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## Commander's Message

Welcome to Autumn. I hope everyone had a great summer! Now we are back into the swing of things, hopefully.

The Official News

We had such a wonderful dinner and evening at Float30 July 6/23. I Kirby and had so much fun. It was such a great atmosphere outside and wonderful to see everyone. The restaurant was so good to us with amazing food. I would love to see us do more such diners there with gracious for offering to have it all all members. Thank you Shelley and Melissa for organizing.

The use of Nicole's boardroom at Synergy Engineering is an excellent well equipped space to hold the course. Very comfortable chairs, large TV screen, central location, free parking. We are very thankful to Nicole for allowing us to use it. Thank you, Nicole. Thank you to our wonderful ever supporting instructors and proctors for continuing to come out and help. This is the first in person class

since Spring of 2020 prior to Covid. Between myself we

have all of our regalia inventory at Burrell Auto for easy access and purchase for our members. Dave has been so displayed there and collecting the money (or etransfers to the Treasurer).

Our next upcoming major event is Remembrance Day, which unfortunately, I will not be able to be present for as we are out of the country.

Unfortunately, the Shoreline clean up did not happen as planned but we will try to organize something similar in the spring.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of this great group of people.

> Sincerely, Michelle Warrington, Commander

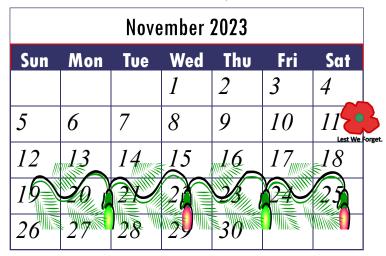
Bridge Meetings held every 3rd Monday of the month except in July, August & December at

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# Save the Dates



October 2023						
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### FIREWORKS IN THE PARK! HALLOWEEN NIGHT | 8:00PM START VIEWING AT TƏMTƏMİX\*TƏN/BELCARRA PARK WHARF

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October 31 - 8pm Free fireworks show put on by Belcarra resident(s). Get a good view from the Belcarra dock, or better yet take your boat out on an "All Hallows' Eve" cruise and drop a hook in Belcarra Bay for front row seats!

# Remembrance Day Service November 11, 2023

Please join us at Belcarra Park for the Remembrance Day ceremonies with the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron. 0930 hrs -Pre-ceremony setup and music starts -Wreaths to dock! 1035 hrs -Formal ceremony commences with the

sounding of an air raid siren.







(Start decorating in November!) Public event open to ALL decorated vessels.

Skipper's Meeting TBAMuster in front of Reed Point<br/>Marina, Burrard Inlet,<br/>Port Moody @ 6:30pm!)7pm-9(10)pm!s.1st, 2nd,& 8th, 9th & 15th, 16th & 22nd & 23rd

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# Educational

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# Education Reports

### Catching up from...



Photo: Julie Bruce

#### Thank you very much to: Instructors: Cliff Fraser Proctors Jenn Doerksen Chris Gordon Steve Reitenbach Jeannette Gordon Neil Wildman

Proctors: Lawrence Schmidt Kerry Hanson Derrik Luder Mike Clegg Norm Weismiller Steve Reitenbach

March 5, 2022

The student cruise was a

success: I'd like to thank our

volunteer skippers Rob Calis, Robin Sheldon, Dave Bruce,

and their crew! Also a big

Reitenbach and Lawrence

shout out to our proctors for

the cruise - Mike Clegg, Steve

Schmidt. Without our team of

instructors and proctors, we

could not put this course on!

Chris and I were very fortunate to be invited aboard Raven Spirit for the Student Cruise on March 5, 2022. It was such a beautiful sunny day cruising to Bedwell Bay with many other members and students in attendance.

Nicole and Sean hosted a lovely BBQ with help of Minstrel and Buddy Buoy BBQing. It was great to see so many faces that we haven't seen for such a long time. I know the students really enjoyed the day. Thank you to all the skippers and proctors.

We are so lucky to have such a strong person as Nicole Neuman, holding down her business, running our classes every week from her sick bed. She is truly amazing. We are all there for you.

> Michelle Warrington, Commander

## May 31, 2022

- Spring Boating 2/3 course was completed. Out of 16 students, 2 did not complete the course, 1 did not write the final exams and 1 failed the final exams.
- Lynn Meisl conducted a VHF course at Synergy Engineering on May 9th, and it was quite successful I think. But due to COVID, they needed to space themselves out considerably and used the full double boardroom area.
- Navionics Youtube by Jenn Doerksen: National has contacted Jenn to discuss her Youtube video.

