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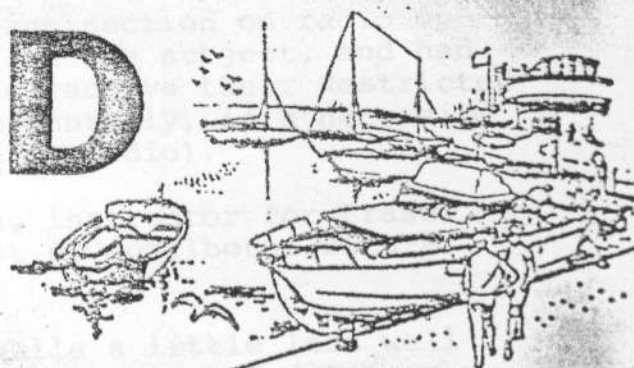
# FAIRLEAD

## FRASER POWER SQUADRON NEWS

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### ANNUAL GRADUATION AND CHANGE OF WATCH

Fraser welcomed aboard the 1977 Boating graduates at their 13th Annual Graduation and Change of Watch dinner/dance on May 6 at the Richmond Inn.

Special guests District Admin. Officer, Wally Walters, and his wife, Audrey, of White Rock Squadron, honoured the head table; Wally presided over the pledge ceremonies of some 80 new members.

Dr. Gladys Murray presented a new trophy to Fraser on behalf of the Murray family. It was immediately presented to the first deserving winner, Wolf Fitzau. The John Murraray Memorial Shield, a "good neighbour" award, is to be presented only when a member of Fraser is found truly deserving of the award by showing that he has consistently given of his time and efforts, not necessarily in the line of duty, to help others while cruising.

Wally presented a record number of 54 merit marks to members of Fraser who devoted their time and efforts to the Squadron during the 1976/77 season. He then swore in the new bridge, consisting of Cdr. Chuck Wong, Exec. John Jones, Treasurer Marg Halliday, Secretary Stan Dickinson, and Training Officer Art Wilkes.

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### LOCAL KNOWLEDGE COURSE

Seventy enthusiastic souls recently were put through the rigors of our new, six-session course of Survival and the West Coast.

The Tuesday night sessions, which competed with the hockey finals, were well attended as the class listened to cruising experts Don Thompson, Des McManus, Gary Russell, and Bevin Williams describing the cruising areas of the Gulf Islands, the San Juan Islands, and Desolation Sound. Accompanying the local knowledge lectures were talks on basic first aid and search and rescue procedures by guest speakers from the Delta Police Force and the Canadian Coast Guard.

Local Knowledge Course (Cont'd)

Fraser member Norm Dyck wrote a 27-page section on radio operation procedures, gave the lecture on the subject, and had 55 students write the examination and receive their Restricted Radio Operator's Licence (which, incidentally, is a necessity if you operate anything other than a CB radio).

Bruce Hood, who is not only a boating instructor for Fraser but also a devoted scout master, kept us spellbound with a lecture on wilderness survival.

The two Saturday morning sessions, while a little less well attended, saw some 35 students participate in a Red Cross demonstration in water safety and a Royal Life Saving Society artificial resuscitation course.

Peter Quartermain was responsible for the local knowledge notes. The general reaction of the class was that it was a worthwhile venture.

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FROM THE OUTGOING EDITOR

As this will be the last issue of Fairlead for which I will be responsible, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the new editor and to express my appreciation to the many individuals who, during the past year, have assisted me and enabled me to get the newsletter out on a fairly regular basis.

The new editor is Mr. Jim Dunsmore. Jim is manager of the Paper Products Division of Crown Zellerbach in Richmond. A member of Fraser Power Squadron for two years, Jim, with first mate Mabel, operates a 26-foot Bayliner, the "Gailynne," out of Cholberg Marina in the Middle Arm. They reside at 4 - 10251 Steveston Highway, and their telephone number is 274-6840.

All contributors to the newsletter should try to let Jim have their material no later than the 25th day of the month preceding so that it can be edited, typed, printed, and mailed by the end of the month.

