



The Quarterdeck

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www.portmoodypss.com



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Editor: Julie Bruce



Commander's Message



Happy New Year. I hope 2024 will be a great year for everyone.

Thank you to everyone involved in putting on a successful Remembrance Day Ceremony and lunch. Everyone worked so hard to make it memorable and meaningful. I am so sorry I wasn't able to be there that day to help. I appreciate all of you and all the hard work it took on that day for it to all come together so beautifully.

Thank you Shelley and Melissa and all their helpers for preparing and serving the hot lunch. Thank you Steve and Mike for organizing the boats and dock and all the guests. Thank you so much Dan for organizing the production and the rest of your team. Thank you Sheri for your wonderful accounting skills, collecting the donations and always keeping us on budget. And thank you Steve for taking over my duties and laying the wreaths in the water with Lawrence. You work in such harmony together.

All of the students did excellent on their exam. I wanted to thank everyone who helped put the Student Grad together and make it a success. I believe special thanks goes to Steve Dewitt, Shelley Herron and Dave Burrell. Thank you also to all the PMPSS members who came out to support the new students and our squadron. At least 3 of them have joined (or are still trying to join) as members. Toni Way and her husband Brian have agreed to proctoring for the upcoming course. Awesome job all of you for showing them what a great group we are.

Thank you again to our amazing instructors and proctors for their dedication and coming out each week.

Thank you all again for everything you all do.

Sincerely,
Michelle Warrington,
Commander

Bridge Meetings are generally held every 3rd Monday of the month, except in July, August & December, at the Golden Parrot Pub, Coquitlam

February 2024						
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RVCC Training
for existing and new RVCC volunteers.



St Patrick's Day Mingle
Sunday @ Wings on St. Johns in Port Moody. Wear your Green!



Easter Cruise
March 29 to April 1, 2024
Union Steam Ship Company
Marina, Snug Cove,
Bowen Island



Make sure you are reserved!



AGM/COW
AGM—Thursday April 4th – Virtual



COW—Saturday April 13th – Commanders Ball



RVCC Day
Saturday, May 4th,
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Save yourself a \$200 fine with a free safety inspection



Shoreline Cleanup
Sunday May 26, 2023 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

April 2024						
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May 2024						
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More Event and Cruise Details Coming Soon!



Marine Radio Course

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

[Restricted Operator's Certificate \(Maritime\)](#).

For Next Class
Call Lynn Meisl
at **604-219-4525**



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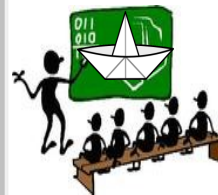
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Course information and schedules are available as part of the main CPS-ECP course catalog.

Search the CPS-ECP Course Calendar +

<p>Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC)</p>	<p>Maritime Radio Certificate - ROC(M)</p>	<p>Basic Navigation and Boat Handling - Combined (B2/B3)</p>
<p>All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency. All you need to know for th ... Read more</p>	<p>The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses ... Read more</p>	<p>This course includes sections covering basic navigation skills (using a compass, reading and interpreting nautical chart ... Read more</p>
<p>Suggested Prerequisite none</p>	<p>Suggested Prerequisite none</p>	<p>Suggested Prerequisite Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)</p>
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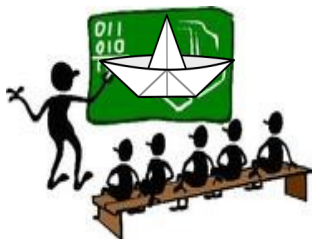
Volunteer now to be an Instructor or Proctor!



Volunteer to join our amazing education team. Proctors re-take courses for free and help new students learn the course material.

Contact Commander Michelle Warrington if interested.

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



Fall Boating 2/3:

Our hybrid class worked out better than expected. We had the use of Nicole Neuman's company boardroom with webcam and video conferencing system, so that students could join the class virtually or sit in person. Those who joined virtually had a full view of the classroom, as well as the power point slides. Materials were a bit slow to get to us, but everyone seemed to have what they needed. We had 11 registered and 4 past registrants completing the course now. Classes are also recorded on zoom to the cloud. (my zoom account)

The feedback received from students/proctors/instructors was generally positive with hands on instruction being well received and much more effective. The pub gatherings at the Golden Parrots after the class time (around 8:30pm) also appears to be a hit!

Spring Boating 2/3:

The new Boating 2/3 course is being held at Moody Middle School on Buller Street in Port Moody. Hopefully, this will facilitate breaking into small groups with proctors and therefore relationships with the students. Plus, the rental is substantially less than it used to be when we held the classes at PMSS. PMSS does not allow classroom rentals any longer.

