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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER!

PMPSS members

As Commander this year I have had the opportunity to see how a Squadron is run. And all I can say is amazing..... From teaching in the fall and spring and welcoming new students at courses. Doing inspections at RVCC day. Participating in the Outstanding Remembrance Day Ceremony. Also socializing at student cruises and seminars and events. It's been an amazing year.

Thank you to all the Bridge members that have graciously agreed to stay on till we can have a proper Change of Watch. Your support this year was incredible and thank you for your continued support. That being said, we are still calling around for new bridge members. So, if you have some free time please message me.

All in all, the best part of this squadron is the people that make it up. We have such an amazing group and I cannot say how fortunate we are to be able to associate with such an awesome group. We have had a lot of issues with the new IT system coming in last November and had to cancel a lot of cruises and events due to Covid-19. This has been a wake-up call to remind us what's important. Spend time with your close friends and family and keep your bubble small until this thing passes. We are so lucky to have all that we do. I hope you all stay safe and do your best with the people in your bubble. The time will come when we can all socialize together like we do so well.



Have a safe boating season and I hope to see you all out on the water soon.

Thank you

Commander PMPSS
Steve DeWitt aka Safety
Steve (Buddy Buoy)

SUMMER SALE!! - NEED A FLAG, SHIRT, HAT OR JACKET?



SALE!

Buy a hat and shirt combo for **ONLY \$35.00!** (colours black, white, tan and blue)

Wish to purchase other items?

We have flags and burgee's which range from \$30-\$40.

and a whole catalog of items to choose from and have our Port Moody Burgee sewn right in. It's easy, just 3 simple steps. The price you see in the catalogue is the price it actually is!

- 1) Go to <http://www.stormtech.ca/>
Pick the items you like.
- 2) E-mail the items number, size & colour to Kirby at supplies@portmoodypss.com
- 3) Kirby will place the order and let you know when your new swag is ready for delivery or pickup!



UPCOMING COURSES!

WHAT: Marine VHF Restricted Operators Certificate—VIRTUAL

DATE: June 22, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

CONTACT: Lynn Meisel 604-219-4525 or lmeisl@telus.net

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 will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam which is included as part of this courses. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

WHAT: PCOC—VIRTUAL

DATE: June 24, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

CONTACT: Lynn Meisel 604-219-4525 or lmeisl@telus.net

All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency. All you need to know for the Transport Canada test is presented in an easy to read format that is both informative and entertaining. You can be confident that this study guide meets all the standards established by Transport Canada’s Office of Boating Safety. As an extra benefit, if you pass the test offered by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, your Card is recognized by BOTH Transport Canada and The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). You may contact Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons to locate a testing facility in your area.

WHAT: PCOC—VIRTUAL or at the MEC, [850 Barnett Hwy, Port Moody](#)

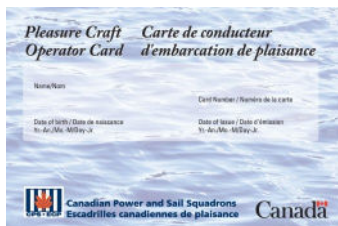
DATE: September 14, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

CONTACT: Lynn Meisel 604-219-4525 or lmeisl@telus.net

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*Who needs a Pleasure
Craft Operators Card?
All boats with engines and
all boat operators of all
ages!*



UPCOMING COURSES CONTINUED....

WHAT: Marine VHF Restricted Operators Certificate—VIRTUAL or at the MEC, **850 Barnett Hwy, Port Moody**

DATE: October 5, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

CONTACT: Lynn Meisel 604-219-4525 or **lmeisl@telus.net**

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WHAT: Boating 2 & 3 Combined—VIRTUAL or at the PMSS, **300 Albert St. Port Moody**

DATE: September 24-December 3, 2020

TIME: 7:00 pm

CONTACT: Michelle Warrington 604-850-5370 or **training@portmoodypss.com**

Boating 2 – Beyond Boating Basics – The PCOC makes sure you have immediate navigation and safety skills but it's just the beginning of what you should know when you get on a boat. In the second of our Boating Series, you are introduced to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots – not to mention what to expect when the boat is moving under power. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include towing, trailering and a check list for layup and launch.