### October 20, 2022

We are 5 weeks into the Boating 2/3 2/3 ONLINE course. 4 volunteers have stepped up to proctor the students and have each been assigned 3 students. A big thanks to Lawrence, Kerry, Mike, and Derrik!

### November 21, 2022-STUDENT CRUISE:

Nov 6th Student Cruise was a success – huge shout out to Merlin (Robin and Chris) and to Galavant (Steve and Nadine) in joining Sean and me (Raven Spirit) to take 6 students out. I made a pot of chili and mulled wine which went down really well on a cold and slushy day.

We had Mike Clegg and Lawrence Schmidt as proctors and I proctored aboard Raven Spirit too. We rafted in Bedwell Bay and Sean made burgers for everyone in addition to the chili and mulled wine while we swung on Steve's hook. In the snow.



May 15, 2023 Winter/Spring Boating 2/3: We are at the end of B2/B3 course. Student cruise was a success and the students greatly appreciated the volunteers – thank you everyone!

### ... To present, Sep 25th, 2023

Thanks to Lynn and Michelle, we are officially underway with our Boating 2/3 HYBRID course. We have an amazing line up of instructors and proctors and a whopping 15 students (4 returning) for our in class/ online version of B2/B3. We are on to session number 2 tomorrow and are finally ready to hand out course materials. Materials were slow in coming despite Michelle organizing Express post. They arrived today, and I am happy to report we have the necessary number of each piece for our hybrid class. The online material continues to change, but we are using past materials to fill in where we have gaps.

The course is being delivered in person at my office at 135 Glacier Street in Coquitlam, and is being zoomed live to attendees who cannot attend in person. A big shout out to Lawrence who is eagerly helping me with the in class version expectations and is suggesting lots of social components to further engage our new students. We have also added all students to the B2/B3 online moodle course which we are using for most of the instruction.

Thank you also to our proctors – Kerry, Lawrence, Elton and past commander Steve!

> Taken from Reports by Nicole Neuman Education Officer







# Socials Report





Taken from Reports by, Shelley Herron & Melissa Forbister Socials Officers

### Catching up from... February 2022

<u>Apr 30, 2022 Change of Watch</u> – Party room at the Bentley II

#### June 5<sup>th</sup> – Sail Past

Breakfast at "Float 30". 40 people attended. The food was ready on time, it was hot and delicious. Service was good, very efficient. Would certainly recommend we have more events at this venue. Sailpast took place afterwards in Belcarra Bay with the Commander aboard.





Float 30,







Shelley Herron, Commander Michelle and Chris Warrington

I would really like to thank Shelley Herron for organizing the Sail Past we had June 5, 2022. She did an amazing job and I think it was a huge success. I really enjoyed it. It was so wonderful to see so many faces and have a chance to reconnect. Thank you to Mike Girard for having us aboard Casablanca for the cruise to Boulder Island and then on to Bedwell Bay for a raft up. Thanks to Dan Greenwood for allowing us to tie up to his dock at Boulder Island for the Sail Past. The rain held for us when we needed it to and the sun even came out. It was a wonderful day.

Our hearts go out to Shelley as her mom passed away just prior to the Sail Past but she managed to still make it back (barely at 2 am the night before) in time. We all really appreciate all that she has gone through these last 2 years and still managing to work full time as well as volunteering her "free" time for us. We love you Shelley. Michelle Warrington, Commander Nov 11 – Remembrance Day

We held a very successful Remembrance Day Celebration at Belcarra Park. We served 175 hot lunches and it cost the Squadron a total of \$155.36. We charged \$5.00 for a Bowl of Chili (meat or Veg) aC hot dog and a drink/ coffee. 160 paid guests. Approx. 15 Squadron members working the



Commander Michelle Warrington and P/C Lawrence Schmidt

coffee. 160 paid guests. Approx. 15 Squadron members working the event etc. were fed for free.

Donation request letters were sent (hand -delivered) to Thrifty's, Save-on Foods and



Tim Horton's. Tim Horton's donated 2 large coffee, 1 hot chocolate – and 200 timbits- value \$400.00 Thrifty's donated \$160.00 worth of canned goods, chips and ground beef.

