

THE

FAIRLEAD

FRASER POWER SQUADRON NEWS



1e 1981

Vol. 7

No. 2

FROM THE BRIDGE

Since our own Change of Watch and Graduation we have had a fairly busy month.

On May 29, 30, and June 1, fourteen Fraser members on five boats attended the Pacific Mainland District Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch at Wigwam Inn on Indian Arm. It was a tremendous success with an overflow attendance.

On June 2 seven of our members 'stuffed' kits for Boating Safety Week--many thanks to them, particularly on such short notice.

Safe Boating Week will be officially July 1 to 7 this year but distribution of the material will be June 19, 20, and 21. Those members who can spare a couple of hours that weekend please contact George Schurman.

On June 7, Fraser's Bridge held the usual monthly meeting and everything seems in good order financially, socially and fall training wise; 'though we do need more proctors for Basic Boating. Please contact Esther Dombrowski before June 26 if you are willing to contribute to your Squadron's training efforts--remember, somebody did it for you.

The Pacific Mainland District Roster should be in your hands about June 20 to 25. One squadron (not Fraser) held it up for about two weeks so we can't blame P.M.D.

That's it for now and. . .

SAFE BOATING

Commander Harry Fane

MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

This month - John Moran, Editor of Fairlead

John's background is water oriented, having spent his first seven years on Egg Island lighthouse, just north of Vancouver Island. Years later, he and Freda had their honeymoon on a 22 ft. open sailboat. Small boat racing in Victoria was terminated by a transfer to Tsawwassen, where Power Squadron came to his attention. Ten years of taking courses and teaching Sail and AP have resulted in a JN rating, a year as Fraser's Training Officer, Editor of Fairlead, membership on National's Committee for Seamanship-Sail, and looking after an AP student in Alberta by correspondence. John can often be found rowing on the Fraser near Deas Island early on weekend mornings, hence the bias towards wooden small craft in Fairlead.

.....

CRUISING WITH CHILDREN

More and more children are becoming part of the boating scene. This is very evident around our local waters, where many young families and grandparents are choosing boating as a special kind of family togetherness.

We as adults must prepare and provide our children/grandchildren with the necessary skills and knowledge to help make these happy and safe childhood memories.

The following are some suggestions that you may have already done or might like to try with your youngsters during your boating season:

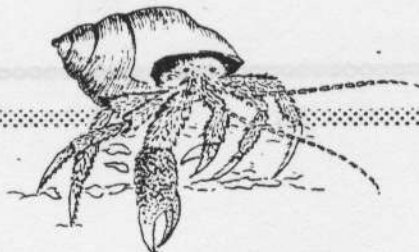
Family drills and safety checks at home before you leave,
Assignments of duties and responsibilities that the children might help with (full explanations and instructions should be given before you leave, as it is hard to assign jobs when you're busy).

ON BOARD ACTIVITIES:

Dead head watching, fishing, dinghy races, reading, writing and/or listening to stories or poems, painting, drawing, colouring, cutting, pasting pictures, playing commercial games, card games, word games, or paper games, puzzles, charades, spool knitting, crocheting, knitting, sewing, carving, puppet making, presenting puppet shows, fortunetelling, chart and map reading, and stargazing.

ON SHORE ACTIVITIES:

Fishing, crabbing, hiking, nature walks, seashell and rock collecting, bug hunt, treasure hunt, scavenger hunt, following marked trails, hide-and-seek, ball games, baseball, campfire building, weiner roasts, marshmallow toasting, picnics, sandcastle building contests, bird watching, berry picking, gadget making, relays, races, and camping out.



THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Geographically speaking, Fraser is one of the largest Power Squadrons in the Pacific Mainland. We boast a membership of 320 full members, 70 Lady Associates, and 13 Junior Associates.

These people represent all walks of life, many different occupations, nationalities, customs, and creeds, but we all have a very strong common bond: the love for the sea and safe boating.

Our new executive would like to strengthen this common bond with a personal touch of getting to know our membership. To start with, we would like to organize a phoning committee. We need about 36 volunteers to call approximately 10-12 members once a month to invite them personally to our get togethers, as well as help us get to know their interests and complaints so that we, the executive, may do the best possible job for you, the members.

Can you help? Please say yes! Phone and leave your name and number with either Nessie Fane, 277-8732, or George Schurman, 271-7439. Thank you for your support.

.....