There will be no printed manuals for this course or upcoming B2/3 courses. The manuals are 10 years old now and there is no plan to print updated ones.

The course will be all online via the Moodle platform which can be easily updated and added any extra information or videos, etc. We will be using the Version 4 for the Spring course as the latest Version 5 Boating Navigation and Boating Handling (BNBH) has many changes eliminating some topics and shortened (9 - 10 weeks).

VHF: Lynn Meisl held an in class VHF course Jan.8 with 7 students - 4 of them from the Fall B 2/3 course. Chris and I helped Lynn. It was held at Synergy Engineering boardroom. Future VHF classes will be held at Moody Middle School.

North Shore Squadron is holding in person classes, simulcast with Online class as well as zooming in other squadrons classes who may not have enough instructors. In the fall, North Shore Squadron zoomed-in a class on Bowen Island.

*Taken from Reports by
Michelle Warrington
Commander, Acting Education Officer*

RVCC Program 2024

A training session to be presented by Office of Boating Safety (OBS) instructors has been scheduled for existing and new RVCC volunteers.

DATE: Saturday 16 March'24

TIME: 0900 - 1300

PLACE: Synergy Engineering Ltd.

(Board Room)

135 Glacier Street

Coquitlam, BC

Contact Michelle Warrington if interested.





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

The Fall student cruise Nov 5th

8 students and skippers/crew/proctors as follows:

- Mike & Sheri Girard (Casablanca)
- Steve & Nadine Van Gaalen (Galavant)
- Dave & Julie Bruce (Minstrel)
- Paul Cass (Caliente)
- Sean Mickelson & me (Raven Spirit)
- Derrick Luder, Steve DeWitt & Melissa Forbister,
- Elton Donald, Steve Reitenbach, Cliff Fraser

Remembrance Day



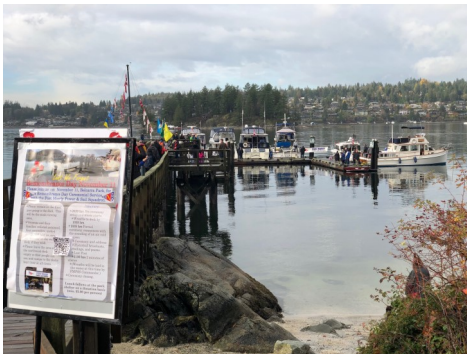
MV Minstrel—Students Maureen & John King, Dave Bruce,



MV Raven Spirit Galley



Sean Mickelson & Nicole Neuman



Todd, Adriana, Shelley, Melissa, Sheri

Remembrance Day 2023 at Belcarra park was a big success. The weather cooperated, no rain and it wasn't too cold. The dock ceremony was very well received by all who attended, the sound was clear and heard all the way to the shelters! I loved the added touch of Linda Berg singing our National Anthem.

The parks guys were great! They arrived early, blew all the leaves off the tables and surrounding area, provided wood and built a nice fire.



Many Thanks go to Melissa Forbister and Sheri Girard for help the night before, making 3 humungous pots of chilli! Lots of chopping and can opening involved. Thanks you so much to everyone who helped on the day of: Todd and Adriana for picking up Tim Horton's and helping serve hot dogs. Steve Dewitt for help packing the van, Melissa for serving, Sheri for collecting money, Dan Greenwood for signs and taking care of all the dock production, Maria Squires for keeping tables and condiments in order. And everyone else that lent a helping hand. Couldn't do it with out y'all!!

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Student Grad Party

We held our student Grad party on Tuesday Dec 12th 6pm – 9 pm at Wings in Port Moody.

We reserved the back section of Wings and had a mix and mingle style gathering. Approx. 40 people attended. We pre-ordered a variety of appy's (ie.,Wings, Fries, & Dips)

Michelle was not able to attend so Steve Dewitt and I made sure the Students were acknowledged and received their certificates, I captured photos of the evening, Dave Burrell was a big help in saying a few words and making the students feel welcomed. Dave also brought regalia and sold a few items.



