

# Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron



## A Message From Your Commander

Hello fellow members.

I hope everyone is doing well and adjusting to these new normal we are living in.

The Student Cruise was held on Nov. 14 for the first time in 2 years. Thank you so much Nicole Neuman for organizing and hosting the BBQ feast on Raven Spirit in the very dry covered boat house. That day was one of the worst rain-storms in history. Everyone had a great time and appreciated the hospitality. Nicole has been overwhelmed by the warmth and help from our amazing group of squadron members – proctors, instructors, skippers, etc. She said, “what a pleasure you all are to work with”.

Online Boating 2 and 3 Combined has wrapped up with great success. There were a total of 8 students who seem to have gotten a lot out of the course.

The next Boating 2 and 3 Combined course started on Jan.12/2022 in person at Nicole’s office building in Coquitlam that she has

generously donated the space for.

We have been holding the VHF Self Study course exam virtually but the Jan.17/2022 was our first in person VHF course also held at Nicole’s office. Don’t forget there is a 10% discount for members on any course they enroll in.

In the coming months we hope to host more events as restrictions begin to ease and will let you know what they are. Feel free to give us feedback and any ideas you have for an event as well.

We are also looking forward to adding some new volunteers to the Bridge and have some great positions opening up. Please consider joining this wonderful bridge and show your support for the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron.

Sincerely,

Michelle Warrington

Commander, PMPSS



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### What we do and who we are:

- The Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron always promotes safety first but members also like to have fun, and lots of it!
- Do you have your VHF? Do you know how to tell if a storm is coming in? Remember how to row a boat? Check out our Courses!
- Want to adventure and be safe in numbers? This is the Squadron for you!

# A Message From Jerry Powers

## **Canadian Coast Guard Update:**

Coast Guard and Port Metro Vancouver are re-assessing the original plan to install sector lights on the Second Narrows Bridge to assist ships with nighttime transits. Following more discussion with pilots, it is now believed that lighted range markers may be a better option.

## **Trans-Mountain Expansion Project Update:**

The Westridge Marine Terminal is now 59% complete. Recent enhancements to the overall ship safety regime include the provision of tug escorts, both tethered and untethered, between Westridge Terminal and Buoy J (offshore of Neah Bay) and substantial additions to vessel and staff resources for West Coast Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC). These include 44 new vessels, 135 new employees, a time charter with KOTUG Canada for one large offshore support vessel (OSV) and the establishment of a mid-point tug support base at Beecher Bay.

## **Puget Sound Harbour Safety Committee Update:**

The past year of the Covid pandemic has pointed out certain limitations of West Coast ports to deal with congestion caused by high numbers of container ships. Proposed remedies include the establishment of a North America wide system to accommodate ships approaching the West Coast as well as having those ships anchor in Asia before departing or slow steaming to North America.

## **Connected Coast Project Update:**

With reference to my report to Council dated 6 December 2021, I can now advise you that Baylink Networks, the contractor selected to design and build the Connected Coast Project, has indicated that it now plans to alter the route into Alert Bay in order to keep the cables out of the bay. The route as initially planned would have added a substantial limitation to anchoring options in Alert Bay. The contractor has also indicated that applications for approval will be submitted to Transport Canada for proposed cable routes into Port Hardy, Port Neville, Refuge Cove, Granite Bay and Heriot Bay, all of which are subject to similar concerns over anchoring limitations.



# Get Ready For Some Fun—Upcoming Events/Cruises!

## Full Moon April Fool's Party

**When:** Why on April 1, 2022 of course

**Where:** 295 Guildford Way, Port Moody, Party Room of Steve & Melissa's.

**Details:** BYOB and have some fun playing pool, reconnecting with other squadron members that you haven't seen in a while, but mostly to have fun.



## AGM

**When:** April 26 @ 7:00pm

**Where:** On Line, link coming soon



## RVCC and Flare Disposal

**When:** April 30

**Where:** Reed Point Marina 850 Barnet Hwy, Port Moody.

**Details:** Come get your boat inspected by our volunteers. Register at the tent between 10am-3pm.



## Southern Cruise

**When:** July 1-10

**Where:** Cruise plan coming soon!



## Labour Day Weekend Cruise

**When:** Sept. 2-5

**Where:** Snug Cove, Bowen Island

Please call Union Steamship at 604-947-0707 to confirm your reservation and don't forget to tell them you're with the Port Moody Squadron!



## Easter Cruise

**When:** April 15-18

**Where:** Snug Cove, Bowen Island

Please call Union Steamship at 604-947-0707 to confirm your reservation and don't forget to tell them you're with the Port Moody Squadron!