Boating 3 – Introduction to Marine Navigation – The third course in our series explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting out and when under way, handling a boat under sail as well as your environmental responsibilities and electrical hazards. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include tides and currents, canals and locks, and collision regulations.



*You can't be crabby when
you're on a boat!*



NEED HELP RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

PMPSS Members,

As you are likely aware, CPS launched a new website and IT system late last year. Although there have been some struggles, the system is mostly working as expected now. I have been working diligently with many members to get logins working correctly and to get members renewed. I have reached out to almost everyone whose memberships expired in the past six months (about 190 members), and would very much appreciate hearing from those who have not replied yet. And I want to thank Bruce L and Nicole N for helping with calling several people to help them get reclaimed.

Even if you choose not to renew, I would love to hear from you. If you are continuing to have login issues please contact me. If you are trying to renew, please contact me. I am here to help and have access to the support team at CPS. I can also renew you manually with a credit card or cheque. Thank you so much for your support for the squadron; your membership and support is what makes us who we are. Please reach out to me at membership@portmoodypss.com. Thanks everyone!!



Jenn Doerksen
Membership Officer

Cheers

Jenn Doerksen

PMPSS Membership

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EXCITED TO GET BACK ON THE WATER WITH THE SQUADRON?

From your Cruisemaster:

Thanks to everyone who has done a great job of staying home and physical distancing, BC is able to move to phase 3 in mid-late June. This enables us to plan some cruises this summer. We will be doing our usual July cruise to the Gulf Islands, however we will only go to two marina's during the cruise to fill up on fuel and water. The rest of the cruise will be spent in anchorages to minimize our impact on the local communities. Please plan to bring enough food and provisions to last the entire cruise. We also recommend that you continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the BC government, meaning to continue to stay 6 feet away from people outside of your household, or wear a mask if you cannot maintain that distance. We will be rafting-up in the anchorages, and suggest to visit other boats in your dinghy. Please familiarize yourself with the BC restart plan here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

Additionally, we are planning two concurrent cruises in August. Our regular northern cruise to Desolation Sound, as well as another cruise to the Gulf Islands for those who want to stay closer to home.



Stay safe and we hope to see you on the water.

Chris Warrington
PMPSS Cruisemaster

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE/JULY 2020

26-JULY 7th—Southern Cruise—Should BC head into phase three of restarting, we'll go ahead with this cruise—Stay tuned!

DETAILS: We usually head south toward the Gulf Islands, San Juan Islands, or further south. Cruise plan coming soon. More details below!

JULY/AUGUST 2020

31- AUG 16th—Northern Cruise—Stay tuned

AUGUST 2020

22-23rd—Bedwell Bay Concert: Buddy and the Scarecrow—**Stay Tuned!**

ANOTHER GULF ISLANDS—Details to come

SEPTEMBER 2020

4-7th—Labour Day Weekend—**Stay Tuned**

18-20th—Osprey Creek North Pitt Lake—Postponed, details to come. **Stay Tuned**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

11th—Remembrance Day—Tentatively scheduled, pending COVID—19 regulations.

27,28, DEC 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19th—Santa's Christmas Ships—Tentatively scheduled pending COVID—19 regulations.



"Not all stars belong in the sky"



I'M POSITIVE...? A STORY WHY YOU SHOULD NOT ALWAYS BELIEVE YOUR EYES!



