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PORT MOODY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER!

Hello all PMPSS!

We are well into fall. We have had some great events in the past few months; as well as, some exciting events coming up.

The Labour Day weekend on Bowen was awesome!! Thanks Chris and Michelle Warrington for putting on a great event, the Burrell's for organizing the golf tournament, Jenn Doerksen for being the dockmaster and to all who helped and donated to the event. I have helped put on these weekends in the past and they are a lot of work. So much fun! One of the best!

The Weather seminar was a hit which was presented by Chris Gordon. I attended this in Bowen Island on Labour Day and he also put one on in September at Willys which had big turnout, it was awesome to see all the new and old faces. I learned so much about reading weather patterns.

Our Boating 2/3 classes have started, which also has a very nice turnout. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and enjoy all the fun this Squadron has outside of boating, you will not be disappointed.

The Remembrance Day Event, which is always a great experience, is just around the corner. This is a must for both the young and the old, boat or no boat, to remind everyone how lucky we are to be in an amazing place like this and a great opportunity to see what PMPSS gives to the community.

Then shortly after we will participate in the Carol Ships, where all are welcome to come out and show the communities how bright we can light up our boats! There are fireworks on the water and Santa comes out to visit for the little ones as well. Awesome experience.



I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events. So, come out and enjoy the great people and activities that we have in the group. Be safe out on the water and on the roads over the coming months! Remember to check out our events and come out and play!

Life is too short!

Your Commander
Steve DeWitt

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Have a story?

An amazing adventure?
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Please don't be shy, send anything and everything over to me.

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Upcoming Courses!



PMPSS—What 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 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.



Beautiful day to be on the water, thank you Melissa

* What: MARINE RADIO

* When: January 13, 2020

* Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

* Location: Reed Point Willy's Galley **850 Barnet Highway, Port Moody BC V3H 1V6**

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form "automatic" radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.

This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

* What: BOATING 2 AND 3 COMBINED

* When: January 23—April 16, 2020—Every Thursday Evening

* Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

* Location: Port Moody Secondary School **300 Albert St. Port Moody BC V3H 2M5**

Boating 2 – Beyond Boating Basics

More than your Boating License

The PCOC makes sure you have immediate navigation and safety skills but it's just the beginning of what you should know when you get on a boat. In the second of our Boating Series, you are introduced to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots – not to mention what to expect when the boat is moving under power. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include towing, trailering and a check list for layup and launch.

Suggested Prerequisite: Boating 1: Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)

Boating 3 – Introduction to Marine Navigation

The third course in our series explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting out and when under way, handling a boat under sail as well as your environmental responsibilities and electrical hazards. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include tides and currents, canals and locks, and collision regulations.

Suggested Prerequisite: Boating 2 – Beyond Boating Basics

Letter from Your Membership Officer!

Hello PMPSS Members!

For those of you who haven't met me, I'm Jenn Doerksen (pronounced Derk-sen) and I've been a PMPSS member for three years. I'm one of many volunteers with the squadron, and one of my roles is your Membership Officer, so any membership questions like financial membership benefits or renewal questions are best directed at me.

A little about me... My husband and I have a boat called Ruff Life, and yes we have dogs – three actually, and a cat too. We initially joined the Port Moody squadron so we would feel more comfortable going on long cruises with a group and having safety in numbers. Since then, we have spent lots of time with the squadron because we made some amazing friendships over the past few years.

But, it seems the same 75 or so people come to most of our events, and we have nearly 300 members! We'd love to have the other 200+ members come join us too (you know who you are) So the Port Moody Squadron will be starting a new program to encourage our new and existing members to come to more events and meet your fellow members. (yay!)

