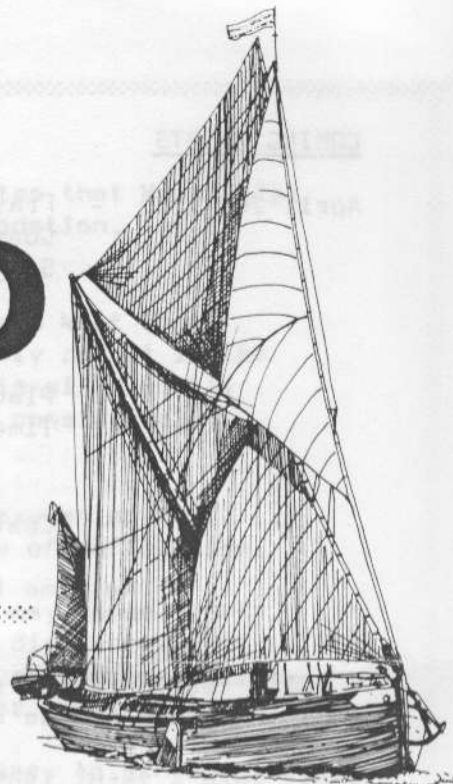


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FROM THE BRIDGE

COME TO FRASER'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
26 APRIL 1985 at 1930

(see details inside)

Cdr. George Schurman

COMING EVENTS

- April 26, 1985 - Fraser Power Squadron's Annual General Meeting.
Guest Speaker: Don Watts
Subject: The chemistry of fire. Don has excellent aids to show how gasoline fumes behave and why we should follow the rules for the safe handling of fuels. There will be some surprises too!
Place: Delta Town & Country Inn
Time: Doors and bar open at 1930 and the meeting will start at 2000. Don will take over after the meeting.
Cost: \$2.50 per person to cover coffee, tea and sandwiches.
Welcome to: Members, friends, Boating Class Students and members of other Squadrons.

NOTE: We must have sufficient members present to form a quorum; so come along and be counted!

April 26th - 28th, 1985 - Ladner Swap Meet

April 29, May 2, 6, 9 & 13, 1985 - Instructor Training Course
This is free to CPS members but please register immediately so that course materials can be obtained. Call instructor Carol Quartermain at 277-7007 to pre-register. The course will be held at Richmond High School, 7171 Minoru.

May 11, 1985 - GRADUATION PARTY - Tickets for this Saturday night of dining, welcoming new members, recognizing the efforts of our active members and dancing are still available at \$17.50 per person from Verna Payne 946-9692 and other members of the executive. The main course for the dinner will be chicken cordon bleu. The party will be held at the Delta Town & Country Inn commencing at 1830 for the bar and 1930 for the dinner. The Northmen have changed the name of the band to the Limericks.

May 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, 1985 - Let's Be Boatwise
Children's Boating Safety Course
see details elsewhere in this issue.

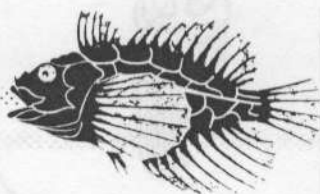
May 18 & 19, 1985 - Victoria Day Cruise and Fish Fry
see Summer Fun for details.

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AS ONE WOULD EXPECT!

Few, if any, collisions can be mainly attributed to possible short comings of the Rules of the Road or ships' equipment. Human failure is almost invariably the most important factor, usually in the form of negligence, ignorance of the Rules, or improper use of equipment.

From the article - Collisions at Sea by Capt. A.N. Cockcroft FRIN, Sr. lecturer, City of London Polytechnic.



