

THE LOOKOUT

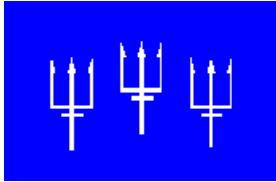
JANUARY

NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT VANCOUVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

2012

COMMANDER

Position Vacated



During our 50 year history, Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron has thrived in times that have brought other organizations to ruin. We recognize that sometimes individuals need to make decisions that best support their personal circumstances and choices. We respect this and we rally to move forward as a team.

We thank Rick for his service to the squadron, and we look forward to his and Brenda's continued friendship and participation in FVSPS.

Things have changed since my last article, even our Christmas Party. I am writing this article as your Ex Commander as of Dec. 16. That is the date I informed the bridge members that I officially stepped down as FVSPS Commander.

It was a very difficult and emotional decision that had to be made in the best interest of our great squadron. It has been a real honor serving the squadron for the last 2 yrs 8 mo. I still intend to attend meetings and events and socialize with the many great friends I have made since joining the squadron.

Your Ex-Commander and Friend
Rick G. AP

PS. I just sent in a inflatable for recall. Mustang was very helpful and said I would get it back in 3 weeks. I'll keep you informed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following members are nominated to serve Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron during the 2012-13 Bridge year, and will be voted on by the squadron membership at the Annual Squadron Meeting, to be held on 15 February 2012. Additional nominations can be made from the floor prior to voting.

Squadron Commander: Jerry Brown AP
Executive Officer: Dave Kelln, AP
Administrative Officer: Charlene Dahlen, S
Educational Officer: Fred Taylor, AP
Asst. Edu. Officer: Jon Kolstad, JN
Secretary: Diana Brown, S
Treasurer: Janett Chandler, S

Executive Committee: Barbara Petersen
Kathy Kolstad, JN
Bob Bue, SN

Nominations: Jon Kolstad, JN - 1 yr
Jack Valentine, N - 2 yrs
Position Open

Planning & Rules: Stafford Campbell, AP
Lloyd Brannon, P
Art Ricchiuti, P
Bobby Ricchiuti

Auditing: Dave Gaskill

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

P/C Jon Kolstad, JN
P/C Jack Valentine, N
P/C Josh Green, AP

The annual meeting will be held at Juliano's Pizzeria, 15606 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

The pizza and soft drinks are FREE (plan to purchase your own side dishes). Please plan to attend.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!

The holiday's were great. Now we need to try to lose the few extra pounds gained with all the good dinners, and see if we can keep a few of the New Years Resolutions made for 2012 longer than the first week or two.

2012 will be a great year for Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron. This being our 50th year, a big celebration is being planned. You, and all the rest of the members of this squadron, have made it the success it is. Members coming together to plan and participate in the activities, cruises, meetings, and education classes.

When Diana and I first joined FVSPS, we went to the potluck meetings, the picnic, the down river cruise to Astoria, and we took some classes. We had no plan to get more involved than that. This is where a lot of members start out. For some the thought of being an officer or committee chairman, or a member of a committee scares them. Some of these same people end up as Commander. Volunteers are always needed for positions on the Executive Committee, as instructors for USPS classes, and as participants in various committees as time goes on. FVSPS needs your thoughts and ideas to keep this organization moving forward.

Join the classes, cruises, dinners, activities. Volunteer to help. Get involved and have fun.

This is *your* Squadron,

Jerry

Get your 6 hole muffin pan ready because it's time for another *Bridge Officers Chili Cook-Off*. And, in case you don't want to carry your own testing vessel, we will have a supply of pre-numbered cups for your convenience. So, join us on Wednesday, 6:30 PM, January 18th at the Barberton Grange Hall for food, fun, and friendship. Bring a side dish to share and keep in mind that the main course (provided by our own Bridge Officers) is chili. Who will win the Chili Cook-Off this year? Be there to help us decide. Fred Taylor is the guest speaker and will share his adventures in France with us.

