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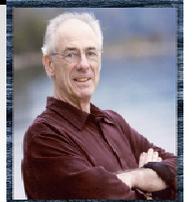
Commander's Message

Here we are, through another December holiday season and into a New Year already. I would like to take this opportunity, although belatedly, to wish the Bridge members, members of the squadron and their respective families and friends all the very best for a happy and prosperous New Year! And may this year bring a safe and happy boating season!

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Our fall courses were well attended and most successful and our spring courses are now in full swing, thanks to our ever hard working Training Department. We are currently conducting a Boating Course, an Advanced Piloting Course, and a Power Boating Course, (which was formerly known as Marine Maintenance) and, as usual, we will be holding a Maritime VHF Radio course during the thirteen week period of the Boating Course. Also planned for this spring are courses in the Fundamentals of Weather, Depth Sounders and a Maritime Radio VHF Module 2, which is the DSC (Digital Selective Calling) upgrade. Please consult the Squadron Web page at www.portmoodypss.com for more information related to the courses we offer and, for those members who recently took the Boating Course in the fall, why not consider an Advanced or Elective Course. They are fun, informative, and educational and build confidence and consequently competence on the water, as well as the social aspect of simply attending the courses builds new friendships.

With the worst of the winter weather behind us (we hope!) it is now time to start looking forward to the spring and summer boating season. And, the hauling out and the washing and the painting and the cleaning and the varnishing and the polishing and the overhauling and the checking and the testing and... yes, all that good stuff we have to get done before we venture out on the water for the first time this year! As usual, we appeal to all our members to please be diligent in their spring maintenance and preparing to launch; out on the water is no place to discover a vital piece of equipment is missing or has failed and that you are now stranded. Our first cruise of the season is the Easter Cruise to Union Steamship Marina in Snug Cove on Bowen Island, and takes place from April 14th through to April 17th. Come out and enjoy a boating weekend and participate in the Pot Luck Supper and the "Crabmeister" Competition. Please note that there have been some changes as to how booking arrangements have to be made for moorage at the various marinas on our cruises. Please refer to the Calendar of Events on our Web Page for more information. And, for those boaters planning on entering United States waters anytime soon, please be advised that there are new requirements pertaining to this as well as there are re-entry requirements for Canada. For more information on these new requirements, please take the "Announcements" link on our Web Page.

In conclusion, I would like to take a moment to thank not only the Bridge and Squadron members, without you there would be no Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron, but, in particular, I would like to thank a few individuals who, to my mind, stand out for their tireless efforts and dedication to the Squadron and its activities. Many thanks and much appreciation go to Chris Reniers, Lt. Cdr. Executive, for stepping up and taking on the Commander's role while I was away attending to family matters in South Africa. To Doug Cousins, Lt. Cdr. Training, and Lawrence Schmidt, 1st Lt. Advanced Training, for their seemingly endless energy when it comes to soliciting students, proctors and lecturers for courses, coupled with all the planning, organizing and managing the curricula and venues for these courses, arranging training aids, managing course fees (the list is endless) and then for finding the time in their personal schedules to actively participate in all the courses themselves! A very big "Thank You" to you both! And, last, but by no means least, special thanks go to Lucy Schmidt, 1st Lt. Editor, for her efforts in producing and publishing the Quarterdeck for the Squadron. There is a lot more work, time and effort that goes into producing a publication of this nature than most of us realize!

Thank you all !

Kevin Walker,
Commander



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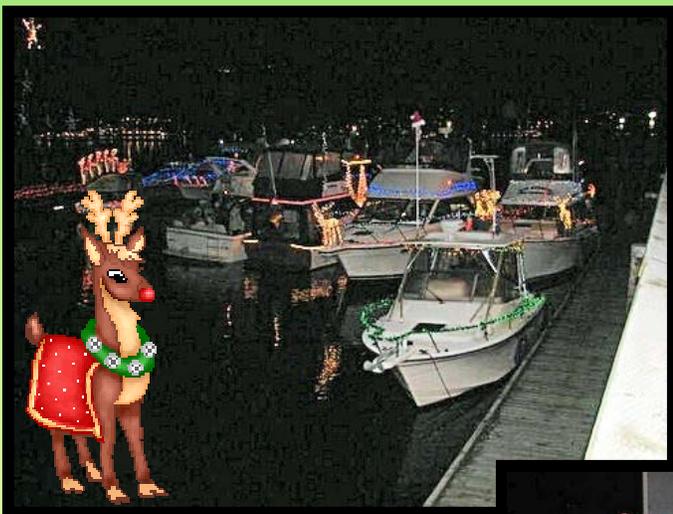


