



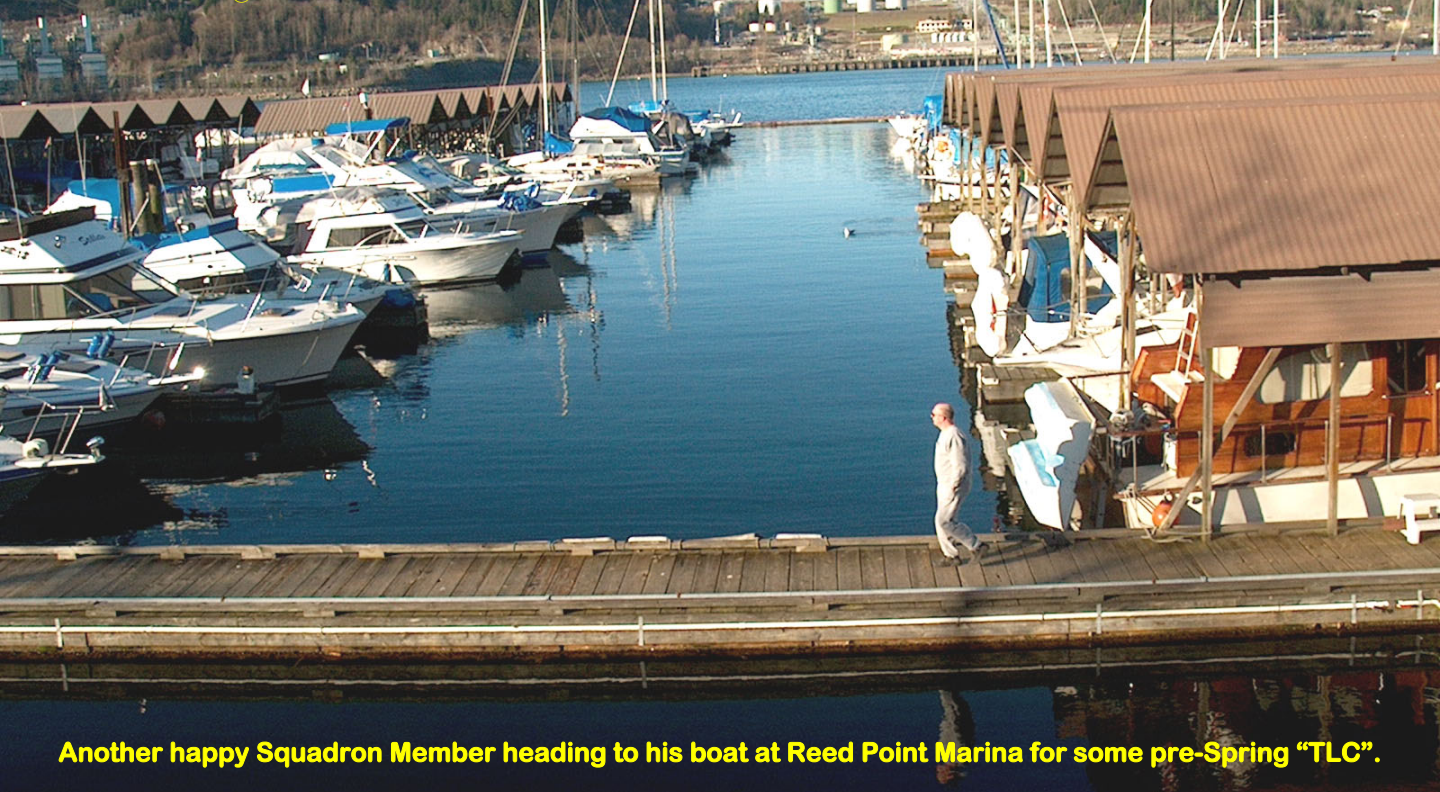
The Quarterdeck



The Official Newsletter of the Port
Moody Power & Sail Squadron

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Another happy Squadron Member heading to his boat at Reed Point Marina for some pre-Spring "TLC".



