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# FAIRLEAD

## FRASER POWER SQUADRON NEWS



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### From the Bridge

It seems difficult to accept, probably because summer was rather late-arriving, nevertheless, the fall is now upon us, and with it the busy training season.

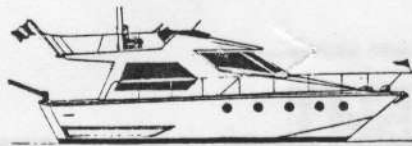
I would, first of all, like to take this opportunity to thank the many instructors, proctors and members of the training department for volunteering their services this year so that we may once again conduct the numerous CPS courses. Without your help this would not be possible and your willingness to participate is greatly appreciated.

Also a particular welcome is extended to the many new "Boating" students who have elected to further their boating skills and knowledge through Power Squadron training. I hope you find the Boating course most enjoyable and exceeding expectations. If you have any questions, or experience difficulties be sure to take them up with your instructors or proctors. They are all here to help. We will attempt to keep you informed through our newsletter "Fairlead" of Fraser Power Squadron activities and I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our monthly meetings throughout the winter. (The first one is September 25 at the Town & Country). We have excellent guest speakers and you will meet many new boating friends.

I am optimistic that with the usual dedication and hard work for which Fraser members have become noted, the 1980-81 season will be most successful.

CDR Norm Dyck

**FLASH :** Marine Maintenance will be run.  
Register October 15, 7:30 P.M. at McRoberts school.



The 1st Fraser Power Squadron Meeting for the 1980-81 term will be held at The Town and Country Inn (just south of the Massey Tunnel) on Thursday September 25, 1980 (please note Thursday not Friday this month). The bar opens at 1930 hours and the meeting begins at 2000 hours. This meeting is open to all our new boating students, members and guests.

At this time Fraser will be honoured to present Pacific Mainland District Commander Gordon Lea, as our guest speaker. Along with his many district duties Commander Lea is presently a Unit Leader for the Marine Rescue Association. His topic for the evening will be Radio Communications. A topic of vital concern for all safety minded boaters. Hope you can come.

#### Meet your Executive

This Month: L/C Executive Harry Fane  
Mate - Nessie  
"Yahtzee III" (meaning Distant Raven or  
Free Wide Open Sea)

Harry has been accused of being an 'old' boater - not so - he's just been boating for a long time - tugs, boom boats, barges, etc.

Power Squadron-wise he's been Supply Officer for two years, Treasurer for two years, Proctor for one year, Instructor for two years and now is 'just resting' (?) as Exec. Officer.

Particularly enthused about the 'far north' coast and teaching Nessie how to fish (don't ask to see all her trophies).

#### Attention Former Instructors:

Do you have in your possession or know of the whereabouts of any Squadron Teaching Aids? We are missing Instructor Handbooks, slides and a projector. Please return at once. Contact Lt Training Aides John Lewisch 278-6150 or Lt Supply Martin Hoffman 277-4924.

#### F.P.S. Needs Your Help

Do you remember your training cruise as a Basic Boater? Fellow members generously gave you a couple hours to aid you in this valuable experience. It is hoped that you would now repay that time by volunteering to take out a couple or more students on a similar cruise. This will be arranged for a Saturday or Sunday in late October or early November. Please help. Phone Lt. Asst. Training Ed Neschki 277-4474 or Lt. Asst. Training Randy Lutman 946-2701 or Lt/C Training Sue Dyck 274-4887. Thank you for your help.

## MAREP STAG CRUISE

What is MAREP, you say.

MAREP is short for Marine REporting and in 1971 CPS was called upon to assist the Canadian Hydrographic Service in updating the information on existing charts due to the rapid increase in boating interest and you all know how the interest has grown since that time.

With the thousands of miles of Coastline in B.C. it is impossible for the Hydrographic Service to keep up with all the changes that are occurring so that is how we members of CPS can assist by reporting these changes.

What should be reported? To quote from the manual, "Primarily, changes in channels, build-up of shoals, addition of Prominent marks, location of new or elimination of old navigation hazards are all within the purview of the effort."

At the last District Annual General Meeting each Squadron was presented with a chart relating to their general area, thus we were given #3488, Fraser River, Sandheads to Douglas Island.

With this in mind, a MAREP STAG CRUISE is being organized for Saturday, September 27, 1980. We have four boats to cover the South Arm, Commander Norm Dyck with Monsoon II, Frank Dombrowski with Pacific Salt, and Martin Hoffman with Caromar all from Ladner Yacht Club and Carl Seabrook with Seabrook II from Deas Harbor Marina.

We hope to have one or two boats to cover the North Arm which is covered by Chart #3489.

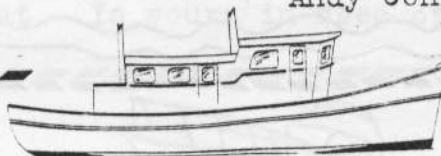
We wish to get up to four Observers per boat, thus will require 16 for the South Arm and eight for two boats on the North Arm. The cruise will start at 10:00 Hrs. from the various Marinas and will cover the South Arm from Steveston to New Westminster, and the North Arm from the Celtic Shipyard to New Westminster where we plan to meet at the King Neptune Restaurant for lunch around 14:00 Hrs., then return to the home marinas.

