

THE QUARTERDECK

PORT MOODY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON



April 2019 Newsletter

A Message from the Commander

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Tom Kakanowski

Ahoy fellow squadron members, it's our busiest time of year, and the last Quarterdeck that you'll have to read through a long winded blurb from me! In the next 5 weeks, we'll be doing our Easter Cruise to Bowen Island, the Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch for our new Bridge, the Commander's Ball Beach Party, the May 4th Spring Tune-Up/RVCC event, finally wrapping up with our new incoming Commander's Breakfast and Sailpast. Information is available here in the Quarterdeck so I won't waste your time reiterating, but all of these events are well worth attending. Commander's Ball Tickets can be purchased online, or by reaching out to our Socials Officer Arlene Gojevic or any of our Bridge officers can help you.

In preparation for our May 4th Spring Tune-Up, we had several volunteers, both new and existing, participate in the Transport Canada training delivered in two sessions in March. This is very good training, and our inspectors are basically prepared, but as per our standard process, new inspectors will be paired with experienced inspectors for some inspections to ensure everyone is fully prepared and ready. I am so thankful to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help! For members, or your friends with boats at Reed Point, this is a free service we provide at least once a year that can save you a minimum of \$250 in fines (we've learned of over \$2000), and even if your vessel doesn't pass the inspection, we always let you know what didn't pass and why, and offer to redo inspections when issues are remediated. We also work with local vendors and Squadron members to help as well, and often people can remediate discovered issues that same day. We are lucky enough to have member Steve Van Gaalen of Vanco Fire Protection onsite to perform free annual fire extinguisher inspections; this is a common issue we encounter during vessel inspections!

April is our peak month for membership renewals, so please consider renewing early, and consider our great new referral program that gets you a free membership if you refer two new people to the Port Moody Squadron who elect to become members. We believe people often join and stay in the Squadron because of the friendships they make and the activities they participate in, and so we are encouraging you to share our social circle with friends. Let's bring more people to the party, and perhaps to help them have fun safely on the water too!

As this is my last message as Commander, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Bridge members, whose tireless efforts help make us one of the best Squadrons in Canada, and make me proud to belong. These are people who are passionate about our members and our boating community, and it has been an honour and privilege to serve with them. This is also the



Looking to feel confident and safe on the water? Explore courses being offered by PMPSS! Check the website: www.boatingcourses.ca for upcoming courses both now and in the Fall 2019.

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last Quarterdeck by our current Editor and my wife, Dianne Kakanowski, who has performed this role for several years now, and has delivered an exceptional newsletter. But I'm very excited about our incoming Bridge, which includes a mix of new and experienced officers, I think we'll see great things coming out of this group, and our new Editor will be bringing fresh approaches to our Quarterdeck, so look forward to the next issue!

Cheers,
Tom Kakanowski,
Commander



Don't forget! Get your tickets!



COMMANDER'S BALL
Beach Party!

April 27th 6:00 PM \$75.00 socials@portmoodypss.com
Old Mill Boathouse 2715 Esplanade Street Port Moody

Welcome Mai Tai Cocktails
Door Prizes!
Fabulous BBQ
Incredible Jackets and Propellers to be won!
Dancing and Merriment to the sound of "Drive"

Contact Arlene Gojevic at
socials@portmoodypss.com or on Whatsapp to get your tickets!

CORRECTION!

The last edition of The Quarterdeck had the wrong day for the AGM/CoW. Please note that the date is Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30pm at Milestones Restaurant. See page 6 of this newsletter.

WHERE TO FIND US



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What's Happening at a Glance



It's a busy time of year for PMPSS members and we don't want you to miss a thing! Calendars with upcoming events have been provided in this edition of The Quarterdeck but here, you will find everything all in one place!