Now--my personal thanks to all members of Fraser who over the past year have put up with my bugging them for material, information, and assistance. Since I am not noted for my memory, I would ask those whose names I overlook not to feel slighted. I would particularly like to thank Commander Barbara Dyck; Commander (Ret.) Dave Williams; Lt. Barney Bent; Lt. Wolf Fitzau; Lt. Marg Halliday; Lt. Harry Fane; Lt. Des McManus; Lt. John Moran; Carolyn Hoffman; Lindsay Smith; and last but by no means least my wife, Sue, and secretary, Faye Elliott. Your help was invaluable. Thank you very much.

Norm Dyck



# JUNE CRUISE

June 10      Rendezvous 2100 hours--Cowards Cove.

June 11      Depart for Granite Falls--1000 hours.  
First Narrows tide changes to +, 1010 hours.  
Rendezvous at Power Squadron Float, Granite  
Falls--pay groundkeeper \$1 per boat for look-  
ing after things.

June 12      Depart for home--1600 hours.  
Tide at Second Narrows changes to -, 1740 hours.

For buddy boat      Your cruisemaster:    Wolf Fitzau  
   Archie Benzel.

If you need a buddy boat for Friday afternoon from Sandheads to Cowards Cove, call Archie Benzel at 278-1126.

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## SUMMER CRUISES

### CRUISE I      Southern Gulf Islands

July 22 to August 1, 1977

If you would like to participate, call  
Archie Benzel, 278-1126.

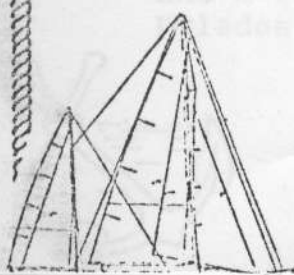
### CRUISE II      Desolation Sound

July 29 to August 8, 1977

If you would like to take part in this  
one, call Wolf Fitzau, 943-1500.

Both cruises will meet at Silva Bay on July 30.

Your cruisemaster:    Wolf Fitzau  
   Archie Benzel.





# SALTSPRING ISLAND CRUISE

June 30      Rendezvous Irish Bay, Samuel Island  
 Latitude 48° 49.0'N; Longitude 123° 11.8'W.

July 1      Beamont Marine Park, South Pender Island  
 Latitude 48° 45.2'N; Longitude 123° 14.7'W.

July 2      Ganges Harbour, Government Dock.

July 3      Return home.

On July 2 we will meet with the Saltspring Island Squadron in Ganges to present the Bent Prop Trophy to them.

For buddy boats to cross the Gulf call:

North Arm--Wolf Fitzau, 943-1500  
 South Arm--Archie Benzel, 278-1126.

Your cruisemaster:    Wolf Fitzau  
                                  Archie Benzel

Radio Standby:    CB Channel 9  
                          VHF Channel 16

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# FRASER VICTORIA DAY CRUISE

Fraser's second cruise this season was very well attended with 21 boats rafted together in Priate's Cove by Saturday evening.

Boats started arriving at Silva Bay during Friday, the last arriving around 2100 hours. Andromy surpassed all her previous records by arriving at Thrasher Rock ahead of Gobrana II and Ottershaw, which had roared off ahead of her just off the North Arm jetty light. The Gobrana II had done a spot of log salvaging during the crossing, and her added load had cut her speed considerably!

The rock in the entrance to Pirate's Cove has finally been given a precise location thanks to Admiral's Choice.

The 21 boats rafted together were a source of curiosity to the people in other boats and walking on shore in the Cove.

The customary bonfire was lit on the beach Saturday evening and a rousing singsong was much enjoyed as the sun set over Pylades Channel.



Fraser Victoria Day Cruise (Cont'd)

Margaret McManus, from the Rathlin, introduced and sang several old songs such as "Blow the Wind Southerly" and "Over the Sea to Skye"---and beautiful it was!

Sunday saw several boats leave on various fishing trips. A few fish were caught, but those who didn't have success were able to relax and enjoy the sunshine. It had been agreed earlier to stay at Pirate's Cove rather than move to Montague Harbour as previously planned.

Pat Hood, from Boomerang, executed a daring rescue when she plunged fully clothed into the water to aid three members of a dinghy that capsized.

Bruce Hood, on the other hand, was just asking for trouble. When paddling his dinghy aimlessly about, he met another containing two youngsters similarly occupied. No one will ever know what started the trouble, but one paddle splash led to another and soon the three were engaged in furious but extremely entertaining combat. There was no doubt who won the battle as the youngsters scuttled their dinghy and immediately captured and sunk Bruce Hood's waterlogged vessel.