Observers should bring binoculars and hand bearing compasses would be an asset for taking bearings. This is an excellent opportunity for members who do not have boats to take part in a Squadron Cruise and get to know your fellow members.

Would all those wishing to take part, or for further information please call Andy Conley at 277-0960 or Frank Dombrowski at 596-2789.

The Hydrographic Service award points for Mareps and at the Annual Conference an award is made to the District with the most points and an award is also made to the individual member having the most points. Any Mareps from now on will count for the 1981 Annual Conference so let's get digging!

Andy Conley-Lt. Marep.





July 11, 1980

Whoopee! On holiday aboard the Yahtzee III for three whole weeks.

We left after work on Friday and ran to Pender Harbour to meet Frank and Es Dombrowski on Pacific Salt and Carl and Carol Seabrook on Sea-Brook II. Our plan was to go north to Minstrel Island as quickly as possible and spend a week in that vicinity. After consulting the tide and current tables it was decided we should get an early start on Saturday in order to navigate through the Yulculta, Gillard and Dent Rapids at slack tide.

We left Pender at 5:45 a.m. and had a pleasant trip to Refuge Cove where we stopped for gas. Met John and Genie Jones aboard the Eugenie K IV, Andy and Clara Conley on the Skylark and Pat and Ray Scobie aboard the Bluebells. We passed a pleasant hour visiting over coffee on the Bluebells, but as "time and tide wait for no boat" it was time to leave for Shoal Bay. After a night in Shoal Bay we proceeded to Minstrel Island where we spent a few days. While there we met Barney and Rilla Bent on the Rillarney and Bodo and Sibylle Meyer aboard the Tiare. The Bents were heading south, the Meyers north and we were heading east in Knight Inlet to a place called Hoeya Sound. While there we tied up to the float in front of the Hoeya Hilton where we spent the night. Upon leaving the next morning we picked up our crab traps that had been put down the night before. We were not unhappy with our catch.

Now on to Glendale further east in Knight Inlet. Upon arriving there Pacific Salt tied up to a log and Yahtzee III and Sea-Brook II rafted to them. Tied up directly in front of us was a prawn boat. What luck!

The prawners were willing to sell us frozen prawns. Somehow or other we became terribly confused between kilos and pounds and ended up paying a pretty penny for one prawn cocktail, one prawn casserole and twelve small tins which cost us a lot of work as well as 'coin of the realm'. Some luck!

After lingering up north for ten days we left for Cortez Island, stopping overnight at Blind Channel. Then on to Squirrel Cove where we spent two or three days in the sun and then to Cortez Bay. Norm and Sue Dyck aboard the Monsoon II along with Martin and Carolyn Hoffman on the Caromar visited for an hour in order to find out all the ins and outs of going north, this being their first trip beyond Desolation.



We proceeded on to Gorge Harabour but decided to fish Baker Passage on the way. The calm sea was interrupted by a great explosion aboard the Yahtzee III. The first mate found out the Captain had forgotten to put her downrigger plate on board. (Deliberately??) Needless to say our catch was small this year since we all know who catches the most fish aboard the Yahtzee.

As all good things must end, so did our holidays. It was time to say goodbye to the buddy boats and turn south to Pender and then home.

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Nessie Fane

We were all sorry to hear about Carolyn Hoffman's unfortunate accident aboard The Caromar. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery Carolyn!

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New Park for Delta

Deas Island, which is located in the Fraser River at the south end of the Massey Tunnel, has been purchased by the Greater Vancouver Regional District for a regional park. Preliminary site planning for the 171 acres of undeveloped land is already underway. It is anticipated that the area will be open by the summer of 1981.

This Island has 2½ miles of riverfront with two fishing bars. It offers spectacular views of river traffic which includes large freighters and commercial fishboats. On the south side of the Island is Deas Slough, which is an important wildlife area and nursery for young salmon and other species of fish.

The first stage of planning includes an access drive with parking facilities as well as picnicking and fishing sites. This new park is expected to be very popular due to its unique features as well as its proximity to Delta, Surrey, Richmond, and Vancouver.

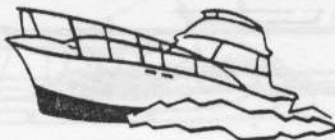
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Helpful Hints

Kelp is a good sign of foul ground. Whenever kelp appears, proceed with caution.

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When considering an overnight anchorage in a cove or bay, check the amount of driftwood on the beach. The more there is, the poorer the place for shelter. Drift piles up as a result of current, wind, and sea.

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SAFETY TIP

Have you checked your fuel tank lately? After a time steel tanks rust out. Is yours in need of replacement?



