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Commanders Message

This is the time of year that we spend with family and friends. While some of us put our boats away for the winter, some participate in the December Santa's Christmas Ships, and some boat during those cold winter months through rain, shine, snow, sleet or hail. Remember when winter cruising, always, always wear a lifejacket. Your life depends on it!



R Yigit

Our fall boating students have almost completed their course and we welcome them into our Squadron!

Thinking about taking a [course](#) in January? This is a great time to pass away those long winter months and get some boating education in. We are currently offering Sail, Seamanship, VHF, Boat & Engine Maintenance for January 19th, and Boating January 5th, 2012.

Wishing you a peaceful, restful, happy Holiday Season with your family and friends 

We're on the Web:

www.portmoodypss.com



Submit your stories, announcements, and photos to the Editor
editor@portmoodypss.com



2012 PMPSS Calendars

2012 Calendars are now available, showcasing the wonderful photographs taken by our members, in two nautical themes:

- ◆ Seascapes
- ◆ Pet & Wildlife

The calendars make a great keepsake and gift for yourself and your family & friends for only \$15 each. Contact the editor to order.



Will your photo(s) be in next year's calendars?



The Archives is looking for 6 past copies of the Roster / PropWash. This is the yearly publication that we all keep in our boats or homes to locate our fellow boaters. The years that we need are 2005, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997, 1993. Please check your basements, attics, boats, and with any friends from other squadrons.

Thank you—[Melody Hewson](#), Historian

VHF Radio Course

All those who operate the radio are required by law to have a Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime).

Classes On Request



Courses Starting January, 2012

The Canadian Power Squadron SAIL Course

This course covers everything you need to know – from a Sunday afternoon sail to serious racing

- Sailboat Rig
- Sail plans
- Boat design and hull types
- Standing and running rigging
- Sail shape
- Preparing to sail
- Stability, balance,
- Sailing upwind, downwind, heavy weather sailing and storm conditions
- Docking and anchoring
- Marlinspike seamanship
- Navigation rules

- Safety

CPS SEAMANSHIP COURSE

Seamanship Course builds on some of the techniques introduced in the Boating Course. Seamanship uses traditional navigation, GPS fixes, way points, along with the introduction of deviation.

Seamanship explains the skills needed to understand the hazards of weather, wind, waves, tides and tidal currents and how to deal with them. When unforeseen circumstances arise such as man-overboard and medical emergencies the Seamanship Course teaches how to acquire the skills to deal with potentially life-threatening situations.

Location of all courses is at Port Moody Secondary School

Do you have family or friends that may be interested in taking one of our great courses?

Please contact

Denis at 604-469-3595

Glen at 604-461-5677

for further information or to register for these or any course



Basic Boating Course

To show proof of competency all boat operators are required to possess a **Pleasure Craft Operator's Card**. This short course prepares you for the government exam, which is written and graded at the end of the course.

Boat & Engine Maintenance

Some topics covered:

- ◆ General / Seasonal Maintenance
- ◆ Engine controls / Instruments & Alarms
- ◆ Emergency Repairs Afloat
- ◆ Steering Systems
- ◆ Inboard / Outboard / Diesel Engines

Practice makes perfect! A crisp & sunny early November the 6th morning greeted 13 students and their proctors, 5 skippers and their first mates, training officers and volunteers at Reed Point Marina for the On The Water



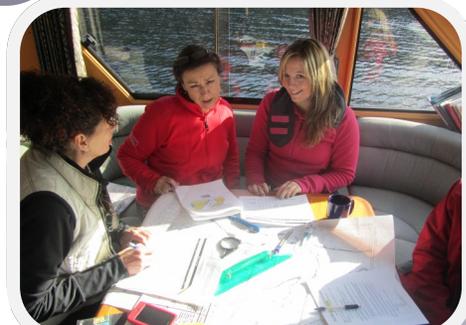
Robin Sheldon, Bruce Leavitt, Seb Anderson, Dave Bruce, Steve McCoach, & Roni Clark

respective vessels, Merlin IV, SeaHorse, Pacific Pearl, Lucky Day & Getaway, where they plotted the course from the marina to Bedwell Bay. Everyone arrived safe & sound and were treated to a light lunch & refreshments.