HALON 1211 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The Coast Guard's booklet Safe Boating Guide states that Halon 1211 fire extinguishers should not be stored in the accommodation. WHY? An industrial hygienist suggested the following:

- a) This material is stored in extinguishers as a liquid kept under pressure by compressed air. Any leakage will likely result in the silent expulsion of a small amount of liquid. This will quickly evaporate into a large volume of the gas which is considerably heavier than air.
- b) The heavy gas will, in confined spaces, displace oxygen so that even though it is not toxic, it may cause a degree of suffocation.
- c) A concentration of about 1% or more of Halon 1211 may cause heart arrhythmia (irregular beat) in some persons. The displacement of oxygen can also cause this problem. There is the strong possibility of a person panicking when discovering an irregular heart beat.
- d) People often have larger extinguishers than necessary to achieve the desired concentration of 6% which is the desirable amount for fire fighting, therefore leakage from oversize extinguishers could multiply the foregoing problems if the extinguisher leaked while stored in the accommodation.

The oversized extinguisher is great for fire fighting as it will allow for leakage through hatches, ventilators, etc. and still maintain an effective concentration of the Halon gas. Just store the extinguisher in a locker that doesn't open into the accommodation.

CHILDREN'S SAFE BOATING COURSE

Let's Be Boatwise, a C.P.S. program for children 10 to 13 years old, will be given by Fraser in close cooperation with the Richmond Public Library, Brighthouse Branch, starting at 1830 and running to 2030 for five days, May 16th (Thursday), 21st, 23rd, 28th and 30th. Those successfully passing the test will receive a certificate and a jacket crest. The cost will be \$6.00 for each child. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required and, as attendance is limited, "first come first served."

Please register by calling the library's children's department at 273-6606 at any time between 10:00 a.m. and 8:45 p.m. Mon. to Fri. and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Cheques should be payable to Fraser Power Squadron and mailed to the library within a week of registering. If younger children are interested, their parents should call the library as other classes may be arranged for them if there are enough students. Tony Merry will be the instructor. The address of the library is:

Richmond Public Library,
7691 Minoru Gate
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 1R8

FOR SALE

8 foot Columbia Dinghy, double hull, extremely stable, wide beam.
\$225.00 phone 277-8732

RESCUES

by Cheryl Gaudet

We're all curious creatures who love to be involved and hear the latest news but sometimes, our curiosity is a hindrance.

When you hear a Mayday in progress, remember - keep that channel clear. What you have to say can wait. When someone needs help at sea, our distress calling channel may be his only hope for life. A majority of boaters are in that age group where heart attacks are very prevalent, and you could be a potential victim. So THINK, when there's an emergency; that is the most important thing that you can contribute to a rescue.

Know how to use your radio properly. Classes and licensing are available. You may be the only person left to respond by radio. Have the name of your boat well marked and easily seen. That \$100.00 paint job is very important, and worth it, if your boat needs to be found quickly on the water.

Don't be a "looky-lue" in an emergency. If your assistance is needed, you'll be the first to be asked to come forth. To hang out of your boat, waving or staring, only adds confusion to an already distressing situation! Stick by your radio and listen to instructions, should you be needed.

Keep your life ring, life line and bilge pump in obvious places in your boat. When disaster strikes, you'll be amazed that, even though, in a relaxed situation, you know every corner of your boat, you can't find things when you need recall in an emergency.

Always check your flares and update them. The reason that you bought them was to fire them off. They aren't much good if they don't function!

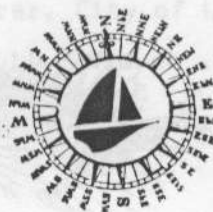
So remember, to be a good help in a rescue and to make it successful and less stressful:

1. Think.
2. Keep communication lines clear.
3. Know how to transmit and receive messages.
4. Have your boat well marked with the vessel's name and number.
5. LISTEN to your radio.
6. Have emergency equipment readily available.
7. Know your boat.