We also have our annual meeting coming up on February 15th. This is the event where we vote on members selected to serve on the 2012-13 Bridge, the Executive Committee, the Planning & Rules Committee, the Auditing Committee, the Nominating Committee, and we vote on the proposed budget. It is also the time we say "*thank you*" to everyone who has helped us make this squadron succeed. Our way of saying thank you is to have an annual pizza party. The pizza and soft drinks are free. and at Julliano's Pizza the pizza is GREAT! So mark your calendar and bring your appetite.

Our 2012 cruise schedule is posted in the issue. We sure hope that you plan to get out there on the water this summer. It's like a mini vacation every couple of weeks. A great opportunity to make friends, kick back and relax, share some good times, and *always* experience really great food.

One last upcoming event to mention.. The 2012 Change of Watch. All details will be in next months Lookout but just keep Saturday, March 10th open. The festivities will begin at 3PM with dinner served at 5PM. Everyone is invited and being as this is our 50th Change of Watch, we hope to have a record turnout.

Dave

Order Your \$10 Magnetic Name Tag
Call Jan Bue at 360 574-0251



YOUR NAME
FORT VANCOUVER
SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



Our 50th Year Has Arrived

And so it begins, the yearlong celebration of our squadron. Many events are planned, but the Crème de la crème will be the event held on the evening of *Saturday, April 28th at the Portland Yacht Club*. We hope that everyone will plan to attend this once in a lifetime (squadron lifetime that is) event. Details will be provided in the next issue of the Lookout. Meantime, reserve the date.

Now, back to the files from our 50 year history...



The Fort Vancouver Power Squadron pennant was designed by a contest among the members with suggestions offered by George Phillips, Bill Hill and George Dokos. The final pattern as shown on attached sheet has appropriate colours, significant design and visibility for Northwest boating.

Green "V" for Vancouver, yellow for Washington, the Evergreen State, and a stylized Blockhouse, for the earliest settlement, FORT VANOUUCVER.

No other pennant in the published list resembles this pennant, and yet it is simple and easily indentified from a distance by the bright greet "V" against any background.



*Save This Date
Saturday, March 10th*

**FVSPS 50th
Change of Watch/Dinner**

*Ceremony at 3PM
Social Hour To Follow
Dinner at 5PM*

*Everyone Is Invited
(complete details in the next Lookout)*

**The 2012 Squadron Roster
Will Be Drafted Soon**

PLEASE

**Go To The Website
WWW.FVSPS.ORG**

and review your information

- 1. 1. Go to www.FVSPS.org**
- 2. 2. On the left side, under Squadron, click on Roster**
- 3. 3. Enter or select your name**
- 4. 4. Enter your membership ID number**
- 5. 5. Scroll down and click on your name**
- 6. 6. Review the information**
- 7. 7. If changes are needed, follow instructions listed below**

**Contact the Squadron Data Chair
Ed Bettencourt at 360 896-5261 or
www.webmaster@fvsp.org**

**If You Do Not Have Computer Access
Do Not Know Your Membership ID Number
Or Need Assistance In Any Way
Contact Ed Bettencourt for Assistance**

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Semper Paratus *(or Always Ready)*

Get ready for an exciting year of boating education. We are planning to have a great group of classes available starting this winter with Advanced Grade classes in Seamanship and Piloting. We are also planning Engine Maintenance and Sail with an On-The-Water component.

This OTW will be an option in some of our classes this year and will enhance the overall educational value.

To make our educational programs work, we need YOU to register for a class and let your boating friends know about the USPS educational offerings through Fort Vancouver Squadron. Check out the FV website under "general courses" and take a look at the calendar.

See you in a class!



Happy New Year
Your Humble Education Team
George, Fred, Jack, Bob, Kathy, Neal & Ron

This is the motto of the United States Coast Guard and it should be ours as well. Perhaps you have heard about the recent drowning of a Christmas Ships participant? The victim was 43 year old John Sullivan and we should keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. Word has it that John was retrieving his coat from the fly bridge of his friend's 60 foot boat that was moored and slipped from the stairs leading down to the swim step. He struck the swim step and landed in the water behind the boat. A floatation device was thrown to him, but he was unable to reach it and slipped beneath the water just off of the St. Helens public dock.