*“Don’t believe your eyes; **RED** is not always **RED** and + is not always positive.”*



We have owned our 2006 54 Nordic Tug for about 4 years now and the house batteries were in need of service. I have been installing batteries of all sizes and types as part of my work for the last 30 years so I am no stranger to how batteries are to be installed and strung for correct voltage and capacity. The existing 8X 6 Volt Lifeline AGM batteries were strung in a series / parallel network giving a “usable” capacity of 220A @ 24V. I chose to replace them with their close cousin the Trojan T105-AGM. I will admit the difference in the construction between the Lifeline battery and the Trojan is noticeable right away with Lead threaded terminals on the Trojan and a brass threaded terminal on the Lifeline. This might explain why the Lifeline battery is one of the only military spec batteries available; however, I am not planning to go to war with my boat so the Trojan will do just fine; but I digress.

I choose to replace half the string at a time so I did not have too many cables loose at one time minimizing the chance of making a mistake when connecting the batteries. When half of the 24V string was installed I made the final connection to the remaining 4 and I got a small spark! That should not have happened? I figured the spark was due to a difference in potential between the old batteries and the new, so I decided to leave the parallel connection undone until I have the strength to get the rest of the batteries up and down the stairs to the utility room! Once the remaining batteries were changed I again made the final connection bringing the 2, 24V strings into parallel. Again a small spark?? At the very same time my neighbour was maneuvering his boat out of his slip. If any of you have been below the water line when a boat close to you is maneuvering you know what I mean when I say it is incredibly noisy and you hear every jog of the thruster. What does this have to do with the batteries you ask. Well when I made the final connection and got a small spark I could also hear a small fan running? Again I was confused because the house bank 400A fuse was removed so the battery bank could not be connected to anything. I decided to wait until my neighbour was gone so I could hear and tried again. Sure enough a small spark and I could hear something that sound like a fan when holding the lug of the cable against the terminal. Then my nose caught a whiff of that rotten egg smell when batteries are being charged! Nahh there is no way I could be smelling hydrogen sulfide gas from AGM batteries; after all they are sealed with pressure vents that open when the battery builds pressure due to rapid discharging and overcharging.

OMG! Time to disconnect the cable and check everything over; all was good with the cabling. I then measured the voltage of each battery and wouldn’t you know it; one of the batteries had reverse polarity! No way!!! Can’t happen but I was looking right at it. 30 years ago when I was learning my trade from my boss he ALWAYS metered a battery for proper polarity. He told me, in not such a polite way... “I have no idea if the guy in the factory is colour blind or not!” He would rather take the time to meter the batteries before the final connection was made to a very expensive fire alarm system! At the time I thought he was nuts, now... not so much.

The bad battery likely had very little charge so the spark that I was getting was not that big. Had it been a healthy battery the arc would have blown the terminal off the battery splattering molten lead and copper all over; including into my face. Had I made the connection and not questioned the noise mixed in with my neighbours thruster wash; it is conceivable the battery could have caught fire and burned the boat to the water line!

What I learned is something I was taught 30 years ago and dismissed. Don’t let a battery made on a Friday before a long weekend spoil your day. Meter EVERY connection as you go and assume nothing! Don’t believe your eyes; RED is not always RED and + is not always positive.

Steve van Gaalen P
MV Galavant

THE AGM—ONLINE! AND A PLAYBACK OF 2019/2020

On May 19, 2020 the Bridge hosted an on-line virtual AGM. The turn out for this event was excellent and we certainly had enough participants for quorum. It was a success!

We enjoyed much welcomed feedback and support for the wonderful work the Bridge and our Commander have done this past year. As you are all aware, we are keeping the Bridge the same until we are able to resume in person gatherings.

A very special and well deserved thank you went out to both Jenn Doerksen and Michelle Warrington for their continued support and count-

less hour of dedication to the Squadron—THANK YOU

So what did we do this year? Lets review shall we?

April 2019, saw us enjoying Snug Cove, welcoming a new Bridge, and the always fun Commanders Ball.

May 2019, brought us a successful RVCC, Sail Past and raft up, and a sunny weekend in Iron Bay.