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FOR SALE

1977 Sea Ray 22 ft. overnighter with less than 70 hours on re-built engine. Two full tops: one fiberglass with teak and canvas (camper style) and the other all canvas. Price \$14,500 including over \$7,500 worth of added options. Offered separately: a tandem Road Runner show trailer with chrome fenders. Contact Ken at 276-3089 business or 278-7426 residence



"WHAT YOU GET IS HOW YOU READ IT"

Notices to Mariners is the end result of all MAREP'S submitted by all the Power Squadrons with some input from the Coast Guard and Canadian Hydrographic. TRUE or FALSE? They are produced weekly on excellent quality white paper and mailed to any boater who wants to keep their CHARTS, SMALL CRAFT GUIDES, SAILING DIRECTIONS, RADIO AIDS LIST, LIGHT LISTS and TIDE TABLES up to date. They cover the area from STAG HARBOUR TICKLE, NEWFOUNDLAND to NICKEL LAYE CHANNEL, BRITISH COLUMBIA and from the BEAUFORT SEA to OREGON COAST, U.S.A. There is a lot of important stuff inside each edition and if you are not on the mailing list, the following excerpts will show you what you are missing. NOTICE #245 - The Coast Guard changed the LIGHT BUOY at BAIE DES ANGLAIS. So you take a look at your English Bay Harbour chart and can't find it and that's because we have one in the St. LAWRENCE RIVER and no, I wasn't reading the French version - just trying to figure it out.

In notice #207, we found they have discontinued the LIGHT & WHISTLE BUOY N.E. of BLOW ME DOWN. Now with a name like that you would think there would be a need for a navigation aid there. But that's in Newfoundland and I wasn't going there this week-end anyway so I kept reading my Notice to Mariners and came across Notice #200 P. The notice says a vessel has sunk at 47°48'18N, 52°47'54W which is in CRIPPLE COVE and the chart 4574 will be affected. Anyway, I don't keep that chart so on I read to Notice #119, SCHOONER COVE, VANCOUVER ISLAND. I paid attention to this one 'cause it's close to home. They advise me to DELETE the PRIVATE LIGHT. Doesn't say why it's gone or what color the light was but I took a guess that business wasn't too good at SCHOONER'S so the party left. I was disappointed but oh well, my props were bent anyway and the water was too cold to change them. Another opportunity may well come up if I continue to read my Notices to Mariners religiously. I continue reading.

Page 23 makes my heart pump faster. "Sea Surface Temperature Charts" are broadcast on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. No channel # is mentioned, calendar says Friday, light is gone can't get temperature, heart nearly stops pumping so I lie down and continue to read my notices then my eyes do a double take. Page 19 (7). "All Hurricane, Gale & Storm Warnings are transmitted when available". I deduced from this no Power Squadron submitted this MAREP so it must be some input from the weather office in Regina. Also, I think it over some more and figure that if I can't get my boat rocking they will tell me when it will. Good stuff I conclude, and underline it for future reference.

I read the next item Page 19 (8); jumped out of my bunk and promptly devoured 2 straight Navy Rums, followed same with a Generic Beer, refocused the eyeballs and read out loud "Marine Forecasts for Coastal Newfoundland, Gulf of St. Lawrence and Coastal Nova Scotia are transmitted in Plain Language." People, dockside, look decidedly puzzled at who my guest might be while scratching heads to figure out what language we are receiving on the West Coast. I wake up somewhat hung over, pour a stiff black coffee and open the latest copy of Notices to Mariners. Now I know why men go to sea in ships. It's right there on Page 4, notice 104.

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"WHAT YOU GET IS HOW YOU READ IT" (continued)

Through bloodshot eyes I read KYUQUOT SOUND - NICKEL LAYE CHANNEL. It says I should add Light FL "R" at 50°01'17"N 127°21'52"W. So that's where that light went from SCHOONER COVE. Must have been more action at KYUQUOT, I say to myself so not to attract those docksiders. I also wonder what action the MAREP CRUISE encountered on that trip. While looking desperately for the PROP WASH ROSTER, my mind wanders to the underlined bit on the Sea Surface Temperature Chart broadcast. I guess it all depends on your state of mind! All the pleasures of boating are where and how you find them. The Notices to Mariners is just one more valuable navigation aid to help you reach your goal - whatever that goal may be!