Of course we wear our PFD's when we are out boating, but who would think of wearing it until you get up the ramp back onto dry land? I wear a Mustang survival auto inflate type V PFD while boating and it is so comfortable that I have occasionally found myself getting into my pickup truck while I am still wearing it, but normally it stays on the boat. This PFD would have helped me last February when I slipped off the corner of an icy dock, falling between my boat's swim platform and the dock and found myself looking up at the bottom of my boat. It only took an instant and I was so surprised to be under water. Of course I was able to get out or I wouldn't be here typing this for you, but who knows how close I was to disaster? I am pretty sure that I have used up at least five of my nine lives so far.

Playing in and on the water is fun, but can be dangerous as well. The Columbia is cold, moving, and murky year round and has little mercy available for us mere mortals. We, as water people, must be Always Ready and alert, not just because we may hit the water, but if someone else does as well. Have a throwable device mounted and ready, lend a hand, have a decent swim ladder on your vessel, maintain the presence of mind to be able to help, refrain from alcohol consumption, keep in reasonable physical shape and of course follow the Coast Guard motto and be Semper Paratus, or Always Ready.

Rest in Peace John Sullivan.

Let's plan and accomplish an accident free 50th anniversary for our squadron.

Captain Ron Micjan
USPS Ft. Van. Safety Officer
Columbia River Marine Assistance

Reel People Breakfast

(where fishin' tales are told)

Benny's Custom Rod & Pizza

4219 NE St Johns Rd

8:30 AM

**Fridays, Jan 20th &
February 3rd & 17th**

come early for good seating & faster eating

BRING YOUR FISHIN FRIENDS
Everyone Is Welcome!

Lady Skippers Report



Kathy Rafferty, Lady Skipper
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The Lady Skippers enjoyed their annual Christmas Lunch at Albertina Kerr Restaurant on Dec. 8th 2011. In the spirit of giving, Jan Bue collected donations for a Women's Shelter and Barbara Petersen collected donations for the Sea Farers Center. The clients who benefit from those donations I'm sure appreciate the generosity.

Signage and an easel to display it on made its debut appearance at our December lunch, with plans to display it at our future gatherings. This was designed and constructed by Kermit Buchanan, who also joined us for lunch. We appreciate and thank him for the skill and artistry that he put into the project.

Thank you to Janett Chandler, Marge Smith, Gayle Zachariasen, and Althea Heagy for their work organizing the Christmas Bazaar and Raffle, part of the Fort Vancouver Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party which was held on Dec. 12th 2011. Lady Skipper members generously donated festive baskets filled with homemade and purchased goodies which were then raffled as a fund raiser. The net proceeds were \$595.00. A big thank you to all who participated to make this a successful event.

Our next Lady Skipper meeting will be on Feb. 9th 2012. Location T.B.D.

May the spirit of peace and gratitude touch us all this Christmas and through the New Year.

**Are You or Someone You Know
In Need of a Little Tender Care?**

Cards and/or Flowers Are Sent or Delivered
to Convey Our Concern, and to Offer Our
Help to Members of FVSPS

Please Contact Jan Bue
360 574-0251

The Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Bridge members cook the chili and the
squadron members crown the chili king/queen



Who will it be this year?
Jerry? Dave? George?
Diana? Janett?
You Decide

**So Bring a Side Dish
Save Your Appetite
And Join Us**

**Wednesday, January 18th, 6:30pm
The Barberton Grange Hall
9400 Northeast 72nd Ave, Vancouver**

**Don't Miss Out
Squadron Annual Meeting
and FREE Pizza Feed
Wed, Feb 15th, 6:30pm,
Julianos Pizzeria
15606 SE Mill Plain Blvd**

**Come Vote for the 2012/13
Bridge Officers and Executive
Committee.**

**The squadron buys the pizza and
soft drinks, you pay for your
own extras and contribute to the
tip if you are so inclined.**

A Message Concerning the D-32 Change of Watch

This year the District Change of Watch will be a different and exciting event. On the weekend of March 2-4, members will gather at the Scappoose Creek Inn, located at 53758 W. Lane Road in Scappoose, Oregon.

