

# THE QUARTERDECK

PORT MOODY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON



October 2018 Newsletter

## A Message from the Commander

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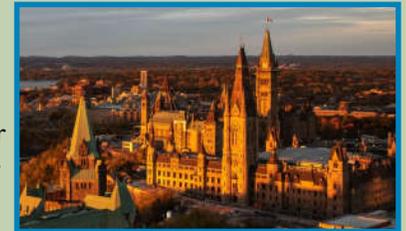
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Tom Kakanowsky

Hello fellow members, I hope you all had a great summer on the water!

As I've just returned from the National conference and AGM in Ottawa, I'll start by sharing some of what I've learned there. We've been updated by the National Finance Officer on the risks to CPS as a whole in respect to Squadrons and Districts holding too much funds in their bank accounts relative to their operating costs. This ratio is evaluated across the country by the Canada Revenue Agency, and if we



don't correct the situation across the entire organization then we risk losing our charitable organization status. While PMPSS is well within the guidelines established by CRA and the National Finance Officer, we will nonetheless ensure we review and monitor our position as good CPS citizens.



There was quite an active discussion around Environment issues, with Goderich Squadron presenting a movie their Environment Officer (who is also a documentary film maker) had made. It is quite staggering to realize that **Eight MILLION** tons of plastic are entering our waterways annually, from sources even as simple as toothpaste and cosmetic products.

One of the more controversial issues being introduced is an exercise in rebranding of CPS. In the United States Power Squadron over the last year, they have been executing a new branding strategy where they have rebranded themselves as "America's Boating Club". I think we can all relate to the fact that our name, our origins stemming from military traditions, the formality of uniforms and process are all a bit intimidating to people who don't know us. Those that do recognize that we're not even remotely formal except for specific ceremonies, and that we are focused on making sure everyone can go out and have fun on the water safely and be able to return to port at the end of a trip with good friends and good memories. CPS Squadrons across the country recognize this, and the challenge that National is facing is determining how and when we should launch such a rebranding campaign. Commanders offered significant support for rebranding.

Having said that, while we need to forge a new way forward, we are not forgetting our past. We had quite a presentation and discussion of the 80 years of history since CPS began in Windsor, Ontario in 1938. But I will say that what really brought some of this home for me was seeing Past Chief Commander Doreen Hinksman of North Halton Squadron step forward

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to receive her FIFTIETH merit mark! 3 others also received their 50th Merit Mark, and one member celebrated her 100th birthday with the CPS Officers. It should be noted that our neighbours, Burnaby Squadron, were also commended for reaching their 60th anniversary.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Major Doug Ferguson, Deputy Commanding Officer of the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group of the Canadian Armed Forces. Doug told us about a tremendous initiative his group is carrying on in Northern Canadian Communities. These communities have approximately 13 times the national average of drowning deaths, primarily because they have limited access to life jackets. Life jackets are very expensive there (>\$100 each), and there are limited SAR resources. Today there are three life jackets per 100 people in a community. Rangers have started a program for training and using life preservers in northern communities, which also includes cold water survival skills, creation of float plans, and a PCOC program tailored for northern climates. "Operation Life Preserver" includes providing life jackets to communities and supporting a swap program. The strategy is to focus on youth, and expose adults through success in the community's children, and have so far distributed over 1500 life jackets. In order to make this program more sustainable, Rangers are seeking industry partners. Salus Marine stepped up and provided a donation of life jackets, and Chief Commander Chuck Beall committed CPS to supporting this initiative. Initiatives will be defined, and logistics sorted out, but at least one tactic discussed was walking the docks (perhaps as a part of Recreation Vehicle Courtesy Checks) and find people who have extra life jackets who wish to donate. I know many will want to help contribute to this, and as we learn more we'll pass this on to you!



Major Doug Ferguson shown with Chief Commander and National Financial Officer

While a scheduled date has not yet been announced, staff at the National office have indicated they are seeking to try to switch from the old IT system to the new IT system in November. While I think we all recognize it will take a while for the new system to mature, get bugs ironed out, and have everyone happy with the new system, basic functionality is in place. As soon as we know what the plan is from National for managing people's transition to the new system, we'll be communicating that information with you. In preparation for the move from the existing IT system though, it is important that everyone log in to the current system and ensure their membership information is up to date; National have emphasized to all Commanders that inaccuracies will cause problems for both you and National when we switch to the new IT system. If you need assistance logging in, please reach out to our Membership Officer, Jenn Doerksen ([membership@portmoodypss.com](mailto:membership@portmoodypss.com)) who can provide some initial assistance (ie confirming what email address you should log in with, confirming your membership number, or changing your email address) before seeking assistance from National.

