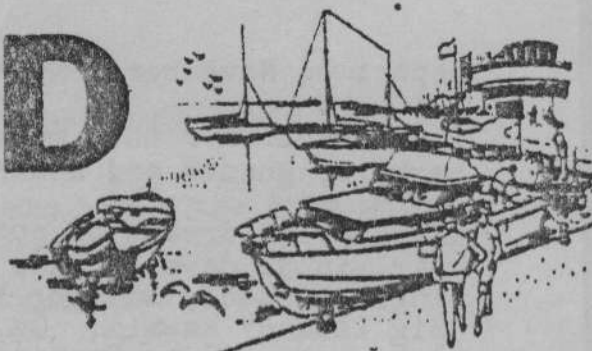


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Next Meeting: January 26th, 1979 - Richmond Inn

We have hopes of having a movie on Endless Summer, the famous twelve, which has participated in many a race, skippered by Geo. O'Brien. Looking forward to seeing you there.

BAR: 1930
MEETING: 2000

RICHMOND INN
JANUARY 26th

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Cdr. John Jones would like to share a letter that the Squadron has received from some students belonging to Alouette Squadron.

Dear Fraser Squadron:

Once again we wish to express our thanks to you and your very capable instructors for successfully guiding us through another advanced course. Navigator this time.

Our special thanks go to instructors Franz Conrads and Chuck Wong, also our patient homework and sight checkers Bob Smith and Boyd Ivens.

Keep up the good work Fraser!

Sincerely,

Muriel Mills
Eddie Mills

Alouette Squadron

Isn't it nice to be appreciated! Good Work!

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February 23rd for the meeting after this month featuring Dave & Barb Dyke on their trip to Alaska.

Report on November's Meeting:

The turnout for this meeting was excellent as over 100 members, guests and students attended.

Chuck Ayers dreamt of someday sailing to Hawaii and last year, in 32 days he made it. His voyage began from Neah Bay, single handedly sailing his 46 ft. sloop 'Sunshine' to the "Big Island" Hawaii. On film we joined Chuck Nov. 18, 1977 as he set sail to Fanning Island about 1000 miles south of Honolulu. It may have been an amateur attempt at cinematography but the results were valuable lessons learned by all and a most enjoyable evening. John Denver's song "Sunshine" was well chosen, for it set the feeling of solitude that must have been and the pride that is justifiable. Chuck's message, "If you have a dream, 'Go for it.'" Thanks Chuck for taking us along on yours.

Xmas Party:

On Dec. 1st, 107 members & Guests let their hair down, boogied, hustled and 2-stepped to the music to the Mike Gillette Band at the annual Xmas Party. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Brian Smith, who did a super job. After a prayer of thanks for the repast we were about to partake, for safe boating we had throughout the past year and continued safe passage, with a toast to the Queen, the event of the year was on. Cdr. Jones introduced our most Honorable guest Dist. Cdr. H.T. (Wally) Walters who presented the senior member plaque to Dr. Hugh Stanfield for his 5 years of service to the squadron. The Fishing Trophy was won by Nessie Fane. It was a fun night for all, with the merriment started by two imposture clairvoyant persons (1st Lt. Harry Fane and Brian Smith) assisted by Lt/C Marg. Halliday and Lindsay Smith who skillfully cut a piece of cardboard to pattern as the clairvoyants zeroed in on this years "Pleasure Bent Trophy" recipient, Boyd Ivens of the 'Sloop John B.' Congrats John!

Reported by Vic Ramos

Note: PNE Boat Show - Feb. 2 - 11, 1979

REMEMBER! WHEN YOU ARE OUT BOATING, YOU ARE OUT TO HAVE FUN...
BUT SAFETY FIRST Before starting engine, use
your nose !!!!!



FROM THE TRAINING DEPT.

Congratulations to the following graduates of Bruce Hood's Accelerated Boating course.

It is noteworthy that all students who wrote the exam were successful. Well done!

Barnes, Philip J.
Beck, Fred W.
Brothers, Suzanne
Bulger, David M.
Evans, Pamela
Brothers, Gary

Johnson, David A.
Jones, Gary
Laing, Sharron
Laurillard, Derek
Rosval, Gary
Strench, Erin
Truman, Edward

Bruce Hood, Jim and Sue DeVries are to be complimented on the success of this course.

