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Commanders Message



Well, there is some news in the squadron, and rumor has it that Chris Gordon has been captured by the Pacific Mainland District as a potential candidate for their bridge. Chris is still looking for the culprit but advised that he said yes. He is now saying OMG what I have done. Yes, that's how it happens Chris. Anyhow congratulations Chris as I understand that you've snatched a District or Regional position in training. Kudos to you!

We've also had a recent resignation from our Bridge.

Sheryl Dawson was the communications and PRO person. We all wish Sheryl well in her future endeavors and thank her for dedications and volunteerism. Sheila Leavitt has stepped up to the plate to fill in for Sheryl until the end of this bridge term. Thank you Sheila, I'm sure you'll learn the ropes/lines soon enough.

Hope to see you out at the [Vancouver International Boat Show](#) in February. A number of PMPSS boats are coming out; 15 plus! Most of us will be at Quayside Marina, so come down and visit if you get a chance. 🚩



Chris Gordon

R Yigit

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CPS Announces New Online Course

Toronto, ON (January 14, 2012) – Canadian Power and Sail Squadron (CPS) is pleased to announce the launch of its online self study version of the [Boating Basics course](#). This comprehensive CPS Boating Safety online study guide is approved

by Transport Canada for candidates to the online version of the *Pleasure Craft Operator Card* (PCOC) Boating Safety exam. Upon successful completion of the online course, candidates are invited to proceed to the Transport Canada online Boating Safety Exam.

Boating Basics will continue to be offered by CPS through its Squadrons and Recognized Providers across Canada as a stand alone classroom course or as part of the CPS Boating Course, both leading to obtaining a PCOC. 🚩



The Archives is looking for 4 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 2000, 1999, 1997, 1993. Please check your basements, attics, boats, and with any friends from other squadrons.

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

A Matter of Course



Fall Students' Graduation

Nine of the thirteen graduating students were pledged into the Squadron on Tuesday January 10 at Joe's Atlantic Grill by Commander Nancy Gibson from the PMD. **Welcome aboard!**

Many thanks to Jeanette Gordon, and all the instructors and proctors



Left: Jeanette Gordon (STO)
Behind: Nancy Gibson (PMD)
Far Right: Lorraine Yigit (CMD)

for another successful course completion.

The new winter courses are now starting up with 11 students in the Basic Boating course, 8 students in the Seamanship course, and 8 in the Boat & Engine Maintenance course. Lynn Meisl also just completed a VHF Radio course for 9 students. 🚢



Boating Basics PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR COMPETENCY PROGRAM

'Anyone who operates a motorized pleasure craft must carry proof of competency on board'

Training Department will be offering a two-evening Spring Boating Basics Course on:
Thursday April 5th 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 10th 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For further information or to register please contact:
Lynn at 604-516-6072 or lmeisl@telus.net

VHF Radio Course

All those who operate the radio are required by law to have a

Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime).

Classes On Request



Boating Basics Refresher - Quiz



1. A small buoy with a red flag that has a white diagonal stripe means:
 - a. The starting line for a race.
 - b. A wreck.
 - c. A rock.
 - d. A diver is in the water below.
2. Cardinal buoys are painted what 2 colors?
 - a. Yellow and green.
 - b. White and yellow.
 - c. Yellow and black.
 - d. Black and white.
3. Which of the following is one of the early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?
 - a. Shivering.
 - b. Depression.
 - c. Headache.
 - d. Extreme hunger.
4. Which of the following is an accurate statement about using a fire extinguisher?
 - a. Aim at the highest part of the fire.
 - b. Only use one if the fire gets to be approximately 5 feet tall.
 - c. Use a sweeping motion and aim at the base of the flames.
 - d. Extinguish only until the biggest part of the fire is out.
5. How should a ski boat operator approach a skier who has fallen?
 - a. On the operator's side of the vessel.
 - b. On the side of the vessel opposite the operator.
 - c. Head on, directly in front of the bow.
 - d. By backing up; from the stern.
6. Which would be considered the most hazardous condition onboard a vessel?
 - a. Not having an emergency kit onboard.
 - b. Not having enough whistles.
 - c. Not having enough life jackets.
 - d. Operating at idle speed in a "no wake-zone".
7. What color is a port hand buoy?
 - a. White.
 - b. Red.
 - c. Green.
 - d. Yellow.
8. All vessels should be equipped with an emergency kit. In what location should it be stowed?
 - a. It doesn't matter.
 - b. Close to the bow of the craft.
 - c. Where it is easily accessible.
 - d. Close to the stern of the craft.
9. What is the maximum lifespan of a flare?
 - a. 3 years
 - b. 5 years
 - c. 2 years
 - d. 4 years
10. What is the first action you should take when a pleasure craft capsizes?
 - a. Climb onto the overturned craft
 - b. Immediately signal you need assistance
 - c. Put on a personal flotation device
 - d. Swim to shore if your within 50 m of the shoreline.