Maureen King, Brian Way, Tony Zanatta, John King, Toni Way, Sandra Watters, Kevin (dad) and Mason (15 yr old son) Vander Ploeg, Martin



Tony Zanatta, P/C Steve Dewitt, Dave Burrell



Rod MacVicar Lynn Meisl



Dave Edgar, Dan Greenwood, P/C Steve Clark, Paul & Jo-Anne Cass, Roni Clark, Grace Burrell



Cliff Fraser, Martin, Mason (15 yr old son) and Kevin (dad) Vander Ploeg, Tony Zanatta



P/C Julie & Dave Bruce



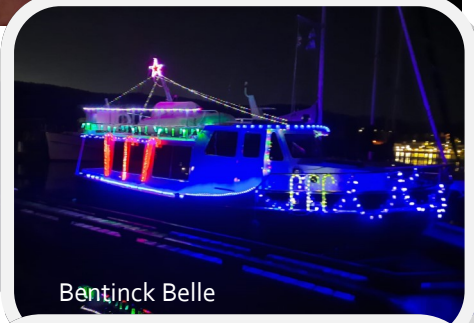
Carolyn Noon, Steve & Nadine Van Gaalen, Derek Noon




Toni Way (Proctor), Maureen & John King, Dave Burrell, Sandra Watters, Steve Dewitt, Melissa Forbister, Brian Way (Proctor)



Royko & Elton Donald, Kerry Hansen (Proctor)



Bentinck Belle

 **Santa's Christmas Ships: Christmas Boat Parade, Port Moody & North Van area**
December 19, 2023 · 🌐

Dec 16 2023 Santa's Christmas Ships Belcarra Bay Feature Night. Wow! What a great night! Thanks to Santa's Elves Lisa, Shelley and Deb. Santa Christmas Ships, Community Recreation Association Belcarra (CRAB) Southern Straits Yacht Sales, RCMP and RCM SAR2 for making a safe fun event for all.

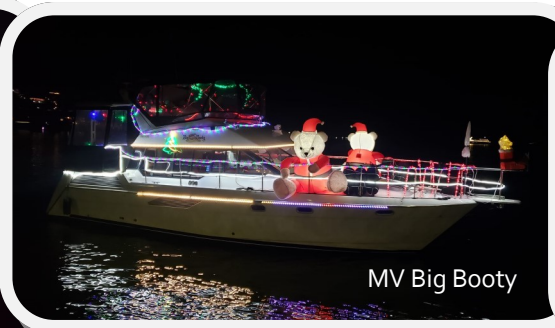
And special Tip o the Santa Hat to Mike and the Igniters for the spectacular Fireworks Show...Wow!
Appologies to anyone we missed...
Thank you all!



MV Galavant



SS NIA



MV Big Booty



MV Casablanca



MV Minstrel



MV Social Distancing



What do you do with an extra day! Why not spend it with some extra special friends! Leap Day fun with the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron at Wings Restaurant, Port Moody.



Dave Burrell, P/Cs Sukru & Lorraine Yigit



Steve Berg, Melissa Forbister, P/C Steve DeWitt



P/C Steve Clark, Paul Cass



Dan Greenwood, Lynn Meisl



New students Mike & Tina



Grace Burrell, P/C Julie Bruce, Roni Clark



Lynn Meisl, Deb & Rob Calis



Shelley Herron, Grace Burrell, Julie Bruce, Deb Calis, Donna Goy, Roni Clark, Jo-Ann Cass, Linda Berg



Dave & Kim Edgar



Yvonne & Stephen McCoach, Donna Goy



New Student Dean, Tina, Dean's wife, Melissa Forbister, Brian & Tony Way (Proctors)

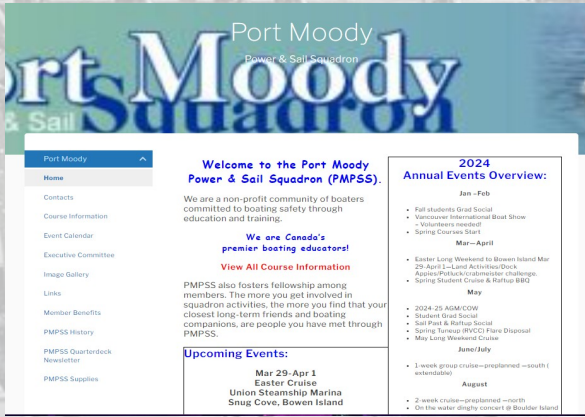


Tom & Sherry Ramsay, Dave Bruce



Our Website is Back!

www.PortMoodyPSS.com



Where have we been?! Several years ago CPS-ECP transitioned to a new IT system and it took a long time to configure, and resolve compatibility issues.

But now we are pleased to re-reveal our official website. If you don't use Facebook we encourage you to bookmark and visit it often. You will find mostly the same information there and more.



Past Copies of The Quarterdeck newsletters are available on [our website](#). Use the search feature to find all issues containing keyword-specific content.

