

Report: COMMITTEE FOR THE 50TH YEAR CELEBRATION

The Committee met and has agreed that this is a very big occasion for the Fort Vancouver Sail and Power Squadron, and as such should take on a large presence in the next 19 Months, ending Aug, 2012 in the Final Event. We have not determined the totality of the **FINAL EVENT**, it will be a big and multi-faced series of mini-events. A major Mini event will be some celebration for the entire Squadron involving a meal. We assumed that by the nature of such an important occasion that we should involve the public in every aspect of the **YEAR OF CELEBRATION**. First we need to collect our HISTORY and the PEOPLE who made it.... starting with the "original 50" men that started the Squadron on 21 May, 1962, and including a story about the women of the Squadron (who have only been full members since 1984) that I have been working on for the past several months. We plan to recruit a couple of members to complete this history.... they will be the "**50 Year Historians**". They would collect and make a Souvenir BOOK for all members and we would fill a souvenir CD to record our year long activities. Next, we need to publicize every part of what we are doing for the 50th year and draw the public into each event and action..... for instance, at next year's Boat Show we advertise ourselves as having been around for 50 years providing Education and Public Safety. We would ask for a special Mayor's Proclamation for the 50th year. Probably the first mini-event would be the annual January BOAT SHOW followed by the Hazeldell Parade of Bands using the Squadrons Display boat we would put a sign on the boat stating 50 years of existence. And so it would go for the entire year, each event we would announce to The Columbian and attempt to have a background story to go with the event. Some of the Mini-event ideas are to have a "Treasure Hunt" for members and "the Public" that involves GPS, plotting, AP procedures, Celestial Navigation, clue solving, and more; others are to encourage every member to have a VSC, restart the Co-op Charting activities and reclaim our river Chart, have everyone involved in the opening day activities with the Yacht Clubs. . We would start a campaign to recruit 50 New members, have 50 new people take our classes on a reward referral program; contact former members with a notice to come forward and join our activities, to support us, and if not to perhaps send money to the Memorial Education Fund in the name of a loved one who in the past supported the Squadron. Or maybe send money just because they want to support us. We want to have souvenirs, so we will design a LOGO for bags, shirts and coins.....the coins would be used for many of the other projects and mini-events..... to yet be determined.

BURGEE:

The submission to the Flag Committee of USPS National has been started and will be continued until we receive permission to add the **gold trim** to our burgee.

VOLUNTEERS:

We would like to have volunteers to head up each of these event segments, so we will be recruiting as many members as possible to have part ownership in the 50 YEAR EVENT. We will soon begin calling on many of you to help with the CELEBRATION... BE SURE TO SAY YES.. !! Become a part of the party..!!