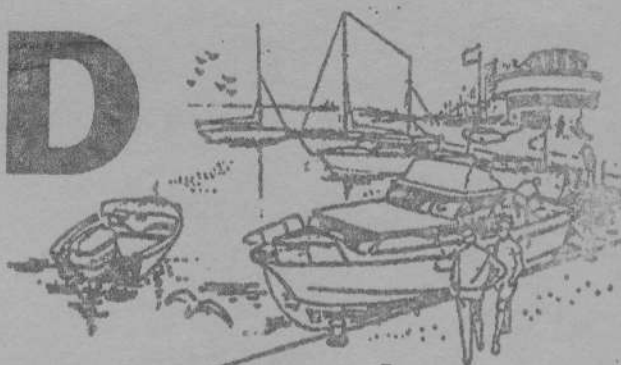


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CPS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The CPS National Conference was held October 28 - 31 in Edmonton, Alberta. Fraser Squadron was well represented for the festive occasion hosted by BC Interior District. A Klondike night, a lunch sponsored by the Province of Alberta, and a Commanders Ball were the highlights of the entertainment.

On a more serious theme, Training Meetings reviewed the problems arising in our various courses, from chartwork in Boating and lack of understanding of Rules of the Road in Seamanship to late mailings in the two-part exams of Advanced Piloting. The new Marine Maintenance course is now under review with hopes that it will be available for next September. The plan now is to continue the Engine Maintenance course, which was to have been dropped.

The Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning passed two resolutions:

1. That a governing board meeting is no longer required to admit new members to CPS, and
2. That the annual membership dues are now payable to National by January 31 of each year (it was previously February 28) and that members paying after that date will have to apply for reinstatement.

The second, unfortunately, is the one which will hit us; and we are especially concerned with those members taking advanced or elective courses as the membership must be paid before we may apply for your exams.

Lady Associates members will be receiving a letter from National regarding a change in policy before the end of December.

On the bright side, Fraser took two awards in the contests. The second prize of \$25 in publications went to the "Fairlead;" and congratulations to Norm and Sue Dyck and Rick and Carolyn Chapman for a job well done are in order. The first prize in that division was won by "Propwash." Our other award, a \$15 third prize in Boating Hints, went to the "Float Plan." The awards money has been turned over to the Training Aids Committee for equipment.

BOOKS

BOWDITCH FOR YACHTSMEN: PILOTING
by Nathaniel Bowditch

(edited by Barbara Moore; McKay, 1976)

Since the early 1800's the word "Bowditch" has been synonymous with sensible and practical navigation and piloting. Nathaniel Bowditch's monumental tome, The American Practical Navigator, has for years been the sea-going bible for serious navigators and pilots. However, its very size and detail make it impractical for use aboard any but large sea-going vessels. Here is a book that changes all that.

Bowditch for Yachtsmen: Piloting extracts those portions of Bowditch that are of interest and use to the coastal pilot--the skipper who wants to guide his craft safely and intelligently to his destination but who doesn't need to refer to a chapter on submarine or polar navigation this trip (he hopes). Like the original it is practical and like the original it also includes background in history and theory that can provide interesting reading on rainy days.

COOKS

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MARITIME CODFISH CAKES
(PACIFIC)

Flake $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of cooked codfish. Prepare an equal amount of mashed potatoes (approx. 3 medium sized). Add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ginger. Mix fish and potatoes with 2 tbsp. cream and 2 egg yolks. Shape into round, flat cakes and dust with a little flour. Cook in $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ butter and oil, until brown and crisp on both sides. (A tbsp. chopped parsley mixed in will do it no harm.) Eat with lemon wedges.

A good dish for two-burner stoves as it is your meat and potatoes in one dish.

& SECOND LOOKS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In the past years it has been the practice to have the membership dues renewed by February 15 so that the Squadron could send the portion due National Headquarters by February 28.

This year National have called for the Squadron dues to be sent by January 31, 1977; thus it is necessary to have membership renewals in by January 15, 1977.

The renewal form is included on the last page of the "Fairlead," so please return as soon as possible with your cheque for \$15 to: A.B. Conley, 910A No. 2 Road, Richmond, BC V7E 2C7.

You will notice that the "Squadron Notices" that were previously \$2 are now \$4, making the renewal \$15. This increase is necessary to cover our excellent newsletter, mainly postage but also paper, etc. I'm sure you will all agree that it is well worth it.



THE SEATTLE BOAT SHOW IS COMING TO THE KINGDOME JANUARY 21 to 30.

