

THE QUARTERDECK

PORT MOODY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON



April 2018 Newsletter

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Julie Bruce, Commander

A Message from the Commander

Commander's Report
Annual General Meeting

Dear fellow Bridge Officers, volunteers and members,

I'd like to offer my most sincere thanks to the Bridge and all volunteers for their support over the past year. I really enjoyed working with everyone to fulfill their duties and our annual agenda. I also wish to congratulate Dave Burrell and Past Commander Steve Clark on completing their 20th volunteer year and achieving Life Member status.

At the beginning of my term, my mandate was to try to slowdown the decline in our membership and put some measures into place that might help future Bridges increase membership. Unfortunately the membership declined more than I would have liked but fortunately I can assure everyone our new Membership officer will totally measure up.

Early in the term I received a plea from a very distraught Education department regarding our failing training equipment. Unfortunately our budget did not have any funds allotted to purchase new equipment, but fortunately a donation from very generous members gave us the means to upgrade which should give a measure of reassurance to the general public of our organization's resolve to quality education.

Over the year, our hard working Bridge successfully coordinated 3 community events, 2 seasons of boating courses including student cruises and grads, several membership social events, and a boating season full of cruises. We compiled surveys, updated our website content, policy & procedures manual, and modified our budget to support new advertising and asset initiatives. I am very proud of the efforts and attention to detail given by all volunteers involved.

Last fall I had the fortune to attend the National Conference in Charlottetown, PEI. CPS-ECP is struggling with the challenges of having to quickly adapt to a change in the

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way education is provided to a faster-paced and busier world. Some of the advanced and elective courses are now going online but still want to maintain a human element. This spring our education department offered an online course trial which looks very promising. CPS-ECP is upgrading the IT system to support these initiatives and the usage demands future members and students will put on it. The conference was motivating and informative and reminded us of the importance our work has in saving lives on and around the water.

I hope you will attend and like the new version of the AGM/COW on Tuesday April 17th at Milestone's Restaurant in Coquitlam. This change brings volunteer recognition and Bridge pledging formalities to an annual privilege of membership level, and rightly concludes with a complimentary food & beverage service. However Dave & I also look forward to seeing you all at the Commander's Ball Dinner and Dance spring social on April 21st. Lastly get your RVCC done on May 5th, VHF Radio certificate on May 8th, and you're set for boating season.

I wish incoming Commander Tom Kakanowski and his Bridge all the best, and a smooth 80th anniversary milestone year ahead full of successes and of course, fun! They have my support, please give them yours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie (Ryder) Bruce



Commander Julie Bruce with RVCC Officer, Gary Coleman at the Spring 2018 Student Cruise

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Membership Renewal Time!

For many PMPSS members, it is Membership Renewal Time! If you haven't already, please take time to renew your membership and join us the exciting 2018 season! If you have any questions about renewing, feel free to contact the Membership Officer at membership@portmoodypss.com.

Membership has its' benefits! Check out the companies PMPSS members can receive discounts shown below!

A new discount from Coleman - The Outdoor Company for 30% discount on all online products! To see the full catalogue of Coleman products and to place your online order, please visit:

<https://www.colemancanada.ca/>

A discount code is required for this company and perhaps others. Please log into your CPS account to discover the offers and any necessary code if applicable. Log on here: <https://bit.ly/2GNtcZf> and go to:

1. Member's Web 2. Member Services and 3. Member Benefits and start saving!



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Are you ready to cruise the waters?

Register and be safe for the 2018 Boating Season!

PCOC (aka Boating I): April 24th 7-10pm with Lynn Meisl Get your Pleasure Craft Operator Card! 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. This course has a home study and in-class component. Once registered you will receive a PCOC book in the mail. This book needs to be thoroughly studied before the class date. In class, all subjects will be clarified and expanded on.

VHF: Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 from 7-10pm at Willy's Galley with Lynn Meisl. Cost is \$110 This course is designed with a Home Study component and In Class Training. Once you register a Textbook will be delivered to your home. You must read the book thoroughly and memorize the phonetic alphabet. On the night of the course you will be presented with additional information, hands on radio calls, clarification of protocols and rules and etiquette.