In September I participated in Red Cross First Aid Training along with AED Training, arranged by our Education Officer Michelle Warrington. Several members participated in this training, which is valuable in our daily lives and is great on cruises when we have members who have this training. Thanks to Education Officer Michelle, and her husband Cruisemaster Chris for bringing this idea to life. I know Michelle is looking at offering this again, and I will personally recommend people take this training when the opportunity arises again. Should you be interested, please reach out to her at [training@portmoodypss.com](mailto:training@portmoodypss.com) and let her know about your interest! Speaking of courses, all of our fall courses are under way, but don't miss the Winter/Spring course offerings we've just announced in this Quarterdeck!

At our October bridge meeting we pledged Sheri Girrard as our new Treasurer, as past Treasurer Melissa Forbister had to step down due to work commitments. Thank you Melissa for your work for the Squadron, and thank you Sheri for stepping in to help us out! Plans are well laid for the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Belcarra Park, and I'm looking forward to seeing many fellow members there.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Kakanowski,  
PMPSS Commander

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# Remembrance Day November 11, 2018

## Lest We Forget

Please join us on Sunday November 11, 2018, at Belcarra Park for a **Remembrance Day Ceremonial Service** with the **Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron**.

### If you come by car:

- Please remain on the fixed pier going to the dock. This will be the main viewing area. With increasing numbers in attendance, it has become difficult to have everyone on the lower dock.
- Veterans and their families are welcome on the west dock, if they wish.
- Please leave the area at the northwest dock empty, so that people can see.

### If you would like to come by boat:

- Due to increasing number of boats attending, dock/raft space is now by reservation only.
- Please contact Raftmaster [TonyGojevic@telus.net](mailto:TonyGojevic@telus.net) as soon as possible if you would like to bring your boat around.
- All communications are on VHF 69
- All docking and rafting to commence at 0830hrs and be finished by 0945 hrs.
- Reserved vessels arriving late will not be accommodated.



### Itinerary:

- Pre-ceremony setup and music starts 0930 hrs.
- Wreaths to dock by 1030 hrs.
- Formal ceremony commences at 1035 hrs with the sounding of an air raid siren.
- Ceremony and address
  - Flanders Fields
  - Prayer
  - Last Post
  - 2 minutes of silence 1100 hrs. (Wreaths will be laid at this time.)
  - Ceremony closing
- Lunch follows at the park shelter on a donation basis (min. \$5.00 per person).



# Looking Ahead!

## Courses Offered by PMPSS in Winter/Spring 2019

Location: Port Moody Secondary School

Course	Start Date	End Date
<a href="#">Boating 2 and 3 Combined</a>	January 24, 2019	April 18, 2019
<a href="#">Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boaters</a>	January 31, 2019	March 7, 2019
<a href="#">Sailing</a>	February 7, 2019	April 11, 2019
<a href="#">Radar for Boaters</a>	February 14, 2019	March 14, 2019
<a href="#">Extended Cruising</a>	February 21, 2019	April 11, 2019

Location: Willy's Galley—Reed Point

Course	Start Date	End Date
<a href="#">Maritime Radio</a>	January 14, 2019	January 14, 2019
<a href="#">Marine Electrical Maintenance</a>	February 7, 2019	March 7, 2019
<a href="#">Electronic Marine Navigation</a>	March 14, 2019	April 25, 2019

You can register for any or all courses at: [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca)  
or by contacting Contact Glen at (604) 868 8382 or [gwanchor@telus.net](mailto:gwanchor@telus.net)

## First Aid/CPR/AED Training

PMPSS had a very successful Emergency First Aid course on the evenings of Sept. 12th and 13th. We had 13 students attend this life saving course. It was offered through Pacific Response and we had a great instructor Bill Hamilton, who made it very interesting and fun as it was a very fast paced, intense course which covered a lot of material. Plus we got to play with our own AED!



### HAVE YOU TAKEN THE VHF COURSE?

Courses for VHF run often throughout the year based on demand. Check [www.portmoodypss.com](http://www.portmoodypss.com) or contact Lynn Meisl at 604-516-6072.

# Labour Day Weekend ~ Survivor Challenge



Another rip roaring good time with this year's Survivor challenge. Arlene and Tony Gojevic outdid themselves putting this event together!