Practical of the Basic Boating course.

Steve Van Gaalen started off with a fire extinguisher exercise that got everyone fired up. Students were then assigned to their





Winter Maintenance Tips

Buckling Biminis! Always take the bimini down for winter storage. Bimini tops should be cleaned, dried and stored for the winter or whenever your boat is laid up for long periods. They should never be used as a substitute for a winter cover. Storm winds or heavy snow loads can destroy a bimini frame, putting you out of pocket.

Sinking Ships! The weight of a heavy wet snowfall can force the stern down and push a thru-hull fitting for the bilge pump below the water's surface. If the flexible hose attached to that thru-hull fitting fails it can allow water to flow into the boat. Check your thru hull fittings for corrosion and loose hoses. Many boats do not have a shut-off valve attached to their thru-hull fittings. If a hose fails, it is much more difficult to shut off the water.

Fuel for Thought! Keep your fuel tank(s) filled to avoid a build up of condensation over the winter months. Add a fuel stabilizer by following the instructions on the product. Change the fuel filter(s) and water separator(s).

D-I-Y? Check your owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommendations on winterizing your boat and motor(s). If you are a new boat owner, consider enlisting the assistance of a squadron member with experience in winterizing, or hire a professional to do the job. 

Winter Cruising

Dramatic snow-covered mountain views, lower off-season moorage rates, and increased privacy at popular anchorages awaits the BC coastal winter cruiser. Expect and prepare for the worst weather conditions, but maybe you'll get lucky and have some fair weather to enjoy along the way.

Be extra vigilant when underway. Winter storm surges can drag massive amounts of wood off beaches and into the water, and choppy winter water can make logs difficult to spot. Use binoculars to scan the water ahead for hazards. Poor visibility due to rain or fog is more common in winter, and conditions can quickly deteriorate. Ensure that your navigation lights are all bright and functional, and carry spare bulbs. Radar is invaluable. Permanently mount a radar reflector to be a good radar target for other boats to detect you. Sound a foghorn in poor visibility.

Winter anchoring is more of a concern than in the summer. Use a minimum 5:1 scope but have space for 7:1 or more if a storm is forecasted. With fewer boats around at this time that is usually no problem. Also, strong winds come up more frequently than in the summer, and often from the south so you might want to avoid south facing anchorages.

Keeping warm & dry inside is paramount to offsetting the cold and wet outside. Diesel furnaces are best, but if that's not an option then portable marine use cabin heaters are next best. However they are usually power hungry. Do not use propane or gas ovens for heating; they are not ventilated for that. **Install a carbon monoxide detector.** Wet clothes, frequent door openings during rain, and cooking, all contribute to interior humidity issues. Keep a hatch or companionway open with an umbrella over it to increase ventilation.

To stay warm & safe outside you'll want to invest in a survival suit, with built-in flotation and hypothermia protection, worn over light clothing with gloves, and perhaps some ear warmers. Low temperatures overnight can freeze shifters, walkways and other outdoor equipment. Keep a spray bottle of methanol handy for de-icing, with plenty in reserve. 

Harvest Moon Dinner & Dance



Sukru Yigit and the Socials team, replaced it with a new venue at the Coquitlam Executive Plaza Inn on October 22, 2011.



At \$30 a ticket, approx. 65 members, guests, & students attended the gala event for the buffet style dinner offering a variety of salads, main courses, and desserts, followed by dancing to live music performed by the house band.

presented with a plaque by Doug Cousins & Greg Archibald to honour his many years of contribution and membership. 🇩🇪

What!...No Halloween costume potluck dinner & dance at the Old Mill Boathouse this year? Nope, this year



Special guests included Eleanor Hashimoto, District Secretary, and her husband Keith Davies from the Royal City Squadron.

John Northey was



Remembrance Day Ceremony, Nov 11



*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left
grow old.
Age shall not weary
them, nor the years
condemn.
At the going down of the
sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Laurence Binyon



On a grey & dreary Nov 11th morning, Commander Lorraine Yigit and Past Commander Glen Anchor rowed out into the calm waters at the shoreline of Belcarra Park to lay the floating wreaths in honour of the fallen. Past Commanders Chris Gordon and Steve Clark assisted them dockside as the historical war-time re-enactment played

out over the loud speakers on Big Booty.