For the above courses listed, you can contact Lynn directly: 604-516-6072 or email: ymeisl@telus.net

You can register for any or all courses at: www.boatingcourses.ca or by contacting Michelle Warrington by email at: training@portmoodypss.com

2018 Cruise Dates

Dates are guidelines so members can arrange their vacation if they wish to attend PMPSS cruises. These dates may change slightly as the Cruise Master firms up the itinerary. As always, PMPSS cruises are fun so mark your calendars! Watch our Facebook page or website for updated information.

Victoria Long Weekend	Iron Bay	May 18th-21st
Canada Day Long Weekend	Gulf Island (TBA)	June 29th-July 8th
BC Day Long Weekend	Skookumchuck Narrows to Sechart	August 3rd-19th
Labour Day Long Weekend	Bowen Island	August 31st-September 3rd
Easter 2019	Bowen Island	April 19th-April 21st 2019



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.



**ON MAY 5TH, BETWEEN 10AM-3PM,
WE'RE CELEBRATING CINCO DE MAYO
IN A BIG WAY WITH A SPRING TUNE UP!**



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.

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!
- ♦ Willy's Galley is offering Tacos and Mock Margaritas (tequila may be added for a fee)
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Geocaching challenge




Please see us in the parking lot near Willy's Galley to register for a Courtesy Check and to check out the Swap Meet!



When: Saturday May 5th, 2018
Where: Parking lot near Willy's Galley
Time: 10am-3pm
Email: swapmeet@portmoodypss.com



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8 Student Cruise	9	10 PCOC aka Boating 1	11	12 Boat Maintenance	13	14
15	16	17  AGM & C.O.W.	18	19	20	21 Commander's Ball 
22	23	24 PCOC 	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Spring Tune Up 
6 Sail Past 	7	8 VHF 	9	10	11	12
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20 Iron Bay Cruise	21 Iron Bay Cruise	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Did you know? CPS is turning 80 years old!

The Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS) community was founded in 1938, and will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2018!

Squadrons will be having celebrations across Canada in July 2018.

At PMPSS, we are working on what we will do - perhaps a cruise, perhaps a potluck, but whatever it is, it will be fun, and we will celebrate 80 great years with CPS! More information to follow....

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations PMPSS Style



Special Feature

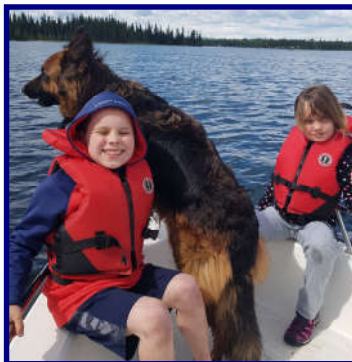


I was intrigued by photos and a brief story posted by a PMPSS member on our Facebook group page and spoke to her asking if I could use the photos and anything she would like add about her family's boating experience for this edition of The Quarterdeck. Please enjoy this family's story shared by Nicole Neuman.



My sister, Traci Majewski (Neuman) and I have been boating all of our lives with my parents Rick and Faye Neuman. We started with a 14' "Sea Souse" as a runabout, then on to a 22' Reinell "Sea Souse Too" for long weekend trips with 2 cats, and 2 large dogs with a bailing bucket to pee in. When we were 10 and 12 years old, we were lucky enough to move up to a 1962 37' Chris Craft tri-cabin, which we explored Desolation Sound with, when we were not stuck in Lund waiting for engine parts to be flown in. We thought we had it rough, since all of our friends were vacationing at Disney Land and Hawaii.

Fast forward 25 years, and add kids! Traci and Chris Majewski became proud parents to Owen and Camryn (now 10 and 7 years old) and my two joined the world, Cole and Raena, now 10 and 8 years old. The boys are 3 weeks apart in age, while the girls are 4 months different. And... (surprise, surprise) we are now boating families too!



I got my first boat, a Campion Haida Sunbridge 25', "Pacific Blue", when the kids were 1 and 3 years old. It was a practical boat with heat, hot water, anchor winch, BBQ, fridge, all the electronics, and dinghy, and most importantly, a ton of storage for diapers. Cole was born with a myriad of issues, with sensory processing disorder (SPD) topping the list, making it nearly impossible to do anything with other people. We spent weekends and weeks out on the "Blue", exploring Desolation Sound, or simply escaping to Bedwell Bay, with our German Shepherd and cat in tow.