# October 2018

BSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Courses	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Courses	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Courses	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Courses	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Courses	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Courses	9	10
11  Remembrance Day See flyer pg. 3	12	13	14	15 Courses	16	17
18 Student Cruise	19	20  Bridge mtg.	21	22 Courses	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Courses	30	

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18  Bridge mtg.??	19	20	21	22
23	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 VHF course	15  Bridge mtg.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Courses	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Courses	(**See page 4 for courses starting in January**)	

# More Summer Fun



Summer 2018 with PMPSS and Friends!





## Shoreline Cleanup Sept. 23rd, 2018

We had a terrific turn out this year for our annual Shoreline cleanup which included a handful of members as well as members of our community who learned about the event on website.

We were delighted that little trash was picked up (56 pounds) compared to other years and hope that this trend continues!



# Taking Inventory PMPSS Style

Christmas is coming and we have wonderful gift ideas for our members! Here are some gift ideas or check with Julie Bruce, our Supply Officer for other options!

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# Safety Alert

The United States Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Alert regarding LED navigation lights and VHF and AIS reception (August 15th, 2018). After receiving multiple reports from various mariners including crews, ship owners, and inspectors of poor VHF and AIS reception when antennas were situated near LED lights, the USCG issued this alert.

The USCG is concerned about how this radio interference could affect maritime safety having determined that LED lamps create radio frequency interference and have caused recorded incidences of degraded VHF and AIS communication.

This is not to say you should stop using LED lighting, as LED lights have been shown to have great power saving benefits aboard vessels. Reception interference can also be difficult to assess. The USCG had recommended the following test to see if you can notice interference with your VHF radio. As interference is created by LED proximity to antennas, the most common culprits are navigation lights and spot lights, however, interior lights and deck flood lights can also cause issues. Mariners should test all onboard LED lighting via the following method:

1. Turn off LED lights
2. Tune VHF radio to a quiet channel (USCG gives Ch 13 as an example, though this may not be the best channel in all waterways)
3. Adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the radio outputs audio noise.
4. Re-adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the audio noise is quiet, only slightly above the noise threshold.
5. Turn on the LED light(s), do this for each circuit/type of lights (spotlight, navigation lights, deck lights, interior lights (by area of the boat).
  - A) If the radio now outputs audio noise, then the LEDs have raised the noise floor. (Noise floor is generally the amount of interfering signals / static received beyond the specific signal or channel being monitored.)
  - B) If the radio does not output audio noise, then LEDs have not raised the noise floor.



Make sure to test all lights in a systematic way so that you can isolate any potential problem areas. You may run into interference from multiple LED circuits (such as navigation lights and a search light or deck lights). You are most likely to have issues with LEDs that are in close proximity to your antenna or antenna wires, however, Test all your LED circuits for best piece of mind. (Source: <https://www.passagemaker.com/trawler-news/led-vhf-interference>)



**NEW DATES FOR THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW**

■ ORGANIZERS OF THE Vancouver International Boat Show announced new dates for the 2019 event: Wednesday, February 6 through Sunday, February 10. Up until 2014, the Vancouver Boat Show was historically held in February. In 2015, the event moved to January as a result of a new provincial holiday, Family Day, that conflicted with the show's longtime February date pattern. The British Columbia government recently announced that Family Day would be moving a week later, beginning in 2019, which presented an opportunity for the show to return to its historical February dates.

## Vancouver Boat Show 2019

Thanks to Christine Sheldon for drawing attention to the change in dates for this year's Vancouver Boat Show! See the article shown or check out the website:

<https://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/2019/>

The 2019 Boat Show will run from February 6th through until February 10th.

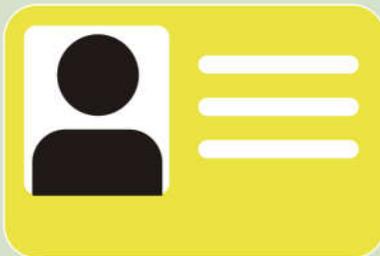


# Something to Ponder...

Shared by Christine Sheldon

Prideaux Haven, Desolation Sound - August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

We have been out on the boat now for a couple of months, travelling through The Gulf Islands, San Juan Islands and now Desolation Sound. As September approaches there is a marked decrease in boats anchored throughout Desolation. This day, August 27<sup>th</sup>, is hot, so we decide to take a dinghy cruise to see who is still left in the various bays around Prideaux. We decide to go round the outside and into Laura Cove first, and as we enter I see something floating, so as we reverse I lean over the side and pluck a wallet from the water!