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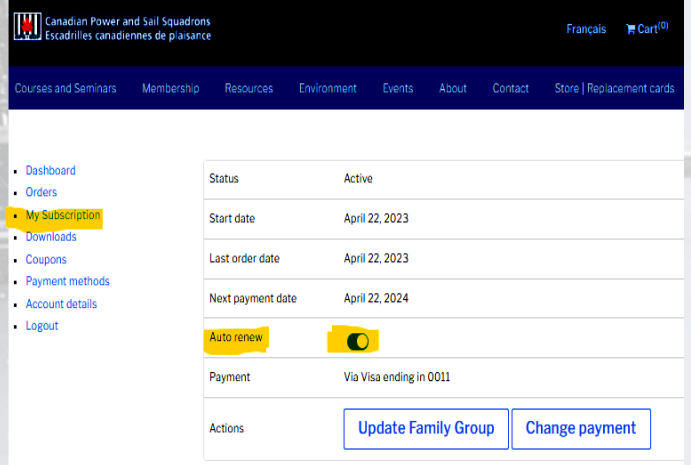


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Membership Renewal Tip!

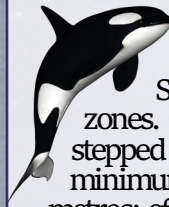


To avoid membership lapses, and help with annual renewals, simply turn on the "Auto renew" option button in your CPS-ECP membership profile!



PMD Government & Industry Liaison

Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) has advised that Sailing Directions will be modernized for 2024 publication. Old imagery of ports and navigation passages will be updated in color. Paper chart appearance will also reflect certain changes (no details to date).



Transport Canada has reported numerous incursions by pleasure craft into the Southern Resident Killer Whale sanctuary zones. Monitoring and enforcement will likely be stepped up for 2024. Boaters are reminded that the minimum approach distance to all whales is 400 metres; effective for the full year.

Boaters on the Fraser River should watch for advisories/closures this spring in connection with the new Patullo Bridge.

Good news! Fish Safe BC reports that more commercial fishermen are now accepting and wearing PFD's (inflatable type).

World Maritime Day is proposed for some time at the end of September, likely in conjunction with the BC Sea Festival. Opportunities for CPS involvement may be possible.

*Respectfully submitted,
P/D/C Jerry Powers, SN*



New Photo Contest Alert – Southern Boat Life

Jan 25, 2024

Hey, sun seekers and boating enthusiasts, listen up! We've got a super cool photo contest that will make your winter feel like summer. If you're currently living the boat life in the warmer sunny destinations, snap a pic of your sun-soaked boating adventures and send them our way to the: theporthole@cps-ecp.ca.

But wait, there's more! We want you to include a caption with your photo that tells us a little bit about yourself, your location, and why you love boating there. And don't forget to send us high-res images because we want to see every detail of your amazing shots!

You can also vote for your favourite photo on our Instagram [@cpsboat](https://www.instagram.com/cpsboat). The photo with the most likes by **March 31** will win a prize from Aquamap and be featured in The Port Hole magazine, as well as our OnBoard and À bord newsletters published by Canadian Boating.

So, what are you waiting for? Grab your camera, soak up some sun, and show us what you've got!

Your 2023 – 2024 Bridge Officers

Elected Officers—Executive Committee

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

Appointed Officers

Advanced Educational:
Assistant Educational: Jenn Doerksen
Assistant Educational: Elton Donald
Communications: Jenn Doerksen
Editor: P/C Julie Bruce
Webmaster: Cynthia Oldham
Assistant Webmaster: P/C Julie Bruce

Historian: P/C Julie Bruce
Social Officer: Shelley Herron
Assistant Social Officer: Melissa Forbister
RVCC: Lynn Meisl
PCOC Officer: Lynn Meisl
VHF Officer: Lynn Meisl
Cruise Master: Jenn Doerksen
Supply Officer: Kirby Knittle
Regalia Officer: Michelle Warrington
Environment: Lawrence Schmidt
Member at large: Carrie Young
Member at large: Cathy Luder
Member at Large: Mike Girard
Member at Large: Derrik Luder

Past Commander: Steve Dewitt

*Photo Credits go to: Shelley Herron,
Dave Burrell, Melissa Forbister, Julie
Bruce, Jenn Doerksen, Steve Van
Galen, CPS-ECP*

Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteer today to ensure our amazing organization continues.

All positions are open for nomination.

Contact Commander Michelle Warrington if interested.

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

PMPSS Supplies



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