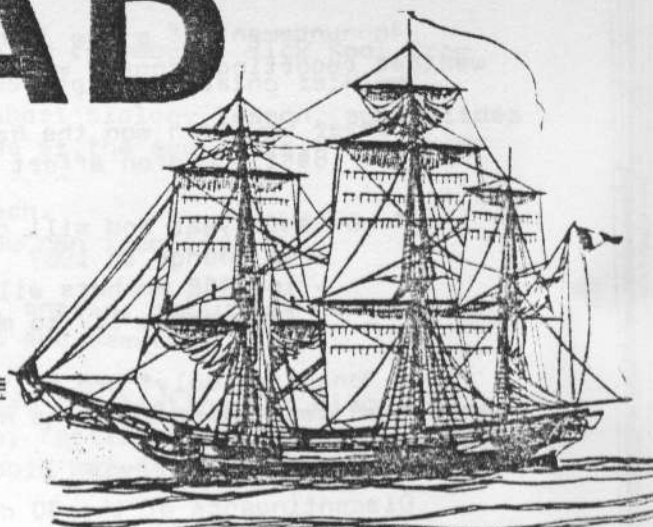


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NEWS FROM FRASER SQUADRON



Early British Navy corvette: worse than a job, because it gives the sailor the opportunity of throwing

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FROM THE BRIDGE

It was a privilege and pleasure to represent the Squadron at the C.P.S. National Conference and Annual General Meeting in Toronto (Oct. 1-4). Fraser Squadron had 8 members attending. This was the largest number from any Squadron. In total, there was more than 450 members attending from across the country. One begins to see the size of our organization and the amount of work that goes on during a year. These are some facts about C.P.S. -

As of July 1, 1986 there were 23,575 members

There are 16 Districts and 169 Squadrons

B. C. has 3 of the 16 Districts and 48 of the 169 Squadrons

Of the 23,575 members - 6,745 (29%) are in B. C.

B. C. Interior District	- 12 Squadrons	- 972 members
Pacific Mainland District	- 19 Squadrons	- 3747 members
Vanc. Island District	- 17 Squadrons	- 2026 members

How does Fraser compare? We had 410 members (11% of the PM District) and have grown since to 425. Only Vancouver Squadron is larger in our District. We don't intend to remain in second place. We have more than 150 students currently registered in the Boating classes. We want all students to join C.P.S. and Fraser Squadron upon successful completion of the Boating Course. We believe there are significant benefits to membership. Members of the Executive will be visiting all classes to explain C.P.S. and the advantages of membership.

JACK HUNTER, COMMANDER

SOME CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE BRIDGE CONT'D

Announcement of a new joint (Dept. of the Environment and C.P.S.) marine weather reporting program with a pilot project here on the west coast in 1987.

Fraser Squadron won the National MAREP (Marine Reporting) Award
Best squadron effort

Membership year end will change from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 to May 1 - Apr. 30
- no change in 1987
- in 1988 members will be billed for an additional 4 months
(16 versus 12) to make change effective in 1989

A "one time only" pro rating of membership fee for new members joining more than two months into the membership year will come into effect with the year end change.

Discontinuance of the 30 day grace period allowed on invoices to members the year the pro-rated invoice is sent out.

It was an excellent Conference and I can assure you that C.P.S. is alive and well across the country.

I look forward to seeing a large turnout of members and students at the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6, 1986.

JACK HUNTER, COMMANDER

MAREP REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in Toronto, the following awards were presented by Mr. Jim Bruce, co-ordinator of Marep, Canadian Hydrographic Services Ottawa, to the local commanders.

BEST OVERALL DISTRICT: (most members and squadrons participating)
Pacific Mainland District

MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT: (best improvement over previous year)
Estuaire St. Laurent

BEST SQUADRON EFFORT: (most members submitting high quality reports)
Fraser Squadron of Pacific Mainland

BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT: (a member with most reports and points, but can not be won 2 years in a row) - Bob Clark of Seymour.

I wish to congratulate all of the winners and in particular the members of our squadron who made it possible with their participation to win this award.

By the time you read this, we will, weather permitting, have made a Marep cruise up the north arm of the Fraser River.

Should you be interested in participating in the planned December cruise, in particular if your boat is not laid up for the winter season, please give me a call at 270-1853.

Gerhard Meuter

OCTOBER SOCIAL

Our October Social Evening was an evening to remember. Rick Kool from the B. C. Provincial Museum gave a very interesting but amusing talk on edibles from the tidal waters. He gave us a short biology lesson, some slides and some intriguing ways to entertain your kids at the sea shore.

His key points were: 1. Don't eat too much.
2. Only eat what you can identify.

He discussed true plants, algae, limpets, snails, mollusks, mussels, starfish, sea urchins, sea anemones, barnacles and seaweed.

Rick brought along three samples of seaweed for tasting and discussed seaweed's uses. Seaweed is used for medicines, fertilizer, pickles and for musical instruments. He stressed that you should harvest LIVE, not dead seaweed for eating.