Commander's Message

Now that the Spring session of this year's Bridge has begun, all of the volunteers are busy getting the events booked for this season. Spring

Training has started off with a bang. They are going to be offering several courses this session, Basic Boating, Piloting, Advanced Piloting & V.H.F. Radio. It seems they will be busy as there are several members registering for these courses. If you're wanting to register for a course, don't wait too long as they are starting to fill and numbers are limited.

Cruise Master Central has also been busy working on this season's **Cruise Schedule**. The highlights can be found on 2003 Calendar of Events - if you wanting more details, contact your Cruise Master Dave Attewell. As to your question Dave regarding an expense account to check out the various coves & marinas - no the Squadron won't pay for the plane charter. Sorry you're on your own!

The Squadron A.G.M. is scheduled for April 25
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Our special friends Mac & Lily of Mac's Galley at Reed Point Marina! Thanks so much for all your help and great food too! Don't forget that Mac's also hosts a Maritime Kitchen Party complete with live band most Saturday nights! See you there soon!



Some of the Fall graduates receiving their Certificates at the Valentine's Grad Night at loco Boat Club - Congratulations to all!

Tickets for the biggest event of the year!

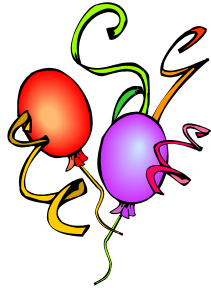
Change of Watch Dinner & Dance

Get your fancy duds on and come up to the beautiful Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club
3251 Plateau Boulevard, Coquitlam, B.C.



Saturday, June 7, 2003, 6:00 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner

**Cost: \$50.00 each Regular Member
\$45.00 each Students**



Join us for the festivities and a fabulous buffet dinner!

Tickets are on sale **NOW** and they are limited, so please **DON'T WAIT!**

Please more information or tickets call: Dave Burrell (604) 836-3544, Alan Barrie (604) 942-5704
or Kerry Renaud (604) 941-5943

DELUXE BUFFET

Carved roast baron of beef
Chicken breast stuffed with black forest ham, mozzarella cheese and a fresh herb stuffing
Salmon roulade, salmon rolled with spinach, black olives, fresh herb stuffing and a creamy leek sauce
Shell pasta with assorted seafood in a dill & lemon cream sauce
Baked potato casserole with rosemary and cheddar cheese
Saffron rice pilaf
Chilled poached prawns with tangy cocktail sauce
Marinated Prince Edward Island mussels
Lemon grass cured Gravlox
Cornucopia of mixed seasonal vegetables with orange essence

Gourmet Barnston Island seasonal mixed greens with tomatoes, carrots and cabbage with assorted dressings
Classic red nugget potato salad with dill and dijon mustard
Tzatsiki bowtie pasta salad with zucchini, tomatoes, red onions, cucumber, bell peppers served with minted yoghurt dressing

Thai salad with chow mein noodles, assorted vegetables and a spicy Thai vinaigrette
Plateau Greek salad with cucumber, tomato, bell peppers, red onion and feta cheese
Fresh vegetable crudité with assorted dips
Assorted chilled deli meats
Assorted buns and paninos with whipped butter

DECADENT DESSERTS

Seasonal sliced fresh fruit platter
Assortment of chocolate dipped fruits
Imported and domestic cheese platter
Assortment of fresh baked cheesecakes and berry pies
Ultimate chocolate mousse
Fresh brewed tea and coffee.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE CON'T FROM COVER: at IOCO BOAT CLUB. This is when the 2003-2004 Bridge is sworn in. If any of our members would like to volunteer for a position on the Bridge, you can do so by getting in touch with this year's Nominating Committee Allan Barrie, John Northey or myself Kerry Renaud contact numbers can be found in the Roster. Please notify the Committee at least 45 days prior to the A.G.M. as a notice must be sent out 30 days prior to the A.G.M. listing the Nominees.

This year, the Change of Watch is booked at the Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club on June 7, 2003 (see above). This is one of the year's main highlights and one that many of our members look forward to, as a good time is always had by all! Unfortunately seating is limited and there are only 110 tickets available so they will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. The tickets are available now so start thinking about purchasing yours - we would hate to see you miss out.

