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LADNER POSTAL OUTLET, P.O. BOX 18528, DELTA B.C. V4K 4V7



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Cruises – Cruises!

The following cruises are scheduled for this year:

August 12-14 Winter Cove-Saturna Island.

This is a wonderful destination with a very pretty island. Guess what, they also have a delightful winery. After the winery tour join us for lunch on the patio at the Saturna Island Winery Bistro.

August 27 - 28 Port Browning PMD Cruise

Please advise people to contact Bob Stone at bbbbandkc@telus.net as the Marina wants ALL attendees to register with me first and I will register them with the Marina.

Book these weekends now and let me know as soon as possible when you will be joining us.

Cruise master: Peter Lefroy (604-271-5240)

Wallace Island Restoration

Wallace Island in the Gulf Islands has always been special. Before the island became a marine park it contained a resort run by the Conover family. The family wrote books about attempting to make a living on this island: 'Once Upon an Island' and 'One Man's Island'. There is a volunteer project scheduled for Saturday, July 23 and Thursday, July 28, to restore the structures on the island. More details can be found at: <http://wallaceisland.wordpress.com/>

More QR Codes

Start up the QR application on your smart phone and point it this code. It takes you to a web link directly in your smart phone's browser.



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Marine Forecast in text format (loads quickly):



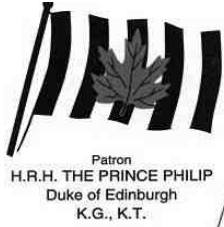
Generate your own QR code by 'googling' for 'QR Code Generator' or using the following web site: <http://qrcode.kaywa.com/>

Graduation for Boating Students

We enjoyed the graduation evening for our Winter-Spring Boating classes. 'Thank you' to the Pacific Mainland District representatives who attended: Don Griffin (PMD District Commander) and Wally Kiss (PMD Regional Training Officer).

Students were presented with their graduation package and CPS flag by our Commander, Rick, our Training Officer, Kathleen, and the PMD Commander, Don.

After refreshments, John Horton, noted Canadian Marine artist, gave an interesting presentation on numerous art projects performed for the Canadian Navy. You can find out more about John at: www.johnhorton.ca/



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Our Fall and Winter Boating Graduates

Courses for Fall 2011

Your Training Department has scheduled the following courses for the this fall. Please contact Training Officer, K. Vanderwood at 604-786-5678 to pre-register and for further information.

Boating - Ladner

Begins: 7 pm., Thursday, September 15, 2011

Location: Delta Secondary School (Ladner), 4615 - 51st Street, Delta

Boating - Richmond

Begins: 7 pm., Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Location: Richmond Yacht Club, 7471 River Road, Richmond



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The cost of the Boating course is \$ 290.00. For a second person at the same address the cost is \$ 190.00.

VHF Maritime Radio

We are planning to offer this course in November, 2011. Course fees: Members: \$ 60.00 (or \$90.00 for a couple) - Non-members: \$ 90.00 (or \$120.00 for a couple)

Navigating with GPS

Begins: 7 pm., October 3, 2011

Location: Ladner Yacht Club

Course fees: Members: \$ 60.00 (or \$90.00 for a couple) - Non-members: \$ 90.00 (or \$120.00 for a couple)

VHF-DSC Test Calls

A Notice to Mariners was issued in May. Details can be viewed below. Pacific Region will be issuing a regional NOTSHIP shortly.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

9) VHF-DSC Test Calls

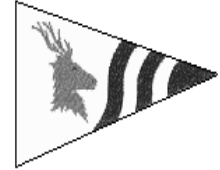
The Canadian Coast Guard national VHF-DSC (digital selective calling) network controlled by MCTS centres will soon process VHF-DSC “Test Calls” from vessels provided that the marine radio meets the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) standard Recommendation M.493-11 (or higher) “Digital selective-calling system for use in the maritime mobile service”.

The Canadian Coast Guard VHF-DSC equipment will be configured to automatically acknowledge VHF-DSC test calls within seconds of receipt provided that the MCTS centre VHF-DSC equipment is not processing higher priority DSC calls.

Each MCTS centre will announce the availability of the VHF-DSC Test Call capability by the promulgation of a Notice to Shipping. *Thanks to Norm Dyck*



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Proposed Development for Squirrel Cove

The following email was received from Past District Commander Sheila Boutcher of Vancouver Island North District (VIND). **If you would like to write a response to the proposal, please remember this would be your personal opinion and do not reply as a Member of CPS or Fraser Squadron.**

Best regards,

Nancy Gibson

D/C - PMD

At the General Meeting tonight I informed the members about an application to develop a marina in Squirrel Cove. Anyone who has cruised in the Desolation Sound area will know that this is one of the most popular and secure anchorages in the area. Those present were sufficiently disturbed that they agreed that I should send the basic information to all the members for whom we have email addresses. I attach a file that has some notes put together by Bill Wilson, plus a short version of the management plan and a map of the proposed development showing the distribution of docks and mooring buoys.

