

THE QUARTERDECK

PORT MOODY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON



March 2019 Newsletter

A Message from the Commander

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Tom Kakanowski
Commander

Hello fellow squadron members, it's been a very busy first quarter for your Squadron Bridge members! Just some of the highlights include work on the upcoming AGM, Change of Watch (April 24th at Milestones Coquitlam) and Commander's Ball (Beach Theme! April 27th at the Old Mill Boathouse), Spring Tune Up (May 4th Reed Point Marina), Sailpast (May 5th, RPM to Bedwell Bay), Policy Committee updates to our operating procedures, and our Easter and Victoria Day cruises. Our upcoming St. Patrick's Day event will be at the Burrard Public House (March 17), our traditional Easter Cruise to Bowen Island (April 19-22) will include wine tasting among other activities, and the Victoria Day cruise will be our traditional cruise up Indian Arm! For more information you can reach out to either our socials@portmoodypss.com or cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com. I also had the pleasure of attending our Student Grad event, deliver training in our Boating 2 course, and attending the kick off of free public seminars at Willy's Galley, the first being focused on Safe Anchoring. It was very successful, and Chuck Calnan delivered an entertaining and informative presentation. If you missed out, there will be more seminars announced and there are still seats open in our upcoming Electronic Marine Navigation (March 14th), VHF (March 25) and Boating 1/PCOC (April 8th).

RVCC (Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks) are a hot topic for us right now. Last year's Spring Tune Up event was very successful, and we aim to deliver a popular event again this year, but we were SO successful that we ran out of inspectors that could perform inspections during the event. As a result, we are reaching out to our membership to find volunteers to help out. Being an RVCC Inspector is both fun and educational in that inspectors get exposed to a wide variety of vessels, owners and safety practices, learn new tricks and recognize unsafe situations, and have the opportunity to meet and chat with members and other boaters at Reed Point Marina. Being an inspector is not difficult to learn as the Squadron provides both training (from Transport Canada) and mentoring, and this moves volunteers towards earning an annual merit mark. Please, consider giving a few hours of your time to help with this worthy effort by reaching out to RVCC@portmoodypss.com to join our upcoming training on March 30. In fact, I encourage anyone who wants to participate in helping to volunteer with any of our squadron's activities to reach out to us (you can reach out to me at Commander@portmoodypss.com), we're always looking to do more for our members, and many hands make light work!

We'd love to see you all come out and welcome the incoming Commander at our Sailpast event on May 5th. We'll be hosting breakfast for participants at Willy's Galley, welcoming new Squadron members, getting out on the water and performing the SailPast



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ceremony, and then heading up to Bedwell Bay to socialize and have fun. It's a fun and memorable event to come out to, don't miss out!

After recently working with National to ensure our squadron's volunteers are recognized for their efforts, I'd like to share with you some very impressive numbers! It's clear we have committed volunteers who contribute deeply to our squadron's welfare.

21.8% of Squadron Members Volunteered in 2018
3075 Total Hours Volunteered in 2018
58 Merit Marks in 2018

Also, as compared to other squadrons in Canada, Port Moody volunteers contribute more than 10X more hours to the squadron than the national average, and it shows!

Should you be interested in the state of our National IT system, according to one of the director's, we have been told to expect an announcement for the deployment of the new IT system shortly. The key point for members to be aware of is that **members need to know their membership number and will need to register onto the new system** when it is launched. If you need assistance obtaining your membership number, please reach out to Jenn Doerksen at membership@portmoodypss.com and she can help you.

I'd like to ensure you are aware of upcoming changes from the Port of Vancouver. In December 2018 the Port proposed Amendments (<https://is.gd/WDe2k>) that include **speed limits in First Narrows, Coal Harbour, Indian Arm and Port Moody**, and **new reporting requirements** for tier 2 vessels (INCLUDING recreational vessels) that can carry >11 passengers to MCTS in respect to **transiting First or Second Narrows Control Zones (TCZ-1, TCZ-2)**.