## Change Of Watch (COW)

**When:** April 30 7pm

**Where:** Steve Dewitts Building Party Room—295 Guildford Way, Port Moody.

**Details:** Please come and celebrate the change of watch and welcome our Commander Michelle, see who the recipient is of the Green Jacket and the Bent Brick!



## Iron Bay, Indian Arm Cruise

**When:** May long weekend - May 20-23

**Where:** Iron Bay, Indian Arm

**Details:** Our annual Victoria Day cruise aka "Backyard Bash". Don't forget extra gas for your dinghy for exploring!



## Northern Cruise

**When:** July 29 - Aug 14

**Where:** Cruise plan coming soon!



If you have any suggestions or recommendations, we are always happy to hear from you. Please reach out to our Cruise Master, Chris at [cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com](mailto:cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com)

# Calling All Volunteers!

We are looking for new bridge members :

- Membership Officer
- Assistant Membership Officer
- Executive Officer
- Socials Officer
- Environmental Officer
- Editor

If you are interested please contact Michelle at [commander@portmoodypss.com](mailto:commander@portmoodypss.com)



## We Donated!

PMPSS has committed to a \$2000 contribution to CPS National's request to support major programs and projects vital to the sustainability of our organization. So far, squadrons across Canada have contributed over \$115,00 to these projects such as: Membership

Renewal, Financial Dashboard, RI, RE, RP database, National Office Improvements (central heat). All budget expenditures will be presented and approved by the National Board.



## Get Ready For Summer With Pool Life Jackets!

If anyone is in need of backyard pool life jackets, Ann MacDonald, from Alouette Squadron has 7 US lifejackets which are non approved for vessels. They tried to send them across the border but could not. Please contact [burns@fraservalleyssp.ca](mailto:burns@fraservalleyssp.ca) (Alouette Commander Burns Grund).





# Interested In Canadian Charts?

If anyone is interested in any new but outdated free Canadian Chart please contact Richard Lariviere ([rlariviere@videotron.ca](mailto:rlariviere@videotron.ca)). A store in eastern Canada is closing and has many Western Coastal Charts available for free or they will be going to the dump. The charts available are highlighted in Bold, underlined and larger Font.

## How to Order

Step 1. GoTo : [Charts Website](#)

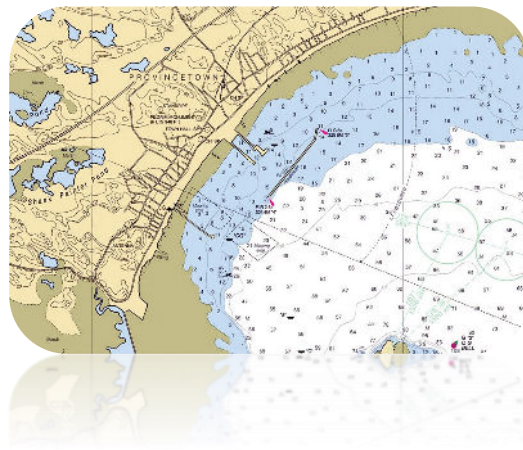
Step 2. Scroll down to:

Chart 1 [Atlantic](#)

Chart 2 [Pacific](#)

Chart 3 [Ontario/ Manitoba/ Great Lakes](#)

Chart 4 [Artic](#)



## RADIO STATION LICENCE

Many boaters may not be aware that a *Radio Station Licence* is required to legally operate a VHF/DSC radio when travelling in the USA

The *Radio Station Licence* is NOT REQUIRED if the vessel is operating in Canadian waters

The Radio Station Licence will only be issued to radio equipment which meets the approval of \*ISED-C-SM

A label with a nine digit number on the back of the radio indicates this approval; equipment purchased in the United States may not have this approval number

When travelling in U.S. waters or waters of a country other than Canada, a *Radio Station Licence* and a *\*Restricted Operator's Certificate (M)* are required to fully comply with International Law

A *Restricted Operators Certificate (M)* is a certificate required by radio operators on all recreational vessels boating in Canadian or USA

**To obtain a Restricted Operators Certificate (M)** please contact Michelle Warrington or Lynn Meisl

**\*\*Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada – Spectrum Management** – is a Federal Government Department which sets out and controls the regulations and procedures established by the International Telecommunications Union

**\*\*\*For questions regarding a radio licence**, visit this webpage: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/frequently-asked-questions>

Additionally, you may contact Transport Canada for assistance or additional questions: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/contact-us-5>

# Connected Coast Project

This project is the result of a joint venture agreement between the Strathcona Regional District and CityWest, a Prince Rupert based internet provider. The project will bring new or improved high-speed internet accessibility to 139 rural and remote coastal communities, including 48 Indigenous communities. This will require over 3,000km of cable. Baylink Networks Inc has been hired to plan and install the cable with an expected completion date in 2023. For more information go to to: [connectedcoast.ca](http://connectedcoast.ca)



This is certainly a worthwhile project but the current plan involves laying cable through recognized and widely used anchorages without any signage to indicate the presence and location of cable on the sea floor. In the past, cables such as this avoided anchorage areas and approval from Transport Canada was required.

