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OKTOBERFEST 2008!

The original OKTOBERFEST celebration was held in Munich in 1810 and is now the largest VOLKSFEST in the world.

Steve & Yvonne McCoach and their socials team brought this legendary celebration to the Port Moody Squadron in 2007 with an evening of dancing, traditional drinks and fabulous food.

Make plans to celebrate this world wide festival with your squadron friends on October 17th.



UPCOMING CRUISES AND RAFT-UPS:

LABOUR DAY CRUISE! Aug 29—Sept 1 Snug Cove
BEDWELL BAY RAFT UP Sept 19— 21 Bedwell Bay

Contact Les Palmer for more information on these and other exciting cruises — "Cruise more with Les"!



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BOATING WITH THE CAUS FAMILY

All special guests must wear a life jacket





Editor on the Move

As some of you may remember, the Quarterdeck used to be a quarterly publication. Well, that is no longer! With our very keen new Editor, Jack Meisl, we will be bringing you news about the Squadron every month... directly from South America! Yes, Jack and Lynn are moving to South America, but their commitment to the Squad-



ron in unwavering! The Quarterdeck is here to stay, now every month! Keep those photos and boating stories coming!

THANK YOU

A special thank you to the PMPSS for the excellent course that Jeremy and I took this spring.

We do not have our own boat but we have the use of a sailboat moored in Sidney. Recently we took courage and went sailing in the Gulf Islands for a few days (Saltspring, Pender, Portland Islands) in my brother's Cat 27.

We feel the course prepared us well, and we had a great time, saw orcas at sunset on Pender. Keep up the good work and please extend our thanks to the other members of the training team.

Best wishes from Caroline Penn



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Training Department BBQ

The training department is prepared for another successful season of courses beginning September 16th at Gleneagle High School.

If you are interested in taking a course this Fall, please check the back page of this newsletter for more information.



SPRING TUNE UP

Francine Moore

Our First Spring Tune-up on the Docks was held this past spring and it was a great success! The weather was rainy, but that didn't put a damper on the good will of volunteers & the enthusiasm of participants. Several people had their boats and fire extinguishers inspected and 3M gave away three boxes of products and showed how to effectively clean your boat.

Participants also learned how to: anchor, cook appetizers on the boat and BBQ, use their lines, navigate, make distress calls, and much more. The kids kept themselves busy with lots of balloons and refreshments.

A Big Thanks to All the Volunteers. We can all look forward to another one next year.

Haley & baby brother Dallas 4 blondes & a lawyer Trouble at sea

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CRUISING

Memories of the cruise to *Garden Bay & Chatterbox Falls* with Possibilities, Bubble, Merlin, Lucky Day, Boatini, Memory Maker, Bull Durham, Caliente and Seahorse.



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FALL 2008 COURSES

Gleneagle High School

For course information and registration please contact:

Glen Anchor at 604 - 461-5677

Lynn Meisl at 604-516-6072

Basic Boating Tuesday, September 16th 13 weeks \$295/person \$450/couple

Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron's premier course for the recreational boater. A variety of topics are covered during weekly evening class sessions augmented by homework. Supplementary activities of interest to boaters are also planned. On successful completion of this course you qualify for your Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operator's Card and become a member of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron.

Seamanship Tuesday, September 23rd 9 weeks \$120/non members \$100/members

A must for serious boaters who want to improve their navigation skills as well as to develop theoretical knowledge in dealing with adverse conditions and emergencies.

Electronic Charting Tuesday, September 23rd 8 weeks \$120/non members \$100/members

Learn different kinds of electronic charting, how they were developed, their advantages and disadvantages, and how to use them in a practical manner. Get the latest information about connecting your GPS to a laptop, desktop, PDA or tablet computer and the use of navigational programs for computers. Includes a CD with over 200 electronic charts.

Extended Cruising Tuesday, September 23rd 8 weeks \$120/non members \$100/members

To make port successfully after a long sea voyage using your own boat and skills is a great accomplishment, especially as off-shore sailors must be able to fill the roles of helmsperson, navigator, plumber, meteorologist, shipwright, radio operator, cook, doctor, sailmaker, mechanic and diplomat. The Extended Cruising course teaches some of the skills required for you to seek distant shores.

Celestial Navigation - The Sextant and Star identification

Two sessions intended to give you enough information to collect data for the required sights for the Celestial Navigation course to run in the **spring of 2009**.

For further information on this course, please contact: Lawrence Schmidt Tel: 604-931-5430

VHF/DSC Radio Course Date: TBD 2 evenings \$85/person

For more information, contact: Lynn Meisl, Tel: 604-516-6072

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