- April 7th: Student Cruise
- April 8th: PCOC course Location: Willy's Galley (see page 4)
- April 19th-22nd: First cruise of the season! Easter Long weekend to USSC, Bowen Island (see below)
- April 24th: AGM/COW Location: Milestone's Restaurant, 2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam (see page 6)
- April 27th: Commander's Ball Location: Old Mill Boathouse, 2715 Esplanade Ave, Port Moody (see page 2 and page 6)
- May 4th: Spring Tune Up Location: Willy's Galley parking lot area (see page 4 and page 7)
- May 5th: SailPast Location: Willy's Galley for complimentary breakfast before the event (see page 8)
- May 11th: Student Grad Location: Willy's Galley at 7pm
- May 13th: VHF course Location: Willy's Galley (see page 4)
- May 17th-20th: Victoria Day Long Weekend Cruise TBD

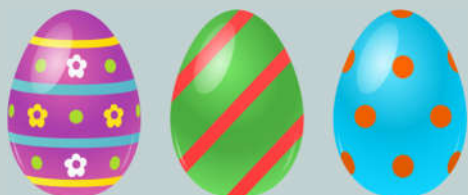


Kick off Cruise 2019! Easter Long Weekend

Typically the Easter Long weekend (April 19th-22nd) kicks off our boating season and PMPSS members gather at Union Steamship Co. on Bowen Island. Check with USSC for slip availability as it tends to be a busy weekend! Their telephone number is (604) 947-0707 and their email is marina@ussc.ca.

Plans are underway for this cruise and the socials officer is hosting a wine tasting contest on Saturday. Those who would like to participate, bring a bottle of wine, that is placed in a bag so no one can identify it. Each participant is given a score card and tastes each wine

available and scores it. The winner is the person who brought the bottle that most prefer. Prizes available for winner of best white and best red! A potluck dinner will be held on Sunday.



NEED A NEW SQUADRON BURGEE OR CPS FLAG?

Contact the Supplies Officer, Julie Ryder-Bruce at supplies@portmoodypss.com for hats, jackets, t-shirts and more!



ACT
NOW!

Looking Ahead!

Courses Offered by PMPSS Spring 2019

Boating season is right around the corner and it's not too late to register for any of the following courses or required certification:

Boating I (PCOC)

April 8th, 2019

Willy's Galley

(This course has a Home Study component and upon registration a manual will be mailed to your home. Please study! All components will be clarified in class.) Please contact Lynn Meisl directly to register! lmeisl@telus.net or 604.516.6072.

VHF (Maritime Radio)

May 13th, 2019

Willy's Galley

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form "automatic" radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course. This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

**You can register for any or all courses at: www.boatingcourses.ca
or by contacting Contact Glen at (604) 868 8382 or gwanchor@telus.net**

The Fall courses are listed on www.boatingcourses.ca so check it out and browse to see what courses best suits you!

SPRING

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

TUNE-UP



Yoda Says,
Safe on Water You Must Be!

FREE BOAT INSPECTIONS
SAVE \$250+ IN FINES!
TRANSPORT CANADA TRAINED INSPECTORS

WILLYS GALLEY SPECIAL MENU
WOOKIE BURGERS, SABER DOGS, VADER TOTS!
GAMES FOR THE FAMILY
VIRTUAL BOATING SIMULATOR
FABULOUS PRIZES

SWAP MEET
FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTIONS



HAVE YOU TAKEN THE VHF COURSE?

Courses for VHF run often throughout the year based on demand. Check www.portmoodypss.com or contact Lynn Meisl at 604-516-6072.

Time to RENEW!

Reminder!

A message from the Membership Officer:

As a reminder, we offer you many ways to prepare yourself and your boat for boating, and we schedule multiple cruises throughout the year, and perhaps best of all, you'll make a lot of lifelong friends along the way. The Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron is one of the most active and most fun squadrons in Canada. You're in good company!

PREPARE YOURSELF

We offer several boating courses in the spring and fall every year. From the basics to advanced navigation, to VHF Radio, to weather and radar, engine and electrical maintenance and much more. As a member, you'll get a discount on most courses and if you bring a family member, they get a discount too. Check out our upcoming courses below. New courses are always being added so check back often. <http://www.boatingcourses.ca/squadrons/port-moody>