Many Thanks go to >>

- Melissa Forbister and Sheri Girard for help making 3 humungous pots of chilli!
- Caryss for the lovely signs.
- And Thanks you so much to everyone who helped on the day of: Michelle and Chris for picking up Tim Horton's, Melissa for serving, Sheri for collecting money, Dan Greenwood for transport and setup, Cathy Luder, the one with the amazing buns! And Adriana & Todd for serving the dogs.

#### <u>Santa Ships</u>

We enjoyed a busy Christmas season with 6 Santa Ship cruises. On Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Santa visited Belcarra Park and the kids signed Santa's Log Book. There were up to 100 people in the park!, a pretty good turn out despite the hail and freezing rain. Dan Greenwood and his Nephew Michael put on a fantastic Fireworks display from Boulder Island. This is not an official Squadron event but so many of our members are part of this annual tradition it is worth mentioning, Thanks to all who came out and decorated their boats , thanks Mike Girard for being a great cruise director! (Continued from page 5)

#### Winter Social Event

On Jan 27, 2023 we hosted a PMPSS Bowling event at REVS in Burnaby. 13 People showed up for the event. PMPSS paid for 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental for core members. Everyone had a good time.





Steve Dewitt, Veronica Staddon, Melissa Forbister

#### 2023 AGM/COW

We held our annual Change of Watch and Commanders Ball on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. The venue was Float 30 restaurant at Reed Point Marina. Linus at Float 30 and his staff did a wonderful job hosting us the food and the service were both excellent. We had a total of 39 people confirmed



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Lynn Meisl & Steve Dewitt

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Shelley Herron & Commander Michelle Warrington



Dave Bruce, Derrik Luder, Linda Berg, Cathy Luder



Bev & Rob Bennett



Tom Ramsay, Michelle Warrington & Sherry Ramsay



Lynda Bennett-Retei, Mike Girard, Chris Warrington





Shelley Herron & Dan Greenwood



Rod Young, Sheri Girard, Carrie Young



Roni Clark, Grace Burrell & Jack Meisl



Steve Dewitt with Dan Greenwood

- Green Jacket to Mike Girard for falling in the water at USSC,
- Golden Brick to Dan Greenwood for all his hard work behind the scenes.

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#### Easter Cruise - Snug Cove

Easter at Bowen Island April 7 - 10 The weather was very rainy, dreary and cold for the weekend. Only a few brave boaters made it out. We only had 3 boats on the dock! We spent time in the Summer house by the cozy fire and played board games. On Saturday we had a yummy Easter dinner with Ham and all the fixins

for 9 people total. It was actually a very nice, quiet Back:, Royko Donald, Steve Dewitt, Melissa and relaxing weekend!

### May Long Weekend May 20-22

7 Boats rafted at Granite Falls. I attended the Flotilla on Sunday for a social gathering and potluck on the back of Dolphin Spirit.

#### 2023 Sail Past

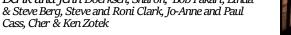
We held our annual Sailpast event on Sunday June  $4^{\text{th}}$ ,

I organized a group breakfast at Float 30 for 9 am before the Sailpast. Once again, Linus and his team at Float 30 did an amazing job

accommodating our group and the food was delicious. We had a total of 34 people in attendance.

Michelle was honoured as commander for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. We used Boulder island as the anchor spot for the Commander aboard Casablanca. Many thanks to Mike and Sheri Girard for being the Commnander boat and for organizing the raft up in Bedwell Bay afterwards.

Derik and Jenn Doerksen, Sharon, Bob Pakari, Linda & Steve Berg, Steve and Roni Clark, Jo-Anne and Paul







Lynn & Jack Meisl, Rob Calis, Lawrence Schmidt







Shelley Herron, Dave & Julie Bruce



Back: Gary Squires, Mike & Sheri Girard. Front: P/C Jim & Kim Church





# Cruise Master's Headquarters 📲



Please refer to our facebook or official website for complete details and information on upcoming cruises. <u>www.portmoodypss.com</u>



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The Cruise Master position is an important position in the Squadron which covers all cruising events for PMPSS. It is one of the key functions in the Squadron, and what keeps it vibrant is the cruising that is done as a group.