The Scappoose Creek Inn offers a truly unique venue with a remarkable history. The 10 separate guest rooms are contained in two beautifully remodeled farm houses and one private cottage. Each room has a private bath. To view the rooms on-line, read the amazing history of the Inn, and check out the many amenities offered to every guest, go to www.scappoosecreekinn.com.

Room prices range from \$69 to \$115 per night and the cottage which can sleep up to 6 is \$150 per night. Reservations may be made by calling 888 875-1670. Please plan to reserve early and be sure to say you are with the Power Squadron. Once all rooms at the Inn have been booked, overflow guests will have to make reservations at the Best Western in St Helens (located about 10 minutes from the Inn). Lunch and dinner space will be sufficient to accommodate all attendees.

We want everyone, from all of the D32 squadrons, to have the opportunity to take part in this special weekend away. Even the spouse activity will offer a special flair this year but again, space will be limited, so sign up early.

Complete information on the weekends events will be published in the District newsletter in February but DON'T WAIT to reserve your room.

Please call D/Lt/C Gary Nelson at 503-223-9984 for additional information.



Sign Up Now!

Winter/Spring Classes are Coming Up

Let Us Know What Class You Want To Take

Go to www.FVSPS.org and click on General Courses. Pick the class you would like to see given, register, and we will get your message and notify you as soon as the class is lined up... if it isn't already that is.

On the Schedule As of This Printing

- ◆ Advanced **Piloting** Monday, Jan 16th
- ◆ **Seamanship** Monday, Jan 16th
- ◆ Engine Maintenance Thursday, Feb 23rd
- ◆ Sail Saturday, Mar 10th
- ◆ Piloting Thursday, Mar 15th

See You In Class

**Due to space, all class sizes are limited
Materials must be ordered in advance**

**PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY FOR THE
CLASS YOU WANT TO TAKE**



2012 Cruise Schedule Approved by CRYA

At the end of each year, we are asked to submit a proposed cruise schedule to CRYA for the upcoming boating season. CRYA gathers proposals from every boating group in the Portland/Vancouver area, advises of conflicts (first come first served), and waits for a clean final from every group. They then publish a CRYA Cruise Schedule, designed to help us share the waterways without creating a nightmare for space at the docks.

These are all public docks and anyone is welcome at any time, BUT, educated and informed boaters look at this schedule when planning their boating destinations. A FEW boats won't necessarily make a difference but a FLEET arriving unannounced can really mess things up for others.

Out of courtesy for our fellow boaters, we participate in this organized method of scheduling

our cruises. Below is what we (FVSPS) will have in the CRYA Cruise Schedule for 2012. You will notice a lot of local area boating (specifically docks at Government Island). We do this because the docks are great and the location close enough for day boaters to join in on the fun. We plan to have a couple theme cruises this year that will add something new and exciting to the events.

Once we have the official cruise schedule book from CRYA, we will add the cruises from other D32 squadrons to the list below. Until then, please take a look at our squadrons' plans, and especially our long-distance cruises, and make your plans accordingly.

See you on the water!

Jon Kolstad, Cruise Activity Chair
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Submitted & Approved 2012 CRYA Cruise Schedule For FVSPS

April	20,21,22	Bartlett Landing, Government Island
May	18,19,20	Schwitter Landing, Government Island (approved for joint cruise with DYC)
June	8,9,10	Bartlett Landing, Government Island
June	22,23,24	Bartlett Landing, Government Island
July	13,14,15	Beacon Rock
Aug	20-26	Cathlamet
Sept	7,8,9	Bartlett Landing, Government Island
Sept	21,22,23	Beacon Rock (approved for joint cruise with RYC)
Oct	26,27,28	Schwitter Landing, Government Island
Nov	22,23,24,25	Bartlett Landing, Government Island

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And Keep It Handy



It is really nice to have friends who “know people”. Our Sea Scout unit recently learned that we needed some help for our new sailboat. The coupler/shaft was not aligned properly and was so far from proper alignment that there had to be a second problem. So, out went the call to several friends and a couple of experts. Ron Micjan, owner of **Columbia River Marine Assistance**, responded and called an acquaintance at **Sheffield Marine Propeller Inc.** They helped arrange with **Danish Marine Repair** to use the lift equipment at their yard to haul the boat out to check the shaft, propeller and shaft strut.