May Long Weekend--Non Cruise

The May 15 - 18 long weekend unfortunately had weather problems. This, coupled with the fact that the Cruisemaster did not receive any calls from boats proposing to attend, resulted in the Assistant Cruisemaster, Ken Sykes, of "The Illusion" making repeated unanswered radio checks of the cruise area before proceeding to join six Fraser boats in Silva Bay.

The gala Fraser spirit was evident immediately, so it was decided that the cruise would continue at Silva Bay.

The boats in attendance were the Yahtzee III, Caromar, Monsoon II, The Illusion, Eugene K IV, Kuu Lani, and the Dauntless.

Saturday evening found all on board the Yahtzee III for a gourmet bowl of popcorn and sundry refreshments. You would be surprised how many people you can fit on a 29 ft. boat.

The only fish reportedly caught was a 2-4 lb. salmon hooked by John Jones. The weight is still under discussion.

Although the weather did not co-operate entirely, all had a good time on this cruise, which was dubbed as the "Non Cruise."

- Judy Alexander,
P.R. Officer.





FIRE IS.....



The visible, active phase of combustion, manifested in light and heat. Under control, fire ignites fuel to run the engine, heat our food, warm the cabin and light the way. Yet for all the good fire is, property is destroyed, lives are lost and all the suffering.

Of all the perils that can befall a mariner, fire is the most dreaded. So it is up to the skipper to formulate a Fire Prevention Program for his vessel.

In order for a fire to start, three things must be present:

- 1) Heat source-----Open flame, sparks from electrical switching, worn insulation, broken wires or from metal to metal contact. Also areas of the engine or from static discharge, etc.
- 2) Combustible Material-----Rags, paper, solvents, fiberglass, oil, and many others.
- 3) Oxygen-----Abundant in our atmosphere.

Fire Prevention then is a matter of keeping one from the other. Good housekeeping. "A place for everything and everything in its place."

Keep electrical wires and switches in good working order. Don't overload circuits. Keep papers, rags, etc. from hot areas. Wipe up oil from around engine and clean up spills. Soiled rags should be placed in a metal container that has a self-closing lid, and as soon as possible taken off your vessel.

When refueling, follow the safe refueling practices.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) All non-essential persons ashore. | 5) Check level of fuel in tank. |
| 2) Close all hatches. | 6) Check type of fuel. |
| 3) Extinguish all flames. | 7) Ground the fill nozzle to tank. |
| 4) No electrical switching. | 8) Wipe up spills. |

The next two steps could very well be the most important.

- 9) Use your nose before starting exhaust fan.
- 10) Run exhaust fan.

Last and most important, practise prevention. Have all the required fire fighting equipment and know how to use it. Continually check and be sure all Fire Prevention steps are followed. Have regular fire drills, making sure all persons aboard are aware of the importance of fire prevention. Have a safe and pleasant summer. THINK SAFETY.

- Vic Ramos.

.....



PMD Annual General Meeting at Wigwam Inn
May 30, 1981

The three Fraser vessels arriving Friday evening, May 29, were Yahtzee III, crewed by Harry and Nessie Fane, with guests Norm and Sue Dyck, Pacific Salt II, under the command of Frank and Esther Dombrowski, with guests Marg Halliday and Martin and Carolyn Hoffman, and Nishga, piloted by Dave and Barb Dyck. It was reported that our Supply Officer was in great demand Friday evening by a female member of White Rock Squadron who believed that he was a baker. She kept saying, "Gee, he has nice buns!" During Saturday's luncheon "Pescadero" with Vern and Audrey Lowe, and "Chinook" with Rick and Carolyn Chapman arrived, to follow the mysterious appearance of Herb Brimble.

Our newly retired Commander was appointed District Training Officer; Marg Halliday will be a Staff Lieutenant serving as a regional training assistant, and Herb Brimble will be Assistant Supply Officer dealing with training aids. Barb Dyck, the retiring D.T.O., produced a much needed manual for squadron training officers. Rather than continuing in the district executive, she chose to stay closer to training and has become a National Assistant Training Officer. Randy Lutman won honourable mention in the District training aids competition. Congratulations and thanks to these members of Fraser for their efforts to keep CPS moving forward.

The new leaders of PMD's bridge are:

Commander	Doug Thorn
Exec. Officer	Art Shaw
Secretary	Ed Mills
Treasurer	Terry Hannigan
Admin. Officer	Wally Kiss
Training Officer	Norm Dyck.