Answers: d, c, c, c, a, c, c, c, c, c, d, c



Recall with a Flare



12 Gauge
Orange ABS

CIL/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.

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 return the flares in Canada, an email to Andre Gagnon at CIL, with details and a photo, is required. His email is andre.gagnon@cilexplosives.com. They will ship out replacement signals. 🇨🇦



XLT with Orange Sleeve and Orange Launch Tube

Disposing of Expired Flares

The Canadian Government legislated that all recreational boats must carry the appropriate number of marine flares for the size of boat, but they did not include methods to dispose of the expired flares. **Flares must be replaced every four years**, and this can create a large buildup

of expired flares because boaters can't find out how to dispose of them properly. Who knows what they are doing with them!

As per an RCMP [news release](#) in June, 2010, their Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU), which disposed of them as a courtesy to other organizations, is no longer providing this service. However the EDU has trained staff at Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd., of 3183 Norland Ave., Burnaby, BC, (604-291-1255) to handle any marine flares that require disposal. Pacific Blasting is currently in the process of setting up other collection depots for flares at several retailers and marinas around BC. There is a charge per flare to cover the costs of the disposal. Costs as of Feb 2011 are \$2 (Types B&C) or \$6 (Types A&D).

Some retailers may accept expired flares when a new purchase is made. Please check with your local marine flare retailer. CIL/Orion has a "[cradle to grave policy](#)" for CIL/Orion Marine Distress signals. Canadian boaters can send CIL/Orion Flares to them for disposal. They will accept other brands of flares too but there is an additional charge. Canadian boaters are advised to get together in groups, make a list of all the expired flares, and email the list to [CIL/Orion](#). They'll respond with the cost of the correct size and number of packaging, appropriately labeled "Explosive and Hazardous Material", for Purolator (which can be around \$50-70). Once received, you can fill the boxes then ship via Purolator back to CIL/Orion in Quebec.

Transport Canada is currently looking at these possible future alternatives:

- Studying in partnership with the National Research Council, the feasibility of extending the service life of flares beyond four years,
- Consideration to revise to the regulations to reduce the flare carriage requirements for small vessels,
- Involve manufacturers and retailers more in "lifecycle management" whereby a fee for disposal will be included in the purchase price as is done for vehicle batteries and tires. 🇨🇦



The Early Days



Submitted by Dave Burrell, Hall of Fame "Past" Cruisemaster



Our first raft up in Desolation Sound

After a lifetime of water-skiing and barefooting (17 years ago), we traded those water-skis for a cruiser. It was after taking the wheel of Milt Goodman's wooden classic Grenfell (while he went

downstairs to relieve himself), that I found myself not feeling the need to return the chair back to him. There was something bigger than life sitting up that high cruising up the Indian Arm. It just didn't matter that we were now going slower than we had ever gone before, it was cool – a command bridge. I loved it and now it was my mission to find, what we then called, a "cabin cruiser". So after a short time I located this GIANT ship Grace and I named "On A Bubble". She was huge; a 32+ foot Bayliner that we had delivered to our driveway. I decided I would clean her up at home before the big launch, and as it turned out, that happened a lot faster than I predicated as our lovely neighbour called By-Law Enforcement to have it removed because it was casting a shadow over their house.

*"As we later found out,
this Port Moody Squadron was formed out of
Coquitlam rejects."*

After securing moorage at Reed Point Marina, I decided to sign up for a local Power Squadron course. I called Steve Clark as he wanted to join me as well. As we were both living in Coquitlam at the time Grace proceeded to call up the Coquitlam Squadron, to which they kindly suggested that we call Port Moody. Do you think they knew something? A guy named Lawrence answered and it was obvious that he would take anybody. As we later found out, this Port Moody Squadron was formed out of Coquitlam rejects.

