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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Point Atkinson

As the first order of business, I would like to welcome all the new members from the Fall 2004 and the Spring 2005 Boating courses to Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron. It is your support as members that causes our Squadron to grow and remain the most prolific and fun Squadron in the CPS world in the Vancouver area. Next, I would like to thank all our current members for your continued support. You continue to make our Squadron what it is; the most vibrant and active in the Pacific Mainland District!

Our AGM was held at the Loco Boat Club on April 29th this year, with the usual socializing after the formal proceedings were done. The Change of Watch followed shortly thereafter, this being held at the Old Orchard Hall on May 14th. Both functions were a resounding success and fun was had by all. This was the first year in a long time that the Squadron "self catered" the Change of Watch in terms of hiring the hall, decorating and undertaking all the arrangements. This placed a huge additional burden on our Socials Committee but they managed very well and the function was, in my humble opinion, one of the best COW's we have had since I became a member. So, a BIG thank you to Socials for their effort!

The Boating season this year has had a rather slow start, mostly due to the poor weather we have been experiencing on the West Coast this summer. However, this having been said, the cruises to date have been well attended and, despite the weather, everyone I have spoken to who have been on the cruises have had an awesome time so, don't let the weather put you off! Please consult the Cruise Schedule on our Web Page www.portmoodypss.com and contact our Cruise Master for further information. Looking at the weather forecast for the latter half of July, it seems summer has arrived! So, get out on the water and enjoy boating!!).

Our Training Department has been hard at work through the winter and spring and the new course dates for our fall Courses are now up on our Web Page. So, please tell your friends and relatives, get them to sign up for a Boating Course or sign yourselves up for the advanced courses that are being offered in the fall. The Advanced Courses are fun, it keeps the boating "spirits" up during the "dark months" and you will be that much better prepared for the spring and the new boating year.

We are starting a new initiative this year and that is more cooperation between Port Moody Squadron, Burnaby Squadron and Port Coquitlam Squadron. Please keep an eye on our Web Page for more details. We have some exciting combined Squadron events planned.

Safe Boating and see you all on the water!

Kevin Walker
Commander



THE NATIONAL Inquisitor

BIGGER ★ BOLDER ★ BETTER



Well, another grand night in Port Moody, ...and all the A-list celebrities were out on the prowl again. The annual soiree known as the "Cow" was held this year at a new venue being the Old Orchard Hall and what a night it was. I arrived early, had a great chance to mingle with all of the **who's who** of the PMS ... I must say everyone looked fabulous in

their designer evening attire, a much noted change from the usual afternoon dock-wear! We then sat down to a divine 15 course meal (also known as a buffet style dinner). Once we had our fill, the usual pomp and splendor followed, including handing out Completion Certificates, Merit Marks, your 2005 Bridge members, Honored guests, and, of course, the awards. A rousing congratulations to Dave and Julie Sheppard for their wonderful speech and announcements for the Bent Brick and Bent Prop Awards. We all know that a lot of time, effort and **very sneaky research** was involved in compiling all of the nominees and I will say that I did notice many sheepish grins around the room!

The Bent Prop award, went to our ever-loving patriarch of the PMS, Lawrence Schmidt for a very unique incident. "*There's a hole in the bottom of the sea*" Lawrence – not your boat ! I will say that that honorary Green Jacket looks simply "mah-veh-less" on you dahling, you wear it well !" The Bent Brick was awarded to Brian Williams, although it was probably a nerve-wracking incident, it turned out to be quite an amusing story of dinghies and motors somewhere amidst the Gulf islands last summer. I hope you both find wonderful places on your mantles to show-off those Oscars! With MTV recently announcing 5 new categories for their music awards, the Sheppards decided not to be outdone. The two recipients received the new Popeye Award, for their strength and bravery amidst harrowing dangerous circumstances. Good on you Steve Clark and Chris Reniers! Just remember, ... "*I yam what I yam ...*" Oh so hush-hush this year, the infamous Tripper Award was amidst double-secret confidentiality and controversy. Dave Burrell, arriving with 7 pages of notes in hand, ... was subsequently censored by being gagged and bound and left unable to present the award as planned. He managed to pass the reins over to a somewhat bewildered Dave Attewell, who with his usual grace and charm, decided to keep the award all for himself !! Now I know that Dave has longed for this award and honor, ... waiting patiently every year, hoping to land it, ... but his was totally eyebrow raising stuff! All I can say is that next year's presentation should be **very interesting** ...

And did you get a load of those 2 divine bartending girls? What a hoot they were ... a definite bonus to the night ! And who pray tell is our DOOR PRIZE DIVA QUEEN?! That delicious cupcake Cheryl Findler – you are once again the Goddess of gathering door prizes. Cheryl dahling, you are the BEST ! And Lawrence you sly devil ... donating another one of your fab works of art for the good of the Squadron. Well I happened to know that under that crusty façade is a generous gifted arteest. Now you all know too.