After the sailboat was out of the water, Brian from **Sheffield** came to the **Danish** yard and inspected the boat. Finding that the shaft was bent and the strut bearing was damaged, he took the shaft and strut to the **Sheffield** facilities and made a new shaft, (longer than the one we had so that we could remove the coupler and “direct-couple” the shaft to the engine) checked out the strut, replaced the bearing, polished the propeller and brought the equipment back to the boat for us to reinstall. **Danish Repair** then placed the boat back into the water for us and **Columbia River Marine Assistance** towed the “Déjà vu: back to the Sea Base.

All of this work, done by these three different groups, **Sheffield's, Danish, and Columbia River Marine Assistance** (Ron & Ashley Micjan are also members of our squadron) supplied work and services that are probably worth in the excess of \$2500. We, who work with the scout, know that we would have had to work many hours to earn enough to pay for this work. The Scouts would have been without the boat for many months.

We would like to recommend the services of these exceptional businesses to our Squadron members. We received a great value and service from people that were more than generous, very skilled, and completely professional. They delivered a needed service, without deception or bluster, in a very efficient and direct manner. We need more vendors of this caliber in our marine neighborhood. Please list them among your respected craftspeople when you need help.

Now with some minor adjustments to the shaft alignment the Scouts have a working sailboat again; so look for us on the river.

ORION ISSUES RECALL NOTICE FOR HAND-LAUNCHED AERIAL SIGNAL



Orion Safety Products has issued a recall for two models of its hand-launched aerial signals, citing problems with the devices failing to launch and/or ignite.

The recall applies to older Orion XLT and 12-gauge signals made with orange ABS plastic. XLTs are self-contained, hand-launched signals, while 12-gauge signals have a pistol-style launch and a plastic shell.

In 2008, Orion switched from orange ABS to red-colored, glass-filled polyethylene for its better strength, durability and resistance to moisture. The last XLTs that used orange ABS in the launch tube body expire this month, while the last 12-inch gauge shells using the orange ABS plastic expire in March 2012.

If you have an XLT signal with an orange launch tube that has an expiration date between November 2011 and December 2011, or an orange 12-gauge shell that has an expiration date between November 2011 and March 2012, you are eligible to receive a free, four-pack replacement at no cost.

To obtain a replacement pack, submit the following information by email to customerservice@orionsignals.com, subject “SIGNAL REPLACEMENT,” or by mail to Orion Safety Products, Attn. Signal Replacement Program, P.O. Box 1047, Easton, MD, 21601:

- ◆ Name
- ◆ Address
- ◆ Daytime phone number
- ◆ Signal quantity
- ◆ Lot number
- ◆ Expiration date

Customers are also asked to submit a photo of their signals, clearly showing the expiration date and lot number. Do not ship any signals back to Orion.

Replacement packs cannot be shipped to a P.O. Box.

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SQUADRON MEETINGS

Squadron Meetings are held monthly (except June, July & August). The date, time and location is listed in the Lookout.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Executive Meetings are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 1900 at 6708 NW Bernie Drive in Vancouver.

LADY SKIPPERS MEETINGS

Lady Skippers Meetings are held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month with no meetings in July, August, September & January

Squadron Events Coming Up Soon

Jan 11	Executive Meeting, 7pm 6708 NW Bernie Dr, Vancouver	Feb 8	Executive Meeting, 7pm 6708 NW Bernie Dr, Vancouver
Jan 11-15	Portland Boat Show	Feb 9	Lady Skippers Luncheon (location TBA)
Jan 16	Seamanship Class Begins	Feb 15	Squadron Annual Mtg/Pizza Feed Juliano's Pizzeria, 6:30pm
Jan 16	Advanced Piloting Class Begins	Feb 23	Engine Maintenance Class Begins
Jan 18	Squadron Chili Cook-Off Barberton Grange Hall		

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