## Fraser Power Squadron Labour Day Cruise

Getting better all the time! Who said it always rains on Labour Day weekend? The following brave "Yachts-people" attended the cruise to Ganges and Telegraph Harbour.

Bluebells - Pat & Ray Scobie, Bonne Santé - Linda & Gary Nixon, Fair Tide II - Daphne & Dave Williams, Kochana III - Lois & George Schurman, Monsoon II - Sue & Norm Dyck, Otter Shaw II - Lindsay & Brian Smith, Pacific Salt - Esther & Frank Dombrowski, Seabrook II - Carol & Carl Seabrook, Skylark - Clara & Andy Conley, Yahtzee III - Nessie & Harry Fane, Y-Knot - Bev & Ted Bula.

Friday night was socializing time aboard Pacific Salt. (Dombrowski's will just have to get a larger boat). Saturday's light morning rain didn't dampen the spirits of all the bargain hunters. We all checked out the Ganges outdoor market and the craft sale.

Saturday evening a rendezvous was planned with the Salt Spring Squadron. Fraser was well represented at the hotel pub where Esther proposed a toast to Salt Spring Squadron (in absentia) and especially to Carolyn Hoffman. (Hope your foot is well on the mend, Carolyn.)

Fishing was non-productive but a great time was had by all at Telegraph Harbour. Around 4 o'clock a penguin?? appeared on the dock to organize the dinghy races.

The children's one oar races were in two age groups:

Winners for the 12-15 yr olds were John Moore (guest on Y-Knot) and Richard Williams. Honorable mention goes to Kevin Bula, Kim Bula, Steve Schurman, Joanne Enguist, Kate Smith and Robert Smith.

The winner in the 10 & 11 yr old group was Ken Bula - followed closely by Paul Schurman and Michael Williams.

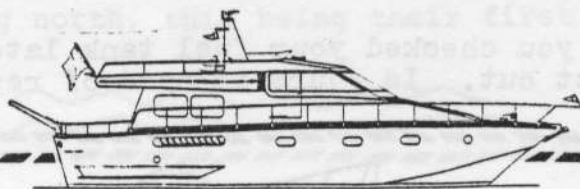
The ladies' dinghy-bucket race was won by Daphane Williams. Bev Bula, Esther Dombrowski and Lindsay Smith also got just slightly damp. That penguin sure doesn't like losing, does she Lindsay?

The men's dinghy-bucket race was well attended by Carl Seabrook, Brian Smith, Ted Bula, George Schurman, Dave Williams, Andy Conley and lastly the winner (again!) Norm Dyck. (Norm was so excited he slipped out of his dinghy right into the water!)

Saturday evening we entertained the marina with a sing-song led by Ted Bula and Brian Smith around the campfire. Sur Del squadron and Kamloops squadron members also added their great voices to ours. A super time was had by all. Our hats go off to a certain penguin and her husband (Frank Dombrowski)!

Don't miss the next cruise!

Lois Schurman





### DID YOU KNOW?

Canadian Coast Guard will acquire a new off-shore cutter. This announcement was made by Transport Minister Jean-Luc Peppin. Approximately 3 million dollars have been allotted to expand the West Coast SAR fleet. Speaking from his new 10 million dollar marine base on Dallas Road Mr. Peppin said, "Upgrading boating safety programs and improving the hovercraft base were essential to an expanded SAR System."

Point Roberts Marina is being sold to Bird Oil Equipment Ltd. of Reno, Nevada. This firm is wholly owned by Bird Oil of Calgary, Alberta. Closing date for the transaction is October 23, 1980.

A 500 room resort is planned for the 200 acres bought by developer George Hodgins' Century Holding Ltd. This property is located on Marine Drive in Point Roberts. The plans call for an 18 hole top notch golf course, tennis, and raquetball courts, a swimming pool, restaurants, plus a fly in airstrip as well as a private marina for guests.

### NEW BOOK AVAILABLE

Cruising Beyond Desolation Sound - by John Chappell

The only complete cruising guide to the wildly beautiful, largely uninhabited coast of islands and deep fjords north of Desolation.

Written for yachtsmen by a sailor who spent eight months poking into every cove and gunkhole in a 25 ft. Folkboat. Scores of detailed charts, color photos. \$17.95

### COMING EVENTS

Fraser Power Squadron Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday September 25, 1980

Place: Town and Country Inn

Time: 7:30 P. M. (1930 hours)

MAREP Cruise of Fraser River September 27

October 4, 1980 The Gulf of Georgia Predicted Log Race - Fall Race and Packingham Race.

October 10, 11, 12 Thanksgiving weekend cruise (weather permitting)

October 10 Cowards Cove October 11 & 12 New Brighton or re-locate close by if majority wishes.

For information, Buddy Boats etc. contact:

Sail Boats - George Shurman 271-7439

Power Boats- Ted Bula 943-5886

Frank Dombrowski Cruisemaster 596-2789

November 28, 1980 - Fraser Power Squadron Christmas Party at the Richmond Inn. Circle the date on your calendar and come join in the fun - everyone welcome, new students too! Further details in next Fairlead.

