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FROM THE BRIDGE

As we approach the cruising season, I would like to suggest that all members obtain a copy of the new Safe Boating handbook and read it from cover to cover. After several land-bound months our knowledge can become a bit "tarnished" and there are several new rules and regulations this year.

From now through the summer we should also become familiar with the new buoyage system, which will gradually be implemented across Canada.

Our monthly get togethers have been particularly well attended this year. I hope we can keep up the good attendance. Along this line, don't forget the wine and Cheese night, April 23. Where else in these inflationary times can you get all the wine and cheese you can drink and eat for \$3.00?

Look elsewhere in this issue for information regarding our Local Knowledge and Radio Licence Course. Particularly if you're a new boater or haven't been to the areas covered you'll find it most informative and helpful.

Harry Fane, Cdr.



MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

CDR (Ret.) A. D. (Tony) Merry--Programs Officer.

It all started at the 1966 Vancouver Boat Show when a casual inquiry at the C.P.S. booth confirmed that for \$ 20.00 one could take an Elementary Piloting course. After having completed the 66/67 course in Richmond, Tony found the \$ 10.00 to join Fraser. He was immediately put to work by Cdr. Lou Durant as Squadron PRO for which he earned his very first merit mark.

Executive meetings in those days consisted of about 10 men sitting around a smoke-filled Legion Hall (a deteriorating old shack) in Ladner, passing around a couple of cases of beer. My! How things have changed.

Over the next two years, Tony stayed on the executive and took Seamanship and A.P. for which he had to drive to Vancouver. Full of theory he now decided it was safe to buy his first large (18 foot outboard) boat but soon traded up to a larger boat to accommodate his wife, Marilyn, and 3 small children.

1970-71 saw Tony as Assistant Training Officer and the instructor of his first Elementary Piloting Course. Working up through the positions of Training Officer and Executive Officer, he became Fraser's 10th Commander in 1973-74. He remembered the Graduation Party of 1974 when one of our more stalwart members had to eject physically a menacing drunk just prior to dinner.

Both Fraser and PMO called upon Tony to be their Marep Officer for a two-year term. In addition to his 14 years of executive duties he has successfully completed all CPS courses except Marine Electronics and Navigator as well as instructing for five winters. He instructed the 1974-75 Weather class for Fraser and then wrote the exam with his students.

Tony still marvels at the supportive group that is Fraser. From executive meetings to marking homework there is always someone who will say, "Hey, I can do that for you." It is a fantastic value for the money it costs, and is rewarding in the friendships made.

As for the future, Tony would like to earn his 20th merit mark (Life Membership) while still working for Fraser, before he retires from his present position as an airline captain and moves to Pender Island

SAFETY TIPS

Life jackets are made to be worn. Using them as seats will shorten their expected life spans.

It is advisable to try out your lifejacket in water so that you become familiar with the feel and its capabilities.

Invitation
You are cordially invited
to attend the 1982
Fraser Power Squadron
Graduation Dinner and
Dance

on Friday, the seventh day
of May 1982 at 1815
Delta Town and Country
Inn 6005 #17 Hwy.
Delta B.C.

\$15.00 per person
Dress: semi-formal
Music by the Northmen

PLEASE NOTE: DINNER WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT 1900 HOURS

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Working behind the scene, and with a minimum of fanfare is a group of boaters who have volunteered their vessels and expertise to augment and assist the Canadian Coast Guard.

This organization had its beginning in Ladner. A boating accident in October 1975 in the south arm of the Fraser River which resulted in a double drowning prompted a meeting of Delta Council, the Delta Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Coast Guard, the local M.P. and MLA as well as concerned citizens. Delta was granted the privilege of forming a pilot Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit, and training of some 20 volunteers began.

The merits of having such an organization were soon recognized, and by early 1977 plans were being formulated for an auxiliary on a national basis. In October of 1978, an agreement was signed between the auxiliarists (incorporated as Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary or C.M.R.A.) and the Minister of Transport, Otto Lang, officially establishing the organization now known as the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Enough history; at present the Auxiliary here on the West Coast is comprised of 23 units at various locations. The number in each unit varies from 5 to 20 members with a total membership of 251. This consists of 177 vessel owners, 64 crew, and 10 communicators. Value of the 177 vessels is approximately \$10,000,000. Unit 02, here in Ladner has 28 members; 18 of these are vessel owners. They operate a Coast Guard Zodiac as well.

The Auxiliarists are required to take training in such subjects as Search and Rescue, First Aid, CPR, Radio Operations, and towing techniques. Practice exercises are also carried out. Each Auxiliary vessel is required to undergo an annual inspection by the Coast Guard to ensure that it is properly equipped and seaworthy. Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels may be identified by the distinctive pennant they fly and by the familiar "Rescue" signs on the sides of the vessels.