The facilities for many of the seminars were too small for the large number of attendees, but fortunately the room was large enough for the training seminar. The vessels leaving late Sunday morning staged a Sail Past in honour of the Chief Commander and the new District Commander.

.....

BOATING SAFETY WEEK

Once again, F.P.S. members are doing their part to help promote safe boating. The following members: Carolyn and Martin Hoffman, Brian and Lindsay Smith, Ray and Pat Scobie, and Sue Dyck helped stuff safety information into bags. These bags will be distributed at the two local launch ramps of MacDonald Beach and Tsawwassen on June 19, 20, and 21. If you could possibly spare a couple of hours on any of these 3 days to help distribute the materials, please contact Administration Officer George Schurman, 271-7439.

.....

HAZARDS OF PRESSURE ALCOHOL STOVES

We all learned that alcohol was a safe fuel because water can be used to extinguish the flames. However, the pale blue alcohol flames are often very difficult to see and can flare up as their fuel becomes heated. Loose clothing, curtains, and other cloth articles hung over the stove to dry can easily swing out over the stove if the boat rolls or increases its angle of heel. Women should be very careful with loose fitting nylon blouses when operating any stove having open flames. A pot placed over a high flame will deflect that flame towards you and it may extend farther than you expected.

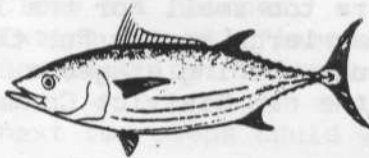
The needle valve is subject to uneven wear where it contacts the seat. The resulting ridges and hollows can allow leakage which will probably evaporate while the stove is hot but, on cooling, liquid alcohol will escape. As long as there is fuel under pressure in the tank there will be leakage that can be well distributed by motion of the boat. The next light up may start a serious fire.

Some stoves have a built-in pricker to clean the small nozzle at the burner. This is operated by fully opening the valve to the burner. After the mechanism gets worn it is possible that the rack and pinion may slip a tooth if the valve is opened with a heavy hand. On attempting to close the valve the pricker assembly bottoms out too soon and keeps the valve from being fully closed. This again leads to fuel leakage.

One popular model of stove has built-in, porous metal filters which cannot be cleaned. They can be drilled out and replaced by removable screens. Do-it-yourselfers should be very careful not to damage the valve seat with the drill.

To summarize, there are several causes of fuel leakage, which is a great potential hazard because of the sometimes almost invisible flame.

-information provided by A. V. Gallon,
Capilano Squadron, to J. R. Moran.



PROCTORS ARE NEEDED

Meet people, reinforce your knowledge, and help others by calling Esther Dombrowski at 596-2789 before the end of June to volunteer as a proctor in one of Fraser's classes.

GOLDEN OLDIE



Easthope Sales and Service, of Steveston, well known in the early days for building heavy duty gas engines for the fishing fleet, is again producing one model of these engines. It develops 14 hp at low speed from its two large cylinders. If sales of these simple, hand-built engines continue as satisfactorily as at present, the Company may again build the smaller, single cylinder machines.

COMING EVENTS

Dominion Day Cruise from June 27 to July 5

This will be a very loose type of cruise, as people will have different days off. Our Cruisemaster has been unable to contact the organizers of the Saturna Island Lamb Barbecue to confirm whether or not this event will be held on July 1st. If you are planning to go on this cruise, please call:

Ted Bula Y-Knot 943-5886
Ken Sykes The Illusion 261-9645
George Schurman Kochana III 271-7439

preferably ahead of time, by phone or on Channel 16, VHF radio, if you have left it until the last minute.

.....

Annual Wooden Boat Festival, in Seattle, Wash. July 3 to 5

-at the Naval Reserve Centre (south side of Lake Union). Wooden boats, large and small, old and new, rowing and sailing races, demonstrations of nautical activities.

.....

Pull or Be Damned Regatta for sail and oar, at Bowman Bay between Anacortes and Deception Pass. July 25 and 26.

.....

Classic Boat Festival Sept. 4, 5, 6 Inner Harbour, Victoria, B. C.

.....

Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival Sept. 5, 6. Point Hudson Marina, Port Townsend, Wash.

The marina is very limited in capacity and will be filled with wooden boats so don't try to take your tupperware special in. You can anchor off the town or go to the large marina on the south side of town. There will be something to interest everyone.

.....