Cruises have become large social gatherings in their own right and as such have added considerable work load to the position. To alleviate this, the 2015-2016 bridge approved the addition of "Cruise Coordinators." These positions are appointed by the Cruise Master. The number of coordinators is up to the Cruise Master but it is recommended to have at least one for each of the major cruises of the year.

The following represents the minimum cruises expected to be arranged:

- Easter long weekend
- Victoria Day long weekend
- 1 or 2 week cruise in July (Canada Day)
- 1 or 2 week cruise in August (BC Day)
- Labor Day long weekend.

Some other cruises that have been arranged in the past include:

- Vancouver Boat Show Weekend -False Creek/Quayside Marina
- Almost Spring Cruise
- Fall cruise
- Weekend get-aways to Bedwell Bay or up the Arm.
- Small Boat Cruise

Cruise Master or Cruise Coordinator is to help at other squadron events such as:

- November 11 Remembrance Day Service event at Belcarra,
- Sail Past

- On the Water Practicums – Student Cruises
- and other events as requested.

Although, it's not a squadron event the Cruise Master should be prepared to offer assistance with the Christmas ships in December due to the large number of members partaking.

Cruise Master or Cruise Coordinator should ensure every cruise has a designated "Raft Master"; this does not have to be the Cruise Master, but must be a knowledgeable individual capable of not only assembling a raft up, but able to select an appropriate spot to assemble it. A Raft Master is also helpful at marinas in getting boats to appropriate locations; as such they should be knowledgeable about the boats partaking in the cruise or raft up.

Volunteer 20+ hours a year and earn 1 merit mark. Free membership with 20 merit marks

Although not mandatory, a key feature to help keep cruises well attended is a cruise activity. Any PMPSS member or honorary member can volunteer to be a part of your Cruise Master team and can initiate any number of activities during a cruise. Activities should be customized to suit the attendees such as children or teenager. Some activities are of course only available at certain cruise locations and times. Activities that have been successful and considered Best Practises are:

# Volunteer now to be a Cruise Master, Cruise Coordinator, or a Raft Master!

- Group Theme days: Mexican, Pirate, Toga, Hawaiian, Gilligan's Island, Country, Groucho Marx Glasses
- Dinghy Poker Run
  - Survivor
  - Breakout Fishing Derbies
  - Crab Meister Contest
- Wine/Scotch/Tequila Tasting
- Card Tournaments
- Golf Tournaments
- Dockside Movies
- Potlucks
- Scavenger Hunts
- Marina Harbour Pub crawls
- Hikes
- Dinghy Ballet
- Harbour Dinghy Tours
- Appy Hour
- Geocaching
- Beach Parties
- Lobster Fest
- Skipper's Meeting
- Dine-Out Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner

Team up with Paul Cass. Paul has been creating comprehensive custom Cruise Guides for us, including tides and currents, waypoints, and general points of interest on each location in a cruise, for over 15 years.

Contact Commander Michelle Warrington if interested or for more info.



#### **Cruise Reports**

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Steve and Roni Clark





Grace Burrell, Cher Zotek, Roni Clark, Yvonne McCoach



Daniel Wittrock, Tova Orr, Guest, Stephen McCoach



Guest, Bob McCarthy, Jen Reyburn, Chris Warrington



Julie Bruce, Derek Noon, Guest, Chris Reyburn, Ian Newton



Dave Bruce



"Sea Esta" renaming ceremony





Proud mom and grandma Michelle and Bev Bennett with new born baby girl Aria



Brenda Newton, Michelle Warrington, Dave Burrell, Darrell Orr, Rob Bennett

# Long Weekend

We were able to attend one day of the Bowen Island Labour Day weekend. We had a lot of fun playing the puzzle game that our lovely Socials Committee put together. It was a beautiful day for it too. Thank you so much Shelley and Melissa and Dan for organizing the whole weekend. It sounds like the pot luck and movie, Gone Fish'n, on Dock A was great. I believe there were about 20 boats which is a really good turn out. So glad to see Blue Water Bound up and running and on Dock A too. It was wonderful to see so many old friends and meet some of our new members Michelle Warrington Commander

2022 September

Bob Pekari & Sharon

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7 boats for the May long weekend cruise up Indian Arm: Minstrel, Big Booty, Caliente, Aloha Spirit, Gracie, Sapphire with day trippers Dan Greenwood & Shelley Herron on big orange.



Linda Berg, Julie Bruce, Jo-Ann Cass, Grace Burrell, Shelley Herron.







