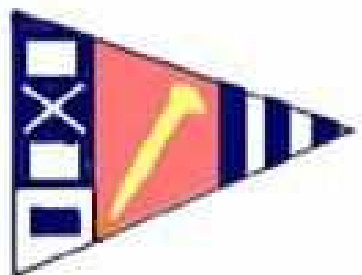




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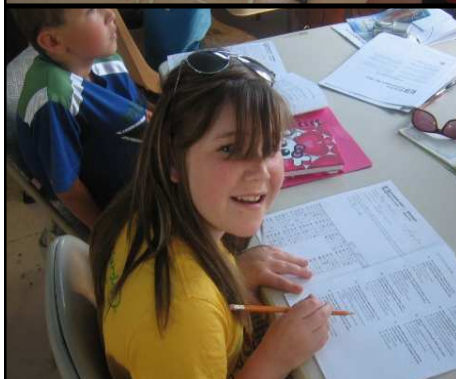
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BOAT PRO FOR YOUTH

On July 11th, PMPSS held a 'Safe Boating Class for Youth at Reed Point Marina.

Thanks to Mike & Laraine Clegg from the training department and our Membership Office Jim Church for their help.



Summer Thoughts

I'm always reminded how fortunate we are to be part of that small percentage of people that own, and use, recreational boats. A friend reminds me of this every once in a while. There are what, 3 million people in BC? 2 million in the lower mainland and Victoria? and maybe there are a few thousand boats around here, but whenever we're out, we have yet to see more than a handful on the water, and a few dozen in any one marina (transient boats, that is). Crowded highways? Traffic jams? Not for us.

Yeah, there are a few inconsiderate boat owners out there, but for the most part, we're helpful, considerate, safety minded and fun to be with. Trouble getting into/out of that slip in the wind? Blink twice, and there are helpers standing by, slip lines in hand, or ready to catch lines as the case may be. Need help? Need advice? Someone in the community is there to help. Notice something of interest on that neighbouring boat? The owner is only too happy to tell you all about it, where to get it, how to build it.

Are there any better pubs anywhere than the marina destinations such as Gramma's, Garden Bay, or the Back Eddy? When I pull into a marina, almost the first thing I do, is scan the masts and antenna whips, first for the Port Moody burgee, then for CPS and other squadron burgees.

My favorite time of day is dawn, sipping a cup of tea while sitting in the cockpit of my boat. My second favorite is dusk, sipping a good single malt scotch, but still sitting in the cockpit of my boat.

Sometimes I've done almost nothing in between. That's a good day! But even better, is when they're in different locations, and I've had a great sailing trip in between.

I hope you're all having as good a summer. I look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming boating and A&E courses.

Cheers,

Chris

"Commander Data"



This year, instead of heading north with wind and waves on the nose, we decided to go where the wind wanted us to go and ended up in the southern Gulf islands- Thetis, Wallace, Saltspring, Galiano, Prevost, Portland, Pender, Tumbo and Saturna. As you can see from the photos, once we got across the strait between the strong wind warnings, and except for the two days that we holed up in the rain at Wallace Island with our books, wine, and kerosene stove gently glowing, the weather was great- "red sky at night, sailors' delight..." Eric likes to have a photo reminder of each island with the squadron and CPS pennants blowing in the wind. As our trip was drawing to a close in Winter Cove, I asked whether he had his shot of Boat Passage with the pennant. He said that he was waiting for the wind to lessen and the waves to settle before climbing the mast, all 20 or so steps, camera in one hand, holding on for dear life with his other arm wrapped tightly around the mast. Or, I said, you could do it the way I do and lower the flag halyard.... Ooohh :(So, you have to appreciate that all the pennant photos, except for Winter Cove, were taken from on high!



Eric & Lillian Lusk

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FALL 2009 BOATING COURSES

Registration—604-516-6072



PLEASE CONTACT LYNN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROCTORING THIS FALL

BASIC BOATING

Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron's premier course for the recreational boater. A variety of topics are covered during weekly evening class sessions augmented by homework. Supplementary activities of interest to boaters are also planned. On successful completion of this course you qualify for your Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operator's Card & become a member of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron.

September 10th 7:00p.m. \$275/\$450 couple / 13 sessions

MARINE MAINTENANCE

The full enjoyment of boating includes both the pleasure of using the boat and the satisfaction of properly maintaining it. To many boaters, working on their boat is part of the fun, to say nothing of the savings in costs. All boats need maintenance to correct for the gradual deterioration from wear and tear let alone exposure to the elements. A boater should be constantly on the alert for signs of vessel degradation, and make repairs while the problem is minor. From spark plugs to bottom paint, the Marine Maintenance course covers all the basics for DIY boaters.

September 17th 7:00p.m. \$120 non members \$110 members

ADVANCED PILOTING

Prerequisite- Seamanship (formerly Piloting)

The Advanced Piloting course expands on the boating and piloting courses. Your chart work skills will be developed to standards recognized in the Maritime Industry. Develop a back up system to your electronic navigation tools and advance your piloting skills

Registration & information – Lynn Meisl at: 604-516-6072

September 17th 7:00 p.m. \$120 non members \$110 members

VHF/DSC RADIO

Learn to operate a VHF Radio effectively so you can stay in contact while you are on your boat. Students successfully completing this course, which now includes information on the new VHF-DSC feature found on new VHF Radios, will receive their Restricted Operator's Certificate Marine, a compulsory requirement to operate a VHF Radio, along with their DSC Certification.

Contact Lynn at: 604-516-6072 or Lawrence at: 604-941-5430

LET THE SKY BE YOUR GUIDE

If you are interested in the Junior Navigation Course
being offered in the spring please contact

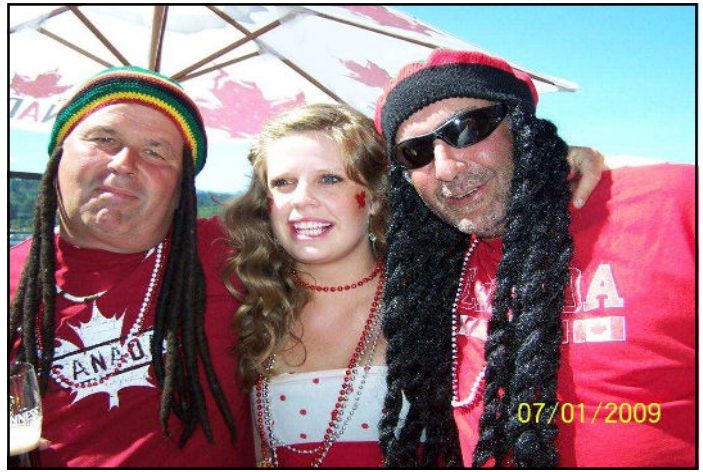
Lawrence at 604-941-5430.



PICTURE TAKEN ON INDIAN ARM

(what is hovering over Lynn's cabin?)





SCHELET CRUISE—JULY 2009



Shh - - Can you hear

BEETHOVAN'S MOONLIGHT SONATA

Pictures by Lillian & Eric