Hopefully you already know about our land-based events such as our upcoming Halloween party, and our Remembrance Day ceremony, and also our many cruises that we do throughout each year. If you're shy that's ok, lots of us are. Of course, not everyone comes to every event, some events have dozens of members show up, some have half a dozen. We have members who joined us 20+ years ago all the way up to last week. Most of us are in our 40s or 50s. I admit, I used to think squadrons were full of stuffy old guys wearing blue suits... but that's just not the case. (haha)

If you're on Facebook, please join our members-only [FACEBOOK](#) group, and check out our growing [YOUTUBE](#) channel. More videos are coming soon. Also, if you have a smart phone, please download the app "WhatsApp" and let me know and I'll add you to the conversation there.

We'll be sending a short survey in the next couple of months and we ask that you please take just a few minutes of your time and complete it. It will give us a better understanding of who you are and your interests. And then we're going to start a program to sponsor new members (and existing too, if you'd like) and introduce you to your fellow members. If you prefer not to participate in events, that's fine too of course, but we'd like to offer you the full benefits of being a member, and to me that is the friends I've made here. If you would like to make some new friends, give us a try – we are a pretty great group if I say so myself.

We must be doing something right – we are one of the only squadrons in BC who are not losing members, in fact we are growing! You're already a member of one of the best squadrons in Canada... come take advantage of your membership and join the fun!

I'm looking forward to meeting you in the near future!! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me. I'm happy to chat with you.

Sincerely,
Jenn Doerksen
Membership Officer
membership@portmoodypss.com



Upcoming Cruises / Events!



Saturday October 26, 2019

7PM—10PM

REVS Bowling & Entertainment Centre

5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, BC, V5B 2Z8

Come join your squadron friends for a fun evening cosmic bowling! Since this is the Saturday before Halloween, the bowling party will have a Halloween theme.

There will be an award for the best Halloween costume!

There are four lanes reserved under PMPSS, and they have an onsite restaurant including adult beverages!

Cost is \$8 per game, and \$6 for bowling shoes.

Please RSVP to Michelle at socials@portmoodypss.com



Come join us for a heart-felt annual ceremony to honour our veterans and first responders on Remembrance Day.

For those coming by car, please stay on the fixed pier. The floating dock is reserved for veterans and first-responders.

For those coming by boat, you must be tied to the dock no later than 9:15am so you don't disrupt the beginning of the ceremony music. **If you are a skipper coming by boat, please confirm your attendance with Chris Warrington (cruisemaster@portmoodypss.com) for the dock plan.** The dock is small and requires planning to fit everyone in. Please stay aboard your boat during the ceremony.

After the ceremony and the two minutes of silence that occur at 11am sharp, a hot lunch will be provided for only \$5 per person.

Location: On the public dock at Belcarra Park.

Please RSVP to Michelle at socials@portmoodypss.com

Upcoming Cruises / Events!



Dec 6-21

Santa Christmas Ships

Belcarra Regional Park

For the past 28 years, many of the folks at the Port Moody Power & Sail Squadron have been participating in a Christmas ship parade called "Santa's Christmas Ships". Beautifully decorated, lit boats in the flotilla, led by the volunteers from the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue.

Many children line up to sign Santa's Great Book, get candy canes and pose for photos with Santa. Santa will be cruising from the North Pole with his Christmas Ships throughout the south end of the Indian Arm, Deep Cove, Belcarra, loco, & Rocky Point every Friday and Saturday evening before Christmas.

Don't miss out It's a wonderful tradition!

Please RSVP to Michelle at socials@portmoodypss.com



January 16, 2019

Student Grad / Cruise Party

Everyone Welcome!!

Bedwell Bay

Come one come all and celebrate and congratulate this years recent graduates in our Student Cruise and BBQ at Bedwell bay.

The students have worked hard and enjoy the warm welcome from our entire Squadron. Come and chat, eat and help us welcome some new members, it's always a great time.

Please RSVP to Michelle at socials@portmoodypss.com

ENJOYED EVENTS!

