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VALENTINE DANCE

Thanks to our Socials Committee, the great bartenders and Chris Gordon for the rockin' music—the Valentine Dance was a big hit again this year!

OUR DANCING QUEEN



SPRING BOATING COURSE

The spring 2009 Basic Boating class began on Thursday January 22nd with 20 new students.

Advanced courses began on January 29th. Marine Maintenance has 20 students and Seaman-ship has 9 students. The Training Department was on hand to welcome the new students and distribute the supplies.

Our thanks to all the members who come out each week to proctor, lecture and support the students and the training department.

For information on our next Boating course, VHF Radio courses and advance courses please contact Lynn Meisl or Glen Anchor.





On New Year's Eve we were surprised to hear that Sebastien and Francine would be holding a re-naming ceremony for their new boat SeaHorse VI. As is traditional, the champagne flowed - along with a few tears and lots of laughter. We all wish Seb and Fran many hours of happiness and safe waters in their future cruising.

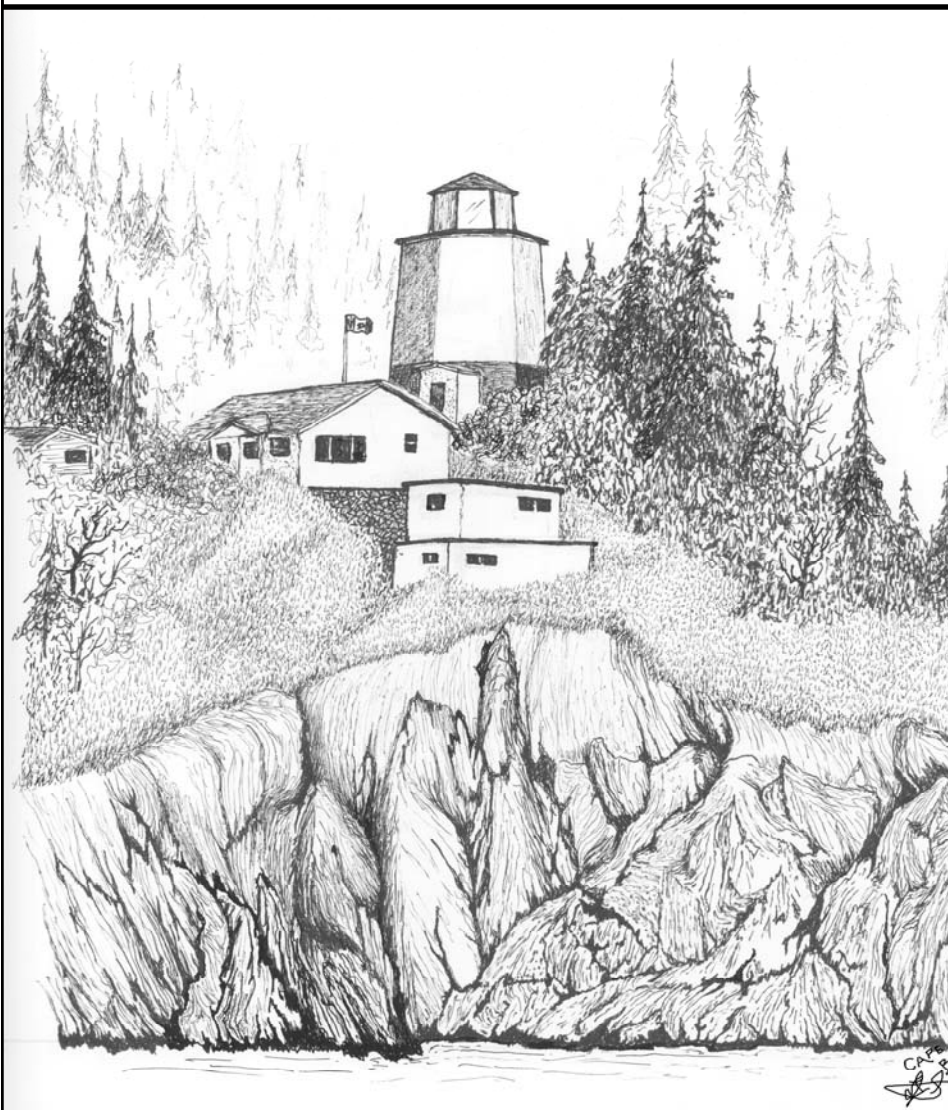


CHANGE OF WATCH - 2009

All members are invited to attend the Change of Watch on June 6th at 18:00 hrs. at the Old Orchard Hall in Port Moody.

