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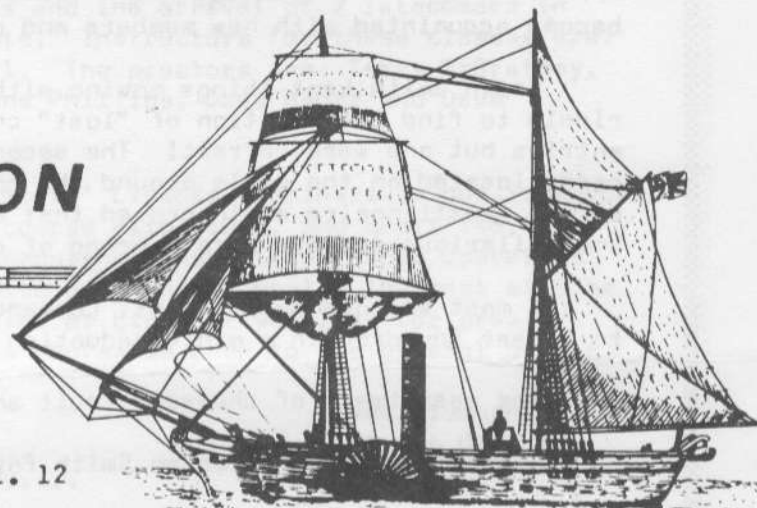
NEWS FROM FRASER SQUADRON

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FROM THE BRIDGE



By the time this Fairlead reaches you, the Vancouver Boat Show will be history. This should explain the glint in the eye or faraway look of some members. It's great to dream. In any event, the boating season is fast approaching and whether or not we succumbed to "footitis" it will be great to get back on the water.

While training is the major focus of C.P.S., there are other activities on the go all the time. One of prime importance to boaters is the collaboration between Canadian Hydrographic Surveys and C.P.S. The program is known as "MAREP", short for Marine Reporting. C.H.S. does an excellent job with navigational charts but, with finite resources, they cannot ensure complete accuracy on all charts. Things have a way of changing on or near the water. This is where members of C.P.S., when we see that a navigational hazard has changed, disappeared or there is a new one, we file a MAREP report with C.P.S. and they gather reports from all of us and up date the charts. This is a very valuable task. Your boat or your life could some day depend upon current information.

In our squadron, the work on MAREP is headed up by Lt. Gerhard Meuter who has some ambitious plans to ensure that Fraser again wins the National Trophy for best squadron in MAREP reporting. Details of Gerhard's program are in this issue. Participation is fun and you don't have to have a boat. We need volunteers. Give Gerhard a call.

Don't forget the Auction on February 27th. You should be gathering your good JUNQUE now. See you at the Town & Country Inn on the 27th.

Jack Hunter
Commander

THE JANUARY SOCIAL

With attendance at 100 plus, the wine and cheese party provided plenty of opportunity to socialize with old friends but more importantly a chance to become acquainted with new members and guests.

Brian Smith kept things moving with three contests. The first was solve a riddle to find the location of "lost" charts. Clever people that we are, all entries but one were correct! The second was to find the answers to 10 question cards located on the walls around the room. This was not easy. Finally a team effort questionnaire again proved that 8 heads are not always better than one. Some hilarious answers here - wrong of course.

A most welcome guest, Dist. Commander Peter Schrodtt pledged 17 new members to Fraser Squadron in a mini-graduation ceremony.

The assortment of cheeses, fruit and crackers was enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to Brian Smith for a job well done.

Linda Nixon

THE SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

The 10 day period from Jan. 16 to Jan. 25 is the time for the annual pilgrimage to Seattle for the 1st Boat Show of our year.

The first year I attended the Seattle show, 13 years ago, it was held at Seattle Center in four buildings much like at the P.N.E. grounds. Then the Kingdome was built. Boy what a difference, the show has done nothing but grow.

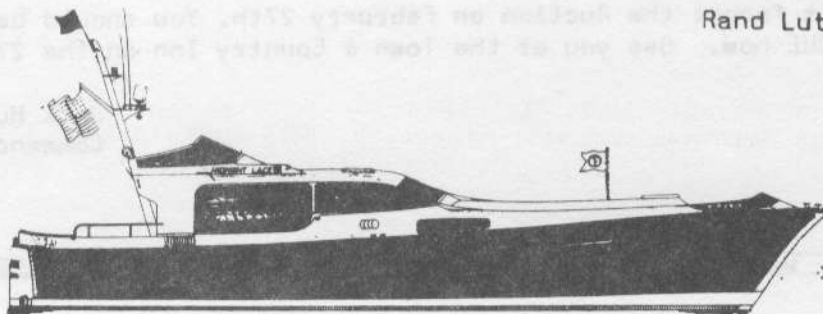
This year the Dome floor was filled. The "200" level, the second floor, had no space left open as in previous years. Outside in portable buildings (not like the tents that blew down last year) were more displays and boats, covering about 5 acres.

The show was interesting and informative with boats from 50 ft. to 6 ft., something for everybody, gear deals galore but you had to know your prices, exchange and duties before you went!