Santa's Carol Ships



Although Santa's Carol Ships isn't an official Port Moody Power Squadron event, it sure seemed like it was with all the support we showed this year. We had a record turn out (Yey to everyone!) and the weather was amongst the best one could ever remember. It was proven to me that Santa Clause is always watching, especially when one of his little helpers had mentioned that there

was even a boat that ran a ground "do I smell bent prop?" says the Grinch. The four glorious nights included a magnificent water parade of all the beautifully decorated boats. They looped around Port Moody, into Rocky Point and up the Indian Arm. It has become a party tradition to hearing Christmas music being played and carols being sung by those on the boats and those on the shore, in addition to watching the fancy fireworks being let off on the patios of residential homes. The excited whispers of the children were amplified as they were greeted by Santa Clause himself. Everyone had the opportunity to donate a can of food and warm their bellies by



purchasing a cup of hot chocolate by donation. The proceeds went to the Salvation Army. All in all, the cruise with Santa's Carol Ships is a great atmosphere for all ages and something that the Squadron can say we're proud to be a part of. Can't wait to do it all again next year.

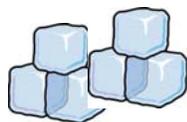




January 1, 2006 – Lots of swimmers participated in the “Penguin Plunge” this New Year’s day at Rocky Point. Before the march of the penguins waddled their way into the Burrard Inlet, a handful of crazy birds started off the event with the ‘round the dinghy race’. Thank you to Lawrence Schmidt for volunteering his dinghy and witnessing up close these courageous competitors. As the cooling rains and chilling winds encompassed us all, we other penguins kept in a close huddle and admired the action aboard our rafted-up vessels while sipping on some of our own brew to preserve the warmth.



Overall, a fabulous turnout and a must attend event for the next year !



ADVANCED & ELECTIVE COURSES

The Advanced and Elective course continues to do well. We are still running 5 or 6 courses per year plus 2 boating classes and 2 VHF courses.

This spring we are running Advanced Piloting and Power Boating. The Depth Sounder course had no response so it was canceled. As soon as the Boating course settles down, we will be offering Navigating with GPS. If you are interested or know someone who is let me or Doug Cousins know. **The VHF course will run on March 7, 14 and 21.**

In the Fall we had a Piloting course with 12 students. A Navigating with GPS course with 4 students. We also had one Offshore Sailing student graduate. With the completion of this Advanced Piloting course, we will have enough potential students to run the MOTHER of all Celestial Navigation course. If you want a course to run, let me know so we can work on getting it going.

Lawrence Schmidt

As we head into Spring the first real overnight cruises beckon. Although the days gradually become warmer and longer, remember that the seasonal weather is still fickle, and does not have the long and stable periods of good weather which summer brings.

Accordingly, if you are heading out for an extended weekend of three or four days at anchor or at a marina located on the other side of our tempestuous Strait, your study of the weather should be much more than a quick check of the "5 Day Outlook" on the weather channel or the Environment Canada site. These "Outlooks" are not reliable, and also tell you nothing about "why" the weather may change.



Your first stop is on www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca, where you select "Text Forecasts", and then "Coastal BC". The most important part of this marine forecast (other than noting whether you should leave in the first place!) is the "Synopsis". This will describe the atmospheric conditions for the next 24 hours, and an outlook for the following 24 hours. Study this carefully, and place the forecast air mass changes and/or fronts on a map (starting from the last chart produced by going back and selecting "Aviation Weather" and then the box "SFC Anal"). This way you can compare the movement of systems with the actual forecast, and better understand why winds, waves and precipitation are expected to happen.

When they don't happen in the prescribed way, you'll have a better understanding why they did not – and perhaps make better decisions about whether to return or to stay another day.

An even better review of the next 4 or 5 days can be gained by selecting "Weather Maps" in the main menu. Under "Numerical Model Charts" select "Regional Model", then under the "Operational Model Forecasts" table select 24 and 48hr for the "Classic 4-Panel". Use either the 00Z or 12Z run, depending on whether you want the forecast for early or late in the day. The "4-panels" will provide forecasts for: Air Circulation, Surface Pressure Patterns, Relative Humidity, and Precipitation Accumulation. Given the chart scale, the second and fourth of these are the most useful.

You can also animate the panels to show change every 12 hours for 48 hours. This lets you apply what you have just read in the Synopsis, and note how things are expected to change after the 24 hour period. After this, go back to "Numerical Model Charts" and select "Global Model". Here at a smaller scale you will find the same 4-panel variables for 12-hour intervals out to 6 days – and also in animated form.

These charts are easy enough to interpret for you to understand that (for example) significant changes are expected between the 3rd and the 4th day when you plan to be away. A return by the end of the 3rd day may be wise to contemplate. While you are away, and as the days go by, watch the clouds, the winds, and your barometer to confirm to yourself that the forecast changes are coming to pass – or not.

Boat safely – salt spume in the teeth is corrosive.

