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2018 Fraser Squadron Christmas Party - November 24, 2018

Join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie. Once again the evening will be hosted by Bob with a night full of entertainment.

Dinner is catered this year so **it's important to pre-register** so we can let the caterer know the final head count.

Visit our website frasersquadron.ca and click the image to go to online registration or contact Barb Dymond about purchasing tickets.

In addition to **PayPal** and **credit cards** we can accept **e-transfers**. To pay by e-transfer, select offline as the payment method then make an e-transfer to Barb at:

bddymond@gmail.com

Your 2018 - 2019 Bridge (Executive)

Commander: Peter Lefroy

Executive Officer Cleve Pryde

Administrative Officer: Barb Dymond

Membership: Officer Vidas Vitkus

Treasurer: Meredith Williamson

Secretary: Gouri Chinnappi

Training Officers: Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood



LED Radio Interference

Concerns have been raised over the use of uncertified LED bulbs for navigation lights. This conversion, done to save power, can result in distorted colour shifts.

LED lights, interior or exterior, can also cause interference with VHF and AIS radio transmissions. The article linked below discusses this issue and suggests a simple test for LED radio interference:

https://www.practical-sailor.com/blog/Coast-Guard-Warns-of-Radio-Interference-from-LEDs-12485-1.html?s=FB_091818

Is There Nothing They Will Not Steal?

Stealing the bells and brass gongs from buoys off Maine's coast! Really! The US Coast Guard has sounded the alert as sounding devices are stolen and likely being sold to nautical novelty stores or scrap yards.

Tampering with an aid to navigation is a US Federal crime. Read more here:

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2018/05/31/coast-guard-blows-whistle-on-thieves-of-buoy-bells-gongs/>

Crossing the Border? Get Insured!



Point Roberts Marina shared Royal Canadian Marine Search And Rescue - Station 8 Delta's post.
14 hrs · 🌐



Royal Canadian Marine Search And Rescue - Station 8 Delta 16 hrs · 🌐

Knowing that a lot of our followers either boat to/from or travel to Point Roberts by car or bike..., A heads up from our friends at [Point Roberts Fire Department](#) regarding Health Care Insurance/Coverage:

Please be aware that during a medical emergency in Point Roberts they will transfer ALL patients regardless of citizenship, to a hospital in Washington State.

They are UNABLE to take patients to a hospital in Canada.

During a severe medical emergency, their patients will be transferred by Airlift Northwest (flight nurses) to expedite the time to the hospital.

We recommend that you ensure that's you have health care coverage in case of a medical emergency while in the U.S.even for short trips.

Neat Photo App

It is called SOLOCATOR and it places the GPS coordinates on the pic you have taken - neat for boating (I have no shares in the company). It also does more that I have not yet explored.

I've just bought it on itunes for the princely sum of \$1.39 for our iPhone. Here is a sample pic taken last June in Ontario:



Thank you Meredith and Dave

At the Spring AGM, Meredith and Dave did a great slideshow of their travels north along the BC coast. More places to dream about during the wet and cold winter months.

A Terrible Collision in the Darkness

During the long weekend of August, 2015, at the end of the fireworks in Todd Inlet (Brenwood Bay) a vessel operating at a very high rate of speed collided with another vessel. The operator of the speeding vessel was convicted of 3 counts of dangerous operation of a motor vessel causing bodily harm. The operator had no insurance. The owners of the vessel that was hit were seriously injured and have long-term trauma. Read more here, it is a frightening story.

<https://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/wild-west-on-the-water-family-tells-of-crash-s-toll-1.23323194>

Always exercise extreme caution when moving about in the dark in busy harbours.

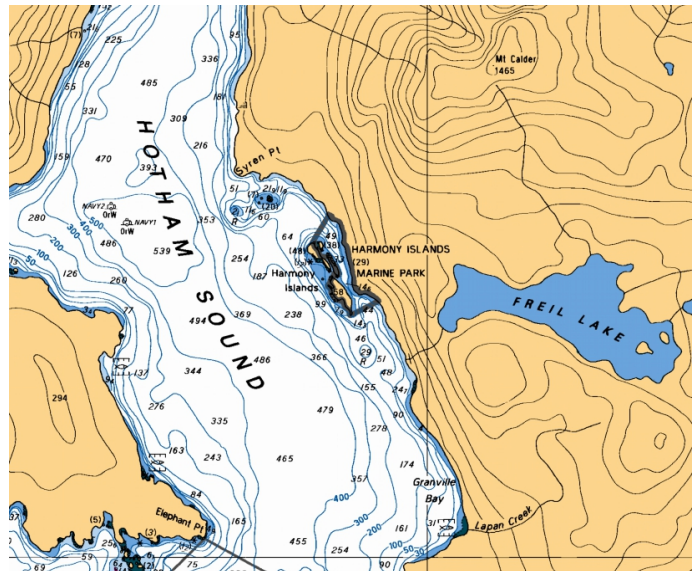
“A Historic Donation”

The BC Parks Forever Society has donated \$749,310 to the BC Government to purchase a 2.5 acre island of the Harmony Island Group, Hotham Sound. This is the largest donation made by the Society in its 28 year history.

This is a wonderful cruising area with warm water, fresh water and natural bathing pools at Freil Falls and provisioning at Egmont or Pender Harbour.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/68638541This6003dd0ba3cacf8ab/files/b85dc69d-245a-49b9-88e4->

[c37b8a69b1d9/Harmony Island Press Release.pdf](https://www.bcparks.ca/Content.aspx?ContentID=11111111&ContentID=11111111)



Winter Approaches

Engine oil has been changed.

Interior has been wiped down with an ammonia solution.

The water tanks have been emptied.

A mixture of vinegar and water has been sloshed around and pumped out the holding tank. The outside has been washed before the water is shut off.

Books, extra pillows, blankets, and clothing have been brought home to prevent mold.

A dehumidifier is running and the electric heater is running on a low setting.

From Our Summer Cruises



Above is a drone photo of the Telegraph Harbour Cruise - thank you to White Rock Squadron

Floating about in Maple Bay