One of the highlights of the evening, was when he discussed "SEX ON THE SEASHORE" -- now don't you wish you'd been there?

Cheryl Gaudet

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THE SEATTLE BOAT SHOW TOUR

Maverick Tours is planning to repeat its package deal of bus transportation from the Richmond Delta area to Seattle and return, hotel accommodation and transportation between the hotel and the boat show. Details and costs have not been completed at this time but are expected to be available from Brian Smith (Fraser's Brian that is) at 277-7981 by mid-November.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

We suggest that Supply Officer, Bernie Larmet, (274-6246) may be able to help you select Christmas gifts from his stock of CPS and squadron regalia and clothing. This comprises: CPS blazer and windbreaker crests, the smart new CPS ties, CPS sweaters and blazers, CPS flags, Fraser lapel pins, Fraser burgees, Fraser tee shirts and other items. Has the instructor in your family been wearing the lamp of learning on his blazer sleeve? You can arrange for Santa Claus to give him one for the nominal cost of \$7.50.

MOVING ?? - If you've moved, or plan to soon, please send us a change of address. It is costing us a considerable amount in wasted postage when newsletters are returned (51¢ each) and you receive no further newsletters as we don't have any idea where to send them. Please keep this in mind for any further moves. Please call Membership Officer, Joan Hunter (274-2153). Thank you for your co-operation.



TRAINING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Six have registered for the Weather Course. Let's Be Boatwise is going very well. The Richmond Library and the Minoru Aquatic Centre have been most helpful. The 12 enthusiastic students will be having their exam, a tour of the R.C.M.P. Patrol boat, and a wind-up presentation party on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Immediately following, we will be repeating the Let's Be Boatwise program for 16 Richmond Sea Scouts.

Our Navigation course is underway with 5 students and a borrowed instructor, Bob Orcutt, from Sur-Del. Many thanks, Bob, for coming to our rescue. Results of last year's Navigation course, received to date: - 2 passes - Glenn Greenfield (FRASER) and Ron Peel (WHITE ROCK) - Congratulations!

Fraser Squadron has received the District G. T. Lea Training Award for the 3rd successive year. This is the award given each year to the Squadron with the most active and successful Training Program, regular boating as well as Advanced and Elective courses. Let's keep up the good work!

We have acquired a cordless amplifier for the Squadron. We would like all instructors and proctors to have the opportunity to use it. Please call Rob Smith, our Training Aids Officer at 277-7981 and arrange a demonstration. We are also looking into more video equipment and material for teaching aids. We will have further reports about what is available and when.

Fraser will run two Accelerated Boating classes commencing Jan. 13, 1987. One will be held in Richmond at R. C. Palmer Jr. Secondary School, 8160 St. Albans Rd. and the other in Ladner at the Delta Secondary School, 4615 51st St. (at 45th Ave.). Classes will start at 1900 and will be limited to 25 students each. Pre-register by calling Training Officer, Linda Gisborne at 946-2749, first come, first served. The cost is \$75.00 for a single and \$110.00 for a couple who will be able to share some of the course materials. A set of plotting tools is available for \$22.00 extra. Those who took a Boating Course previously and did not write the exam can take this course for \$5.00 and those who wrote and failed can repeat for \$15.00. The difference is the cost of the exam.

Linda Gisborne

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CORRECTION - Sur-Del Squadron's address has been incorrectly shown in the Propwash Roster. The correct address is:
Sur-Del Squadron,
7420 116A Street,
North Delta, B. C.
V4C 5X7

WANTED - Fraser Squadron needs dry storage for its old files of records and other items. Please contact Martin Hoffman (277-4924).



MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

KAREN & GARRY LEWICHEW, Assistant Training Officers, Ladner

We would like to introduce ourselves to you. My name is Karen Leah Lewichew born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. My husband, Garry was born and raised in Gravelbrough, Sask.

After a seven month whirlwind romance, we were married in Calgary on November 19, 1983.

Garry, an executive pilot, and myself an engineering materials clerk, both for Nova, an Alberta corporation, started our blissful life.

In February of '84, I left Nova and we started an aviation art gallery, "Aviart", which kept us both busy and myself learning about airplanes. Garry had an advantage over me, his flying career of 18 years and mine - I flew on a plane once. Nevertheless we went full ahead.

Recreational activities in Alberta are very limited. It seems everyone owned a holiday trailer, and we were no different. We enjoyed our 28' holiday trailer very much, thank you.

It is amazing, how one phone call can change your life. Garry received that one phone call. A job had opened up on the coast in August of '84 and Garry was asked to apply. Nothing to lose and "maybe" something to gain. He did! Garry now had two jobs and a big decision to make.

It was made, our house sold in 36 hours. Our trailer? We didn't even get the "For Sale" sign up on it. Our move was meant to be.

Two ground rules were laid down and a pact made. We went back home for Christmas and Garry got his boat!

In the fun rush of preparation for our move, closing the gallery, saying so long to friends, we bought our boat. That was the easy part, we bought it from our neighbour in Calgary. But! Garry, the sensible shopper he is, had to find out whether he got a "good deal." We came out here for a week to find a place to live. We spent 20 minutes finding a place in Richmond and seven days looking at boats. I no longer have a comment on that!