P/Cdr John Northey AP

~ UPCOMING 2006 EVENTS ~

April 14 – 17

Easter Cruise, Union Steamship Marina

May 19 – 22

Victoria Day Cruise, Gibson's Landing Marina

May 28

Commander's Sail Past, Burrard Inlet

June 8 – 11

Bayliner Rendezvous, Roche Harbour Marina

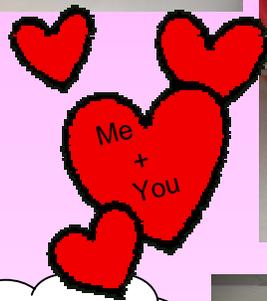
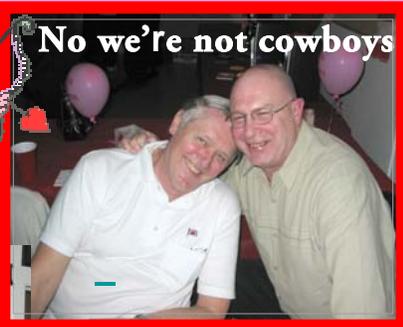
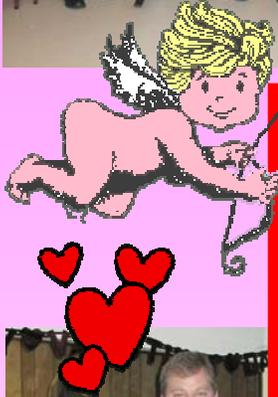
June 10

Change of Watch, Old Orchard Hall, Ioco Port Moody

June 30 – July 9

Summer Gulf Islands Cruise

Valentine's Dance & Fall Graduation



Have you seen Brokeback Mountain?



Valentine's Dance & Fall Graduation



Little arrows, little arrows, little arrows everywhere! It might have been a week after Valentine's Day but one could still feel cupid's love and warmth within the loco Yacht Club on February 18th. The decorations were fabulous with red and white streamers, cupids on the walls, huge red lips over the food table as well as hearts and helium balloons everywhere. Also, the decorative Valentine-themed candles on the tables were so kindly made and donated by Lynn Meisl and they looked beautiful! Thank you so much Lynn. There was a HUGE strawberry suspended in the middle of the room but what I would like to be inform about is, where was the milk chocolate dipping that was suppose to be on the end of it? Oh I know, someone mysteriously ate it without any of our knowledge or consent! Darn, I hate when that happens!!!

This year's event was so very well attended by not only our fabulous regular members, but also new members as well. Quite a few of the recent graduates were there to be presented their certificates by Doug Cousins with the help of Lawrence Schmidt and our new upcoming commander Chris Reniers. All of us in attendance gleefully cheered the new graduates as they proudly accepted their well earned documents. Upon the completion of this part of the evening, we went into a "dancing and socializing" mode thereafter! Who knew that would ever happen! The stereo was digesting the CDs inserted and blaring the great music that Grace Burrell was kind enough to loan us for an evening of fun and merriment! Our members in the "galley" working their hands to the bone were Chris Reniers, Paul Cass, Roni Clark, Dave Attewell and others that quickly came and went. Thanks for being so good-natured and pitching in to help make the evening a successful one. There were a few photographers amongst us capturing our members in various poses. Thanks to Chris Sheldon, Jori Hall and Corey Schmidt for being a few of them. The food table was a Martha Stewart dream delight!!! The appetizers that everyone brought were fabulous—so delicious and not a duplicate was viewed! Thanks to all for donating their culinary ideas reflecting upon the food they donated!

The evening was a total success and that is all due to Socials Lieutenant Roni Clark as well as Eleatha Reniers for offering to take charge of the evening. Thanks so much to everyone for helping to set up in advance and clean up afterwards! A job well done by all and an evening to be fondly remembered!

Cheryl McGuire
Restless Too

**GOT YOUR
TICKETS?**

Change of Watch

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2006

Time: Cocktails 6:30

Location: Old Orchard Hall
Ioco Road, Port

Ticket Info **Moody**

- ▶ \$45 each until April 30th
- ▶ \$50 each from May 1st – 31st
- ▶ Fall 05 & Spring 06 Student price \$45 each