2023 Summer One of the favourite Desolation Sound cruise destinations in the August Northern Cruise. Aloha Spirit, Getaway, Big Booty & Minstrel rafted in Melonie Cove. Dinghy visits with nearby Galavant and Bentinck Belle. Sea surface temp 70-74F, perfect for swimming!







Long Weekend

5 boats: Minstrel, Nia, Blue Water Bound, Sapphire & Cruizin all rendezvoused at Union Steamship Marina. Small in numbers but still big on fun. Hikes, Bocce Ball, distillery tasting, pot-luck dinner, mostly fair weather, and

lots of laughs made for a another classic PMPSS cruise



Bev & Rob Bennett, Lawrence Schmidt, Brenda & Ian Newton, Dave Bruce, Jen & Chris Reyburn

Make sure you are reserved now for Easter

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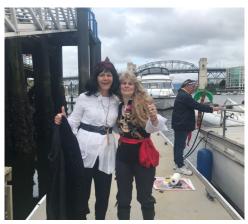
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Jack & Lynn Meisl, Gabby, Mavrick Burrell,

# Membership

Easter 2022 Lynn Meisl and daughter Brendalyn Avander led the group Tie Dye activity in the Summer House.





We had the opportunity to be a part of the Minstrel crew for Boats for Hope June 11, 2022. This was an incredible day. Thank you to Dan and Shelley for organizing PMPSS into action. Merlin V were also involved taking kids and their families aboard. There were

Commander Michelle Warrington and Julie Bruce, Boat for Hope 2023 more than 500

children and

families that were taken out by many boats from all over Vancouver for a treat of being attacked with water guns by local pirates. I could not believe how many individual people and organizations are involved, like the RCMP, Port Authority, Coast Guard and SARS, of course. Dan and his crew (Shelley, Steve Dewitt and Melissa) held a BBQ including Dan's moms famous Root Beer Baked Beans, down on the dock at Granville Island which was fantastic. Dan has been involved in Boats for Hope for over 20 years. Minstrel won the "Best Decorated" Boat award and were the first recipient of the "Hearts on the Water" award. Congratulations to Dave and Julie who are really deserved of these. They have been actively participating in this event for 12 years now. We really have some truly amazing, behind the scenes, people amongst us.



2022 National AGM & Conference. PMD Commander Guy Cooper, Jenn Doerksen, Commander Michelle Warrington.

I would like to congratulate Jenn Doerksen on being the recipient of a national award. She went to the AGM and Conference in Toronto at the end of November 2022 to receive it. I attended as well with Jenn, and we did our best to represent our squadron.

Michelle Warrington, Commander



#### Tribute to Dennis John Hewson June 14, 1936 - October 14, 2022



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Dennis. He will be missed by his wife of 61 years Melody, son David (Carolyn), daughter Sandra (Mike), and grandchildren, Brianna, Alex, Adam, and Kierra. Dennis is survived by his sisters Mary, Barbara, Sheila, and Jill, and predeceased by Jeannette and his brother Ron.

Dennis was born in Isleworth, UK, and was a

trained blacksmith and metal fabricator. He moved to Canada in 1957 with his brother Ron (deceased) and began his life on the BC Coast. He loved the ocean and found a way to be near it daily, and soon combining his experience with fabrication and machinery with his passion for boating to create the successful company All-Tow Boat Moving and ran it with Melody

until they sold the company and retired in 1992.

Dennis was a lifelong member of the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron and owned, restored, and piloted a wide variety of boats, travelling with Melody as far as Glacier Bay, Alaska. He taught courses for the squadron ranging from the importance of water safety to how to tie the perfect knot.

Later he began a career in performing magic and was a member of the Vancouver Magic Circle and the Society of American Magicians. His specialty was close-up magic including card and rope tricks. Dennis spent years volunteering and entertaining children and seniors.

Dennis will be missed deeply by his family and friends, but we are so grateful he had a life that was so well lived.

Per the families' request, there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the BC Alzheimer society.

Sandra and Melody Hewson



### Your 2023 – 2024 Executive Committee

#### Elected Officers

Commander: Michelle Warrington Educational Officer: Nicole Neuman Administrative Officer: Derek Noon Secretary: Shelley Herron Financial Officer: Sheri Girard Public Relations: Ryoko Donald Membership Officer: Justin Goransrud

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Past Commander: Steve Dewitt

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