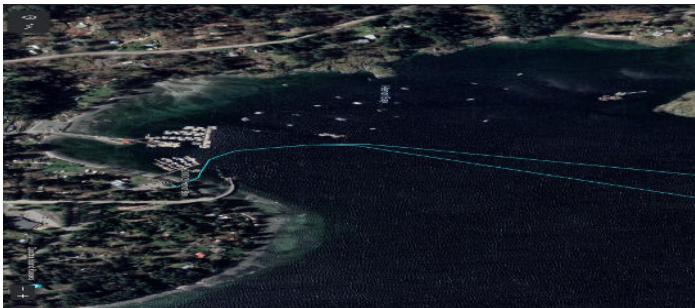
When Bill Wilson and I began looking at the project, we were alarmed by the following statements found in Baylink Networks documents.

- *Transport Canada only has jurisdiction for sections within and connecting to port authorities.*
- *The project is a minor work under the class of Submarine Cables and the project can proceed without notifying Transport Canada.*

We initially felt that these statements were inaccurate. We were wrong. After discussions with Baylink Networks and NPP staff it appears that these statements are accurate.

There is limited information on detailed design but here are few locations where we have cable routing information.

## Heriot Bay



Note that the cables travel through an anchorage area and the circuitous route of the cable. There are no plans to provide signage indicating the presence and location of cable at any landing location. We have requested that the landing location be relocated to a point east of

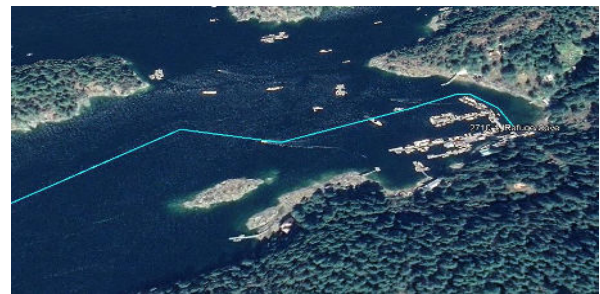
the BC Ferries dock. No response at this time.

## Port Neville



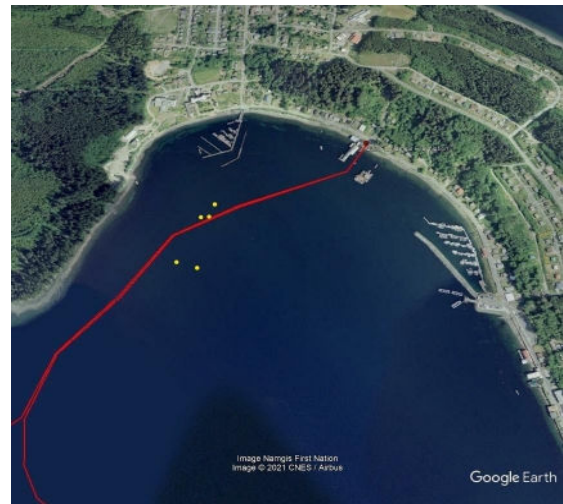
These cables will pass through a recognized anchorage area. We have requested that the landing location be moved 700m closer to Johnstone Strait but this has been denied by Baylink

## Refuge Cove



We have recommended that the landing site be moved outside of the cove but Baylink has denied this request.

## Alert Bay



The yellow marks indicate the location of AIS signals from vessels at anchor. These were all captured during the last 2 weeks of August. The 2 vessels right over the cable route are commercial tugs. We have requested that the landing site be moved to a location outside of the bay along with all cables but this has been denied by Baylink.

# Hurry, Hurry Come Get Your Swag or New Flag!!



## Wish to purchase other items?

We have flags and burgee's which range from \$30-\$40, and a whole catalog of items to chose 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) **Text** the items number, size & colour to **Kirby at 778-870-3470**
- 3) Kirby will place the order and let you know when your new swag is ready for delivery or pickup!



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