Maria and Joe (socials) worked overtime on our Valentine's Dance (Fall Grad) which was held at the IOCO Boat Club Feb 15, 2003. The food was great as always and what a night! I can't believe what a good time everyone had, what a turn out!

Once again I would like to remind you to check the Calendar of Events as we have a very active squadron, we would hate to see you miss out on something. The calendar is always available on our website at www.portmoodypps.com.

I also think we should give a **BIG THANK-YOU** to the people that do everything in the background without them the squadron would grind to a halt and that wouldn't be a good thing. GREAT JOB!!!!!!

See You,
Kerry Renaud, Commander

Did they count us?



Can you name these birds?
How about the Aid?



Feb 2003 – Annual Bird Count

Iceberg ahead ...



And I hereby Cristen thee



But strong
enough for me!

It's made for a woman, ...



Good till the last drop!

Just another usual day at
the dock in Port Moody (in
FEBRUARY)! Anyone got
sunblock?

Now you see it, ...
now you don't!



He's so magical ...

And a special
hello to our
friends on the
East Coast



Who's that
naked dock
dancing today?

Get a load of
those abs ...



This is a bad
joke, ... right?!





Upcoming Events



Date	Event
Sun, March 2	On the Water Practical
Sat, March 8	Splicing & Nautical Fun Night – Charlie's Mexican Café, St. John's Street
April 18-21	LONG WEEKEND EASTER CRUISE – Raftup at Center Bay, Gambier Island
Fri, Apr 25	AGM followed by coffee & snacks – loco Boat Club 7:30 p.m.
Sat, Apr 26	Dock 17 Official Opening Party - BYOB & appies
May 16-19	LONG WEEKEND MAY CRUISE – Snug Cove, Union Steamship Marina – Fishing derby, pot luck, crab feast etc.
May 23-24	District AGM/Officers' Information Sessions & Commanders' Ball – Villa Hotel, Burnaby
Sat, June 7	Change of Watch (COW) Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club – 6:00 p.m.
Sun, June 8	Commander's Sail Past followed by breakfast at Mac's Galley, Reed Point Marina
June 27-Jul 6	10 DAY CRUISE – Gulf Islands – Destinations to be announced soon*



Attention Boaters!

News from Cruise Master Headquarters

Don't be left tied to the dock! Our cruising season will soon be upon us. Check your calendar of events or have a look at our website, www.portmoodypss.com. The 2002 season had a fantastic number of boats sign up for cruises and we expect more this year. As we grow in numbers it becomes important that we follow certain procedures when booking moorage space as a group, ie: Name of Vessel, length & beam, power or sail, owner(s) name and contact number. I then fax this information to the marina where we are staying. The vessel owner then calls the marina and confirms the booking using credit card #. So once again the staff down at Cruise Master Headquarters have a great year in store for you. For more information give us a call. Dave Attewell (604)468-6778 or e-mail davera@shaw.ca

Again this year we will be identifying our ports of call and anchorages as "classified information" - only to be handed out at a predetermined time by our experienced staff. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

Dave Attewell, Cruise Master

Editor's Note

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Wow, the anticipation of Spring is in the air, you can **almost** feel it. Or perhaps it is wishful thinking on my part ... goodbye Winter, hello boating (and hello good times to come). Winter is usually uneventful, but ours has definitely been anything-but this year! We are overjoyed to be back on the water, with a new and improved Bubble. In January, we held a small dockside ceremony where she was officially named and christened "Big Bubbles No Troubles". The ritual was legitimate, but slightly amusing when it called for Queen Elizabeth to step forward and toss the champagne to the bow. Well, we substituted Captain Dave in her place, and we sacrificed a good bottle of bubbly for the sake of proper procedure and protocol. *"... I hereby name this ship **Big Bubbles No Troubles** ... and may she bring fair winds and good fortune to all who sail on her"*. Amen to that.

