

## QUARTERDECK

October 2021

### What we do and who we are:

- The Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron always promotes safety first but members also like to have fun, and lots of it!
- Do you have your VHF? Do you know how to tell if a storm is coming in? Remember how to row a boat? Check out our Courses!
- Want to adventure and be safe in numbers? This is the Squadron for you!



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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Hello fellow members. Here we are 19 months since Covid 19 started and we are still living our new normal. I do see the future as getting brighter though as we slowly start to come outside and see our friends and family, safely, of course.

There were the two planned cruises this summer – one to the Gulf Islands and the other to Desolation Sound. I know a few people ventured out and took advantage of the great weather and cruise plans. I seen a lot of great photos of members meeting up at different marinas along with great shots of orcas.

Dan Greenwood hosted a great concert at his dock on Boulder Island for dinghy's, canoes and kayaks alike. Buddy and Scarecrows were amazing as always.

We had about 20 boats at USSC on Bowen Island for Labour Day and held the potluck and movie on the dock using Nia's sail to project the movie 'Captain Ron'.

We also held our first RVCC in July for 2 years, which was very successful thanks to everyone adhering to the safety protocols put in place by John Gullick from CPS.

Unfortunately, it was unanimously, decided to cancel the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Belcarra Regional Park again this year as we felt it was too much of a public safety risk at this time. We will run the virtual ceremony as we did last year.

We are part way through our fall Online Boating 2 and 3 course already as well as continuously hosting the Self Study ROC(M) course exam with many students from all over Canada. The online courses have been an excellent alternative to in class courses and has been very well received by the students.

Our membership is pretty good at 253 members, thanks to Jenn Doerksen's hard work as a membership officer retaining current members and recruiting new ones. But this has been very challenging due to ongoing problems with the IT system. CPS has been working very hard also, at trying to solve all the problems. We ask you to please have patience with this, if you are receiving any emails asking you to renew or cannot renew or not receiving your Pacific Yachting magazine. Feel free to contact Jenn at [membership@portmoodypss.com](mailto:membership@portmoodypss.com) with any concerns. Or myself at [commander@portmoodypss.com](mailto:commander@portmoodypss.com).

On behalf of CPS, we sincerely apologize for these ongoing problems and please know that all squadrons are having similar ones and that CPS is working on it.

Even with having sufficient members, our squadron, as well as most of the country's squadrons, are having difficulty recruiting and retaining volunteers. One major reason is due to Covid 19. The inability to see each other face to face for so long has really impacted this. We have virtual meetings now,

courses are all online, socializing has been very limited. So we decided to have some fun and get together.

We hosted our first PMPSS party on October 23 – "Covid-not-over- Oktoberfest" – at the Bentley Party Room (Steve Dewitt's building) on Guilford Way in Port Moody. We supplied the food, , music, BYOB, it was fun and nice to be face to face with people. Following the PHO restrictions, of course. We had a nice turnout and lots of fun!.

We hope that soon enough we will be to have more fun events planned.

In 2021, we must adapt to the changing times and move forward. I hope the coming months and new year will see a lot of positive change.

Sincerely,

Michelle Warrington

Commander, PMPSS



## Upcoming Events

### REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021 FACEBOOK LINK [HERE](#)

**Where:** Please Join our YouTube Channel to view our livestream Ceremony.

**When:** November 11, 2021 at 10:30am (PST)

**What:** This year (again) due to COVID-19, the annual Remembrance Day ceremony at Belcarra Public Dock will be replaced with a YouTube livestream. Our goal is the same heartfelt and uplifting event that we do every year. The events began unofficially in 1979, and every year they grew in size to the point where the observers needed to stay on the upper pier since the dock began to sink! The past few years have attracted crowds of over 500 people. We hope to get together at the dock again next year.

Come remember our heroes with us. Thank you!

Click [HERE](#) on November 11th



### STUDENT CRUISE 2021 FACEBOOK LINK [HERE](#)

**Where:** Start at Reed Point and end at Bedwell Bay

**When:** November 14, 2021 beginning at 10:00am.

**What:** Come join us for a raft-up in Bedwell Bay and celebrate with the amazing student as they cruise for the first time with new knowledge of safe boating. Meet the students and welcome them to become members with the squadron. Lunch will be supplied.

**Volunteer:** If you have a boat and would like to take on a student or two please contact Derrik Luder or Nicole who are helping organize the boats.

\*\*Please note, all students will need to show their double vaccination passport!

### PMD CHRISTMAS PARTY & COW FACEBOOK LINK [HERE](#)

**When:** December 10, 2021 @ 6:00pm

**Where:** Executive Inn 405 North road, Coquitlam

**Tickets:** [www.eventbrite.com/e/196698659987](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/196698659987)



### CHRISTMAS SHIPS

Will be returning this year, not a Squadron event, but if you are interested please contact Mike Girard @ [somejune@shaw.ca](mailto:somejune@shaw.ca) if you wish to participate

## Upcoming Courses / Exams

**WHAT:** Boating 2 & 3 Combined—VIRTUAL and at the PMSS, [300 Albert St. Port Moody](#) (Hybrid model)

**DATE:** January 12, 2022

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

**CONTACT:** [training@portmoodypss.com](mailto:training@portmoodypss.com)

**Boating 2 – Beyond Boating Basics & Boating 3 – Introduction to Marine Navigation**

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**WHAT:** Marine VHF Restricted Operators Certificate Virtual Exam

**DATE:** December 6, 2021

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS).

## Enjoyed Events

**PMPSS Oktoberfest 2021** \*\*Stay tuned for an upcoming link to the GoFundMe for the Christmas Family Fundraiser\*\*

This year we held a small up to 30 person event to celebrate Oktoberfest (thank you everyone for your co-operation with the vaccine passport). A huge thank you to our door prize sponsors Linda Berg, Lynn Meisl and of course everyone who purchased tickets for the 50/50 draw which brought in funds for the Christmas Family Fundraiser!! Enjoy some pics of happy folks, great costumes and wonderful prizes!



## Other Recently Enjoyed Events!

Over the past couple of months as restrictions opened slowly, we were able to get some cruises in along with the RVCC!!

- ◆ 2021 National Conference & AGM
- ◆ Sept 3 Union Steamship—Labour Day Cruise
- ◆ Aug 21 Boulder Island Sunshine Shindig Flotilla Party
- ◆ July 30 Northern Cruise
- ◆ July 17 RVCC Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check
- ◆ July 1 PMPSS July Cruise

If anyone has a story or some great photographs they enjoyed during these events, please pass them along and I would be happy to share

## HURRY HURRY GET YOUR SWAG OR NEW FLAG! :)

### Wish to purchase other items?

We have flags and burgee's which range from \$30-\$40, and a whole catalog of items to chose from and have our Port Moody Burgee sewn right in. It's easy, just 3 simple steps. The price you see in the catalogue is the price it actually is!

- 1) Go to <http://www.stormtech.ca/> Pick the items you like.
- 2) **Text** the items number, size & colour to **Kirby at 778-870-3470**
- 3) Kirby will place the order and let you know when your new swag is ready for delivery or pickup!



## Where to Find Us!



And on YouTube so click the [LINK](#) and hit "Subscribe". The more subscribers the better out page can get!

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