As the kids grew, the Pacific Blue got smaller and smaller, and we took a leap up to a 44' Ocean Alexander, "Raven Spirit". That was a sad day for the kids; lots of tears were shed, leaving the Pacific Blue! One of the identifiers of Cole's SPD, is that early mornings, as our rafting neighbours know all too well. Having just finished grade 3, an avid reader, with a keen interest in survival skills and a need for independence, we bought the Boating Basics 1 book, and tackled it over the summer, page by page, relating the information and practicing the theory. The carrot we dangled was the JP with the 2.5Hp that we kept from the Blue. He studied the GPS, the charts, the navigational aids. My partner, Sean Mickelson, tow-boater, worked the theory daily with Cole.



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HAVE A STORY?

Have a story? Some pictures perhaps?
Article ideas? Or a celebration?
Send me an email!

editor@portmoodypss.com

Cheers,
Dianne Kakanowski, Editor

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Cole took pride in his newfound capabilities as we cruised Desolation Sound with my sister and her family on their family boat, a 34' Formula, "Sea Spirit". Disaster struck in Pendrell Sound when Sean shattered his shoulder. Traci's family raced him in to Campbell River on their go-fast boat, with Coast Guard assistance, leaving the kids, animals, and me, 2 dinghies, a kayak and towing tube all deployed, anchored in 250' of water, no cell service, to fend for ourselves. WELL! *I* had a FIRST MATE! Cole assisted me in raising and securing all the toys, pulling the pick, cruising down to Prideaux Haven at dusk, and resetting in a tight anchorage! A proud boater to be.



With all his issues, including multiple ear surgeries, Cole LIVED for boating theory and practice. After our return, my mom took the kids on an outing to Twin Island on their tender, a 14' Boston Whaler with 70Hp. Nona and Papa are still avid boaters aboard their 50' Selene, "Sea Raven". (HAHA. Yes our family are Sea, Raven, Spirit name combinations... We often get mixed up on the VHF. OOPS) Upon entering the busy breakwater at Reed Point, Nona stalled the motor, and could NOT get it restarted. Cole reset the key that had become dislodged, and Nona tried again, with no success. Cole asked her to step aside, and assessed the situation while Nona urgently phoned Papa. He checked the fuel line, the choke, the key, and noticed that the boat was not in neutral. He rectified that, started the engine and resumed his place as a passenger. Needless to say, Nona was FLOORED. Or is it HULLED?



In September, we signed in to Transport Canada to take the test only to discover that there was online quiz material that had to be completed prior to taking the test. That unexpected development almost derailed him (he can't deal with the unexpected), but he muscled through and wrote THE test. By this time, he knew his stuff. The only help I had to give him was in explaining the "trick questions", encouraging him to think about the most common answer. 'Stern light is what colour: white, red, green, or yellow?' Cole argued that a tugboat towing a barge displayed a YELLOW stern light. Huh. 96% and PCOC in hand, and THE PROUDEST new member of **Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron**, at 9yrs of age, with challenges stacked against him. Well earned, and well educated, indeed! The JP with 2.5Hp, 4 stroke became his boat.



A few months later, his cousin, Owen, followed suit! Owen and Cole enjoy driving the Sea Sprit's tender, which has a whopping 9.9Hp! Both boys are so responsible, conscientious, and MOST importantly to them- FREE to go exploring! Next up – ROC-M... Stay tuned as we get Raena ready for HER PCOC! Although, she and Camryn have no interest, as their brothers LOVE chauffeuring the princesses around. Gah.