This issue was also discussed at the Council of BC Yacht Clubs meeting on Saturday.. The Council is opposed to this application in its current form, although not to some form of marina and docks in the cove. The main problem is the fact that the proposed mooring buoys take up virtually all of the anchorage area in the cove.

The other concern of the Council, is that this may just be the tip of the iceberg and, if this is successful, other anchorages may be subject to similar applications.

We are asking that any members who feel strongly about this proposal write an email to Cameron Bezanson at the Integrated Land Management Bureau of the Provincial Government (contact information is given below).

Cameron Bezanson, P.Ag.
Land Officer

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Suite 142 2080 Labieux Road
Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9
(ph 250-751-7278) (fax 250-751-7224)

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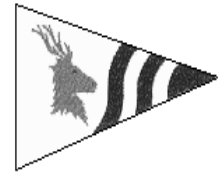
Notes on Squirrel Cove

- Well protected anchorage with reasonable depths for anchoring
- Popular anchorage during the summer months on the way to Desolation Sound



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- Many boaters use it for a few days at a time.
- No long term use
- Peaceful with minimal development on shore.
- It is a No-Discharge Zone
- Sometimes estimated to have 200 boats anchored
- Qathen Xwegus Management Corporation has applied to lease virtually the whole of Squirrel Cove (map included)
- To be known as Squirrel Cove Marine Resort (SCMR)
- Proposal includes a marina, 63 slips ranging from 45 to 83', and 320 one- or two-point mooring buoys
- Minimum Vessel length considered is 45', median or average, both are used, length is 50'
- Rates only shown for monthly moorage, includes per foot rate for buoys
- Area applied for is between 49.5 ha. - 53.2 ha. depending on document
- Occupies approximately 95% of the cove with a water depth > 2 m.
- Management Plan notes issues with black water discharge, speeding, safety and inefficient, unsafe anchorage but there is no supporting documentation
- Council members at the June 11th meeting stated they had not encountered any of these issues while in Squirrel Cove
- Marina will have fuel dock, float plane and water taxi docks, shore power
- Will have marked navigation channels to be kept clear at all times
- Four area outside lease will be available for public anchoring (see map)
- One area, Anchorage 2, appears to small to be of any use
- Suggested capacity is 45-50 boats of average length of 50'
- Plan notes that only 7% of water surface would be covered at full capacity
- Anchorage will be permitted within open areas of lease at the direction of SCMR



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Gulf Island National Park – Change of Mooring Boy Times

In response to comments we've received from the boating community, Parks Canada is changing the transition time between day use and overnight use of mooring buoys in the park. Please see the attached information bulletin for more information and details. Thank you and have a great boating season!

Carolyn Stewart

Park and Community Planning Coordinator / Coordonnatrice, parc et planification urbaine

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www.pc.gc.ca/gulf

Parks Canada has heard, through focus group research conducted in 2010 and through informal feedback, that boaters prefer to tie up for the night by 3 or 4pm. We have also heard that it is often difficult for overnight boaters to find mooring buoys within the park at that time causing many to have to seek alternate moorage locations or options.

This year, Parks Canada has changed the (free) day use mooring times at the Sidney Spit, Beaumont, and Cabbage/Tumbo buoys to better address overnight moorage needs. Starting immediately, **day use mooring will end at 3 pm and overnight fees will be charged from 3pm on.**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at gulf.islands@pc.gc.ca or toll free at 1-866-944-1744.

Add HAM Call Sign to WBAS

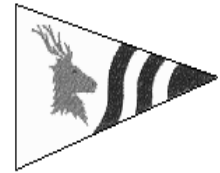
To PMD Members who have HAM Radios with no Call Sign in the CPS-ECP computer database (WBAS):

We are in the process of updating the HAM radio call sign list for the Roster that will be coming out in August. The profile section in WBAS is confusing as it asked for "HAM licence" when what WBAS wants is the call sign (it will be changed shortly). Could you please provide me with your call sign and I will update your profile and have it listed in the Roster.

N Barry Smith, Webmaster for PMD and Prince George Squadron
250-964-9126



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Links to Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 8

Unit 8 provides much appreciated marine search and rescue and boating safety for the communities of Delta and Point Roberts. Please follow to links below for informative safety ideas and more information:

<http://spiritofdeltaccgap8.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.deltasar.bc.ca/index.htm>

CPS-ECP can Issue PCOC for Boating Passed Prior to April 1, 1999

Transport Canada has reinstated the ability for CPS-ECP to issue an Operator's Competency Card (PCOC) for members who have completed the Boating Course prior to April 1, 1999. Contact CPS-ECP at: 1-888-CPS-BOAT (277-2628).

Instructors and Proctors Needed!

Want to really learn the Boating course material? Become a proctor or instructor! Fraser Squadron is looking for additional volunteers to assist with the 2011 fall and winter Boating course. If you'd like to help contact our Training Officer Kathleen at 604-786-5678.

US Customs Implements 'Small Vessel Reporting System – SVRS'

CBP has implemented the 'SVRS' specifically for small boaters' It enables boaters to quickly and easily report to CBP when returning to the US.

The QR code for smart phone access is on the right and the following link contains more information:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/svrs.xml

Application to participate can be made here:

<https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/>