FRASER POWER SQUADRON HAS ARRANGED FOR A CHARTER BUS AND OVER-NIGHT ACCOMMODATION IN SEATTLE--LEAVE YOUR CAR AT HOME AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN THE SQUADRON--FOR OPENING WEEKEND.

-- JANUARY 22 and 23 --

THE BUS WILL BE DEPARTING FROM RICHMOND AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 SATURDAY AND, AFTER PICKING UP IN TSAWWASSEN, WILL HEAD FOR SEATTLE TO ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY NOON. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO STAY AT THE DOWNTOWN SEATTLE TRAVELODGE. OUR CHARTER BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRIP OR TRIPS TO THE KINGDOME WITH THE EXACT SCHEDULE TO BE MADE UP LATER. ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE FOR A TOUR OF THE US COASTGUARD STATION AND/OR SHILSHOLE MARINA. RETURNING SUNDAY EVENING TO ARRIVE HOME APPROXIMATELY 2200.

Double Room \$26 per person

Single Room \$33 per person

(Including transportation)

AS SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATION IN EARLY (NO LATER THAN JANUARY 5, 1977) BY COMPLETING THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW AND SENDING IT TO:

Lt. Jack Halliday
1070B Ryan Road
Richmond, BC

(FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL JACK AT 274-2352)

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PLEASE RESERVE _____ SEATS. WE REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING

ACCOMMODATION: DOUBLE _____ @ \$26 per person

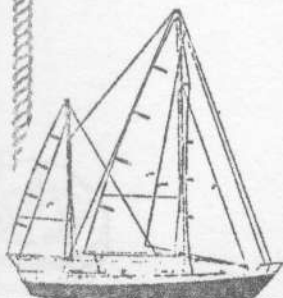
SINGLE _____ @ \$33 per person

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: Bus. _____ Res. _____

Please enclose your cheque for \$10 per person deposit
(No later than January 5 please)



TOM THOMSON TELLS IT ALL TO FRASER

The good, the bad, the tragedies, the thrills, the unbelievables that happen right here on our local waters.

Tom Thomson, Molson Marine Patrol, a familiar voice to most weekend boaters during the summer season, was guest speaker at the Fraser Squadron's November meeting. Tom spent in excess of two hours telling 130 members about his experiences. His presentation of colour slides, extremely well organized and coordinated with his commentary, was received with great interest and appreciation. The service provided by the Molson Marine Patrol with their up-to-the-minute weather and fishing information and their immediate response to distress calls provides a welcome asset to the boating public. To outward appearances, being provided with a high-powered cruiser to drive around every weekend would be the ultimate in jobs; but it requires long hours regardless of weather, starting before sunup until after dark, great resourcefulness and stamina, plus the ability to report conditions accurately. Certainly Tom Thomson measures up to these requirements.

ACCELERATED BOATING COURSE

Fraser Squadron will launch its first accelerated Boating course.

The course will be a convenience to persons who are unable to attend the full 22-week regular program. There will be no short-cuts. Longer classroom periods and more homework will reduce the training to 12 weeks with exams being written at the same time as students attending the regular classes.

Past Commander Tony Merry will be in charge.

For details or enrollment phone Training Officer Peter Quartermain at 732-1639 or Tony Merry at 943-2895.



L A S T C A L L

PLEASURE BENT TROPHY

With time running out Chuck Wong is ready to push the panic button--he has to come up with a winner for the Squadron's Pleasure Bent Trophy. Has Fraser's training program been that good that none of its two hundred-plus members goofed this last year? Confessions will be heard right up to the December 3 Christmas party, at which occasion tradition demands the Trophy be presented.

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STUDENT CRUISES

Plans are underway to conduct some additional familiarization cruises for Boating students who were unable to attend the October cruises. If interested, let your instructor know.

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INSTRUCTORS

Any instructors who have obtained training supplies from the Supply Officer and have not yet accounted for them are requested to do so at an early date. Please contact Harry Fane if you have any unpaid-for supplies.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our Supply Officer has some items in stock which would make excellent Christmas gifts. Examples:

BOOKS -	Basic Sailing, \$3.00
	Complete Book of Boating, \$15.00
	Marine Engines and Equipment, \$8.15
FLAGS -	8 x 13, \$2.50
	12 x 20, \$3.00
REGALIA -	Lapel Pin, \$2.75
	Floater Crests, \$2.50
	Blazer Crests, \$7.35
	Cufflinks, \$9.00
	Ladies' Brooch, \$4.75

Phone Lt. Harry Fane, 277-8732.

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N O T I C E

No monthly meeting in December.

Next meeting: January 21, 1977.