Anyways, the evening ended with everyone dancing up a storm to Trevor Hall's fabulous music which included a congo line of the PMS's finest and somewhat wackiest dancers. So happy also to note that Lynn Meisl, our resident candle Goddess, received a lovely bouquet for all her efforts in providing the Squadron with candles. The air truly does smell wonderful up here ! And lastly, cudos to the lovely Jori Hall and her socials crew for putting together this fabulous evening. It was a huge task and everything came out FANTASTIC! The venue, food, drinks, music, and all the extras that go into planning such an event were top notch and we all appreciate it!

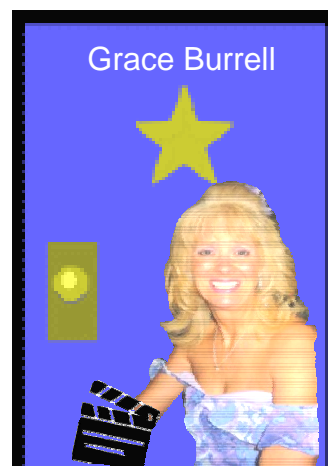
Well people, another Cow under our belts, ... no major disasters, no one came out of the closet or anything (*well almost no one HA HA*), ... and just remember, stay tuned for more trash from "tinsletown" ... and as my good friend Ms. Hilton would say ...

"THAT'S HOT!"

Your roving reporter,

Big Bubbles, No Troubles

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Change of Watch



...Bent Brick?
Awwwww,
common guys !



censored



People, Puleez read
my WANTED ad in
this issue !!



I yam what I yam....congrats
Steve Clark and Chris Reneirs



Hey.....we're all just volunteers !



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Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron was held at the loco Boat Club on April 29, 2005. Your new bridge for 2005-2006 was nominated and elected. The phantom "Stephan" was the final member to form the quorum. After the meeting, there were mouth watering appetizers, refreshing drinks and plenty of socializing. Congratulations to Commander Kevin Walker and his new bridge members. We are in for a great year.

Time for a Change ?

With the new season upon us you should have changed your engine oil by now. But if you haven't here are some tips. Most engine manufactures do not consider the contortionism and consternation required to access the oil filter on their engines. Some manufactures like Volvo and others have their filters remote from the engine on hoses. Ford Leaman in their wisdom use a remote setup and mount the filter unit to the engine upside down so all the black stinky oil runs out during a filter change. Most of the manufactures of inline engines mount the filters on the side of the engine without the use of a remote set up, so when you remove the filter, again the oil ends up everywhere!

Here is the solution; most gas engines on boats are automotive transplants. It's the same block as in your standard car. A 260 Mercruiser is a 350 Chevy; a Crusader is a Ford and so on. If you go to your local automotive parts store like Lordco, T&T and so on; and order a remote filter kit for your engine. Remote mount your filter to a spot where you can change it without having to add a couple more elbows into your arm. And in the case of the Ford Leaman get new hoses and mount the unit upside right in a place you can service it. Now the cool part, you no longer have to rely on the manufactures expensive filters. Most remote setups use a Ford PH8 filter, cheap! So cheap that now you can afford two. You now have the option of installing a double filter setup. This is a remote mount with two filters. When it comes time to connect the filter setup to the engine don't go cheap on the hoses. Use a 3/4" hose and spend the money on a steel braid hose. This will prevent blowout from chafing and will not rupture during an engine fire - spraying hot oil everywhere. Remember the BC ferry fire last summer? An oil line was the cause!

If you can't find the remote set up for your engine at the auto parts store, go to the marine supplier and get the part that goes on the engine only, and get the rest of it at the auto parts store. Still cheap. This system will add additional oil cooling along with the convenience of being able to add oil pressure and temperature gauges easily because most after market filter units come with extra in and out ports.

Keep your oil clean and your bilge too!
A nice solution to a slippery problem.

Steve van Gaalen
MV Saranade



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THE WEATHER WATCH – June 2005

It is not really appreciated that June is usually one of the more dismal, wet, windy and cool months of the year in our neck of the woods. It seems strange that April and May can be so good at times, only to find that June seems like the middle of winter again. This June has been no exception, and for boaters desperately looking for a Spring outing, has been a little frustrating.