This is of course the Squadron's primary membership renewal period, and I encourage you to renew early! I also want to be sure you know about our great new referral program that gets you a free membership if you refer two new people to the Port Moody Squadron who elect to become members. We believe people often join and stay in the Squadron because of the friendships they make and the activities they participate in, and so we are encouraging you to share our social circle with friends. Let's bring more people to the party, and perhaps to help them have fun safely on the water too!

Tom Kakanowski,
Commander

This is a jam packed edition of The Quarterdeck with important dates, course details, social and cruise events. The current Bridge members are working hard to finalize details which will be fine tuned and included in April's edition of the Quarterdeck. Look for it the first week of April!



HAVE A STORY?

Have a story? Some pictures perhaps?
Article ideas? Or a celebration?
Send me an email!
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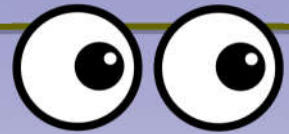
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What's Happening at a Glance



It's a busy time of year for PMPSS members and we don't want you to miss a thing! Calendars with upcoming events have been provided in this edition of The Quarterdeck but here, you will find everything all in one place!

- March 14th: Electronic Marine Navigation begins Location: Willy's Galley (see page 4)
- March 17th: St. Patrick's day celebrated at The Burrard Public House. (See page 8) Please contact Arlene Gojevic at socials@portmoodypss.com to indicate that you want to attend.
- March 25th: VHF Location: Willy's Galley (see page 4)
- March 30th: RVCC Inspector Training through Transport Canada Location: Marine Education Centre at Reed Point (see page 4) (contact rvcc@portmoodypss.com if you would like to attend training)
- April 7th: Student Cruise
- April 8th: PCOC course Location: Willy's Galley (see page 4)
- April 19th-22nd: First cruise of the season! Easter Long weekend to USSC, Bowen Island (see page 8)
- April 24th: AGM/COW Location: Milestone's Restaurant, 2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam (see page 6)
- April 27th: Commander's Ball Location: Old Mill Boathouse, 2715 Esplanade Ave, Port Moody (see page 6)
- May 4th: Spring Tune Up Location: Willy's Galley parking lot area (see page 7 and watch for more details regarding the theme for this year!)
- May 5th: SailPast Location: Willy's Galley for complimentary breakfast before the event (see page 7) More details will follow in April.
- May 11th: Student Grad Location: Willy's Galley at 7pm
- May 17th-20th: Victoria Day Long Weekend Cruise TBD

Here's What We've Been Up To!



In January, we held a student grad. The 2 photos shown on left include students, proctors and instructors.

The bottom photo was taken at The Safe Anchoring seminar also held in January. Chuck Calnan was the instructor for the evening and provided fantastic content.



PMPSS hopes to offer more seminars in the future! The next student cruise is set for April 7th and the next student grad will be held at Willy's Galley on May 11th.

ACT
NOW!

Looking Ahead!

Courses Offered by PMPSS Spring 2019

Boating season is right around the corner and it's not too late to register for any of the following courses or required certification:

Electronic Navigation

March 14th-April 11th, 2019

Willy's Galley

VHF Marine Radio

March 25th, 2019

Willy's Galley

(This course is designed with a Home Study component and In Class training. Upon registration a manual will be mailed to your home. You must read the book thorough and memorize Phonetic Alphabet an in the classroom you will be taught emergency radio procedures and every-day operator techniques.) Please contact Lynn Meisl directly to register! lmeisl@telus.net or 604.516.6072.

Boating I (PCOC)

April 8th, 2019

Willy's Galley

(This course has a Home Study component and upon registration a manual will be mailed to your home. Please study! All components will be clarified in class.) Please contact Lynn Meisl directly to register! lmeisl@telus.net or 604.516.6072.

