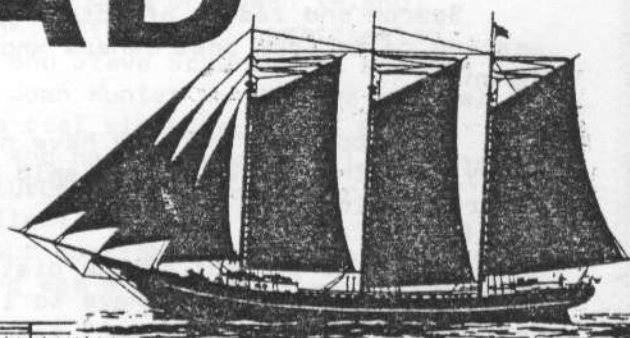


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FROM THE BRIDGE

It never fails, whatever we look forward to is so long in coming and so short in duration. It seems only yesterday we were looking forward to summer, good weather, holidays and great times on the water. Well we certainly had fantastic weather. I hope your summer was as enjoyable as ours.

Now it is time to get back to reality and on with the regular part of life. Squadron life returns to normal with registration for the fall classes. Have you thought about what you plan to do this fall? I don't doubt that you are tired of my asking for help in teaching but, if we had volunteers coming forward, I wouldn't mention it. Think seriously about teaching or proctoring (assisting). It's one of the basic reasons our Squadron exists. If you can spare the time and it really isn't that much, please call Linda Gisborne at 946-2749.

For those who cannot help in teaching, have you considered taking an Advanced or Elective course? The Training Department is planning a complete slate of courses and they will go ahead provided there is sufficient registration. Why not upgrade your knowledge. The registration dates for all classes appear elsewhere in this issue.

I have real difficulty accepting the fact we have trouble finding teachers and people for the Bridge and Appointed Officers when we have over 400 members in our Squadron. The very committed do get tired and deserve a rest but, we need new people with new ideas to stimulate the group. Right now I cannot find people to accept two positions, Programs Officer and Socials Officer. These aren't onerous tasks. If you can assist, please call me at 274-2153.

Remember, our Squadron will be as good as we make it. Like anything else in life, we get back what we put in. What have you put into our Squadron? My number again is 274-2153.

Jack Hunter
Commander.

CARELESS BOAT OWNERS ANGER RESCUE OFFICIALS

Search and rescue officials are concerned about a growing number of time-wasting calls from boat owners whose vessels break down due to improper maintenance.

"Some boaters think we have nothing better to do than go out and chase them every time they break down," said Maj. Don Blair of the rescue coordination centre in Victoria.

"About 85 percent of the distress calls we receive are minor," Blair said Thursday. "Sometimes we have to leave them for a couple of hours before we can get to them, but we can't leave them too long or they could drift into the rocks and become major. Even so, they still tie up our manpower."

Blair cited the case of a 10-metre Steveston pleasure craft that broke down twice within four hours last week.

"At the time of both calls (from the pleasure craft), our manpower was stretched as we had a major search going off Port Hardy for an overdue vessel."

He said such breakdowns usually result from shoddy maintenance and minor mechanical problems. He thought the Steveston vessel's problem was water in the oil supply.

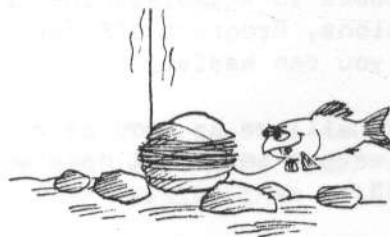
"If you can afford a pleasure craft you should be able to afford to check your oil," he said.

Blair said that since May 15, search and rescue boats have responded seven times to breakdown calls from a 14-metre Port Hardy gillnetter and added that RCMP are considering laying charges in that case.

Blair criticized boaters for not using a commercial assistance service available to them.

"Seatow provides a service for boaters like the one the BCAA has for motorists. They'll give you preferred rates and answer calls if you break down, which we'll then monitor."

Since the beginning of August the rescue control centre has answered 312 calls - slightly more than by this time last year. Blair said water traffic has been increased by "Expo and fine weather."



LABOUR DAY CRUISE

The weather was fantastic, the location (Snug Cove on Bowen Island) picturesque and the fellowship great. While only five boats participated, Norm and Sue Dyck on Hanalei II; George, Lois and Steve Schurman on Kochana III; Alex and Jean McKenna on Canam Lady; Jack and Joan Hunter on Taniwha and Del and Marg Dash on Dauntless, it turned out to be a real clambake. Port Moody Squadron also chose the location for a cruise and had a large flotilla. Port Moody had made arrangements for a dance on Saturday evening and graciously invited our contingent along. It was an excellent evening. Sunday evening we reciprocated by inviting Port Moody to share our bonfire. Thanks to a great guitarist/vocalist from Port Moody, the evening was a howling (I mean singing) success.