The mayors of Belcarra & Anmore and their police & fire departments, along with a few members

of the Coquitlam & Burnaby squadrons, and Scouts Canada, joined the ranks of those who braved the

cold & wet to pay their respects. In spite of the bad weather, John Northey and 7 of his fellow Snow*Flakes & Snowbirds aerial formation flying team pilots, were still able to offer those on the ground a glimpse into history with their fly-over during the service

A warm & delicious lunch was served in the picnic area, for a small donation, after the ceremony. Big thank-yous to Yvonne McCoach and Denis Heinrichs for making the chili, and Wayne Gillespie for cooking all the wieners.

More thanks to Dave Burrell and to all those who helped in the setup, service, and cleanup.





Small Boat Cruise to Gibsons



Severe weather conditions hindered the crossing to Gibsons after the Remembrance Day service held at Belcarra Park. A swift-moving cold front that swept down Georgia Strait Friday afternoon, starting at Campbell River at noon and reaching

 **Sarah Rosenthal** We're just outside pt. atkinson. Reports of water spouts at nanaimo. Winds have climbed to 20 kts and 2 foot chop building. Lovely day though
 On 2011-11-11 11:59 AM, "Zdenko Erceg" < >
 Yesterday at 1:43pm via email · Like

 **Sarah Rosenthal** Wow was that snotty! Front passed right over us,! 130 degree wind shift and picked up to 40 kts in 10 seconds. Saw a water spout just off atkinson.

Hard over on the side, waves breaking over the deck.

Then blue skies, the most beautiful rainbow and calm winds. Heading up the inside of Howe sound; we were going to stop at snug, but with the front passed we'll continue on to gibsons. Possibly the worst weather we have ever seen, but all told only an hour. Never heard as many pan pan and maydays.

We're safe and all is well :)

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 Yesterday at 2:39pm via email · Unlike · 3

Metro Vancouver about two hours later, was to blame. Except for Sarah & Brodie on Wildheart, most waited until the next day to travel when the weather was a bit more stable.

Gibsons (population: 4,182), located north of Vancouver at the south end of the Sunshine Coast, is a quaint little town of artists and fishing boats.
 Established in 1886 by George Gibson and his sons, it was incorporated in 1929 as "Gibson's Landing". Then in 1947, at the request of the residents, it was changed to "Gibsons".

Gibsons has earned international recognition:

- ◆ In February 2005, Gibsons won the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting contest, coming first in the world.
- ◆ It was recently named the "Most Liveable Community under 20,000" (2009) in a world-wide competition by the UN-backed International Awards for Liveable Communities.
- ◆ In 2009 the Community Energy Association gave Gibsons an Energy & Climate Action Award for Community Planning and Development. A new housing development, which will be heated by the first publicly owned geo-exchange system in Canada was a major factor in this award.
- ◆ But, it's perhaps most famously known for being the location of the 18 year hit TV show *The Beachcombers*, which ran from 1972 to 1990. The storefront "Molly's Reach", is now a cafe, and the restored tug *Persephone*, along with a display about the series, is at the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives; both are popular Gibsons attractions. Other movies used Gibsons as a filming location such as *Charlie St. Cloud* (2010, a stand-in for Marblehead, Massachusetts), starring Kim Basinger and Zac Efron, and *Needful Things* (1993), starring Max von Sydow and Ed Harris.



Zdenko Erceg, Lilly, Deb Erceg, Neil Wildman, Sheryl Dawson, Anne & Glen Anchor, Brodie McEachan, Chris Gordon, Lucille & Bob McCarthy.

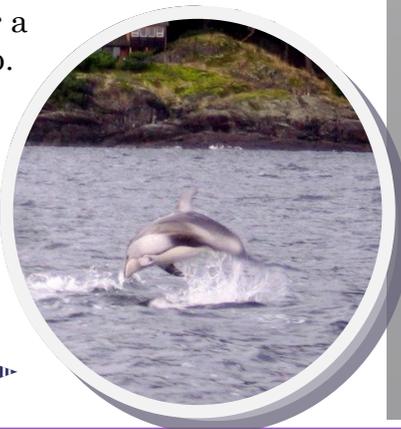
Regardless, 13 members took advantage of the opportunity to get away for the weekend and enjoy themselves the PMPSS way.

