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BURNABY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

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## Information Nights

March 24 & April 7



Mike presenting thank you gift to Ted Vesak



Mike introducing Brad Mah & Jeff Cote

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## calendar of events

April 17	Student Cruise
April 28	BPSS Annual General Meeting
April 30	Change of Watch
May 15	Boat Pro – New Westminster Secondary School
May 22-24	Victoria Day Cruise – Snug Cove
May 28	District Conference
May 29	PMD Annual General Meeting
June 5	Boat Pro - BCIT
July 1-4	Canada Day Cruise - Ganges
July 10	Boat Pro - BCIT

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## Commander's Corner

Spring is in the air, sometimes in a very blustery way, as those members who attended or tried to attend our recent Easter Cruise to Gibsons can attest. Many boats who had planned on attending were forced to cancel, while other folks (myself included) came by Big Boat (BC Ferries) instead. Nevertheless, Friday night appies were well-attended, and extra attendees at Saturday night dinner had us adding table after table to our corner of the restaurant. More windy weather kept us in dock Sunday night, so we hastily organized an additional potluck dinner on P/Cdr Bill Grout's boat. Our thanks to Bill for volunteering his vessel.

Contrary to rumour, we are having a Change of Watch this year. It will be held at Capital Hill Hall on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a big bash for last year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so we are going for a more laid-back event this year. Tickets are only \$20, including gratuity, so this is your opportunity to bring even more friends and family along to the party. Tickets are available from Val at 604-420-9453.

As some of you may know, once a Squadron has passed its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it may add a gold stripe to its burgee. As an added inducement for you to attend our Change of Watch, we will be selling our new Longevity Burgee, recently approved by National. Members who attended either the Easter Cruise or the recent Information Night have purchased their new burgees already, so we should see them flying on our boats any day now.

Last year, we combined our Student Cruise up Indian Arm with the Student Graduation. Everyone enjoyed it so much that we are doing the same thing again on April 17<sup>th</sup>. There is still time for you to volunteer your vessel to carry some students. Contact P/Cdr Bill Grout at 604-420-9283 if interested.

After serving two years as your Commander, I am stepping down to let P/Cdr Bill Grout take the reins once again. I must say that he seems quite eager to revisit the role, and I'm sure that you will offer him every support. My thanks to everyone who has lent a hand during my time as Commander, both Bridge and non-Bridge members. I truly appreciate everyone's donation of their time, their effort, and their caring.



Commander Bev

### BURNABY POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Burnaby Power & Sail Squadron will be held at 1900 hours, on Wednesday April 28, 2010 at Confederation Community Centre for the Retired, 4585 Albert Street, Burnaby, BC.



## Government & Industry Liaison Report

### CCG Update

Boaters should be aware that the old Pitt River Bridge has been removed but the submerged piers and other structures are still in place and therefore present a serious hazard to navigation. Notices to Mariners should be consulted for updates on this project.

The Pitt Lake navigational aids system has been reconfigured. A number of new aids are to be put in place; all plastic aids will be replaced with steel. CHS is considering a new survey and chart for this area. Again, boaters in this area should consult Notices to Mariners for updates.

A review of Nav-Aids in the vicinity of the Second Narrows Bridge has been completed. Boaters should be aware that a new sector light will be mounted on the bridge. Completion is scheduled for April 2010.

Earlier this year, the US Coast Guard announced its intent to terminate and decommission the US Loran-C system. The Great Lakes and Northeast US chains were to be decommissioned as of February 8, 2010; remaining chains, including those operated jointly with Canada, will cease to operate by October 1, 2010. Updates on this undertaking will be provided on Notices to Mariners. It is interesting to note that Environment Canada's weather balloons are currently tracked by Loran-C.

### CHS Update

Chart 3493 (Vancouver Harbour), originally scheduled for issue by January 2010, should be available in March 2010.

CHS has recently published Charts No. 3947, 3985, 3986 and 3987 covering the approaches to the Port of Prince Rupert. All charts are 1:40,000. Accordingly, CHS is proposing to cancel Chart 3927 which covers much of the same area and is therefore looking for input on the proposed scheme. CHS has indicated that a new edition of Chart 3927 could be produced if demand is sufficient.

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