Del Dash
Cruisemaster.

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS - EXPO BOOTH

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons had an informational booth at Expo 86 for the week of August 22. All the Squadrons in Pacific Mainland District participated in manning the booth. Fraser Squadron was ably represented by Norm and Sue Dyck, Larry and Shirley Terrick, Bert and Linda Gisborne, Cliff and Diana Cunningham and Jack and Joan Hunter.

FRASER SQUADRON - BRIDGE & APPOINTED OFFICERS

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LT/C. EXECUTIVE	CLIFF CUNNINGHAM	274-3073
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1st Lt. TREASURER	LARRY TERRICK	277-9919
1st LT. SECRETARY	LINDSAY SMITH	277-7981
1st Lt. ADMINISTRATION	BRIAN SMITH	277-7981
Lt. SUPPLY	BERNIE LARMET	274-6246
Lt. PROGRAMS	to be announced	
Lt. SOCIAL	to be announced	
Lt. MEMBERSHIP	JOAN HUNTER	274-2153
Lt. P.R.O.	CHERYL GAUDET	943-7966
Lt. CRUISEMASTER	DEL DASH	685-8820
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Lt. HISTORIAN	VERNA PAYNE	946-9692
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Lt. Asst. Trng. (Ladner)	GARY LEWICHEW	536-4464
	KAREN LEWICHEW	536-4464
Lt. Asst. Cruise (Sail)	GEORGE SCHURMAN	271-7439
Lt. Asst. Cruise (Power)	DAVE WILLIAMS	274-1085
AUDITOR	MARG DASH	685-8820
COMMANDER (ret.)	MARTIN HOFFMAN	277-4924



WHAT CPS COURSE TO TAKE THIS WINTER?

We hope that you will take one of our advanced or elective courses this winter to improve your boating skills. Please refer to the Sun's article Careless Boat Owners Anger Rescue Officials copied elsewhere in this Fairlead. Let's not get caught short if the Federal Govt., in its drive to reduce spending, alters the presently free service provided by the Coast Guard. We can all do our part to help to reduce costs by being a bit more careful and skillful with our boating. Some insurance companies recognize the benefit of education by giving premium reductions for the completion of CPS courses. (Other than Boating too). The social benefits of joining a class are the opportunity to meet more Fraser members and to develop a sense of belonging. Think of the satisfaction of having achieved a goal!

As a Boating graduate and a paid up member of CPS, you can take any one (or more) of: Advanced Piloting, Seamanship Power, Seamanship Sail, Weather, Marine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Instructor Training. However, to take Junior Navigation you must have passed Advanced Piloting and one of the Seamanship Courses. The old Seamanship Course, offered before the split into Sea Sail and Sea Power, is still one of the valid prerequisites for JN. The prerequisite for N is the passing of JN. Come along and bring a friend!



NICKEL CADMIUM BATTERY CARE

The following article refers to the batteries in hand-held VHF radio sets.

Nickel cadmium batteries can last up to three years with proper battery maintenance and recharging. Like athletes, they perform best when they get frequent workouts. This includes good charging and regular periods of normal discharging when your hand-held is turned on. However, do not deliberately run the batteries down - a completely dead nickel cadmium battery may reverse its polarity and never take a charge again until its memory is zapped back into proper polarity. So use your hand-held frequently and don't recharge it until after at least eight hours of use. Then charge the batteries slowly for at least 16 hours. Never leave your unit plugged into a small wall-charger for any length of time; it could cause the battery to overheat. Better still, get an automatic unit that shuts off when the battery is fully charged. If you plan to store your hand-held this winter, play it now and then and recharge it - but don't leave it plugged in for three months. With routine cycling of your nickel cadmium battery, you can expect up to 2,000 recharges.

TRAINING DEPT. NEWS

The regular boating courses in both Richmond and Ladner started on Sept. 15 and 17 and accelerated classes commenced on Sept. 9. Enrollment figures will be published next issue.