Opening a wallet that does not belong to you feels very uncomfortable, it feels like you are invading someone's privacy, but we needed to find out if there was at least a means of contacting the owner. The wallet contained not only this person's identity, his whole life, but, as luck would have it, it also contained a current Fishing License.

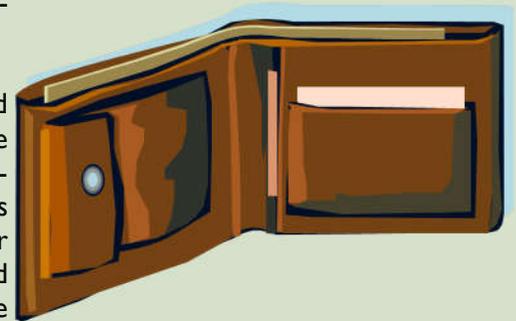
As you read this you are probably wondering why was it lucky to find a current Fishing License, or maybe you are already ahead of me..... A Credit Card, Debit Card, Health Care Card, Drivers License, BCAA Card..... all the usual contents of a

persons wallet, and yet not one of these cards or ID's have a telephone number on them, a Fishing Licence does!

Who carries their Fishing license in their wallet, I know we don't, ours are on the boat, with a copy in the dinghy. So, now we have a name and a phone number, but remember we are in Laura Cove and there is no phone signal, so we dinghy round to all the Canadian boats in all of the bays asking if there was a person of this name, when we were asked why, we responded that we had found something that he would probably like to have returned to him. No luck finding the owner, so we decide to go back to our boat where we have a cell booster and were able to call the number on the very soggy license, left a message and within 20 minutes we received a call from the owner. Not only was he almost home but he did not even know he had lost his wallet, and said he would be with us in around an hour and a half. Sure enough a boat entered the bay and headed directly to us, with a very relieved individual out on the bow, ready to reclaim his wallet, which by now was almost dry after being on the dash in the hot sun.

The reason I decided to write this should be clear by now. After we found the wallet and flipped through it looking for a phone number it became clear that most people would probably be in the same boat (no pun intended). Unless you are a business person who typically would carry business cards with you, the chances are you don't have a phone number in your wallet. To satisfy our curiosity we have spoken to several people and asked them, just as I am about to ask you, look through your wallet and see if you have a phone number that you can be reached on, in your wallet. If you are reading this, chances are you have a boat, and if you don't have a business card you might want to consider making a Boat Card, that's what we have been doing for several years now.

Food for Thought!



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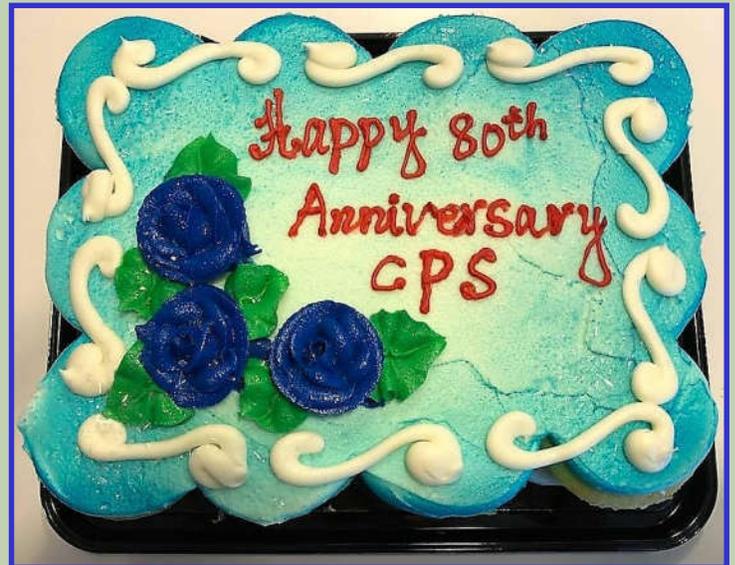
# Summer Patio Parties



Several patio parties were held this summer at Willy's Galley and were well attended. Celebrations for CPS's 80th Anniversary at the July patio party.

A special thank you to Willy's Galley for allowing PMPSS to use the patio for these monthly events! 🥰

We hope to encourage young families, small boaters to attend our land base events so we can get to know all members of our squadron. Hope to see you next year!



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# The Captain's Table



Simple and left  
overs warm up  
easily the next  
morning!