Good food, good people, good times. A favourite place to go there now is Leo's, a Greek restaurant, as of course Molly's Reach for a photo opp.



On the way home

Anne Anchor was able to snap a few photos of some dolphins that travelled along side them near Point Cowan as they darted around and under Cheers.



Upcoming Activities & Events

December

Santa's Christmas Ships
(non-squadron event)
first 3 weekends of December:
Fridays & Saturdays.



Santa ([Barry](#) on Kona Kai) will visit Belcarra Park on December 9th, and Rocky Point Park on December 10th.

Contact Barry at 604-808-0861



December 17
CP
Holiday Train
Port Moody – 5:45 p.m., on Queen St. at Clark Ave

February

February 8-12, 2012
Vancouver International Boat Show

Contact Lynn Meisel
lmeisl@telus.net to Volunteer.

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PMD is seeking volunteers. Free admission if you volunteer!

February 14, 2012

Valentine's Dinner & Dance

The [Hart House](#) restaurant at Deer Lake Park in Burnaby

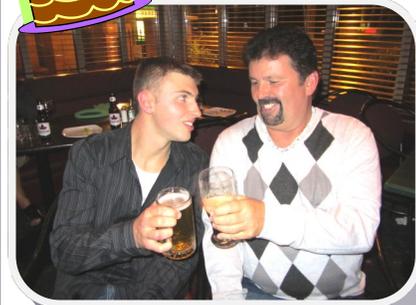
\$50.00 per person.

Check [website](#) for more details





New Meets Old



Not-so-little anymore Mavrick Burrell, born October 5th, celebrated his 19th birthday at the Golden Spike Pub in Port Moody on October the 7th.

The before picture below was taken at the Garden Bay pub/diner during the Desolation Cruise in August of 2002.

Maybe one day Mav will have his own boat and, along with the other kids who grow up in the boating life, continue his membership representing the new generation of PMPSS members. 



Above & Beyond



John Northey and his wife Gaye attended the Harvest Moon dinner & dance on October 22 where John was presented with a plaque to honour his long term service with the PMPSS: 1999 Lt/C Executive; 2000~2001 Commander; 2001~2004 1st Lt. Marep; 2002~2004 Regional Training Officer with District.

John's other accomplishments include serving as the mayor of Port Moody from 1993-1996. John is

currently a member of the Snow*Flake & Snowbird squadrons, aerial formation flying teams in which he flies a Globe Swift. For about the last 20 years John has led the Snow*Flakes in a "fly-by" over the Remembrance Day service at Belcarra park. 



Technology On The Water

Technology has really made life easy these days, but it can be a double edged sword. Do we want all these smartphones, and computer access, when we're boating? I usually say no, but here's an example where technology helped the squadron.

This past August cruise I was introduced to two wonderful boaters: Zdenko and Dubravka Erceg, otherwise known as Zed and Deb. They were invited to join our cruise by Tony Gojevic, as the name of their boat is Dubrovnik [which is the name of Tony's father's hometown in Croatia as well as being name of his dad's boat that Tony has so many fond memories of growing up on.]

Both Zed and Deb fit in perfectly with

our little band of merry boaters and soon we were discussing the option of [them] transferring to PMPSS. After 10 days, we arrived at Squirrel Cove and Tony was able to connect his laptop to a wireless network. This meant that

I could login to the CPS National database and request a transfer. Ba da bing, ba da boom, a few keystrokes later and voila. We were able to welcome the latest members to our squadron.

Now I'm looking forward to being able to do this from my smartphone with GPS access on the water from anywhere...watch out other squadrons! Technology can be a blessing. 

Submitted by Jim Church
Membership Officer



Honoured

Congratulations to Ron Curties for receiving the 'Freedom of the City' award on October 25th, which is the highest honour that Port Moody can bestow on an individual. It is awarded to acknowledge contribution to the community or to those who have brought recognition to the City through their achievements. 



