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Coming Events

- Fall Boating Class Graduation
- Boat Show
- PMD AGM

Fall Boating Class Graduation

The 2008 fall Boating class will be celebrating the completion of their course with a graduation ceremony - and everybody is welcome to attend.

Date: January 24, 2009
 Time: 1900
 Venue: Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club
 Speaker: Brad Mah of Ocean Yacht Equipment

Brad's company, Ocean Yacht Equipment specializes in marine electrical equipment sales and service. Don Mercer, the PMD MAREP officer will be on hand to assist with the graduation.

Vancouver International Boat Show

Sure, you can look at a groundhog shadow to see if spring is six weeks away, or you could attend the Vancouver International Boat Show and experience the closeness of spring firsthand.

Well, okay, mid-March may be a little early to be on the water. But hardier souls know that there's a lot more room in the anchorages. Regardless of your boating inclinations, a trip to the boat show is a great way to anticipate the upcoming season.

Date: Feb 4-8 2009
 Venue: BC Place Stadium / False Creek Yacht Club
 Cost: Adult: \$13 Senior: \$11 Youth (under 17): free



Christmas Dance

The Fraser Squadron Christmas Dinner and Dance was a great success with a good time had by all who attended.

I would like to thank Jan Muller for a great job of arranging the evening. The thank you list goes on to on to include: June Eldred who managed ticket sales and looked after the door. Rose Easthom who was responsible for collecting most of the door prizes and Roses daughter who made the wine bottle life jackets. Jan and Les were instrumental in arranging donations that were used in the silent auction.

The silent auction raised \$182 which was donated to the Delta Assist. Thank you Nikka and West Marine for your assistance making this Christmas a little better for somebody.

Highlights of the evening included a 50/50 draw which saw Bill Hawryluk come away \$125 richer.

Fraser has two trophies traditionally awarded at the Christmas party. This year the recipients kept it "all in the family".

The fishing trophy was awarded to Rose Easthom who may have been the only person in Fraser Squadon to catch a fish this year. At least she's the only one we heard about.

Rick Easthom was the recipient of the Pleasure Bent award and party attendees were recipients of the lesson on why you do not keep old, used water pump impellers on hand as repair items. Hint: it avoids the embarrassment of having to answer the question. "What do you mean the replacement failed too?"





PMD AGM

Pacific Mainland District - Annual General Meeting

Each year PMD (that's us) holds an AGM which is hosted by a different squadron. Fraser Squadron hosted the AGM in 2004. This year the event, "Catch a Wave", is hosted by Port Moody Squadron.

During the AGM a new district bridge is elected and sworn in and outstanding business items are taken care of. Additionally there are seminars covering the roles and responsibilities of various squadron positions. For the competitive folk, there are competitions in areas such as training aids, photography and newsletters (NOTE: details of seminars and contests were not available at the time of printing). Finally, and certainly not least, there are the social events. Friday is typically a great party and dance followed by the incoming commander's dinner and ball on Saturday evening.

ALL CPS members are welcome!

What's that? You won't know anybody at the AGM?
That's okay. You won't be the only person who doesn't know anyone.

Find out more about the PMD AGM:

CATCH A WAVE

Date: May 22-23, 2009
Host: Port Moody Squadron
Web Site: <http://www.portmoodypss.com/dagm/>

C-Tow Discount

Another benefit for CPS members.

For 2009 C-Tow has extended a discount offer to CPS members.

From the letter received from Andy Cardiff, the owner of C-Tow.

" . . . Squadron members, who are in good standing in their Squadron at a cut rate of; \$25 off the admiral or Captains Packages and \$10 off the Mates Package."

There are currently three C-Tow packages to choose from:

- Admiral Package - \$200/yr
unlimited towing up to 50 nm
- Captain Package - \$150/yr
2 tows/ membership up to 25 nm
- Mate Package - \$50/yr
a user pay format at \$125/hr

Get more details from the C-Tow web site (<http://www.c-tow.ca>) or visit their booth at the Vancouver Boat Show.



Snug Cove

This next article will be of interest to those of you who frequent the Howe Sound area.

The long overdue shower house and toilets were recently floated into place at the Union SteamShip Co. Marina in Snug Cove on Bowen Island.

The floating structure built by IMF on their dry dock in Delta is now secured at the base of the marina's gangway. It's unique triangular shape fits well and retains the classic arts and crafts architecture of the marina's other buildings. It will be operational for next summer's season to provide quality toilet and shower facilities for the marina's boaters, encouraging their usage in lieu of on board facilities.

The second floor houses three separate shower rooms and a ladies and men's room. A TV and computer lounge with an additional washer/dryer. An employee's security suite will also be on the second floor. The marina's reception office and utility room will be on the first floor.

A pump-out system was also planned to help ensure a clean harbour. However, the Bowen Island Municipality deferred this installation until sometime in the future, to a time when the sewage treatment plant gets upgraded.

This is the culmination of two complete go-arounds of rezoning, approvals, environmental reports and permits.