Soon we were studying hard at Port Moody Secondary School. The course was **MUCH** harder than it is today as you didn't have multiple choice; you actually had to write out your answers, which left a lot to the marker who had to determine if you actually knew what you were talking about. Of course I did LOL. This class was comprised of 50



Young Mavrick cruising

plus students and a large number of proctors and instructors. Hard to believe, but this is what we used to get before they came out with the PCOC (licence) cards; now everybody thinks they know all there is to know about safe boating from an online quiz. Besides Steve Clark, one of my classmates was a Mayor of Port Moody with his much younger wife Gay (you're welcome). I can still remember being in such awe of how he seemed to know all the answers to all the questions! I can still remember him describing the aid to navigation as he departed in his "ship" leaving Nanaimo. I looked over at Steve and said "*I thought we signed up for **BASIC** boating?!*"

Oh well, as we plugged away in our Spring course they had a thing called the student raft up which was taking place at Twin Islands where we stern-tied to trees. We had Steve and Roni with us aboard On A Bubble, our 3218 Bayliner command bridge, and this was all very new to us. As being one of the first ones to arrive, we were greeted by one of our instructors in a dark red sailboat (with orange shag carpeting, even on the roof!). I might add it is a boat called the Nia and is captained by Lawrence, and admired by Julie. There was another sunbridge boat there, with instructors Mike and Charlene Boyko. As a longtime ski boat operator, this was all really intimidating (the Bubble felt REALLY big), but I dropped anchor and put it into position right next to the Nia. Not knowing (or even owning) a stern line at the time, we were comfortable knowing that we were spending the night anchored to professionals. As the student boats kept coming around the corner, they were all assisted into the raft one by one.

I remember having my VHF radio on and it seemed to always want to go to channel 16. Not having a radio licence, I listened carefully to the instructors giving orders to the students and, without warning, over the airwaves came this deep and perfectly crystal clear voice. It sounded like God himself was speaking ... it was the Mayor dude (later known as John Northey). "*NIA-NIA-NIA, Ceol Mara-Ceol Mara-Ceol Mara, switch to 6-9 ... I have reached Boulder Island*"... (some know this as Sebastien Rock),... "*and are proceeding north onwards to Jug Island*" ... (a mile away). I looked over at Steve and said "*I wonder if he will be able to fit through the passage?*" Ten minutes later, God Spoke again: "*NIA-NIA-NIA, Ceol Mara-Ceol Mara-Ceol Mara – we are 10 minutes inbound, will there be hands to lend assistance?*" A

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very nervous Lawrence returned a crackly reply (his radio never did work so good) *"we are all awaiting your arrival"* ... and then suddenly around the corner emerged this 23 foot runabout with what I thought was a VERY big antenna. The huge yacht that we were anticipating turned out to be a very small boat. After picking ourselves off the floor, we thought maybe we had made a mistake, that the mother ship must be anchored in Indian Arm somewhere and this was just the tender – not the case. Oh well, it was all good fun that weekend and WE WERE HOOKED. As it turned out we had 10 or so more boats, and at 36 feet overall, On A Bubble turned out to be the largest boat there. How things have changed. I will add that very shortly after that trip, the Northeys purchased a bigger, newer, Ceol Mara, (something about 9 foot-itis and all).

The following year, with me having the largest boat in the squadron, it was somehow decided that I was the "chosen one" – Cruisemaster. Evidently it was decided at a meeting I didn't attend. Oh well, after some strong influence (by unnamed members), I organized trips to Snug Cove on Bowen Island and raft ups in Centre Bay, Gambier Island – back then it was one of our favourite raft up spots. At that time our squadron was made up of mostly 20-26 foot Bayliner sunbridges, all white with blue canvas. Whenever you saw one, it was almost always proudly flying the golden spike burgee of the Port Moody Squadron.



Steve, Roni & puppy Tucker

It was 2 or 3 years later when Steve and Roni shelved their ski boat and bought their first yacht, a 32 foot wooden Tollycraft they named Possibilities. The year following that, we had about 40 boats attend a

Port Moody "rendezvous" at Snug Cove in May which, by the way, still holds the record to this day. Don't be jealous other cruisemasters, remember I was the original Hall of Fame CM. I know we now take up more dock space than before but that's because we have gone from an average of 24 feet to a whopping 40' plus! Well enough about my many accomplishments LOL, ...

That summer, On A Bubble and Possibilities ventured out – I decided to stretch the August cruise out to Desolation Sound! We had been there some prior years before by ski boat (launched out of Lund), but this would be the furthest cruise by the Squadron ever. We headed

out with many boats to start, but the Bubble and Possibilities left them behind in Garden Bay, Pender Harbour. We carried on to Powell River, Lund and then Refuge Cove. Possibilities never missed a fuel stop and the Clarks made gas dock friends up the entire coast.

On that very first long cruise we saw Roscoe Bay, Pendrell Sound and Cassel Lake (to name a few). Somehow, we ended up in Prideaux Haven, right across the bay from Milt's Grenfell, 'The Good Ship' – the guy that got me hooked on cruising all those years before.