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Plans are now underway to run a LOCAL KNOWLEDGE COURSE, Monday and Wednesday evenings at Delta Junior High commencing March 5th, 1979. The course will include discussion of cruising the Gulf Islands, the San Juans, Desolation Sound, Jervis Inlet, etc., survival, first aid, and radio procedures.

Members of the Canadian Coast Guard will present their new search & rescue program. On the last night, all those who wish to do so may take the exam for Restricted Radio Licence and obtain their operator's certificate. Cost of the course is expected to be approximately \$10. to cover course materials.

Boating courses will be finished by the end of February, so this will be an excellent opportunity not only for members but for our Boating students to further supplement their knowledge prior to the commencement to the 1979 cruising season.

For further information call Carolyn Hoffman at 277-4924. It is possible we may have to limit the number of students so early registration is advised.

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Training Dept. urgently needs 35mm slides - all subjects relating to boating. Phone Barb Dyck 943-1934

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A note to all Boating Instructors - Lorne Riding is willing to come out to lecture on Manner's & Customs - Please contact Lorne (Public Relations Officer this year) at 467-5845.



A Cruise Under Oars on the Fraser River

This cruise started out on September 23, 1978 as a regular weekend exercise of about a three to four mile row from the Delta municipal ramp at the entrance to Deas Slough. I was rowing alone in my 16 foot wooden Whitehall style skiff and had neglected to bring the local chart although all required safety gear and a good anchor were aboard.

The tide was nearly at high water stand thus effectively checking the river current. After going downriver in Ladner Reach to Port Guichon, I decided to round several of the small islands and return up Woodward Reach, the main channel of the south arm of the Fraser. This required a further course downriver and it was then that I realized that I had completely forgotten the location of a silt control dam which blocked access to Woodward Reach for another two miles downstream. To carry on or to return! All had been going well and the tidal conditions were expected to restrict the river current so I carried on to the end of the dam. Several harbour seals were seen fishing close by. The end of the dam is quite close to the mouth of the river, exposing the area to wind off the Strait of Georgia and the opposing river current to develop a fair chop. A good hard pull of about half a mile just enabled me to hold my ground against the increasing current while angling across the river to the upstream end of the town of Steveston, where I expected weaker current. By keeping close to shore I was able to take advantage of the weaker current and a following breeze to make good progress upstream in Woodward Reach.

The wash from large fishing boats and tugs passing close by was quite a nuisance especially when off rip rapped sections of the bank which added reflected waves to the primary ones. It was very detrimental to progress! A fellow on the bank hailed me to discuss the boat and then asked if I, too, had been to the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend the previous week. After answering in the affirmative I continued on my way, occasionally exchanging a few comments with fishermen and sightseers on the bank. The remainder of the trip to the home launching ramp was uneventful. The round trip was just under nine nautical miles and took three and a quarter hours. The weekend athlete was tired!

By J. R. Moran.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS - Please note that the deadline for MEMBERSHIP DUES are required to be in by Jan. 31st, 1979, after which you will have to be re-instated.

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What type of news would you like to see in Fairlead? Please let us know! Phone Daphne Williams 274-1085



The last issue of Fairlead included a marine vocabulary 'challenge'. The response was great and we have, after much deliberation, decided that Don Thompson is the member that most correctly defined the following words:

1. Coaster - a vessel engaged in coastwise commerce
2. Loom - light's reflection on clouds when the light itself is below the horizon.
3. Pelican Hook - a hinged hook which is held in place by a link. Used to make shrouds fast to chain plates and for boat gripes.
4. Left hand screw - is a propeller which turns in the upper half of its revolution from starboard to port when viewed from aft.
5. Lazarette - a compartment for storage purposes in the stern of the ship.

Congratulations Don, your prize will be waiting for you at the next Squadron meeting.

Amongst the numerous other entries, we found a most interesting interpretation of the words as follows:

COASTER - If a person who says "up spirits" is a toaster,
is a person who is off spirits a coaster?

LOOM - Is a seabird with a haunting cry.

PELICAN HOOK - is like a western Tern, only more pronounced.

LEFT HAND SCREW - is what happens in the Southern hemisphere.

LAZARETTE - is a female Lazer.

Thanks Boyd, your entry is facinating!

For those who would like to try again we have selected the following words and terms:

1. FANTOD
2. BROW
3. LONG SEA
4. CHARLEY NOBLE
5. TIP CLEARANCE

Same rules apply as in last issue of Fairlead.

Please mail entries to: D. Williams
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To arrive no later than Feb. 5th, 1979.