## Easy Breakfast Casserole

### Ingredients:

12 large Eggs, Beaten  
1/2 Cup Half and Half  
1/2 teaspoon Salt  
1/4 teaspoon Pepper  
2 cups Shredded cheddar cheese  
1 tablespoon Avocado oil  
3 cloves Garlic, minced  
8 ounces Mushrooms, sliced  
5 ounces Raw baby spinach  
4 Slices Thick cut bacon, cooked and cut into  
2 inch pieces  
(Add items to suit your taste—We've added cooked  
asparagus too!)

### Preparation:

Pre-heat the oven to 375F and spray a 9 x 9 casse-  
role with cooking spray

In a large mixing bowl, add the eggs, half and half,  
salt, and pepper. Whisk thoroughly. Add in the  
cheese

In a large skillet over medium heat, add oil and gar-  
lic. Sauté for 1 minute. Add in the mushrooms and  
sauté for 1 minute more. Finally, add in the spinach  
and mix in with the mushrooms. Continue to sauté  
until the spinach is wilted. Remove from the heat.

Add the spinach and mushrooms to the bowl with  
the eggs. Mix to combine. Pour into the greased  
casserole and lay the bacon pieces on top.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes or until  
the casserole is set in the middle.

Enjoy!

## HAVE YOU PUT OFF GETTING YOUR

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Opportunities abound for volunteers in the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron. We serve a large number of people, and are always looking for help, and even when we have enough people, we are looking to the future and considering how to provide capabilities in the future that need training to-day. Here are just a few of the key roles and skills we are hoping to find among our members;

**Instructors and Proctors:** We have an excellent team of Instructors and Proctors, but are always looking forward to being able to increase what we can offer people from a training perspective. We're also working on a series of evening or weekend seminars open to the public. Proctoring is an excellent opportunity to get exposed to the educational arm of our Squadron, for many it is very rewarding being able to help students and in fact learn much more about the subject at hand as Proctors than they may have as students. If you'd like to help out with the training side of things, we want to speak to you!

**Graphic Artist:** We have a significant need for volunteers with graphic arts capabilities who can work with both raster and vector image tools. Our needs include creation and editing of graphics content for our newsletter and web presence, content employed for marketing and events, and content employed by the squadron for its business functions. Being able to work comfortably in Photoshop and Illustrator or reasonable equivalents would be desirable for this role.

**Web Related:** Seeking volunteers interested in helping manage our technical infrastructure, build web site functions, administer our servers and email, and help design and develop our website. We are in an interesting period of change, being driven by the CPS National changes to their systems on which much of our content resides, and anticipate either new development on that platform or moving forward with our own plans for managing web content. If you have technical skills, talk to us!

**Quarterdeck:** We're always looking for people to contribute articles and content that benefit Squadron members, and publish this today in both the Quarterdeck newsletter as well as our private and public Facebook presence. Shortly we expect to be expanding this to our new content management system, so that our web site also contributes to distributing this content. We're also looking for people to assist with putting together the Quarterdeck newsletter, learn the tools used to build this publication, and help us improve our newsletter moving forward.

**Volunteer Officer:** Just as we have a Membership Officer who focuses on recruiting new members, ensuring existing members are satisfied and their needs are being met, and being a voice for members to the Bridge, PMPSS wants to have the same focus for volunteers. This is a role aimed at members who have already served on our bridge at some point so that they have experience with how Squadron operations take place, but this is also a new role, and will develop throughout this bridge year, the most important thing you can bring to the table is your values, focus on volunteer role satisfaction, and a passion for serving our membership. You will be working closely with the Commander and Executive Officer developing this new role.

**Socials Assistants:** This year we are taking on more social activities, and working to include more social elements into other Squadron events like our Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks and our annual Shoreline Cleanup. Frankly, our Socials people are GREAT, but more hands make light work, so if you enjoy planning social activities, let us know!

**RVCC Inspectors:** Our 2018 Cinco de Mayo event had the largest turnout we've ever had for our Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks, which of course was great! What wasn't so great was that we didn't have enough qualified inspectors to meet demand, and we were not able to get to everyone who wanted an inspection. Learning to be an RVCC inspector is not difficult, is very rewarding in terms of knowing you are helping keep people safe on the water, and provides a unique learning opportunity to see other vessels and how other vessel owners are doing things and solving problems. We provide both online training and mentorship with existing Inspectors, so if you have an interest, let's discuss it further!

If these opportunities interest you or you have other ideas how you might like to volunteer, please reach out to our Commander ([commander@portmoodypss.com](mailto:commander@portmoodypss.com)) or our Executive Officer ([execofficer@portmoodypss.com](mailto:execofficer@portmoodypss.com)) so that we can discuss this with you and put you in touch with the right people.

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# VOLUNTEER

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