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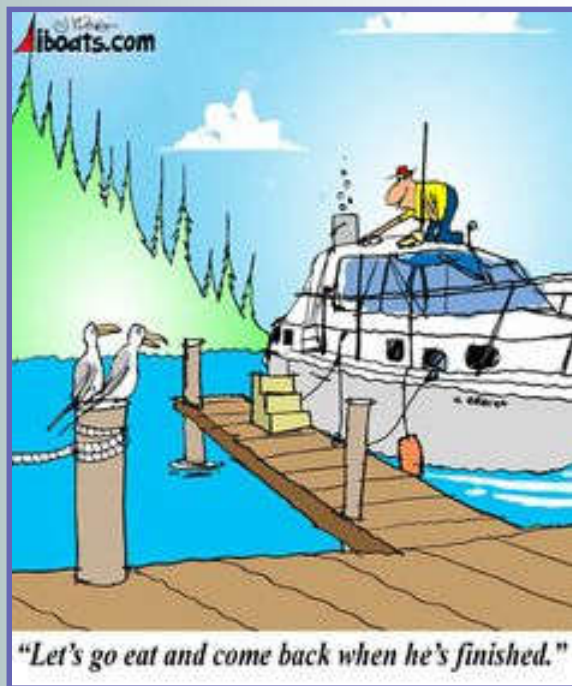
As a member, we also give you many financial benefits at a variety of suppliers. The next time you're in Inlet Marine or Steveston Marine, ask for your 10% squadron discount! Do you need a new cooler, grill, or camping supplies? We have negotiated a 30% discount with Coleman online purchases. You'll also get 10% off at Rona, whether you're buying something for your boat or your house. And we have several more discounts. See details about discounts: <https://is.gd/uWWAC9>

CRUISES

Being an active and fun squadron, we offer several opportunities to cruise together. You can either join other boats or meet at the dock or anchorage we are headed to. More information on our 2019 cruises will be coming soon from our Cruisemaster.

Remember, the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron is a non-profit organization, with a primary focus on Safe Boating through Education. In addition to all the benefits you receive being a member, you can feel good knowing your membership dues help us to continue helping other boaters. Thanks again for your support!

Fun times



Can you spot the differences? Find all



Save
the
Date

AGM/C.O.W.

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 24th @ 1830 hours (6:30pm)
Location: Milestones Restaurant, 2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam
Please join us for the AGM & C.O.W.!

This event is free for all members and appetizers plus light refreshments will be provided.



Save
the
Date

The Commander's Ball

Date/Time: Saturday, April 27th @ 1800 hours (6pm)
Location: Old Mill Boathouse: 2715 Esplanade Ave, Port Moody
Cost: \$75 per Person

A casual, Beach themed event, with a welcome Mai Tai upon reception and dinner at 7pm followed by a live band "Drive" and dancing. Tickets can be purchased through the Socials Committee socials@portmoodypss.com!



April 2019

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	1	2	3	4 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	5	6
7 Student Cruise 	8 PCOC	9	10	11 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	12	13
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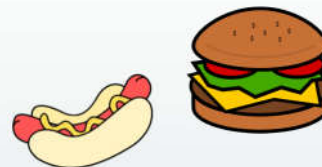
Safe on Water You Must Be!

The Port Moody, Burnaby and Coquitlam Power and Sail Squadrons in cooperation with Willy's Galley and Reed Point Marina is holding a Spring Tune Up where they're offering Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC) to ensure boaters have all their required safety equipment onboard. Please see us in the parking lot near Willy's Galley to register for a Courtesy Check and to check out the Swap Meet! **NEW** this year: If you have a Courtesy Check with us on this day, you will be eligible for out-of-this-world prizes!



Other highlights include:

- Swap Meet where you can buy/sell boat related items (\$10 fee per table or tail gate) Please email swapmeet@portmoodypss.com and let us know if you want a table or plan to use your tailgate for the Swap Meet!
- The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons will have a Virtual Trainer on hand
- Fire extinguisher inspections are being conducted by Vanco Fire Inspection which is always popular
- Kids games starting at 1pm! Join us up by Willy's Galley for family fun!
- Willy's Galley is offering a special menu for this event:
 - ◇ "Wookie Burger" - Cheeseburger with condiments of your choice
 - ◇ "Vader Tots" - Tater Tots with dipping sauce
 - ◇ "Saber Dogs" - Hot dogs with condiments of your choice
 - ◇ "Jedi Juice" - Sugar free soft drink



When: Saturday May 4th, 2019

Where: Parking lot near Willy's Galley

Time: 10am-3pm

Email: swapmeet@portmoodypss.com

Don't forget! Kids games will start at 1pm!