As it turned out, we made a "good deal." So here we were, still living in Calgary, the proud owners of a 24' Tollycraft cabin cruiser. (Chestermere Lake would have loved us!) "Kokua" meaning "the faithful one" in Hawaiian, and boy did I pray her name held her true. Garry's "boyhood" dream came true, myself, the adventurous person I am, had never been on a "big" boat, let alone on the Ocean in one. Happy, my 7 year old cock-a-poo had no choice.

We made our move in September '84. Garry brought "Kokua" down from Campbell River, complete with skipper. You really don't understand what people mean when they say "you need a thick wallet and a strong back" until you have keys in hand and your first (I guess that word would be) adventure from the "secure" dock. Garry had a choice SELL THE BOAT! or TAKE A COURSE!

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MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE(cont'd)

We signed up for the C.P.S. regular boating course. Both passing we were qualified skippers. Ha! Our house in White Rock was completed in February '85. We moved again!

We took the course over again, by proctoring our first year of membership. I was also on the phoning committee and Garry was guest speaking for the weather chapter and helping Norm Dyck with the radio course. We also found time to take the Local Knowledge and Instructor Training courses.

Our second year as members, we were asked to be the Assistant Training Officers for Ladner. We are also instructing the "let's be Boatwise" for the 7 to 14 year olds. Garry is proctoring the weather course, and I am taking it. In January we are planning to take the Seamanship Power course out here in White Rock. Garry is also instructing the Radio course again this spring.

In the midst of all of this, we were pleased and proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Kandis Rose on July 25, 1986.

So here we are a close knit family, Kandis, Happy and Kokua. (SELL THE BOAT) NEVER, I say, unless it is bigger. I'm hooked!

We are firm believers, you get as much from the Squadron as you put in!

Any suggestions for 1987?

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Karen Lewichew

FRASER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have upheld restraint; tickets are \$17.50 per person again this year for the dinner dance. The Saturday evening meal will feature cornish game hen with rice and vegetables followed by peach melba and coffee or tea. As usual, the entertainment following the dinner will be the presentation of that infamous award for the funniest boating mistake of the year, the Pleasure Bent Trophy. The rest of the evening can be danced away to the live music by the Limericks.

TICKETS: Available from instructors and members of the executive at \$17.50 per person. None will be sold at the door. Please make your arrangements before Dec. 2 as the hotel must be informed of the number of dinners required.

THE PLACE: The Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 #17 Hwy., Delta. Located just south of the Massey Tunnel.

THE TIME: Doors and the bar will open at 1830 and dinner will be served at 1930 on Saturday, Dec. 6, 1986.

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: Your usual evening attire. Blazers and uniforms are not required.



COMING EVENTS

Please note: There will be no regular social evening in November as the date is too close to that of our annual Christmas Party.

Dec. 6, 1986 - Fraser's annual Christmas Party. Note that this is a Saturday evening event. Details are presented elsewhere in this Fairlead.

January 23, 1987 - Fraser's regular social evening will incorporate pledging ceremonies for the graduates of the fall accelerated Boating classes. A wine and cheese party will provide the lighter side of the evening.

February 27, 1987 - Fraser's Annual Auction.

March 27, 1987 - The regular monthly social evening.

THANKSGIVING CRUISE

Thanksgiving cruise is always a dubious event. Has everyone winterized and tucked their boats in for the foul weather and colder winter days? Will Fraser Squadron organize and have turkey together, like last year? Well, the day came closer. This year was a good year to be thankful about everything. Friends and tourists arrived in Vancouver and kept us all busy and involved socializing. Expo was a main event with enthusiastic observers. Boating classes began and added to the agenda.

We were unable to find Fraser friends, so we called others. We went full speed ahead and decided to see Expo for a final and last chance. The excitement mounted as we headed into False Creek for the first time.

With our cameras loaded we drifted past the Marine Plaza, the Ontario Pavilion waterfall, the Expo Centre, B. C. Pavilion, and G. M. Pavilion. We couldn't help thinking how lucky and thankful we were to have such a unique view of Expo '86. The crowds were "belly to belly" to catch their final glimpse of the Vancouver Exposition. When they got weary of the crowds, the sea of people drifted to the waterside of Expo to see the vessels going by.

Once again, we were thankful. The weather was beautiful, the harbour smooth as glass, and happy people waving.

As the evening progressed more boats arrived to jockey into position to see the fireworks. It was a beautiful show with a once in a lifetime flair, and our finale of Expo.

We spent the night and breakfasted on the water at Granville Island. We motored out and circled the U.S.S. Ranger outside the harbour. Vancouver has it all!

It was a grand finale and a good-bye to Expo '86 and the finish of this year's boating season. If we only had one other wish, we hope next year Fraser Squadron has new ideas and adventures out together on that special day. It reminds us how thankful we can be for our beautiful country, "our boats", and our friendship in our membership.

Cheryl Gaudet