The reason for this state of affairs is often due to the establishment of a "Cold Low" over the southern Gulf of Alaska, offshore of the Queen Charlotte Islands. The culprit is cold water, which cools the air mass above it, makes it denser and results in a dip in the upper pressure level contours. The 500 mb level (approx. 18,000') which is the middle of the atmosphere dips down and in effect creates a Low or a deep depression – the influence of which can be seen up into the 250 mb level as well. The jet stream is affected and essentially pumps cool, moist, and often unstable Maritime Arctic air into our part of the world. Cold Low's are long-lasting – they can stay rooted in place for weeks, dependent as they are on water temperature. For boaters -- and apart from the rain and cool temperatures – the most important watchword is to be very careful about forecasts. The nature of the Low is that it irregularly pumps pulses of moist and unstable air which may or may not be a formal "front" on the weather map, or may just be a slight pressure trough which serves to create a local line of convergence instability (remember the thunderstorms this month!). These pulses are very difficult to forecast and their characteristics can change during transit. Good idea is to check the 500 mb chart as well as the surface chart before you make a decision to head across the Strait in marginal weather. If in doubt, call a forecaster on the hot line!

See you on the water after the first week of July, when Cold Low's are usually gone for a while and are replaced by High's moving in from the southwest which deflect the jet stream further to the north.

P/Cdr John Northey AP

WANTED

Information

leading to the awarding of the
BENT PROP

If you have any info of anyone screwing up, fiddling around, flipping out, or any activity which may qualify him, her or them for the wearing of the **Green Jacket**

you are requested to contact the current wearer (namely me.)

There is no statute of limitations on anything! The truth is semi optional. The giving of information may keep you out of harms way, insuring someone else gets it.

To date, I have 4 candidates, some for repeat offenses.

It may pay you to fink on someone else!

Contact: threecheers@shaw .ca

2005 UPCOMING EVENTS



July 29 – August 14

Desolation Sounds Cruise
Gibsons, Garden Bay, and
points beyond are your
choice

August 26-28

Bedwell Bay Raft-Up

September 2-4

Labour Day Cruise
Union Steamship Marina, Bowen
Island, Appy night, Giant Crab
Competition and Kids Fishing
Derby

September 16-18

Bedwell Bay Raft-Up

October 29

Halloween Dance
loco Boat Club

November (tba)

Fall Basic Boating class On the
Water Practical – Burrard Inlet

November 11

Remembrance Day Service
Belcarra Park

December (tba)

Carolship Party – venue tba

Just a reminder cruise destinations will be booked by the cruisemaster and an email list of all the active boaters will be sent to the ports of call. It is up to the individual owner to make sure they are on the active boaters list and to book their vessel according to their preferred dates. Contact Robin Sheldon, Cruisemaster Supremo II, (604) 421-8061 or email robinsheldon@shaw.ca

COMMANDER'S SAIL PAST May 2005



The day finally arrived for Kevin Walker to be recognized and saluted as our new Commander of the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron. He, as well as the new Commander of the Coquitlam Squadron, Neil Nyberg and the Burnaby Squadron, Dave Holbrook were standing on the bow of the vessel named Tomhara, owed by Bruce and Peggy Littlejohn. The Littlejohn's motor yacht was anchored in Burrard Inlet eagerly awaiting the upcoming event. All three Commanders were dressed in their navy suits and looked quite dashing, I might add. Unfortunately, the weather was overcast but without precipitation, thank goodness. Regardless, it did not dampen anyone's spirits!

We mustered our vessels at 09:30 hours outside Reed Point Marina, small boats leading the line-up with the larger vessels towards the end. Once organized according to size, we proceeded to pass the vessel Tomhara, facing toward the new Commanders and each saluted as we passed. The smiles on their faces lit the area and suddenly there was sunshine produced by them and they alone! What a grand sight to behold and how proud they looked and also we of them. There were approximately 29 boats present and amongst them were Nia, Possibilities, Alibi, Ceol Mara, Merlin, Caliente, Norfolk Poppy, Seline, Soliloquy and Restless Too, to name a few. It definitely was quite the turnout and a lovely procession.

Upon completion of the flotilla, some vessels returned to their slips at the marina and then motored to Rocky Point for the Commander's luncheon. In the past, we docked at Rocky Point but due to the low tide that day, it was unsafe to do so. The meal, as usual, was a total success. The Coquitlam squadron was kind enough to organize this event also allowing the use of their barbeque. The Port Moody and Burnaby squadrons helped out as well. Commander Kevin Walker and Peggy Littlejohn cooked up a storm of hot dogs on the barbie and served chili. We wish to say thanks to Peggy Littlejohn for helping with the preparation and distribution of the food. We'd also like to thank the Port Moody social volunteers, Roni and Steve Clark and Deanna Obray, for setting up and cleaning afterwards. All of you deserve a huge round of applause for a job well done!

