1900 hrs (cash Bar)

Dinner 1900 hrs No: X \$40.00

Accompanying Persons tour w/lunch No: X \$30.00

TOTAL \$_____

Make cheques payable to: Ballenas Squadron VIND AGM

Mail to: P/C Nancy De Gagne, **500 Belson Street, Parksville, B.C. V9P 1B8**

Nominations Committee Report

Report of the Vancouver Island North District Nominations Committee

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as District Officers for the 2008 / 2009 year:

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| * District Commander | Don Butt | Gabriola |
| 1160 Ritchie Rd., Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X3 | | |
| * District Exec Officer | Sheila Boutcher | Nanaimo |
| 501 Greenbriar Pl., Nanaimo, BC V9T 4E8 | | |
| * District Training Officer | Peter Bolton | Cape Lazo |
| 324 Curtis Rd., Comox, BC V9M 3W1 | | |
| * District Admin Officer | Clifford Miller | Cowichan |
| 2687 Matthew Pl., Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P2 | | |
| * District Secretary | | |
| * District Treasurer | Bill Farmer | Nanaimo |
| 436 Nottingham Dr., Nanaimo, BC V9T 4T1 | | |
| * District PR & Marketing | Rod McLachlan | Mt. Brenton |
| 12505 Rocky Creek Rd., Ladysmith, BC V9G 1M6 | | |
| * District Marep Officer | Ron Mayhew | Ballenas |
| 721 Foxtail Ave., Parksville, BC V9P 2S3 | | |
| * District Membership | | |

The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as District Officers, who, if elected will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the District Executive Committee pursuant to District Regulations 10.2(b):

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| * Assistant Training Officer | Betty Pearson | Mt. Brenton |
| * Assistant Training Officer | Fred Sankey | Cape Lazo |
| * Assistant Training Officer | Alexa Stochmal | Nanaimo |
| * District Editor (North Star) | | |
| * District Supply Officer | Bill Farmer | Nanaimo |
| * Roster Editor | P/D/C Sue Loveless | Mt. Brenton |

The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Auditor of the District

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| * Auditor | P/D/C Walter Turch | Nanaimo |
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c/o 1234 Marina Way
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www.vind.org



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A Morning Fishing Boat Launches from the Beach**