Pre-mixed Seasonings & Marinades

Does this sound familiar? You're in the middle of making a fabulous meal on your boat and as you go to retrieve a particular ingredient you discover, to your dismay, that it's not there. Either you forgot to bring it or you forgot to buy it. The problem is that unless you precook most of your meals, chances are you'll need an assortment of spices and condiments which makes it easy to "forget" something, or further, forgot you already had it and then went out and bought it again. Aside from that, smaller boats just don't have the room to bring a lot of one-time-use ingredients.

The solution then is to consider using pre-mixed seasonings & marinades and then tailor your meal plans to them. Of course there are commercial mixes already

available but if you like making your own, the kind without MSG and other nasties, here are a few recipes you may enjoy.

Then all you have to do is print up your own bottle labels complete with the recipes so you can easily refill them later. [Free to download](#)

from the PMPSS website is a PDF of spice jar labels that print on 3 1/2 x 5 in (8.9cm x 12.7cm) ink jet mailing labels, which are intended for spice jars that can hold about a cup of seasoning mix or marinade.



Mexican Seasoning

- ◆ ¼ c chili powder
- ◆ 2 Tbsp ground cumin
- ◆ 2 Tbsp coriander
- ◆ 2 Tbsp dried oregano
- ◆ 2 Tbsp dried basil
- ◆ 1 Tbsp dried thyme
- ◆ 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- ◆ 1 Tbsp ground black pepper
- ◆ ¾ Tbsp cayenne pepper
- ◆ ½ Tbsp red pepper flakes

Makes 1 cup

Creole Blackening Rub

- ◆ ¼ c dried thyme
- ◆ ¼ c sugar
- ◆ 2 Tbsp paprika
- ◆ 2 Tbsp onion powder
- ◆ 2 Tbsp garlic powder
- ◆ 2 Tbsp ground black pepper
- ◆ 1 Tbsp cayenne pepper
- ◆ 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- ◆ ¾ Tbsp ground cumin
- ◆ ½ Tbsp ground nutmeg

Makes 1 ½ cup

Greek Seasoning

- ◆ 4 tsp salt (or less)
- ◆ 8 tsp. dried oregano
- ◆ 1 Tbsp onion powder
- ◆ 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- ◆ 4 tsp black pepper
- ◆ 4 tsp dried parsley flakes
- ◆ 2 tsp cinnamon
- ◆ 2 tsp nutmeg
- ◆ 4 tsp cornstarch
- ◆ 4 tsp beef flavoured bouillon granules

Makes 1 cup

Asian Seasoning

- ◆ ½ c onion powder
- ◆ ½ c garlic powder
- ◆ ½ c ground black pepper
- ◆ 2 Tbsp ground ginger
- ◆ 2 Tbsp red pepper flakes

Makes 1 ½ cups

Teriyaki Marinade

- ◆ ½ c Dijon mustard
 - ◆ ½ c White wine vinegar
 - ◆ ¼ c soy sauce
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp honey
 - ◆ 1 clove garlic
- Marinate meat 60 mins. before grilling.
- Makes 1 ¼ cups;
Keep refrigerated*

Steak Rub

- ◆ ½ c paprika
 - ◆ ¼ c coarsely ground pepper
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp cayenne pepper
 - ◆ 2 tsp onion powder
 - ◆ 2 tsp coriander
 - ◆ 2 tsp turmeric
 - ◆ 1 ½ tsp garlic powder
- Makes 1 cup*

Italian Seasoning

- ◆ ¼ c dried basil
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp dried oregano
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp dried rosemary
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp dried marjoram
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp dried cilantro
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp dried thyme
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp dried savory
 - ◆ 1 Tbsp ground black pepper
 - ◆ 1 ½ Tbsp dried sage
- Makes 1 cup*

Honey Mustard Marinade

- ◆ ½ c Dijon mustard
 - ◆ ½ c White wine vinegar
 - ◆ ¼ c soy sauce
 - ◆ 2 Tbsp honey
 - ◆ 1 clove garlic
- Marinate meat 60 mins. before grilling.
- Makes 1 ¼ cup
Keep refrigerated*