I'm starting to see more and more "action" around the dock and marina lately. Anxious boaters just itch'n to start Spring cleaning and mechanical maintenance I bet. And here I'm just itch'n to fire up the BBQ and get out the plates of appies. Ah, the joys of being First Mate & Galley Staff far outweigh the joys of barnacled zincs, bottom painting, fittings, leaky windows, malfunctioning heads, and flushing antifreeze. Usually, I suppose, ... until I'm just sitting down to relax, wine and book in hand and the natives are hungry and restless again! Well ... it's all relative I suppose. I'm just so grateful to be on the water! *"Get the butter ..."* and see you soon,

Grace Burrell, *Editor*



FLOTILLA & PARTY

Hello everyone and welcome to the commentary of the "CAROL SHIP FLOTILLA AND PARTY" for this past December 2002. Once again, the special occasion was held at the home of our awesome host and hostess "Jeff and Cheryl Findler"! I don't know how many of our members were in attendance but their home consisted of wall-to-wall people! As always, the noise level was buzzing with laughter, music, conversation and humour! Being as their dwelling overlooks Burrard Inlet, one cannot overstate the beauty of the view normally, but somewhat extra special that night! Some of the boats from our squadron who participated in the flotilla that evening were Nia, Terra Gone, Destiny and Dreamweaver,

to name a few. We shouted and waved our exhilaration at seeing our members who braved the cold, wet weather on the water in their respective vessels. They exhibited their beautiful, sparkling Christmas lights that danced upon the water and their seasonal music for everyone's enjoyment and delight. They passed us proudly as us onlookers toasted them from the Findler's deck overlooking the water. Everyone was in total contentment, be it in their boats or inside the Findler's home. We experienced downpours of rain BUT it did not dampen our spirits or interfere with anyone's festive mood that evening. All our female members in attendance appeared beautiful, as always and our male members were handsome as usual! One of our members came wearing a Santa hat---adorable!

We found out that Gay Northey LOVED relaxing with her legs up.

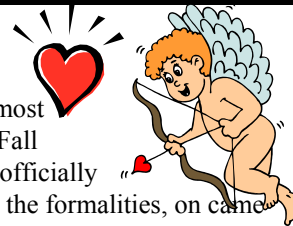


Except for the odd photo "opp", Vinnie made himself scarce this year. I think he was afraid of the repeated hugs and kisses he remembers of last year. The food and beverages were superior, as always! It was a heartwarming night full of kind, caring squadron members who are also dear friends. We wish to thank Jeff and Cheryl for their generosity and for everyone contributing to a successful evening! Submitted by Cheryl McGuire, "Restless Too"

Do you have an article or photo you'd like to submit? Please do! We welcome your input! Don't be shy. Send to the Editor at:
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or fax to 604-461-7996

VALENTINE- GRADUATION PARTY

Love was in the air ... Another successful Valentine Grad party was held at Ioco Boat Club in mid-February 2003. On hand were most of the usual social squadrons along with several members of the Fall Basic Boating class. With pomp and splendor, Commander Kerry officially awarded Certificates of Completion to the happy grads. Following the formalities, on came the food, music and social festivities. Many thanks to Joe and Maria Paulino for putting on a spread like only they can! Thanks also to the crew who helped decorate the hall beforehand. The music played on 'till late, and then the party continued on at Roni and Steve Clark's house afterwards. What can be said but "wasn't that a party?!" See Photos on Back Page →



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Special thanks to our digital "shutterbug" friends (and fellow members), Gay Northey, Cheryl McGuire and Captain Bill Taylor. Your help with the photography is always appreciated!

G. Burrell, Editor





**The wacky adventures
of Carol Ship Night!**

You wish ...

Too many women,
so little time • • •

I didn't say that!





Hi! Just an update on the training situation in the Port Moody Squadron. In a word, WOW. As we had said we wanted to run a lot of courses this year and boy are we!

In last Fall's boating course we had 46 people take the exam and when the dust had settled, all 46 passed with a 89 plus% average. mark. We had about 30 of that number join, and of that, about 12 have come in and either proctored or are going to take the next Piloting course. We ran a VHF class and had 19 people take and pass this course.