C L A S S I F I E D

(Available free of charge to members)

FOR SALE:

1974-Carver cruiser, 28'9" fiber-glass hull, Mercruiser 255 1-0, galley with propane stove and oven. Electric fridge 110V & 12V, sink, pressurized hot and cold water system, stand-up head with hot and cold shower, water capacity 57 gallons, fuel capacity 88 gallons, teak interior and outside trim, swim ladder, carpeted inside, depth sounder, stereo, ship to shore power, anchor, dinghy, other extras. This boat has been kept in very good condition. Just had an oil change and a tune-up.

\$27,500; offers.

Home phone number 581-8992, business 325-1732.

FOR SALE:

1975-28-foot Fibre-form, command bridge, twin 200-HP Volvos. All equipped. Low hours. Will take smaller boat on trade.

H. S. Crawford--943-2325.

FOR SALE:

17-foot ply/glass cabin cruiser, fly bridge model with two 35-HP Evinrudes. Electric start, two built-in fuel tanks, full stand-up canvas, marine head, fire extinguisher, electric wiper, nav. lites, rod holders, sleeps two inside, etc. etc.

Sitting on new (1975) Hugger trailer.

Going as a unit. Boat free--trailer \$1200 firm.

View at 1075 51A Street or phone Bob Smith at 943-2779.



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PAST COMMANDERS' CRUISE

The Squadron will be much relieved to know that at last we have checked out in practice these Waterless, Boat Building, Past Commanders who taught boating and piloting theories for many years.

On the weekend of November 20, 1976, Past Commanders Jack Gibbons and Dave Williams, with flags a-flying, set forth with a motley crew of three very ordinary seamen to brave the November fogs and winter storms.

November 20, 1976: Weather--winds light NW 5 to 10 mph, sea a flat calm, visibility 22 miles.

P.C. Dave as navigator proved his ability by piloting the vessel to the mouth of the North Arm using all aids to navigation and navigation aids, including the depth sounder, to miss the fantastic hazards of sand bars, log booms, deadheads, and drunks. P.C. Jack requested that the hand lead be swung; however, when it was suggested he carry on, he retired to swing the lead in the bar. All voted him an excellent barman to cruise with; however, he lost marks in not having his white steward's jacket with him as is normal on this vessel since Terry N. instigated the dress of the bar.

Grauer Point reached after great feats of piloting; B & B bearings (also in glass with ice, a very tasty cool drink); 3 pt. fixes (beer and ham); endless calculations for sun time, depths, and lures. Eventually the fishing lines were tossed (heaved) overboard and trolling practice was commenced for the next five hours. Seaman Al E. was the first to land a fish, but the P.C.'s stated "Much to small to keep" so back to the deep it went.

Over the radio came the news that all the fish were at the North Arm which they had just left. C.P. Dave, to prove he was at the correct place, manipulated an electronic fish locator and proceeded to land three or four small but legal-size salmon. (He kept--we think they were smaller than Al's.)

At Roberts Creek the vessel was turned and course set for Plumpers Cove with a process of rafting alongside the Burnaby Squadrons' winter cruise. This finally accomplished (after much ado about going ahead and astern and even sideways), the evening was spent visiting the large campfire



PAST COMMANDERS' CRUISE (Continued)

for the Christmas and carol singing of the Burnaby Squadron prior to settling down to a game of hearts. (We have since heard that even a clown appeared at this gathering; to this date the name has not been forthcoming.)

It is with relief that we must report that our P.C.'s make better seamen than card players but proved their worth at elbow bending.

Sunday weather conditions: Winds SE 25 to 30 mph, sea choppy, visibility glazed.

PC. Jack proved his worth as a cook by supplying a hung-over breakfast of eggs, bacon, and hash (he refused to eat his porridge).

PC. Jack took over the helm and with great cunning and experience guided the vessel back through deadheads, monstrous waves, and dead beats back to the North Arm making quite sure that anyone who dared venture onto the bridge was at once baptized with Neptune water from head to toe. This water was usually aimed at PC. Dave, being elected the port hand look out.

On checking the log we find that Sunday is a blank, no reports, no sightings, no bearings, no fish caught (but we did hear that all fish had returned to Point Atkinson where they just passed).

Seaman Paul K. stated at an exclusive interview with the "Fairlead" that the weekend was a great success taking into consideration the top brass, however, did suggest that those who fly flags with forks should lose one fork per misadventure. In that case, we wonder did this vessel come back with no tridents or maybe an extra flag of tridents?

We do know, however, that they left their spring line on another vessel. We at "Fairlead" must congratulate our Past Commanders on passing such a practical test in the face of such oddballs.

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C H R I S T M A S M E S S A G E

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and students a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the upcoming boating season.

Commander Barbara Dyck