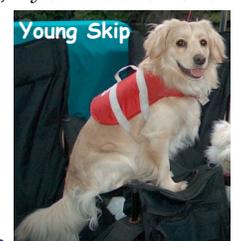
Milt occupied the same spot in Prideaux all summer long for 25 plus years. I used to ask him *"why don't you try some other place?"* He would say, *"Dave ... look around you ... this is HEAVEN"*. Well all these years later, new



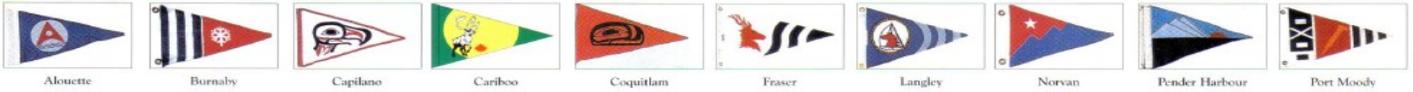
members have come and old ones have gone, but I'm still here. All that have traveled with the Power Squadron will agree, it was (and still is) the best times of our lives. See you in Prideaux August 10-12th this summer!

Footnotes:

- ✦ *Milt Goodman of 'The Good Ship' passed away a few years ago. His spot in Prideaux Haven will be reserved in my mind forever.*
- ✦ *John and Gay Northey are out of boating now but still help with Squadron functions and John still flies over our Remembrance Day Ceremony at Belcarra with his fellow War Birds.*
- ✦ *Mike & Charlene Boyko are out of boating, but are threatening to get back in when the children grow up. They never miss a Remembrance Day ceremony.*
- ✦ *Steve & Roni Clark are still active members and although Roni always threatens to get out of boating, they never will. They no longer have the old wooden boat called Possibilities, they now have a VERY large 50 foot Carver named Getaway.*
- ✦ *Lawrence & Julie Schmidt were almost our founding members and back in the day it was Lawrence who kept the Squadron together. He and he alone made our Remembrance Day ceremony what it is today, the best in the country. So quick we all get caught up in the politics on land ... but put us in the water and all is good. We miss you.*
- ✦ *Well, my wife Grace is the new cruisemaster, my son Mavrick is 19 and a plumber who has his own ski boat, and I'm still teaching Aids to Navigation, helping out with the Christmas Ships, and filling in for Lawrence on Remembrance Day. We now have a larger boat, a 43' Bayliner named Big Booty and we still love cruising with Port Moody. See you on the water.*
- ✦ *Skipper & Tucker are no longer puppies.* 🇩🇪



PMD's Integrated Cruise



August 26-28, LPS [Langley Power Squadron] again hosted a very successful PMD event. The idea of this rendezvous is simple enough, just a cruise in event that encourages members from all squadrons to come out and get to meet up with new/different CPS members from across the District. The activity is not a new one, but in previous form of the PMD Cruise, it was about to be permanently cancelled due to lack of attendance. This is the second year that Langley has hosted it at Port Browning Marina, and we had 27 boats from across the District including boats from Bellingham and a past member now from VIN to enjoy a great week end.

Friday night was a casual 'meet & greet' as vessels began to arrive at the docks. Although talked up and hyped enough to quickly become the big event, the Saturday showdown 'Race of the Rockets' (two tenders of Jim & Terry), mechanical issues kept it from happening... but the pre-ambule kept everyone entertained. That evening everyone sat down together at a potluck dinner up at the marina's social tent. After dinner, we

cleaned up the dishes and transformed it into a walk-in movie theatre and everyone enjoyed the action-thriller 'The Source Code' while munching on freshly popped popcorn.

Thanks to P/C's Bob Stone & Jim Henderson for all their energies in making this such a fun, and successful event. When we initially ramped this up at PMD two years ago, we requested that it become an individual squadron hosted event rather than a PMD one. We agreed to host it for 2 years but it should then be taken over by another squadron. I'm happy to say that White Rock Squadron will be taking the reigns for next years event, and they have already booked Port Browning for the same weekend in 2012, so mark it on your calendar and plan early on attending. It would be great to see an even bigger LPS turn out after we've done our hosting duties. 