We have also ran the Kids Boat Pro course and all 7 youngsters passed. They also made the front page of the local news paper. Of that number one of these young people has offered to teach in the next one and another has offered to proctor. The preparations for this are in the works. We also ran a Fall Piloting course and 6 people passed.

So, to date we have had 78 students take and pass our various courses. Now we have 42 students in the Spring Boating course and all seem to be doing very well at this point. We have approximately 30 people who want to take the VHF course starting on Feb. 5. We have 16 signed up for the Spring Piloting course starting on Feb 26.

We have 10 people signed up for the Advanced Piloting course starting on Feb 18. I have also started to set up an Instructional Tech. Course for young people and hope to get about 10 young people for that. Last, I hope to run one more Kids Boat Pro course later this spring. If all goes well, we have within our grasp, to put over 170 people through our various courses. By the end of this training year we will have ran :

*** 2 Boating Courses * 2 VHF Courses * 2 Piloting Courses * 1 Advanced Piloting Course * 2 Kids Boat Pro Courses * 1 IT Course ...** That gives a total of 10 courses this training year!

At this point I wish to point out that takes a real team effort by a lot of very good people to make this happen. It is fun and a very large privilege to work with all of them and I wish to thank everyone who has pitched in to make all this happen. As it has been said "build it and they will come" and boy have they!

Needless to say I am very proud of what we are accomplishing. Thanks everyone!

Lawrence Schmidt AP

Squadron Training Officer



MAREP REPORT

This has been one unbelievable winter, with many great days and nights for boating. The long range forecasts indicate that the coming months into Spring will continue this situation. As the nights become a little milder and the temptations become stronger to get out into the backwaters for that overnight anchorage, you might keep in mind a few other things which can occur in the High Pressure conditions which give fine cool nights and bright days:

It may be "high pressure" (over 1013 millibars) here, but it could be much **higher** pressure in the interior of the Province, along with very cold and dry air. At night this can mean strong outflows through the mainland inlets. This wind can flow through the venturi of Howe Sound for example, and reach gale force in the vicinity of Pam Rocks, even though the surrounding area is quite calm. The same situation to a lesser degree holds for Indian Arm – and Bedwell Bay is wide open to this flow. Make sure that your anchorage is sheltered from a north/northeast wind.

With the calm days there are opportunities to pop across a benign Strait of Georgia for a couple of days in the Gulf Islands. Be aware, however, that the noted strong overnight outflow winds of cold and dry air from the mainland inlets can whip across the Strait, pick up moisture from the relatively warm water, be lifted by the Island mountains, and dump a load of late season snow on the east coast of the Island when it is least expected. I'll bet that you do not pack a snow broom on your boat!

However, for those clear, crisp and still nights at anchor you must be prepared for the possibility of radiation fog. It may well be there in the morning – the question during this season will be when will it clear? Summer radiation fog usually dissipates quickly as the heat of the morning sun increases. With generally cool temperatures, a low winter sun which may be shielded by adjacent hills, and with a shallow layer of saturated cool air which has drained down these same hills overnight, it is possible that the temperature may not rise above the sea level dew point. You may be stuck in a layer of fog which may not be much higher than your boat. It is very frustrating to look up to blue sky, but not be able to see more than a few metres horizontally! Often, this stuff is very local – check weather reports and listen out on commercial VHF channels to see what local working traffic is doing. Just remember that they may be working on radar!

In our urban-dominated coastal areas, more than two or three windless and clear days this time of the year usually leads to an inversion, saturation of the cool low level air, and overnight fog. After four or more days there is an increasing likelihood that the fog will not clear at all during the day. Accordingly, don't venture out on your overnight jaunt late in the period of high pressure. You may wake up to a fogged-in anchorage which does not clear until the next front comes through!

Winter boating is neat – just be aware that even consistently fine weather requires a little more planning and awareness than just checking the forecast.

P/Cdr John Northey, MAREP Officer



HAPPY GRADS AND HAPPY VALENTINES PARTY!



A Great Party!