June 2019, a beautiful Cruise up the Gulf Islands.

July 2019, a blast while camping at Pitt Lake.

August 2019, a fun Desolation Sound Cruise and a jam on the

water at Bedwell Bay (thank you Buddy and the Scarecrow).

September 2019, Cruising Party with videos and stories of our adventures over the summer along with our last cruise of the year up to Snug Cove.

October 2019, we had a blast bowling in our costumes, and a Thanksgiving raft up topped with a delicious BBQ.

November 2019, Remembrance Day was simply heart warming.

December 2019, the Christmas Family Fundraiser brought many smiles and so did the Santa Christmas Ships!.

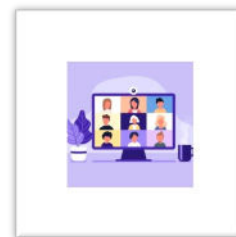
January 2020, some braved the cold and Plunged like a Penguin on New Years Day which started out with a delicious breakfast at the Burrard Public House.

February 2020, there was no shortage of axes being thrown along with laughs and fun.

March 2020, Mt. Seymour was gorgeous while we snow shoed / skied the day away and sadly, this was our last live event until the world welcomes us back to the water.

May 2020, AGM! Virtually of course.

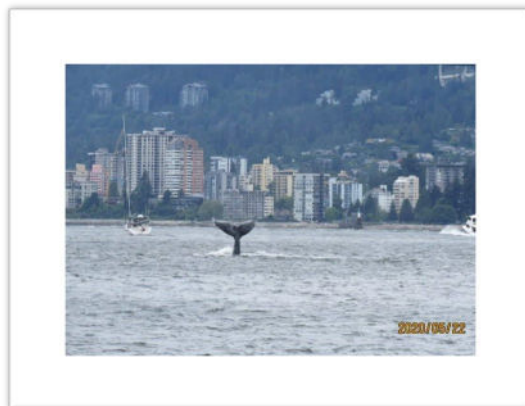
What will the rest of 2020 bring us?



IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, NO IT'S A HUMPBACK WHALE!

In late May one of our wonderful members announced that a Humpback Whale had swam by for a visit at the Reed Point Marina.

This certainly made a splash on the PMPSS WhatsApp group. We were all able to enjoy photographs; as well as, some video (posted on our Facebook Group) of this amazing event as it swam up the Indian Arm. Thank you Nicole and Dan!



