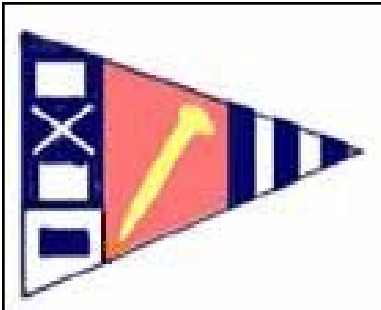




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Port Moody's famous
OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

Will be held on **October 16th**, at
**7pm at Old Mill Boathouse in
Port Moody.**



*Please make plans to join us
Read more about Oktoberfest on page 2.....*

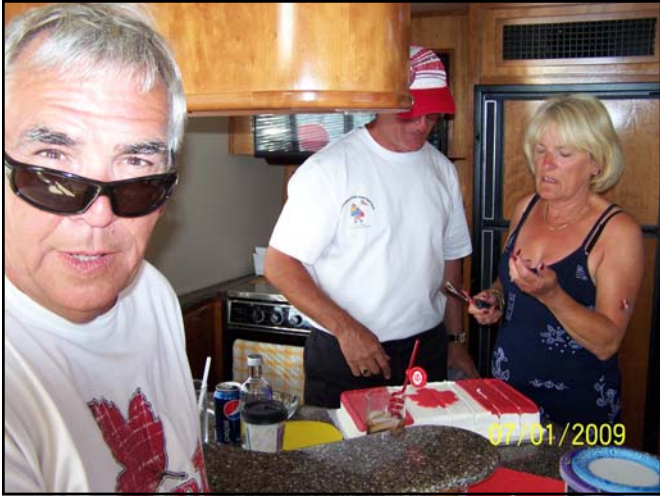
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

OCTOBER 16th
PMPSS OKTOBERFEST
7 pm at Old Mill Boathouse

OCTOBER 18th
STUDENT CRUISE TO BEDWELL BAY

NOVEMBER 11th
REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE

**CONTRATULATIONS
ROBIN & CHRIS!**



...and I've been married to her for how long???

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



OKTOBERFEST 2009



THE KEG HAS BEEN TAPPED AGAIN!

Join us for the 2009

Annual Oktoberfest Potluck
Friday, October 16th - 7pm
Old Mill Boathouse
Port Moody



Let's celebrate another year of fun times with beer, food, polkas, waltzes, games and friends.

Admission: \$5.00 at the door
Bring a food item to share
There will be plenty of beer!



DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENING!



TRAINING TEAM MEETING

COURSE PROMOTION AT THE NEW WESTMINSTER QUAYSIDE FESTIVAL



Hmm—left over right and under.....no right over left....waittop overoh #@%# no one told me the job of treasurer would be this hard!!!!!!



PMPSS GLAMPERS

We miss boating with everyone and if we could afford both a boat and a motor home then we'd own both!

Unfortunately we cannot have those choices so having the 30' motor home is so wonderful. We have all the amenities onboard--all except a washer and dryer but what the hell!

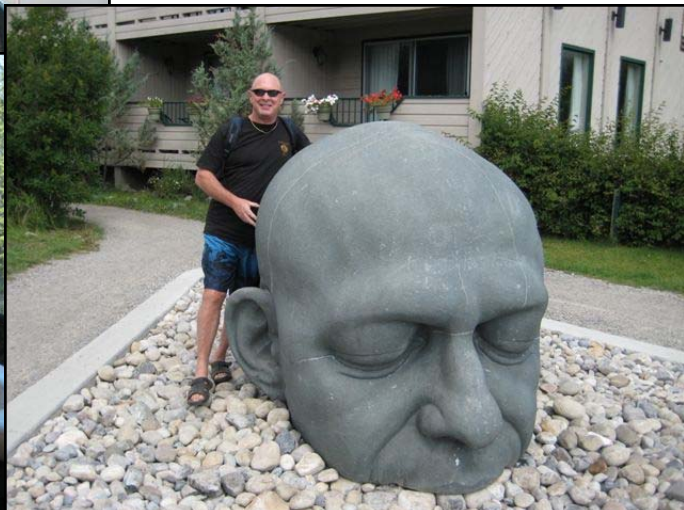
We LOVE "Glamping"!

Anyone that owns a trailer, motor home or 5th wheel are called "Glampers" because it wasn't real camping and roughing it, it was

"Glamorous Camping"

Gary & Cheryl McGuire

Road trip to Calgary



MOSQUITO CREEK BOAT FESTIVAL



GUY COOPER (DISTRICT P.R.O.)

JIM WHITE (DISTRICT SUPPLY)



FALL BOATING CLASS 2009

Mike Clegg with his
proctor group



Dave Burrell
Aids to Navigation Lecture

Lawrence Schmidt
First Night of Navigation



Getting Off the Bottle



As Environment Officer, I have been intrigued with a Campaign that is being promoted across Canada called “**Getting Off the Bottle**”. No, this is not about Alcoholic’s Anonymous, this is about ways that we can reduce our water consumption with plastic bottles which have harmful ingredients known as polyethylene terephthalate or PET.

Toxic Free Canada is a labour-environmental alliance society, whose campaign is to get people to pledge to reduce their use of bottled water. Their ‘Getting off the Bottle’ campaign says it is time to think differently about the enormous increase in use of bottled water. It is environmentally unfriendly. Manufacturing bottles has a heavy carbon footprint, sourcing the water can have severe environmental impacts, and discarded bottles are filling landfills and oceans with waste.

In BC, the “Getting Off the Bottle” campaign is being done throughout municipalities, schools, universities, colleges and other organizations and reducing by 20% through education and use of our city tap water. If you look at the statistics from Toxic Free Canada:

“Canadians drank an average of 66 litres of bottled water each in 2006, more than double the amount only eight years earlier. But that increase has come at a huge cost.

- *Water bottles have become smaller over those eight years but the sheer number of them is leaving a larger and larger footprint on the planet.*
- *The PET plastic used in the bottles is made from petroleum, increasing the depletion of non-renewable resources.*
- *PET plastic creates more than four times its weight in greenhouse gas emissions, adding to global warming.*
- *Millions of empty bottles are going to landfills and the number is going up every year. Recycling rates aren’t keeping up with the flood of new bottles.*

Manufacturing PET plastic bottles releases at least two carcinogens into the environment.”

As we know, this plastic from time to time ends up in our fresh and sea waters and never decomposes. It affects our marine life. I personally and my spouse, have carried many cases of bottled water on board our boat. When I look at alternatives, I realize yes I can come up with a few and so can you. First let’s look at encouraging our friends we bring aboard to bring their own reusable drinking container(s). The advantage of this is that they carry and bring their own water, they also take their container with them. If you explain to them why you are requesting this, they will understand that you are an environmentally conscious boater trying to protect the environment. Another alternative, is the use of larger hard plastic containers to refill water yourself which saves you the costs of bottled water.

For further information you can also link to Toxic Free Canada’s website and either read/print <http://www.toxicfreecanada.ca/campaign.asp?c=11> the research report and encourage others to support a pledge to this campaign. Reducing our use of bottled water is one of the easiest changes we can make to protect our own health, to protect the environment from plastic waste and to protect the planet from global warming.

For the future, and I’ll keep you posted at looking at other alternatives but at least this is a first start to reducing a small footprint. Stay tuned.

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