

## **Are you expecting a hurricane?**

This question was asked of the Port Moody Squadron by a member of an other Canadian power and sail squadron, (not to be named) this past Easter long weekend as we set up our raft in Center Bay. The other squadron sitting to our starboard with three large boats on one anchor, and to our port a non CPS group of three larger boats on one anchor, and us in the middle with over 12 boats and an anchor and stern line for every second boat (aprox). When Sunday came to pass some of our squadron had to make it for home leaving 6 boats on 4 anchors with 3 stern lines. At approximately 21:30 Sunday evening as we were all getting together for chocolate fondue a small weather front moved through bringing winds from the north that I would estimate to be no more than 8 to 10 Knots. Than a call goes out to fend off! The raft of the three larger boats to our port (one of which the skipper told me later weighed in at 25 TON) to our port is dragging anchor in our direction! And not able to get the engine started on the boat with anchor out our only choice was to fender up and let them join in on our secure raft which still did not move with the addition of our new friends. An anchor was taken out by dinghy from the outside boat for additional piece of mind and we went back to our evening social of chocolate fondue Strawberries, Cantaloupe, sliced apple and any thing else that tasted good covered in chocolate. A good time was had by all with the comfort in knowing that doing the responsible thing and not being lazy in respect to anchoring a large raft of boats afforded us the piece of mind to relax and enjoy ourselves. Keep it up Port Moody Squadron, safe boating is something to take pride in. Be proud!

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