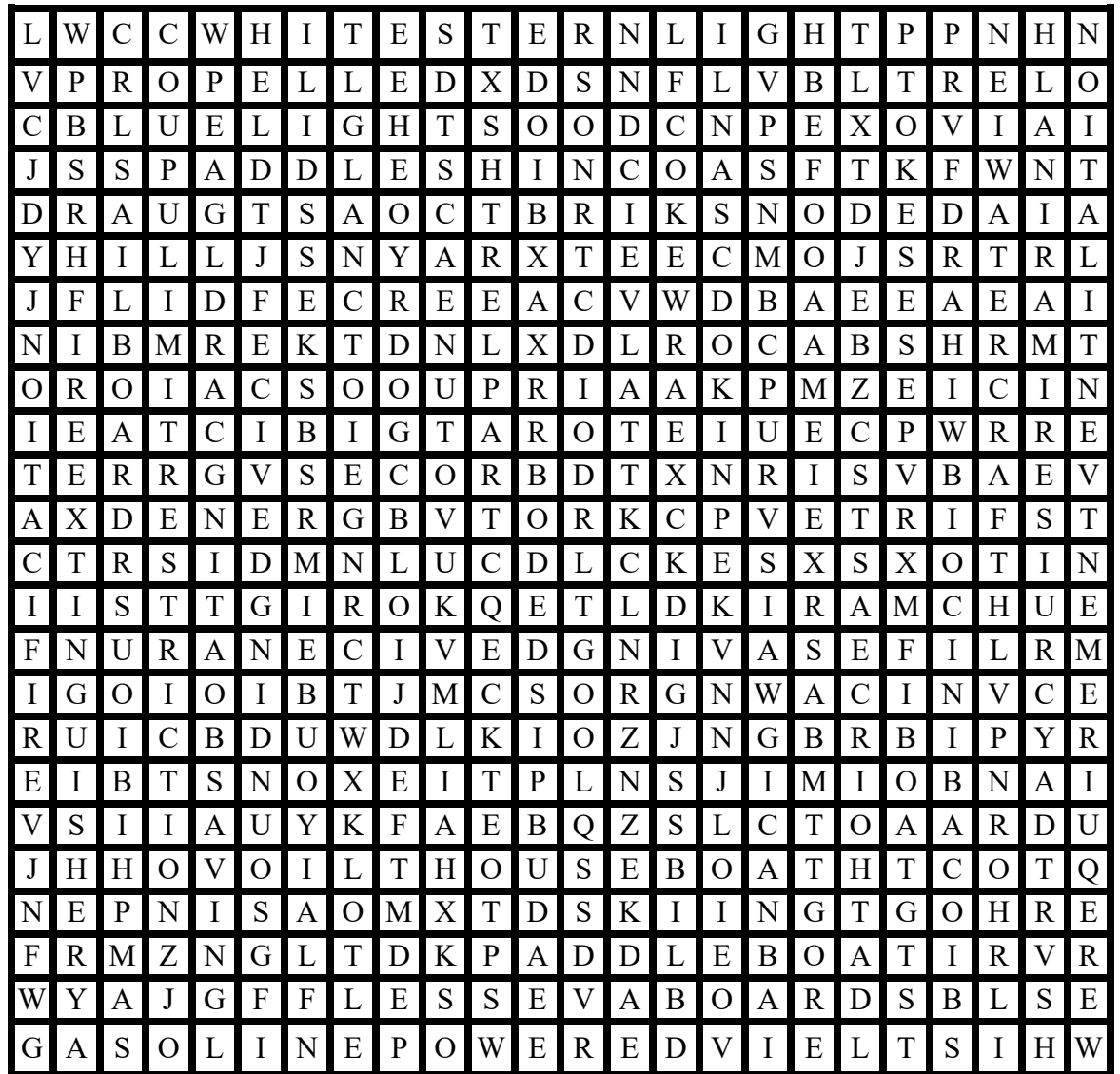
*"The whales do not sing
because they have an
answer, they sing because
they have a song" -
Gregory Colbert*

KEEP THE ORCA'S SAFE—5 TIPS ON HOW TO BE "WHALE WISE"

1. Stay out of their path. Never take your vessel (including motorized/non motorized boats and kayaks) in the oncoming path of whales.
2. Keep your distance. Stay at least 200 Meters away from any whale while observing it.
3. Slow down and reduce noise.
4. Be at their side.
5. Look but don't touch.



SO WE CAN'T GO OUT AND PLAY...