You can register for any or all courses at: www.boatingcourses.ca
or by contacting Contact Glen at (604) 868 8382 or gwanchor@telus.net



RVCC Inspectors Needed!

PMPSS along with our partners at Reed Point are organizing another fun day which we like to call, "Spring Tune Up". More details will be offered in this edition of The Quarterdeck!



Among other things, we will offer Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC) but we can't do it without you! We need volunteers to inspect boats located at Reed Point on May 4th for the Spring Tune Up Event. Training is being offered by Transport Canada on March 30th, 2019 from 9am-1pm at Reed Point (Marine Education Centre located next to the fuel dock). Please contact Steve DeWitt at RVCC@portmoodypss.com and let him know that you're interested in this training!

What can you expect to gain from the training and inspections? A deeper understanding of the required safety equipment is a personal gain but also an opportunity to see other boat operations/layouts, teach boat safety and interact with other boaters. RVCC Inspectors get to experience a variety of vessels and safety equipment, meet other squadron and marina members, and volunteering gets you merit marks!

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.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Boating 2/3 Intro to Weather	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day at BPH 	18	19 Bridge Mtg 	20	21 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	22	23
24	25 VHF	26	27	28 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	29	30 RVCC Inspector Training
31						

It's that time for many members **Time to RENEW!**

Reminder!

A message from the Membership Officer:

As a reminder, we offer you many ways to prepare yourself and your boat for boating, and we schedule multiple cruises throughout the year, and perhaps best of all, you'll make a lot of lifelong friends along the way. The Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron is one of the most active and most fun squadrons in Canada. You're in good company!

PREPARE YOURSELF

We offer several boating courses in the spring and fall every year. From the basics to advanced navigation, to VHF Radio, to weather and radar, engine and electrical maintenance and much more. As a member, you'll get a discount on most courses and if you bring a family member, they get a discount too. Check out our upcoming courses below. New courses are always being added so check back often. <http://www.boatingcourses.ca/squadrons/port-moody>

PREPARE YOUR BOAT

As a member, we also give you many financial benefits at a variety of suppliers. The next time you're in Inlet Marine or Steveston Marine, ask for your 10% squadron discount! Do you need a new cooler, grill, or camping supplies? We have negotiated a 30% discount with Coleman online purchases. You'll also get 10% off at Rona, whether you're buying something for your boat or your house. And we have several more discounts. See details about discounts: <https://is.gd/uWWAC9>

CRUISES

Being an active and fun squadron, we offer several opportunities to cruise together. You can either join other boats or meet at the dock or anchorage we are headed to. More information on our 2019 cruises will be coming soon from our Cruisemaster.

Remember, the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron is a non-profit organization, with a primary focus on Safe Boating through Education. In addition to all the benefits you receive being a member, you can feel good knowing your membership dues help us to continue helping other boaters. Thanks again for your support!

Save
the
Date

AGM/Change of Watch

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 24th @ 1830 hours (6:30pm)

Location: Milestones Restaurant, 2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam

Please join us for the AGM & C.O.W.!

This event is free for all members and appetizers plus light refreshments will be provided.



Save
the
Date

The Commander's Ball

Date/Time: Saturday, April 27th @ 1800 hours (6pm)

Location: Old Mill Boathouse: 2715 Esplanade Ave, Port Moody

Cost: \$75 per Person





A casual, Beach themed event, with a welcome Mai Tai upon reception and dinner at 7pm followed by music and dancing. Tickets can be purchased through the Socials Committee socials@portmoodypss.com when they become available. We will notify members the minute we have tickets on hand!