The evening will begin with cocktails, followed by a delicious buffet dinner, introduction of new members, presentation of certificates, merit marks, pledging of our new commander, and an evening of dancing and socializing.

Please contact Lorraine for tickets—604-468-4833



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NEW YEAR'S EVE—2008

It was late afternoon on the 30th when we left the dock at Reed Point. Because of the cold and the snow it took us a little longer to get underway what with clearing snow off the boat and going over to the fuel dock to fill up with water, but we were on our way to Bedwell Bay and a little bit of a holiday.

We tied up to the ski dock just before dark and checked out the cozy cabin and fire and then settled in for the night. The morning of the 31st dawned crisp, sunny and clear. Everyone got to work on clearing the docks ready for the arrival of the rest of the boats. Many thanks to Tony for re-securing the dock mooring boards so that the boats would all be tied up securely.

We had a nice mingle on the dock and then the renaming ceremony for Seahorse. Fran & Sebastian made the correct blessing and served champagne to all.. The sun was starting to leave so people headed inside the boats to visit in warmth and comfort. Time to get ready for the evenings festivities. A pot luck dinner and gift exchange were planned in the Clubhouse. Thanks to Yvonne for all her great decorations and to Sonador for their music system. The food as always was fantastic and the Clubhouse proved to be a great facility! Dave Burrell kept his famous chowder warm on the wood stove and there was lots of space for people to mingle and sit comfortably.

The Crazy Fun started when we did the "White Elephant" Gift exchange, a fun filled blind auction kind of affair with everybody giving and receiving a gift that was carefully selected from something the giver already had but had no use for. "Re-gifting" at its best! But not only that, you could "take" somebody's opened gift instead of choosing a wrapped "unknown" gift. There were many amusing gifts including the famous framed "squirrel" tapestry, Tony had to add extra money to that one to be able to trade it! Midnight came soon enough and there was great crashing, banging, hooting and kissing. What a great time. Many people stayed to continue the festivities but mornings come early to those with a four year old so we were off to bed.

January 1st dawned with fresh snow on the ground & docks and slightly overcast. Everyone pitched into clean up from the night before and get the snow off the docks. Some boats headed out on New Years Day, while the rest of us stayed for one more day of use of the cabin. We had a quiet evening up in the cabin visiting and sharing the last of the leftovers from the pot luck the night before.

The next day was a lazy day on the docks and the rest of the boats headed home in the late afternoon. We stayed on the dock for one more night and woke to a blizzard so we weren't going anywhere!! The next morning the weather was better so we headed back to the marina. It was a fabulous New Years, visiting with friends and relaxing away from home. Can't wait for some Spring boating!!!



Nadine, Steve & Sara van Gaalen

NEW YEARS EVE AT THE WATER SKI CLUB

New Year 2008-09 was a totally different one for Port Moody Squadron in that a group of us "hardy" boaters ventured out into the cold waters of Bedwell Bay and tied up to the dock of the Vancouver Water Ski Club, thanks to our Cruisemaster Les Palmer who had secured the dock and the clubhouse for our New Year's festivities.

It has to be said that if there is one thing that Port Moody squadron excels at is supplying a Pot Luck Supper, and these pictures are proof that we our reputation is ongoing! Part of the festivities included a White Elephant/Re-Gifting game which ended in many laughs and everyone going home with a gift of some sort..... all with the exception of one member who "donated" his gift - a framed picture of a squirrel - to the ski club.