Sept 16—VHF Course was a success! Thank you Lynn, Michelle and Chris

Sept 18—Free Seminar—Weather great turn out, lots of learning! Thank you Chris

Sept 26—Boating 2/3 kick off, good luck everyone!

Sept 28—Cruising Party, videos, pics and amazing stories of all our adventures this year! Thank you Michelle and Chris

Oct 12-Circle Raft up and BBQ, tuned out to be a beautiful day!



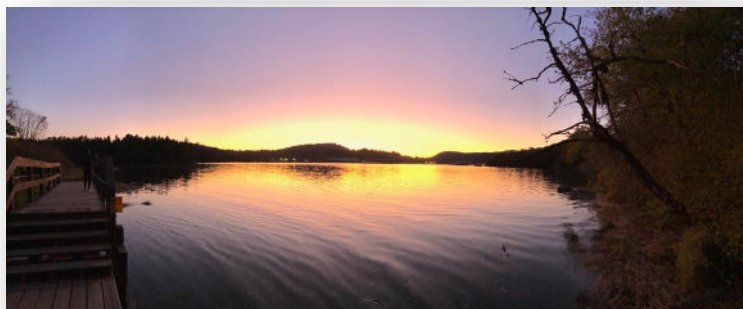
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Thank you Chris for this photo!

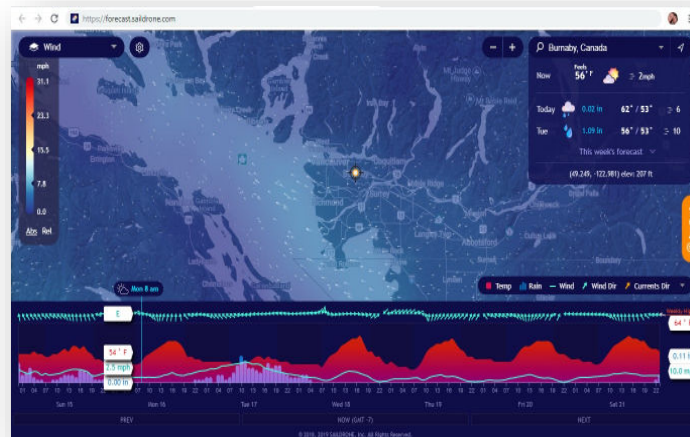
WHAT'S NEW FOR WEATHER APPS?

SAILDRONE APP

We all use weather apps and there are so many to choose from. Try this new app called "Saildrone", which is a side project for a company based in San Francisco that makes autonomous sailing drones to gather scientific data. They are doing some pretty amazing things with the drones (circumnavigation of Antarctica). The app provides weather, wind and tidal data all in one pretty nice interface. You can also see the forecast on your desktop." <https://forecast.saildrone.com>

Notable Weather Apps:

1. Ventusky Weather
2. Boating Weather
3. Fish Weather
4. Buoyweather
5. Predictwind
6. Windalert
7. Windy



A NEW Way To Order Apparel!



Email the Supplies Officer
Kirby Knittle
supplies@portmoodypss.com

He's got the right stuff!

We are proud to present the new way to order your shirts, jackets, pants, shorts anything you like. Kirby has done some great work in teaming the Power Squadron up with MadSheep Promotions for great deals, plenty of selection and great styles.

So, how do you order your gear with the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron burgee on it?

It's as easy as **ONE, TWO** and **THREE**.

ONE: log onto

<https://www.stormtech.ca/> and begin pretend on line shopping. Once you have found that perfect article. Next tell Kirby

TWO: e-mail the details of the article you want, name, colour, size and where you want the PMPSS logo to...
supplies@portmoodypss.com

THREE: Kirby will place the order and send an invoice back to you... in three to five weeks you should have your new gear!

Check it out !

<https://www.stormtech.ca/>
Of course we will have new stock as well which you can get from us personally at events and we are planning on some "special event" tees for those special events the Port Moody Power and sail Squadron host! So stay tuned!

Thank you!