Signed,

PROUD Mama, Nicole Neuman

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Easter Cruise

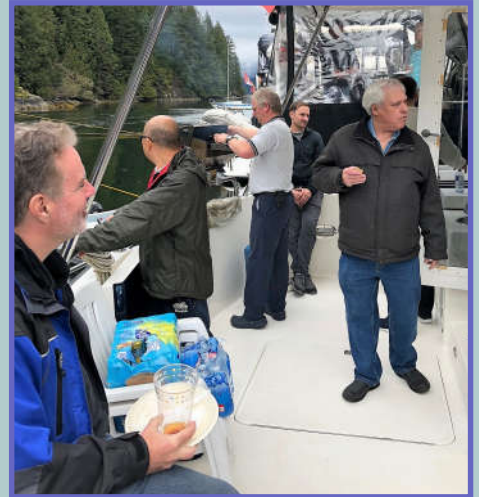


The Long weekend includes dockside appies, dinner at a local restaurant, a Paint & Sip with our own Lorraine Yigit, pot luck dinner followed by live entertainment. PMPSS members sure knows how to have fun!

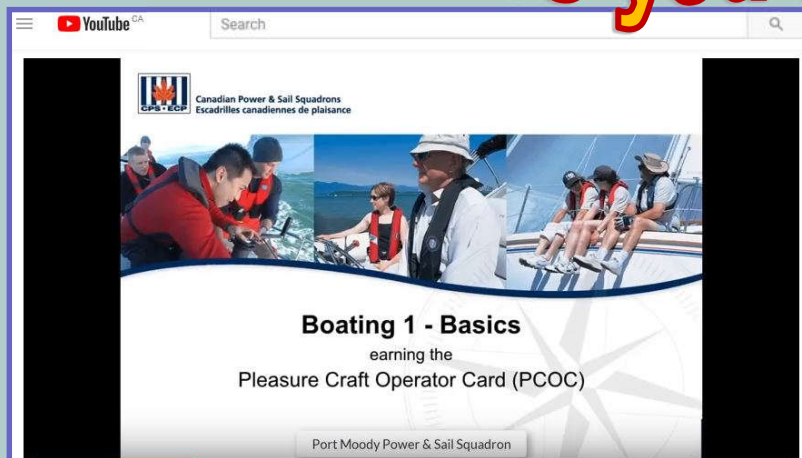




Student Cruise



Hey! Have you seen this?



Our very own PMPSS members, Jenn & Derek Doerksen created and produced a catchy YouTube video promoting the importance of having a PCOC. It can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/vEMJmI1VTkE> If you haven't seen it, it's really worth a peek! Great job you two! Fun & very creative!



Don't forget! Lynn Meisl is running a PCOC course on April 24th between 7-10pm. Contact Lynn directly at 604-516-6072 or email: meisl@telus.net.

There is also a VHF course being offered on May 8th between 7-10pm. Again, Lynn Meisl is the person to contact: 604-516-6072 or email: meisl@telus.net.

For both courses, early registration is a must as course material will be provided beforehand to study

Check out the course schedule for upcoming Fall courses at: <http://www.boatingcourses.ca/>

A Reminder!

We're trying something new and hope our members will support the change. Every year, we hold an Annual General Meeting where things are discussed, an election takes place and a new Bridge is formed for the upcoming year. At a later date we hold the Change of Watch (C.O.W.) where merit marks are given out among other awards, we introduce the new Bridge and new Commander.

We're switching it up this year!

On Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Change of Watch (COW) together! Appetizers and light refreshments will be offered and free to all members.

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Tickets can be purchased through the Socials Committee

socials@portmoodypss.com

The Captain's Table

Beer Can Stuffed Burgers - YUM!

I've seen many variations for this super filling burger and they can be cooked on either the BBQ or in the oven (oven method pictured here). I'm including both cooking methods so you can choose the most appropriate, easiest method for your family. Add a bun and call it done or eat without the bun and add a side salad!



Ingredients:

1 lb ground beef
2 slices bacon
4 oz sliced mushrooms or more (I vote for more!)
1 medium onion, chopped
3 Tbs butter
4 slices provolone cheese (or cheese of your liking - shredded Cheddar pictured)
Salt and pepper to taste

** I added a dash of Worcestershire sauce and favourite seasonings **

** Use your favourite items to stuff the burger! Jalapenos?
Cooked Bacon? Endless possibilities!

Preparation:

Oven method: Pre-heat oven to 350. In bowl, mix your ground beef with your favorite spices. Take a little less than half your mixture and flatten out into a circle. Place a beer can in center of your circle and shape hamburger up sides of can.