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	5	6
7 Student Cruise 	8 PCOC	9	10	11 Boating 2/3 Electronic Nav	12	13
14	15	16 Bridge Mtg 	17	18 Boating 2/3	19	20
21  Easter Long Weekend Cruise USSC, Bowen Island	22	23	24 AGM/COW @ Milestone's	25	26	27 Commander's Ball @ Old Mill Boathouse 
28	29	30				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Spring Tune Up/RVCC 
5 Sail Past 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Student Grad 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 May Long weekend Cruise TBD
19 May Long weekend Cruise TBD	20	21 Bridge Mtg 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Spring Tune Up on Saturday May 4th, 10am-3pm

The Port Moody, Burnaby and Coquitlam Power and Sail Squadrons in co-operation 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 let us know by emailing swapmeet@portmoodypss.com if you want a table or plan to use your tailgate for the Swap Meet!
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Kids Activities
- ◆ More details to come! Don't miss the fun! Like last year, there will be a theme so stay tuned!!

New Members in the Last Year



Michelle Marquis	John Johnson	Isobel Gardner	Ron Ritchie
Andrew Ma	Jillian Stuart	Derek Doerksen	William McNeney
Lorne Lanes	Rob Young	Cliff Fraser	Ann Ball
John O'Kusky	Tracey McRae	Wayne Stephen	Steven Ball
Robbie Taylor	Jacqui Murray	Dylan Stephen	Robert Doughty
Chris Miller	Sean Murray	Samuel Hong	Kirby Knittle
Mike Clay	Colleen Stavert	Tom Horne	Emily Evans

PMPSS SailPast

On Sunday, May 5th we will officially welcome our new Commander at the annual SailPast. A complimentary breakfast will be held at Willy's Galley before the SailPast and we encourage everyone to attend! We'd very much like to see everyone including the new members who have joined PMPSS (listed on the left) and extend a warm welcome to you as well! More details will follow in April's Quarterdeck!

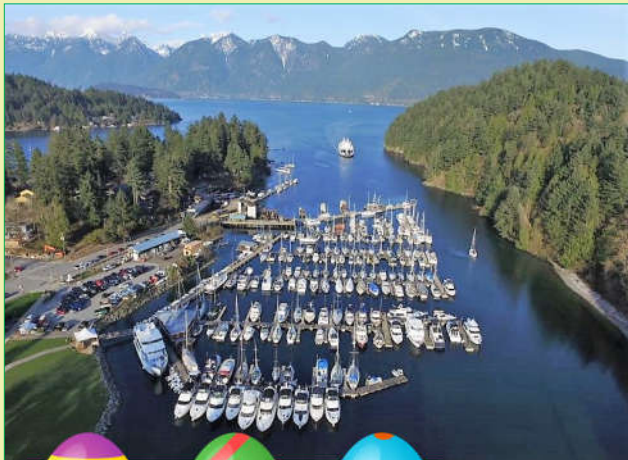
Social Events and Activities



Although not a PMPSS official event, our members gather annually at The Burrard Public House (2414 St. John's St., Port Moody) to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Please let our Socials Officer, Arlene know either on Whatsapp or by email: socials@portmoodypss.com if you plan to attend.

"Not only will we be rocking the green beer and the green clothes, but we will be rocking out to live music with Anthony P. at 6:30pm. We've got the best Irish dancers putting on two shows at 4pm & 8pm. The Eireborn Dancers compete on the world stage and we even have a special guest dancer! We will quench your thirst with \$3.50 green lagers and there will be plenty of Guinness and Jameson going around."

(Advertising shown for this event was found on The BPH Facebook page) **Please Note: PMPSS is arranging tables for Sunday March 17th only.**



Kick off Cruise 2019! Easter Long Weekend

Typically the Easter Long weekend (April 19th-22nd) kicks off our boating season and PMPSS members gather at Union Steamship Co. on Bowen Island. Check with USSC for slip availability as it tends to be a busy weekend! Their telephone number is (604) 947-0707 and their email is marina@ussc.ca.

Plans are underway for this cruise and the socials officer is hosting a wine tasting contest on Saturday. Those who would like to participate, bring a bottle of wine, that is placed in a bag so no one can identify it. Each participant is given a score card and tastes each wine available and scores it. The winner is the person who brought the bottle that most prefer. Prizes available for winner of best white and best red!