by Shane Fawkes

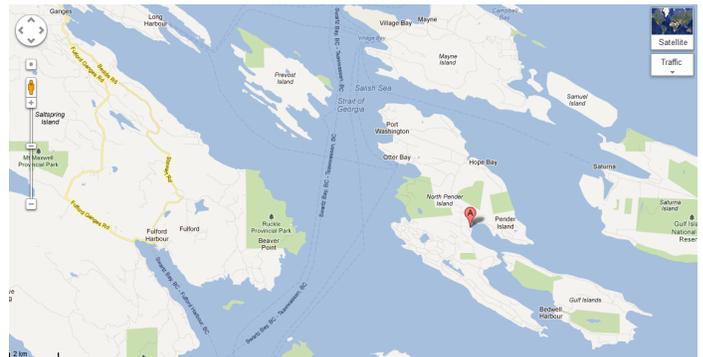
*- Courtesy the Langley Power Squadron Newsletter,
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Featured Destination

Port Browning Marina, Pender Island

Nestled between Saltspring and Saturna Islands in the sub-Mediterranean climate of the Gulf Islands, is Pender Island (known as the "Hawaii of Canada"). Actually two islands, North & South Pender, the islands were once connected by an isthmus, but a canal was dredged in the early 1900's to allow the ferry and boats quicker, safer passage between the islands. The islands, along with Pender Harbour on the Sunshine Coast, were given their current name by Captain Richards for Staff Commander, later Captain, Daniel Pender, RN who surveyed the coast of BC aboard the Plumper, HMS Hecate and the Beaver from 1857 to 1870. The first permanent resident of European descent arrived on South Pender Island in 1886.



Port Browning Harbour is entered south of Razor Point on the west side of Plumper Sound, and affords convenient anchorage with a mud bottom. Moorage fees are charged at all docks. The newly renovated [Port Browning Marina](#),  located on North Pender Island, is a year-round resort offering café/fine dining, bar with lots of indoor and outdoor seating, camping facilities, moorage, fresh crab and prawns, laundry, and much more. With over 3000 lineal feet of wharfage, moorage includes 15 and 30 Amp power, use of the swimming pool, shower & washroom facilities, and wireless internet access. The "Driftwood Shopping Centre", Pender Island's main shopping area, is a short 1/4 mile walk from the marina. 

Santa's Christmas Ships Cruise



ships from the Burrard Yacht Club joined in as well. Every year it seems the lights get brighter and more elaborate, especially with the versatility of the energy saving LEDs and inflatable props.

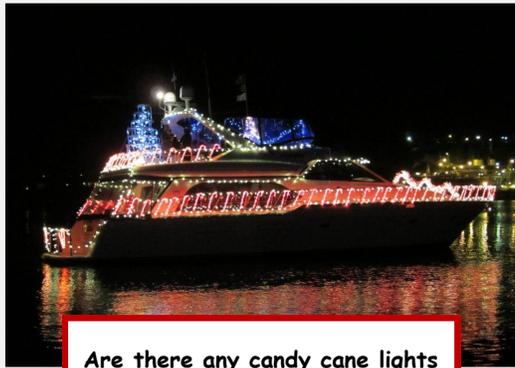
Although this event is not organized by the PMPSS, it's



Santa (Barry Wilson on his wooden ship Kona Kai) led the fleet of Christmas Ships around the inlets and up the arm, the first 6 weekend nights of December, without incident. Thanks Barry! The weather couldn't have been more perfect either, with mostly calms seas and clear skies for the 1st two weekends, and minor wind and rain on the last two.

certainly supported by it as evidenced by the growing number of members who enjoy

Department opens up Barnet Beach and provides the firewood for the giant public bonfire, and turns on the concession building's Christmas lights, similar to what the community of Deep Cove does too. Many private homes along the Indian Arm shorelines show their appreciation by flashing their home lights, or shooting off a grand display of fireworks, as we go by.



Are there any candy cane lights left in the lower mainland?!

participating in it each year. Also growing is the awareness of the Christmas cruise within the general public. Not only do the communities around Rocky Point and Belcarra Park come out to greet Santa and sign his Great Book, the Burnaby Parks



What we looked like on radar

This year saw an impressive count of 25 ships on Friday December 16th, with about 20 on average. A bonus 7th night this year, on Friday December 23rd, drew out 10 ships that followed Tony Gojevic on Boy N Sea.

The cruise is open to all who decorate their vessels. Several



Navigating in the dark can be a daunting thought if you haven't done it before. Therefore, consider taking an advanced course in the fall so you too can feel the confidence to join in and take your friends and family on the experience of a lifetime: ... cruising in **Santa's Christmas Ships** flotilla parade!



Looking Ahead

Upcoming Activities & Events

February

February 8-12, 2012

Vancouver International Boat Show

Contact Lynn Meisel lmeisl@telus.net to Volunteer.