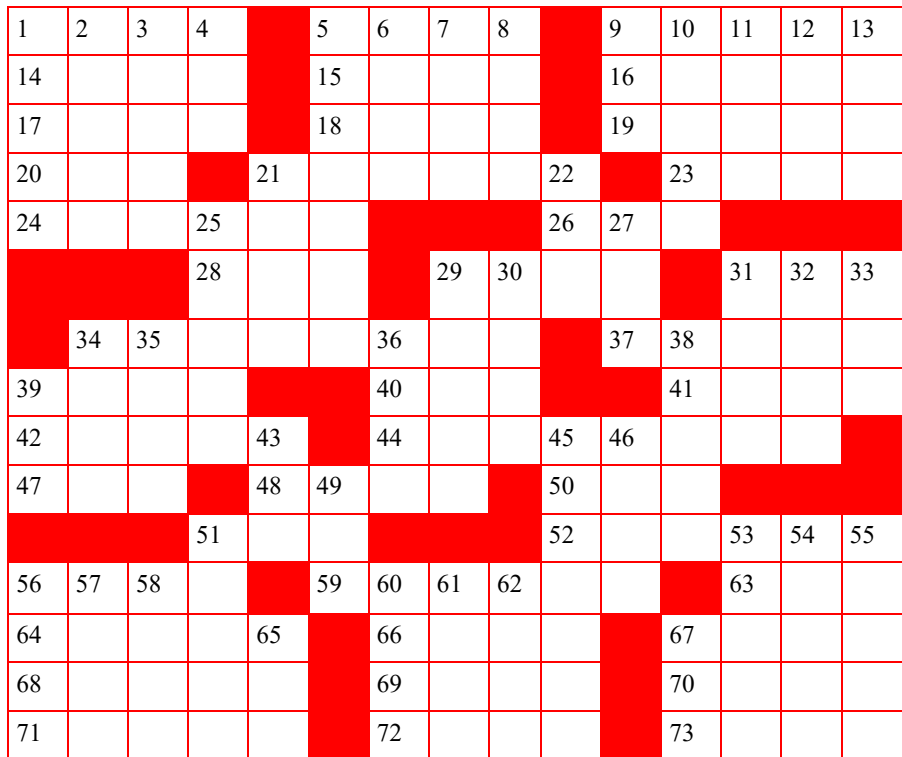
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BOATING CARD

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WHITE STERN LIGHT





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ACROSS

- 1 Hudson and Chesapeake
5 Help a pirate
9 _____ boat on Lake Havasu
14 Aleutian island destination
15 Ali _____ and the Forty Thieves
16 Sailing the Adriatic
17 New Zealander?
18 Dockside BBQ favorite
19 Mushroom supports
20 Electric sea creature
21 Personal watercraft (2 wds)
23 Correct text
24 Home of the St. Petersburg seaport
26 Unfriendly mongrel
28 Six pack components?
29 Kid's questions
31 Ship radio setting
34 French sailing yacht builder
37 Sea creature armed with ink
39 Storage space on a ship
40 Suffer from sea sickness
41 Major star
42 Remove from a ship's log
44 Celestial sea creature (2 wds)
47 Money in the Port of Nagoya
48 Simon _____
50 Building wing
51 Type of partnership, for short
52 Ship's kitchen
56 World's largest landmass
59 Rum Captain

- 63 Bullfight cheer
64 Sri _____
66 Kind of word or beer
67 Bubbly water
68 Ahoy _____!
69 Word of self doubt
70 One who takes advantage
71 Got up
72 Location
73 Capital of Switzerland

DOWN

- 1 Friend of the butcher and the candlestick maker
2 Goodbye, Pierre
3 Sailboats with two masts
4 Word following water or snow
5 BBQ chicken choice (2 wds.)
6 Angler's need
7 Returning tides
8 Chore
9 Rumor _____ it
10 Animal seen near
14 ACROSS
11 Like many boats for sale
12 Eighteen wheeler
13 _____ of Eden
21 Sailing maneuver
22 Titanic water conditions
25 Like _____ through the hourglass
27 Navy ship initials
29 Gritty voiced songwriter Tom
30 Hawaiian dance
31 Belongs to us

- 32 Wahoo or bonito
33 Government org
34 Drill a hole in the hull
35 Enthusiastic vigor or verve
36 _____ does it
38 Pen of the past
39 Attention getter '____ you!'
43 Time in NY Harbor
45 Sailor's race
46 Spanish dessert
49 High naval rank (abbr.)
51 North America's Great sailing waters
53 Poor halyard tension
54 Senior of the group
55 Have a hankering
56 _____ mater
57 River flowing through France and Germany
58 '_____ the Mystic'
60 Like Shamu
61 Lion's yell
62 _____ fishin'
65 Sailor's yes
67 Underwater boat, for short

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