A potluck dinner will be held on Sunday!



Please see page 3 for all upcoming events and watch for April's edition of The Quarterdeck! We're working hard at organizing events to keep our Squadron active & fun!



NEED A NEW SQUADRON BURGEE OR CPS FLAG?



Contact the Supplies Officer, Julie Ryder-Bruce at supplies@portmoodypss.com for hats, jackets, t-shirts and more!





Opportunities abound for volunteers in the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron. We serve a large number of people, and are always looking for help, and even when we have enough people, we are looking to the future and considering how to provide capabilities in the future that need training today. Here are just a few of the key roles and skills we are hoping to find among our members;

Instructors and Proctors: We have an excellent team of Instructors and Proctors, but are always looking forward to being able to increase what we can offer people from a training perspective. We're also working on a series of evening or weekend seminars open to the public. Proctoring is an excellent opportunity to get exposed to the educational arm of our Squadron, for many it is very rewarding being able to help students and in fact learn much more about the subject at hand as Proctors than they may have as students. If you'd like to help out with the training side of things, we want to speak to you!

Graphic Artist: We have a significant need for volunteers with graphic arts capabilities who can work with both raster and vector image tools. Our needs include creation and editing of graphics content for our newsletter and web presence, content employed for marketing and events, and content employed by the squadron for its business functions. Being able to work comfortably in Photoshop and Illustrator or reasonable equivalents would be desirable for this role.

Web Related: Seeking volunteers interested in helping manage our technical infrastructure, build web site functions, administer our servers and email, and help design and develop our website. We are in an interesting period of change, being driven by the CPS National changes to their systems on which much of our content resides, and anticipate either new development on that platform or moving forward with our own plans for managing web content. If you have technical skills, talk to us!

Quarterdeck: We're always looking for people to contribute articles and content that benefit Squadron members, and publish this today in both the Quarterdeck newsletter as well as our private and public Facebook presence. Shortly we expect to be expanding this to our new content management system, so that our web site also contributes to distributing this content. We're also looking for people to assist with putting together the Quarterdeck newsletter, learn the tools used to build this publication, and help us improve our newsletter moving forward.

Volunteer Officer: Just as we have a Membership Officer who focuses on recruiting new members, ensuring existing members are satisfied and their needs are being met, and being a voice for members to the Bridge, PMPSS wants to have the same focus for volunteers. This is a role aimed at members who have already served on our bridge at some point so that they have experience with how Squadron operations take place, but this is also a new role, and will develop throughout this bridge year, the most important thing you can bring to the table is your values, focus on volunteer role satisfaction, and a passion for serving our membership. You will be working closely with the Commander and Executive Officer developing this new role.

Socials Assistants: This year we are taking on more social activities, and working to include more social elements into other Squadron events like our Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks and our annual Shoreline Cleanup. Frankly, our Socials people are GREAT, but more hands make light work, so if you enjoy planning social activities, let us know!

RVCC Inspectors: Our 2018 Cinco de Mayo event had the largest turnout we've ever had for our Recreational Vehicle Courtesy Checks, which of course was great! What wasn't so great was that we didn't have enough qualified inspectors to meet demand, and we were not able to get to everyone who wanted an inspection. Learning to be an RVCC inspector is not difficult, is very rewarding in terms of knowing you are helping keep people safe on the water, and provides a unique learning opportunity to see other vessels and how other vessel owners are doing things and solving problems. We provide both online training and mentorship with existing Inspectors, so if you have an interest, let's discuss it further! RVCC Inspector Transport Canada training being offered on March 30th, 2019. Please contact Steve DeWitt: RVCC@portmoodypss.com

If these opportunities interest you or you have other ideas how you might like to volunteer, please reach out to our Commander (commander@portmoodypss.com) or our Executive Officer (execofficer@portmoodypss.com) so that we can discuss this with you and put you in touch with the right people.

VOLUNTEER