Repeat with about the same amount of ground beef. Take slices of bacon and wrap around each patty. You will have a little hamburger left over which I made a little baby burger with. Place in refrigerator until ready to stuff.

Meanwhile, in sauté pan place your mushrooms and onions and butter and sauté until tender. Remove your hamburger patties from refrigerator. Take one piece of cheese and tear to fit in bottom of hamburger patty. Place half the mushroom and onion mixture on top. Repeat with other hamburger. Top with remaining 2 slices of cheese (you can choose to add this farther along in baking process if you'd like, we liked the browned cheese). Place patties on rimmed baking sheet and bake for about 20-30 minutes or until juices run clear.

BBQ: Fire up the grill! Cook the beer can burgers using low, indirect heat. Put the burgers on the grill and close the lid. After an hour, check to make sure they are done. The bacon should be fully cooked and all the cheese melted. (meat thermometer should register 165 degrees).

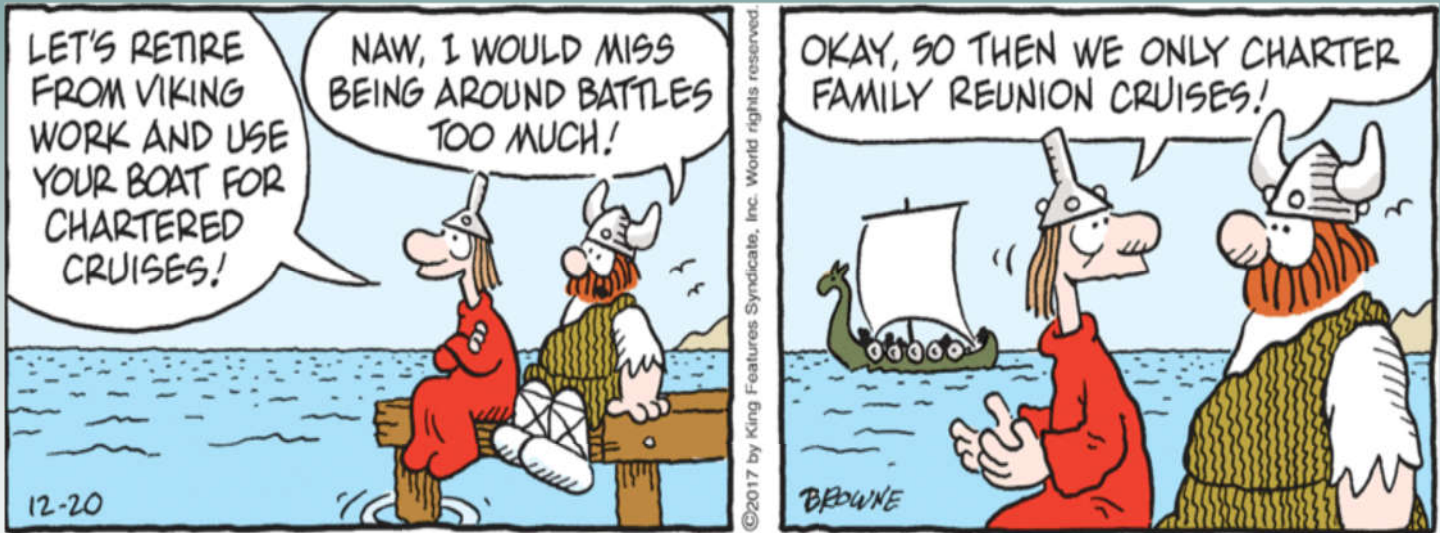
Serves 2.

HAVE YOU PUT OFF GETTING YOUR

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Fun & Games



Find 12 differences between the 2 photos



Do you have items that you're looking to sell? Let me know and I'll add it to the next Quarterdeck in a Classified section. Email me at: editor@portmoodypss.com
 A number of boat related items that you'd like to sell? Don't forget the Swap Meet on May 5th at Reed Point Marina outside of Willy's Galley! \$10 fee for table or tailgate.
 Email swapmeet@portmoodypss.com and let us know if you're participating!