Advanced and Elective Courses are being held as follows:

Seamanship Sail - Registration Sept. 22 at J. N. Burnett School, Richmond
Cost \$55.00/person
\$75.00/couple

Seamanship Power - Registration Sept. 24 at J. N. Burnett School, Richmond
Cost \$55.00/person
\$75.00/couple

Advanced Piloting - Registration Sept. 24 at J. N. Burnett School, Richmond
Cost \$65.00/person
\$85.00/couple

Junior Navigation - Registration Sept. 11 at Delta Secondary School, Ladner
Cost \$70.00/person

Navigation - Registration Sept. 8 at Tsawwassen Yacht Club
Cost \$75.00/person

Marine Maintenance - Registration Sept. 23 at R. C. Palmer School, Richmond
Cost \$35.00/person

Weather - Registration Oct. 20 at Delta Secondary School, Ladner
Cost \$40.00/person

Let's Be Boatwise - for youngsters aged 7-13. Sept. 20 - pre-registration required. Please call for information. Cost \$12.00

Marine Electronics - anyone interested? Call 946-2749

Skipper Saver - " " "

Instructor Training - In order to help you gain confidence, become part of a worthwhile organization and for the satisfaction of helping, we will be conducting this free training seminar in October - plan to participate.

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Registration will be held in Richmond at J. N. Burnett Jr. Secondary,
5011 Granville Ave. (at Railway) and
R. C. Palmer Jr. Secondary,
8160 St. Albans at 1900 hours.

Registration will be held in Ladner at Delta Secondary,
4615 51st St. (at 45th Ave.) 1900 hours.

Although JN and N will have started by the time this reaches you, there should be no difficulty in catching up. Please call your T.O. at 946-2749 for more information regarding all above courses.

B. C. ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's B. C. Rowing Championships were held on Deas Slough on May 10 and 11. Although a normal course is 2000m, the Slough allowed only 1400m from the starting line beside the highway bridge to the finish near the eastern end. All classes from the big eights down to the pencil thin singles were well represented. There were no canoes as in the Olympic events.

Many good viewpoints of the course were available from the Deas Harbour Marina property on the south to Deas Island Park on the north. An official observation station at the 1000m point on the north shore had a public address system to broadcast the details of the race results to those spectators wishing to avoid the crowd at the finishing area.

Wood seemed to be the favoured construction material and many boats had varnished mahogany skins - beautiful! Other boats used a plastic skin over a wooden structure and a few were all plastic. It was nice to see so many new boats of all types and construction from a Canadian builder.

Judging from the comments of race officials about possible venues in the lower mainland for rowing events, it appears that we may expect more of this activity in our local area. Proper facilities for both boats and crews will be needed to attract regular competition.

Tested Recipe

MONASHEE TRAIL BARS

1 litre	slow cooking oats	4 cups
675 ml	cookie mix (Macaroon or oatmeal-cookie mixes work well - you can often find them in bulk food stores.)	3 cups
450 ml	raisins	2 cups
450 ml	corn syrup	2 cups
450 ml	margarine	2 cups
675 ml	Spanish-style peanuts	3 cups
225 ml	chopped dates (optional)	1 cup
225 ml	fruitcake mixture (optional)	1 cup
225 ml	coconut (optional)	1 cup

Heat margarine and corn syrup together and add to the rest of the ingredients. Mix together well in a large bowl.

Spread this mixture out on two large cookie sheets that have sides. Bake at 150° (300°F) for about 45 minutes or until golden brown.

It's a good idea to line the cookie sheets with aluminum foil and to place them on a high oven rack to avoid burning. When cool, cut into whatever size bars you prefer



COMING EVENTS

Sept. 26, 1986 - This will be the first social evening of the new season. Our guest will be Mick Ball of the Can. Coast Guard who has a program on the use of safety equipment with emphasis on flares. The use of these may be a shocking experience, so come and learn about them.

October 11 to 13, 1986 - Fraser Squadron Cruise. The details, which have not yet been determined, will be available from Del Dash (685-8820) Cruisemaster.

George Schurman (271-7439) Ass't. Cruise-master
Dave Williams (274-1089) Ass't. Cruise-master

The Sept. 26 Social Evening

The Place - The Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 #17 Hwy., Delta.

The Time - The bar opens at 1930 and the program starts at 2000.

The Cost - The admission fee of \$2.50 per person covers the cost of sandwiches and tea or coffee served at the end of the program.

Who May Come - All members of any CPS Squadron, their family and friends as well as Boating Class students and their families are welcome.

Dress - Very casual dress is just fine.



DID YOU KNOW?

The lone gillnetter that is sometimes seen working on the Fraser is chartered by the Pacific Salmon Commission. The salmon are caught as part of the counting program to determine the number of fish going up to spawn. The vessel's depth sounder provides another input to the count. Biologists can identify the river of a salmon's origin by the natural markings on its scales. From these data, the commission can estimate the number of fish heading for the various spawning areas and thus set the allowable catch. This results in the time limits for commercial gillnetting.

NOTICE - Members who have changed address, phone number, boat name or mate should notify Membership Officer - Joan Hunter (274-2153).

TYPING HELP WANTED

Over the next few months we need a volunteer to type drafts of Course notes for the National Training Committee. Do the work in your own home. Please call John Moran at 943-3416.