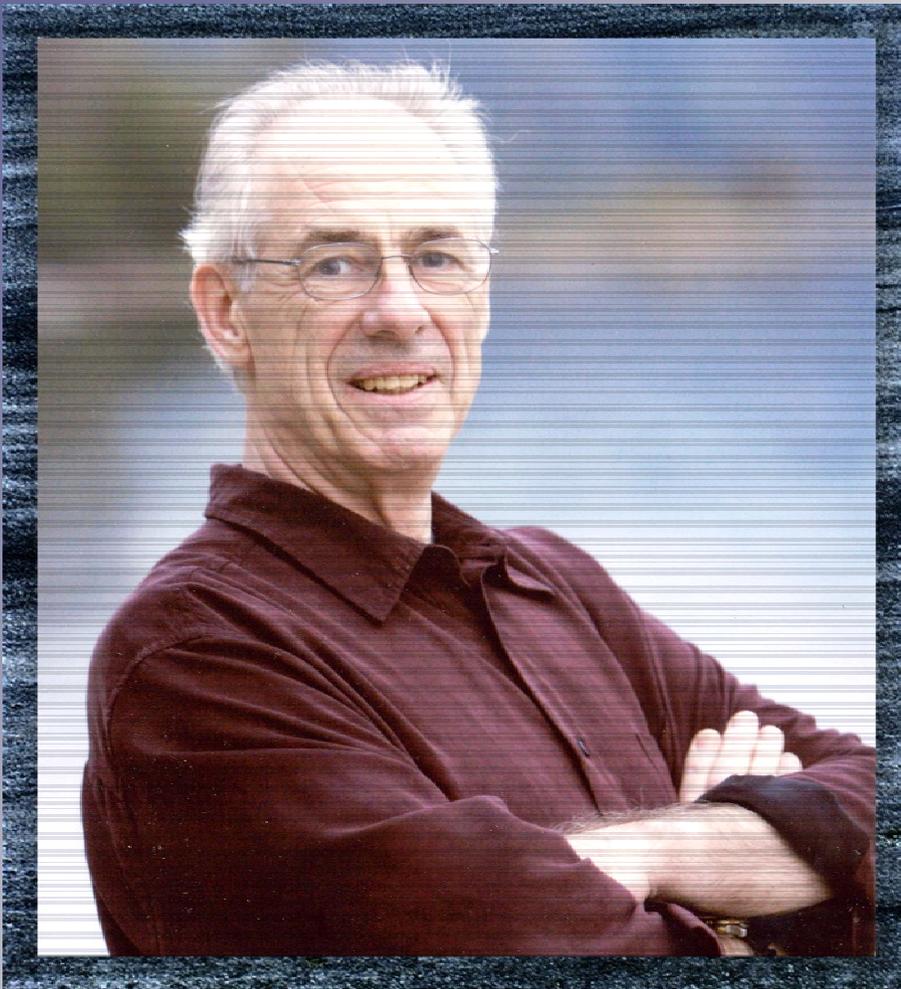
Tickets available from Lt. Socials Roni Clark

Phone: 604-469-2203 (*Please call ~ do not email Roni*)

Note: No tickets will be sold after May 31st



In loving memory...



BOB HUNTER 1944 - 2005

I first met Bob through the Power Squadron some 20 years ago. Bob came back the next year and proctored: and again the year after that: and the year after that: and so on. He so became a valuable asset to Port Moody Squadron. He kept giving his time and energy so others could learn. He helped us teaching in our courses as well as teaching else where. He got involved in the Radio Examiners program and took it over. Wherever and whenever he was needed Bob went and helped out. He did all he could, never asking for anything in return. In 1996 & 1999 he sat in the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron's Commanders chair. Back in those days the Commanders chair was not an easy chair to sit in. Bob's attributes and skills were brought to good use and were hard pressed to keep things together. For 20 years Bob supported our group. Wherever he could be useful you would find him quietly working away. Even when he was sick he could still be found helping out. The last class Bob proctored was less then 8 weeks before his death and so **Bob leaves behind his legacy to the Power Squadron** and those of who worked with him. Bob was awarded his 20th Merritt mark at his home just before he passed away.

For each person who knew Bob, he leaves a different Legacy. For his family members, it will be a different one for each of them. For each of us, his legacy will be based on our connection with him. So Bob leaves behind all of these different legacy's but there is a common thread that weaves through all of them -- It is the way Bob lived his life. Bob was a man of his word, and, his word came with many attributes but I will mention just four:

Honesty.. I knew no man to be more honest. The thought that Bob could be dishonest just did not exist.

Morality.. Bob had the most secure moral center of any man I've ever known or know.

Dedication .. Bob was completely dedicated to the people and things around him. He never left thing half done. All I's were dotted and t's were crossed. He was always thorough and always finished things up.

Strength .. Bob had internal strength. Wow. Anyone who shows up to proctor being as sick as he was just weeks prior to his death -- words fail me. Bob faced his sickness with more dignity, courage, and strength than anyone I have ever known. To me, he never expressed self pity or fear. He just fought on.

It was the way Bob conducted his life that gained him respect and shaped His legacy. Bob had no way of knowing the effect he has had on all who knew him. As someone once said "*Ah the gift that God would give us, to see ourselves as others see us.*" And the new cachous theory states that "if a leaf falls to the ground in a forest, the world is altered". If this is true, just think how much Bob's life has changed the world we live in.

We all extend our condolences and support to Sylvia and her family

Respectfully, Lawrence Schmidt