Volunteers Still Needed for:

Wednesday February 8TH 18:00 – 21:00 Hrs
 Friday February 20TH 18:00 – 21:00 Hrs
 Saturday February 11TH 16:00 – 19:00 Hrs

Orientation Meeting for all volunteers at Willingdon Church on Monday February 6th at 7:00 p.m.

February 14, 2012

Valentine's Day Dinner

The [Hart House](#) restaurant,
 6664 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby
 \$50.00 per person/Cash Bar

Book into Quayside Marina for the show. Call Dave Bird at 604-681-9115

Make sure to mention you're with the Port Moody Squadron and he'll keep our group together and for the best rate!

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Please Call:

Sukru: 604 240-7809
 Lynn: 604 516-6072
 Lorraine: 604 802-9638



Cruisemaster Headquarters

April

April 6-9, 2012

Easter at Snug Cove, Bowen Island

Call 604-947-0707 to reserve ASAP.

Cabin also available.

Contact Grace Burrell, Cruisemaster for more info at 604-816-7180 or 604-936-3644

Cruising the Summer of 2012

Over the past years, we've discovered that as a group, we really enjoy cruising together. We truly hope that you will be able to come out and join us for all or part of these trips. Several people have been putting "bugs" in my ear of where they'd like to travel this year and I've taken it all in consideration. These are cruises and destinations that I've chosen with care and with you in mind. If you are unsure if you can make a trip or not, why not make the marina

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Upcoming 2012 Cruises



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reservations now, and if your situation down the road is such that you can't join us, just make sure you cancel within the appropriate time. Better to get in on the list than to be left out in the bay.

Again, if you book a slip at a marina, and for

some reason cannot make it there, PLEASE make sure you cancel your reservation. Most of these marinas remember one thing: "it was someone from the Port Moody Squadron who didn't show up". It puts a bad light on everyone if just a few people put us down the list with our "credit score". Help keep up our good name! 

DATES	EVENT	INFORMATION
January 27-February 5 th	Seattle Boat Show Century Link Field & Lake Union, Seattle, WA	"Land cruise": For further information, please see our website at www.portmoodypss.com Under Cruises & Social Events
February 8-12 th	Vancouver Boat Show Quayside Marina, False Creek	Contact marina directly for your reservation at (604) 681-9115
April 6-9 th EASTER	Union Steamship Marina Snug Cove, Bowen Island	Contact marina directly for your reservation at (604) 947-0707
May 18-21 st VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND	Silva Bay Marina	Bookings to be done as a group - Contact cruisemaster to secure your reservation: cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com
May 31-June 3 rd	Bayliner Rendezvous Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, WA	Reserve your spot either by signing up at the Roche Harbor kiosk at the Seattle Boat Show or by contacting Roche directly at 1-800-586-3590
June 29-July 8 th	Southern Comfort Cruise San Juan Islands cruise with stops including: Telegraph Harbour, Montague Harbour, Roche Harbor, Stuart Island, Deer Harbor, Sucia Island	For further information or reservation details, please see our website (www.portmoodypss.com) or contact the cruisemaster at cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com
August 3-19 th	Destination Desolation Desolation cruise with stops including Garden Bay, Grace Harbour, Squirrel Cove, Prideaux Haven, Pendrell Sound, Von Donop, and Gorge Harbour	For further information or reservation details please see our website (www.portmoodypss.com) or contact the cruisemaster at cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com
August 31-September 3 LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND	Union Steamship Marina Snug Cove, Bowen Island	Contact marina directly for your reservation at (604) 947-0707
November 11 th Remembrance Day	Remembrance Day Services Belcarra Park	Further details to follow in future
December 2012	Christmas Ship Cruises	Further details to follow in future

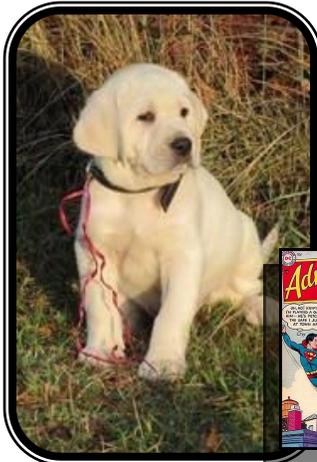
When Booking into marinas, PLEASE make sure you mention that you are with the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron!

Member News

Cheers from the Spirit of 2011's Past!



Meet Krypto



Shelley & Berne of Blue Magic just added a new member to their crew this January. Krypto is from the yellow Lab side but he's all white ...very rare. Krypto was named after Superman's pet dog known as Krypto the Superdog. Krypto's first appearance was in a Superboy story, in Adventure Comics #210, in March 1955.