It is significant to note that in 1980 CCG Auxiliarists participated in some 375 incidents. The local unit (Unit #02) was involved in 41 of these. In 1981 the total was 213, with Unit 02 involved in 25. As quite a number of these incidents consisted of responding to vessel breakdowns and other similar non-urgent situations, it meant that the primary Search and Rescue facilities were freed and available to respond to the urgent and genuine emergency incidents. Future plans call for more involvement by Auxiliarists in Safe Boating public relations work and courtesy vessel inspections.

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Needless to say, Canadian Power Squadron members are very active in this organization. Some names that come to mind are C.C. Jack Simpson (ret), D/C Gordon Lea (ret), Rick Weldon (White Rock), Dave & Joy Schultz (White Rock), Norm Harrison (Alouette) and so on. Fraser Auxiliaries include: George & Lois Schurman, Bill & Eva Couch, Norm & Sue Dyck, Lloyd Donald, Ross Murphy, Bruce Begon, Barbara Dyck, Wes Wensley, and Bob & Grace Nicholson.

-- Norm Dyck.

DID YOU KNOW?

Here are a few "Did you know's" on the Gulf Islands--

Tent Island--Part of the Kuper Island Indian Reserve, this lovely anchorage and camping site has been closed to the boating public. A Provincial Government permit allowing boaters use of the Island has expired and the Government has not renewed the permit.

Sidney Spit--if you are hoping for a swim this is not the place. Water temperature here is 10°F. colder than most other waters in the Gulf Islands; only the very young or very brave enjoy it.

As one of the marine parks with moorage fees, you are required to self-register your boat. Fees can only be submitted on a daily basis so if you plan an extended stay come prepared with small bills, as the ranger does not have change.

-- Linda Nixon.

TRAINING REPORT

Randy Lutman, Lt. Training, reports that the September boating classes have written exams and the pass rate was 94%.

In Randy's report he said, "I would like to thank all the Instructors, Proctors, guest lecturers, Assistant Training Officers, and all the people who helped with registration and exam marking. I would also like to thank all the people who offered advice to me this year."

The proposed exam date for the February accelerated course is May 3, 1982.



DUTIES OF THE SQUADRON TRAINING OFFICER

- Decide with executive which courses are to be held in the coming year.
- Appoint assistant training officers, lecturers, and proctors.
- Advise school boards of classroom requirements.
- Submit advertising for School Boards' calendar of fall courses.
- Ensure all courses are receiving publicity.
- Prepare, publish and distribute up-to-date instructor handbooks.
- Prepare posters for distribution to yacht clubs, marinas, etc.
- Contact last year's failures to encourage them to repeat the course.
- Advise Cruisemaster re familiarization courses.
- Receive applications for boating courses from advertising program.
- Visit classes on opening night and supervise enrollment.
- Visit various classes.
- Arrange for Examinations.
- Arrange for markers.
- Notify successful graduates.
- Advise Squadron Commander of persons deserving merit marks.
- Prepare report for change of watch.
- Ensure certificates and lists of successful elective and advanced course students.
- Make a list of new members who have offered assistance.

FOR SALE

1981 Double Eagle 22 foot command bridge model with a 260 h.p. Volvo (30 hours) freshwater cooled. The features are: sleeping facilities for 3 to 4, stand-up head and galley. The equipment comprises: trim tabs, depth sounder, FM, compasses, winch, bait tank, anchor and safety equipment. The vessel is berthed at Secret Cove. Owner is leaving Vancouver, but may be contacted by phoning 274-0951. Price \$ 25,000.00.

TEST YOUR NAVIGATIONAL IMAGINATION

Describe your starting position so that you finish the following trip back at the starting point: travel south for 100 miles, west for 100 miles and north for 100 miles. The North Pole is not the starting point!

Submitted by Zeke Zabolotniuk.

The position is a high S. Lat. such that after travelling 100 miles south you turn west for 100 miles to circle the globe then turn north for 100 miles to the start.

ANSWER

Cost \$ 15.00 for both Radio Course only, \$5.00
Local Knowledge only, \$ 10.00

Place: Steveston High School, 10440 #2 Road. Time: 7:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

April 23, 1982. Fraser's Annual General Meeting, combined with a wine and cheese party. The meeting starts at 2000 hours at the Delta Town & Country Inn. Price \$ 3.00 per person.

May 7, 1982. Graduation Party. See the formal invitation!
For information call George Schurman, 271-7439
or Brian Smith, 277-7981.
Please buy your tickets by May 2, 1982.

VICTORIA DAY CRUISE

May 21 evening rendezvous at Clam Bay
22 Maple Bay
23 Brentwood Bay & Butchart's Gardens
24 return home

Details may be obtained from Ted Bula, 943-5886, Del Dash, 278-8578 or 274-2352, or George Schurman, 271-7439.

HELP WANTED

Anyone wishing to help to distribute boating safety pamphlets for a 2 hour shift at the launching ramps at the Tsawwassen causeway and McDonald Park on the North Arm by the airport should contact George Schurman 271-7439.