May 2019

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- ◆ The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons will also have a VHF Simulator and Virtual Trainer on hand
- ◆ Fire extinguisher inspections are being conducted by Vanco Fire Inspection
- ◆ Kids Activities
- ◆ Don't miss the fun! This year's theme is "May The 4th Be With You". See page 7 for details including Willy's Galley's menu which will keep with the theme



PMPSS SailPast



On Sunday, May 5th we will officially welcome our new Commander at the annual SailPast. A complimentary breakfast will be held at Willy's Galley before the SailPast and we encourage everyone to attend! We'd very much like to see everyone including the new members who have joined PMPSS recently so we can extend a warm welcome to you as well! Breakfast will be at 8:30 and a Skipper's meeting will follow. Hope to see you there!



Opportunities abound for volunteers in the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron. We serve a large number of people, and are always looking for help, and even when we have enough people, we are looking to the future and considering how to provide capabilities in the future that need training to-day. Here are just a few of the key roles and skills we are hoping to find among our members;

Instructors and Proctors: We have an excellent team of Instructors and Proctors, but are always looking forward to being able to increase what we can offer people from a training perspective. We're also working on a series of evening or weekend seminars open to the public. Proctoring is an excellent opportunity to get exposed to the educational arm of our Squadron, for many it is very rewarding being able to help students and in fact learn much more about the subject at hand as Proctors than they may have as students. If you'd like to help out with the training side of things, we want to speak to you!

Graphic Artist: We have a significant need for volunteers with graphic arts capabilities who can work with both raster and vector image tools. Our needs include creation and editing of graphics content for our newsletter and web presence, content employed for marketing and events, and content employed by the squadron for its business functions. Being able to work comfortably in Photoshop and Illustrator or reasonable equivalents would be desirable for this role.

Web Related: Seeking volunteers interested in helping manage our technical infrastructure, build web site functions, administer our servers and email, and help design and develop our website. We are in an interesting period of change, being driven by the CPS National changes to their systems on which much of our content resides, and anticipate either new development on that platform or moving forward with our own plans for managing web content. If you have technical skills, talk to us!

Quarterdeck: We're always looking for people to contribute articles and content that benefit Squadron members, and publish this today in both the Quarterdeck newsletter as well as our private and public Facebook presence. Shortly we expect to be expanding this to our new content management system, so that our web site also contributes to distributing this content. We're also looking for people to assist with putting together the Quarterdeck newsletter, learn the tools used to build this publication, and help us improve our newsletter moving forward.

Volunteer Officer: Just as we have a Membership Officer who focuses on recruiting new members, ensuring existing members are satisfied and their needs are being met, and being a voice for members to the Bridge, PMPSS wants to have the same focus for volunteers. This is a role aimed at members who have already served on our bridge at some point so that they have experience with how Squadron operations take place, but this is also a new role, and will develop throughout this bridge year, the most important thing you can bring to the table is your values, focus on volunteer role satisfaction, and a passion for serving our membership. You will be working closely with the Commander and Executive Officer developing this new role.

Socials Assistants: This year we are taking on more social activities, and working to include more social elements into other Squadron events like our Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks and our annual Shoreline Cleanup. Frankly, our Socials people are GREAT, but more hands make light work, so if you enjoy planning social activities, let us know!

RVCC Inspectors: Our 2018 Cinco de Mayo event had the largest turnout we've ever had for our Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks, which of course was great! What wasn't so great was that we didn't have enough qualified inspectors to meet demand, and we were not able to get to everyone who wanted an inspection. Learning to be an RVCC inspector is not difficult, is very rewarding in terms of knowing you are helping keep people safe on the water, and provides a unique learning opportunity to see other vessels and how other vessel owners are doing things and solving problems. We provide both online training and mentorship with existing Inspectors, so if you have an interest, let's discuss it further! RVCC Inspector Transport Canada training being offered on March 30th, 2019. Please contact Steve DeWitt: execofficer@portmoodypss.com

If these opportunities interest you or you have other ideas how you might like to volunteer, please reach out to our Commander (commander@portmoodypss.com) or our Executive Officer (execofficer@portmoodypss.com) so that we can discuss this with you and put you in touch with the right people.

VOLUNTEER