After the completion of the meal, there was a discussion with the three squadrons participating. The topic was the future operations among squadrons. This matter will definitely be further pursued. Lawrence Schmidt was in attendance for the event and we know he enjoys consuming lobster but wasn't aware that he also liked to be the colour of one! We hope your red "glare" has lightened slightly Lawrence.

In the afternoon, the sun shone brightly bringing a great ending to an eventful day with good friends, fun, delightful food and much socializing!



Respectfully,
Cheryl McGuire
Restless Too



Hi all ! Just a little information on Port Moody's Advanced and Elective courses. The Advanced and Elective courses will start in September and October 2005.

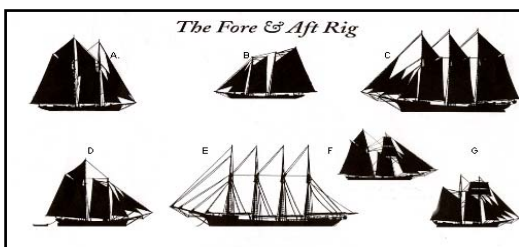
The Advanced courses are Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Celestial Navigation. These courses are for CPS members only and must be taken in sequence as each builds upon the previous one.

The Elective courses are Fundamentals of Weather, Global Weather, Marine Electronics, Navigating with GPS, Depth Sounders, Marine Maintenance, Seamanship Sail, Seaman Ship Power, Instructional Techniques, and Offshore Sailing. Check out our web page for further course information www.portmoodypss.com. The Elective courses can be taken by anyone, member or not. They can be taken in any order as they are not connected, they stand alone. They run from several weeks to a one-time seminar in length. The costs are minimal. Five years ago we decided to present more of these courses and the results have been gratifying. We run three in the spring and three more in the fall. We normally need at least six people to run a course, however, if we do not have six people you now have a choice. You can register on a database and then wait until we get six people or you can simply get the course material, study on your own and meet with a proctor once a week to go over homework and get questions answered. All the people from different courses would go to the same place on the same night to go over stuff. This last method is new and this year is the first time that this has been offered. At this point it looks as if we have enough people to run Piloting, Seamanship Sail, and Navigating with GPS!

In the Spring, we will be offering Power Boating and Depth Sounders. Neither of these courses has yet been offered. **The Power Boating course** consists of power trains, engine controls and instruments, handling under power, engines, fuels and fuel systems, electrical systems, cooling and lubrication, cruising under power, maintenance and fire safety, marine engines -- trouble diagnosis, cruise, wind, weather and whitecaps, Beaufort wind scale, the weather glass and antennae locations of B.C. and Ontario Radio Stations. **The Depth Sounder course** consists of Depth Sounders, Interpreting the Display, Controls, Adjustments, Features, Technical Features, Advanced Types of Depth Sounders, Installing a Depth Sounder, Navigating with the Depth Sounder and Troubleshooting.

If you are interested in taking any one of our courses, please let me know at either threecheers@shaw.ca or (604) 941-5430 or go on our web page and register. I will then enter your name in the database for that course. The earlier you register the better ! If you want to have more fun and get more knowledge, take another course.

Lawrence Schmidt
AP P/Cmdr



Sail Boat Rig Quiz

For all you would-be Sailors, What do all of these Rigs have in common? Can you name each one?

Answer: They're all Schooners
A) Grand Bank Fishing B) Two Masted Fishing
C) Tern D) Coastal E) Four Masted F) Baltimore
G) Clipper G) Square Topsail

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – by Lt. Gord Clark

Here we are well into another boating season and probably have already made a few pre-summer and/or summer trips. It seems even more so than in the past environmental issues keep popping up and are becoming more of a concern to us all. It also seems everywhere you look and in almost everything you read there is some mention of the environment. So its up to each of us to do our part in preserving it. In the June issue of Pacific Yachting magazine there was a great article on alternate fuels like hydrogen power or biodiesel which may become a way of the future. There is also a list of available pump-out stations, like our very own Reed Point Marina. We may as well embrace these and get use to using them as they will become a way of the future as well. With more and more no-discharge zones popping up the pump-out stations are the logical choice because even with a macerator it won't help you if you can't discharge it. We all enjoy the private little bays to anchor in on a peaceful summer evening. I can't imagine what that would be like without clean clear water and having pollution surrounding you or floating by you. People I talk to generally seem to be more aware of their own practices and more observant of others who are not pulling their own weight. So lets not pump bilge water overboard!! Try to limit engine oil leaks, take care when refueling not to spill, and by all means dispose of sewage and garbage in a proper manner. Have a great summer and here's a little tip when fueling up → While filling your tank use your hand to check for air escaping from the vent. When the tank is nearly full, you will feel a distinct increase in air flow. That is the signal to filling !
..... see you on the water!



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