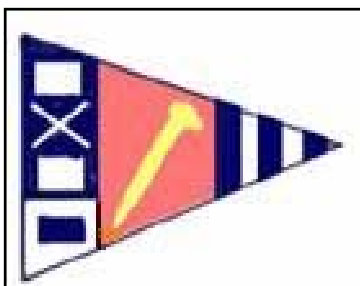




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Over 200 members from Port Moody, Coquitlam, and Burnaby Squadrons, representatives from the Sasamat-Anmore-Belcarra Fire Department and numerous friends and relatives attended the Remembrance Day Service this year to honor our brave soldiers who have passed as well as those who continue to serve to keep our country free.

The crowd stood quietly in the rain, listening to the words and music as three beautiful wreaths were placed in the water by Past Commander Lawrence Schmidt and Present Commander Greg Archibald. Alan Barrie gave a touching tribute to the men and women who so courageously fought for our country and our liberation. Unfortunately, John Northey and his friends were unable to fly overhead this year due to inclement weather conditions.

After the ceremony, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch and social time together. Heartfelt thanks to Yvonne and everyone else that helped out to make the day a total success! We left the park with sadness for those we have lost in the wars, but feeling blessed for the warm friendships we have with our squadron members.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl McGuire

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY—NOVEMBER 11, 2008

PMPSS Second Annual Oktoberfest

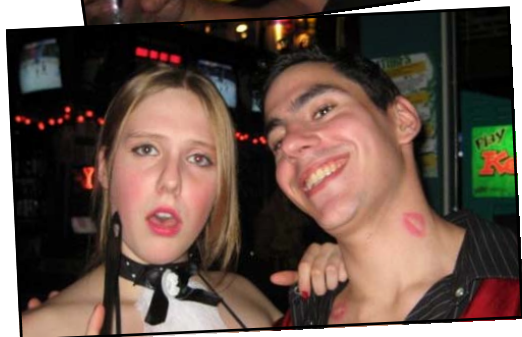
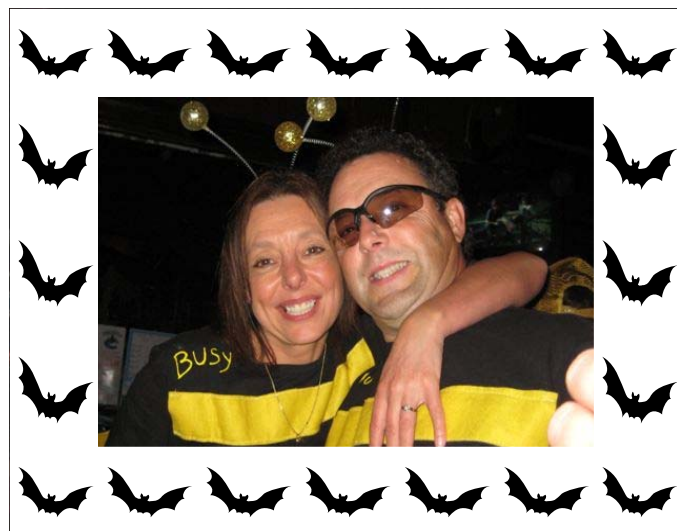
The PMPSS Second Annual Oktoberfest was celebrated at the Old Mill Boathouse on Oct.17th/08. While it might not be as famous as the festivities in Germany for crowds and polka, it was a great event. The barrel of draught beer, the keg of wine, wonderful friends and Chris' music selections made for an evening of fun and laughter for all who attended.

Lillian Lusk



HALLOWEEN AT THE SPIKE!

Another Burrell/Clark Halloween with a little Palmer thrown in this year!



The Fall 2008 Boating Class Student Cruise

Sunday, November 9th

Our 22 students were joined by 7 skippers, 10 Proctors and many other squadron members who came out for the day to support them. A Fire Suppression and Fire Safety presentation was given by Steve Van Gaalen before everyone set sail to test their skills at *hands on navigation*. The weather turned out much better than we expected and the catering was outstanding—our thanks to Yvonne McCoach and her team.

A special thanks to the Skippers who volunteered their boats: Robin Sheldon, Rob Calis, Les Palmer, Sebastien Anderson, Geoff Williams, Tony Gojevic and Barry Wilson.



Traditional Sailing in East Africa

I am back from Kenya and Mozambique and, at Lynn Meisl's kind insistence, I dedicated some of my spare time taking photos and researching a most enchanting kind of sailing embarkation, used to move people and goods along the shores of East Africa: the dhow.



In my frequent work visits to this part of the world, I have marvelled at the outlines of the dhows against the beautiful blue skies and pristine blue ocean waters that grace the shores of East Africa and its beautiful lakes.

When Denis and I lived in Mozambique for 6 months, I used to get up at 5am to see the fishermen sail the rough waters of the Maputo Bay in these apparently fragile vessels. I admired the beauty of the rugged sails pulled taut in the breeze and wondered about the construction of these vessels that sheltered the lives of these fearless fishermen as they sailed the waters of the Mozambique Channel.



The dhow is a traditional Arab sailing vessel commonly used along the shores of the East African Coast. The dhows used today in Mozambique are still beautifully hand crafted just as they were in ancient times, and they are still used by the locals for fishing and transportation purposes. Their hull is traditionally made from pieces of drift wood

stitched together with fibres, cords or thongs, although in modern construction, we find the hulls are nailed together. The lateen sails (triangular sails mounted at an angle) are made of old rice sacks roughly stitched together, or any other material, sometimes even plastic, that poor fishermen can find that will fill with the wind and propel the vessel forward.



There is an unspeakable beauty about these vessels and I never tire of admiring how they cut through the rough waters in a seemingly smooth sailing, guided by the undeniable skill of the fishermen that skipper them.



Rosario Passos

CRISTMAS CAROL SHIPS “SANTA’S GREAT BOOK”



Santa’s Christmas Ships will be adding two more places to sign the GREAT BOOK this year:

BELCARRA PARK: DECEMBER 5TH

DEEP COVE: DECEMBER 12TH

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