One interesting feature of this cruise, which almost went unnoticed, was the elephant hunt. A group of people were exchanging amusing anecdotes aboard Andromy when suddenly a one-man safari appeared, complete with rifle and pith helmet. He entertained the group for some seconds demonstrating his rifle and explaining his expedition, after which he moved on. The supply officer must have had good sales on elephant repellent, as it is believed none were seen throughout the entire cruise.

It is interesting to note that there is still a strong tendency for boaters to believe that water will sustain the weight of a person. This was once more disproved by a young member from Gobra II as he tried to walk between two boats.

A second fire was enjoyed on the beach Sunday evening, rounding off a very enjoyable weekend. Monday dawned cloudy and with some rain, and several vessels headed out before lunch to refuel at Silva Bay before crossing the Gulf to return home.

Huron II and Admiral's Choice had a tow and escort duty to perform in aiding three F.P.S. men in their SeaRay to get home after they had the misfortune to blow two head gaskets during the weekend.



CLASSIFIEDS (Cont)

Fraser Victoria Day Cruise (Cont'd)

It was good to see so many new boaters as well as old friends join our Victoria weekend cruise and enjoy the comradeship given each other by Fraser members that contributes so greatly to safety and happiness for all.

Lindsay Smith

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O B I T U A R Y

Fraser Power Squadron was saddened in early May by the death of yet another member.

Thirty-eight-year-old Bruce Tombe died of a heart attack May 5. Bruce, the popular transportation manager for Canadian Forest Products, had joined F. P. S. following the 1975/76 Boating class from which both he and his wife, Peggy, had graduated. Bruce and Peggy's boat, "Hisdamboat," had become a welcome addition to Fraser's cruises; and Bruce had agreed to serve as an assistant cruisemaster during this summer.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Peggy, and two sons, Doug and Bradley. Although he had been a member of the Squadron only a short time, Bruce's presence will be missed by all cruising members of the Squadron.

Our condolences go out to his family.

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CLASSIFIEDS

(available free of charge to members)

CREW WANTED:

"RESAMCA III" is looking for crew for a trip to Barclay Sound in August this year. Several boats are getting together to make this a safe and fun holiday. If you are interested in cruising the Barclay Sound area, please contact Margaret Halliday--274-2352 evenings; 697-9444 days.





CLASSIFIEDS (Cont'd)

FOR SALE:

The MERRYMAKER. 21-foot Bayliner, Skagit Hardtop. 157 careful hours on 165 Mercruiser. Complete galley. Separate, enclosed head. Dinette. Sleeps 5. VHF, compass, anchor, and rode. Fire extinguishers. Completely equipped for Gulf Islands cruising; dry stored in winter. \$9,900. Tony Merry, 943-2895.

FOR SALE:

10½-goot Glascraft dinghy. 4-HP Mercury outboard; cruise-a-day tank; oars; all like new. \$495. J. E. Jones, 277-3035.

FOR SALE:

1975 20-HP Mercury outboard motor; long shaft; gastank and hose; never used; paid \$827, asking \$650 firm. Phone 943-1025, Karen Larson.

FOR SALE:

20-ft. Swiftsure fibreglass deep V runabout with a 302 (215 HP) Ford Waukeshau engine, fresh-water cooled, 270 Volvo leg. Hydraulic trim tabs, twin swim grids, dual batteries with disconnect switch, head, galley, compass, depth sounder, and many other features. Sale price \$8,500 or negotiable. For further information call: Archie Benzel, 278-1126.

FOR SALE:

23-foot cabin cruiser, 170 HP Volvo, 1B/OE low hours. Sink, stove, head, full instrumentation; completely overhauled, recent survey, \$4,500. Call Rick Chapman, 274-3832 evenings.

FOR SALE:

28-foot Owens 327 flagship, excellent condition, boathouse kept, VHF, CB with PA, sounder, compass, Scentry Sniffer, searchlight, RG dinghy, 3.5 HP engine, 3 extinguishers, pressure water system, fully equipped. \$14,900. Phone 943-2047 or 277-0574. Dave O'Hare.