So you want to get your own copy eh! Well, just write in plain language to: Director General, Aids and Waterways, Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, ONTARIO, CANADA K1A 0N7 or call me; your Fraser Marep Officer, Larry Terrick 277-9919.

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MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

by Marg & Del Dash

Del Dash is a recent immigrant to B.C., having arrived from Ontario in 1945. He soon saw the great possibilities of fresh salmon and built a boat. The boat grew, changed shapes and names and eventually became the forty-two foot troller, Dauntless.

It was at this time that a mutual friend introduced him to Marg. Marg had been involved with Fraser Power Squadron for a number of years and was involved with teaching the boating course. By the time that fall had arrived and the boating course was getting under way, Del decided he would take the course rather than have Marg away every Monday night meeting all those interesting students. Nature took its course and Del & Marg were married shortly after.

They have both been involved with predicted log racing for a number of years. Marg is presently Commodore of the G. of G. Cruise Navigators, while Del is trustee of the International Power Boaters Association.

Marg has held various positions on the executive of Fraser Power Squadron, becoming Commodore in 1979. Del has been our Cruisemaster for three years. Come to the Fish Fry Cruise at Otter Bay, May 18th to 20th and meet your friendly Cruisemaster.

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DID YOU KNOW

Thomas Colvin, a Naval Architect and World Cruiser, has proposed a law: "PRIOR PLANNING PREVENTS POOR PERFORMANCE - possibly!"

THE MARCH SOCIAL

After the usual brief business meeting, Garry Russell started his presentation with a video film produced by a large charter agency. This showed a preview of the most popular cruising areas in Britain: the Norfolk Broads, the extensive canal system, Western Scotland and the Thames River. The main feature was the excellent set of slides and a lively commentary on the power boat trip that took Gary and Catherine from Norwich to Great Yarmouth. The Broads are wide sections of a slow running river system that winds through small, old villages and farm land to the North Sea. Gary covered both the boating aspects of the trip and the historic and picturesque scenery near the waterways in a very professional manner.

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SUMMER FUN

VICTORIA DAY CRUISE AND FISH FRY

Tentative reservations have been made for 14 boats at Otter Bay, North Pender Island, for Saturday and Sunday May 18th and 19th. The Fish Fry will be held on Sunday May 19th so that non-boaters can travel by B.C. ferries. Ticket prices for the Fish Fry are: adults, \$4.00 each; children of a yet to be established age group, \$2.00 each; children under 5 years of age, free. Please make advanced reservations by calling Cruisemaster, Del Dash 685-8820.

B.C. Day Steak Bar-B-Cue at Port Browning, South Pender Island to be held on Sunday, August 4th. Monday August 5th is B.C. Day, a statutory holiday. The prices are: steak dinner \$6.00 each; children's hamburger plate \$1.50 each. For further information and reservations please call the sponsoring White Rock Power Squadron representatives: Al Elchuck 536-9851 or Jack Sutherland 536-4880. This is an opportunity to visit the archeological dig near the canal.

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Medical Microcard International is offering a medical identification card service that may be very useful to boaters who suffer an accident or illness that requires them to use an ambulance or the emergency department of any hospital. The large card is of a credit card size and shows name, address, phone number, social insurance number, hospital preference, plus a medical caution in easily read type. It also carries a micro-fiche film that can only be read by the use of an enlarging projector thus preserving the confidentiality of more personal medical information. Hospital emergency departments have the facilities to read such information as: history, present illness, donor information, medication, description of person, and next of kin. This can save emergency staff much time in retrieving medical records, especially if the victim is not fully conscious. A miniature card is available for wearing on a chain around the neck. It is of value for children, swimmers, joggers and others who may not always carry a wallet. The price of the two card set is \$25.00. The card service or more information may be obtained from Cheryl Gaudet, 943-7966.

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