Although Krypto's breed is never specifically stated in the various comic books, he is modeled after a White Labrador Retriever. Their other dog Kane, or Kanearama, a lab cross Pitbull, is about 11 years young. He loves the water. Shelley lost her dog about 18 months ago to old age. So they thought it was time to get another puppy to keep Kane on his toes (keep him young inside), and maybe he can pass on some of his skills to the puppy.



Bring It! Boater's Potluck Etiquette

Let me begin by saying I love potluck dinners and being that we're such a close knit group of boaters, we're bound to have a potluck dinner or two throughout the year. It's quite amazing that when no one has determined who should bring what, that a delicious spread should just appear in all it's glory. Appetizers, salads, soups, side dishes, main dishes, and special dishes—a perfectly balanced group meal without even trying. Once in a while there comes a time when one is faced with five tuna salads and several variations of meatballs, but most of the time the stars align and the Potluck God (or more likely, Goddess) smiles down upon us.

Potlucks are a great way for all members to meet and greet and get to know each other better. The Cruisemaster will usually include any Potluck information, such as theme and type, when announcing upcoming events. Members can then opt to post what they will be bringing for all to see on either the website, or our Facebook group page. To those new to, or unsure of, this rather extravagant affair we indulge in, here are a few pointers to help avoid any levels of guilt for various and personal faux pas, actions that may be understood by no one but the afflicted:

1. Bring a dish. The official definition of a potluck is "a meal or party to which each of the participants contributes a dish." It is not a meal or party to which bringing a dish is optional. That is called a dinner party. Offering to bring a dish or a bottle of wine to a dinner party is polite, and you should always do that too. Bringing a dish to a Potluck is not considered polite...it is a requirement.
2. Condiments do not count as a dish. Do not bring a condiment unless it goes with your main dish. Same goes for beer.
3. **Store-bought food:** Bringing store-bought food is ok as long as it:
 - 1) does not outshine the dishes made by people who at least attempted home cooking,
 - 2) is transferred into a passably attractive non-commercial serving container,
 - 3) doesn't come with endless apologies for bringing it...shush it...there are other things to talk about.
4. Do not loudly proclaim that a dish that someone else brought to the potluck is not quite up to par. The person who made that pretty darn awful tuna salad could be sitting right next to you. At least they brought a dish. Did you?
5. Try to bring something that making is within the capabilities of your galley's cooking facilities, and, that you've made before with some success. It's not a good time to experiment with something you just saw on the cover of a foodie magazine at the grocer's check out stand, and then not have it turn out quite as expected.
6. Bring enough as if you were feeding your own crew. You don't need to feed everyone, and everyone won't take a full size portion. Usually there is too much food anyways.
7. If you are going to be a little late, bring a dessert.
8. Bring your own plates, eating utensils, napkins, chairs, and beverages. If your dish requires serving utensils, bring those too.
9. **Leftovers:** If you or anyone wants to take any leftover food away for later, consider it a compliment. If you find less of the extra you brought that you planned to take back to eat later, you should not have brought all of it to begin with.
10. When finished, take back, or otherwise dispose of, everything you brought with you...we're either on a public dock or in a rental facility, not at someone's private home. 🇺🇸

Perfect To-Bring Potluck Dishes



Spare yourself unnecessary hassles.

These types of side dishes make the best travelers:

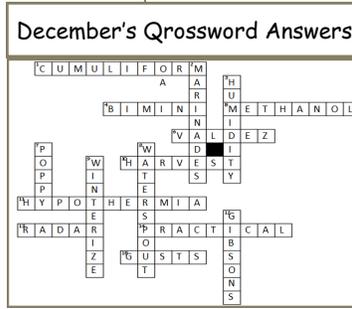
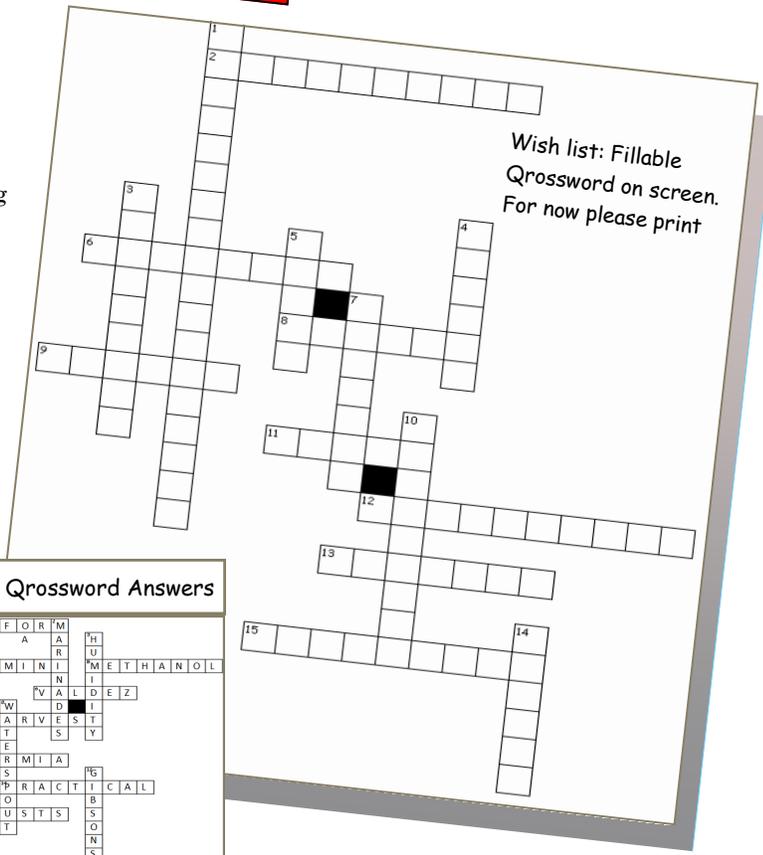
- Dishes that need no reheating
- Pre-baked casseroles held together with cheese **OR** eggs
- Slow-cooked dishes
- Green salads with separate dressing to be mixed in just before serving
- Pasta salads
- Savory pies and tarts
- Dishes frozen ahead of time
- to be defrosted and/or baked at the destination
- Bean Salads
- Fruit Salads
- Seafood Salads
- Baked Pasta
- Potato Casseroles
- Rice, Couscous or Risotto Casseroles
- Chicken Wings
- Devilled Eggs
- Meatballs
- Vegetable Casseroles
- Baked Apples
- Baked Pineapple
- Shrimp Rings
- Pickled vegetables and giardiniera for an antipasto
- Vegetable Tray & Dip
- Cheese/spreads & Crackers Tray
- Breads & Buns

Across

- 2. Made whole by bringing all parts together; unified.
- 6. Organizational unit of two or more squadrons of small ships.
- 8. A place providing recreation and entertainment especially to vacationers.
- 9. A solemn binding promise to do, give, or refrain from doing something.
- 11. Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.
- 12. A meeting at a prearranged time and place.
- 13. A gathering of people where each person or group of people contributes a dish of food.
- 15. Refers to both a baking dish and the ingredients it contains.

Down

- 1. What LED stands for (3 words).
- 3. Freely offer to do something.
- 4. Superman's Pet Dog.
- 5. A bright blaze of fire or light used as a signal.
- 7. A narrow strip of land with sea on either side, forming a link between two larger areas of land.
- 10. A person chosen as a sweetheart or special friend, named for either of two Italian saints.
- 14. Gulf Island known as the "Hawaii of Canada".



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As Seen in the News

Burrard Scuba Mystery Solved

Back on October 23, 2011, human remains in scuba diving equipment were found by two commercial fishermen pulling up their gear near Cates Park in Burrard Inlet.

Coroner Stephen Fonseca, manager of the BC Coroners Service Identification and Disaster Response Unit, said the remains were positively confirmed as being those of 29 year old Peter Devoe -- a scuba diver who went missing during a dive on March 13, 1985....**23 years ago!**

Devoe was diving with a relative at Cates Park in North Vancouver when he experienced problems with

his equipment and failed to resurface. Devoe was paralyzed from the chest down due to a car accident in 1978, but remained active and said of his favourite sport, *"I just love getting down there, playing with all the crabs, looking at everything and having a good time."* Foul play was ruled out. 🚫

2011 Small Oil Spill Statistics

Small oil spills are common on the B.C. coast, but they tend to involve petroleum products such as diesel fuel from vessels, which disperses relatively quickly.

Canadian Coast Guard statistics show more than 550 "marine pollution incidents" in B.C. in 2011

as of mid-December, of which about 27 per cent of them are level-three incidents requiring "cleanup or threat mitigation measures."

The largest spills:

- + 2,400 litres from a pleasure craft at Port Hardy;
- + 1,800 litres from an unidentified BC Hydro station;
- + 460 litres from a fishing vessel at French Creek Marina near Parksville;
- + 454 litres from an unknown source at No. 4 Road and Dyke Road in Richmond;
- + 400 litres each from a fishing vessel at Prince Rupert and a pleasure craft between Wallace and Saltspring islands. 🚫