As usual, Shilshole Marina had an overflow from the main show which, this year, amounted to about 100 sail and power boats up to 65 feet.

All in all it was a worthwhile and enjoyable trip to get the salt water in one's bloodstream flowing in preparation for the year's boating season.

Rand Lutman



TRAINING DEPT. NEWS

As reported in the January Fairlead, the Ladner Accelerated class registered on January 12 with 28 students and the arrival of 2 latecomers in Richmond brings their total to 52 students. Instructors for these classes are: Alan Black, Martin Bauer and Gary Russell. The proctors are: Terry McBratney, Ken Bjorge, Ruth Mason, Bryan and Charlene Phillips, Dave Bauer and Dave McDiarmid. Many thanks for your help!

We have 2 new Restricted Radio Operators' License examiners in our Squadron. Garry Lewichew and Rand Lutman took the course with D.O.C. and qualified. Congratulations! Subsequently we are scheduling a Restricted Radio Operators Course for April 13, 22, 27 and 29 at Delta Secondary School. The cost will be \$18.00 per person. Phone Garry at 536-4464 or Linda at 946-2749 for pre-registration which will be limited. This course is open to the general public as well as Power Squadron members.

Linda Gisborne
Training Officer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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If you haven't renewed your Squadron Membership this is your LAST Fairlead.

Membership was due before Feb. 1, 1987. If you still wish to be a member, contact Joan Hunter 274-2153 for reinstatement.

Membership in Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons offers lower insurance rates on your boat - enough to more than cover your membership. And don't forget the special rates on U-Drives and hotel accommodation. Other deals can be found in Porthole and Propwash.

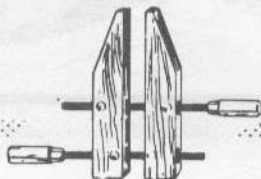
Joan Hunter
Membership Officer

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The following was stolen from Norvan Squadron's Newsletter because it will soon be time for a new bridge to take over our squadron and we want to have all positions filled.

Remember - A squadron needs to have the support of its membership. If it doesn't get it, the poor thing slowly dies. We therefore list eight ways to kill a Squadron - published by the Australian Pistol Shooters, March, 1972:

- 1) Don't come to meetings
- 2) If you do, be late
- 3) If the weather doesn't suit, don't come - only think of coming
- 4) If you do not attend, find fault with the work of those who did attend.
- 5) Never accept office as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
- 6) Get angry if you are not appointed to a committee, but if you are, don't attend meetings.
- 7) Do nothing more than is necessary.
- 8) Do not help new members; remember, you were a champion when you began.



To Past Commander Bill Couch, a tribute

Bill was commander of Fraser Squadron from 1968 to 1969 but he was probably better known for his overall contribution to Power Squadrons rather than just the time he was commander.

When boating with a friend whose propellor ran afoul under the Westham Island bridge in 1966 they came up with the idea for a trophy. Bill constructed and donated to Fraser the Pleasure Bent Trophy complete with friend's propellor imbedded in, "floating," rock.

Bill started with the original, "Eva G," a 22 footer that he built himself, then came "Eva G," number two to the present day 40 foot, "Eva G," all named after his lovely wife who supported him in all his endeavours and shared with him their many cruises.

Until retirement Bill worked in the radio shop of Canadian Pacific Airlines. He instructed Marine Electronics for Fraser and could always be called on for help regardless of whether it was the installation of a radio in a fellow member's vessel; or to leave in the middle of the night with a pick up crew to search for an overdue boat.

During Bill's 20 plus years with Fraser Squadron he was also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Commodore of the Ladner Yacht Club and an avid Ham radio operator. Why, he was even awarded his own trophy in 1970.

Bill could always be counted on to attend at least a couple of our winter socials when he would return to B. C. from Hawaii where he and Eva have spent their last few winters. Bill attended his last Fraser social on the 23rd of January this year. He was 73 when he signed off for the final time from VE7-HC.

We'll miss you, Bill, but you'll not be forgotten and we extend our thoughts and our sympathies to Eva and your three sons.

Thanks again for installing my VHF set for me.

Tony Merry

MARINE REPORTING BENEFITS BOATERS - PART II

The January Fairlead listed the items that should be reported. This month we will explain how and to whom to report.

HOW TO REPORT

1. Plotting Positions - Use the largest scale chart of the area and plot on it the position of the item being reported. If possible, the plotted position should be cut out to a size of 27.6 cm X 21.3 cm (8½ X 11 inches approx.). When doing this, include the chart number, edition and correction dates. Show all bearing lines clearly. Further explanation and information can be placed on the unused part of the cut-out. If you send a section of the latest chart edition, the Canadian Hydrographic Services will supply a new chart of the next published replacement. With the price of new charts today, it is a good way to keep your charts up to date.

2. Reporting Depths - Always use the most accurate method available, include the exact time of day and the date so the Hydrographic Services can correct for tide levels or current effects. Do NOT try to correct them yourself. If you use a depthsounder do not forget to state the distance of the transducer below the waterline. State if the object is visible at low water but submerged at high water.

3. Locating and Reporting Positions - Accuracy in reporting positions is vital. Plotted positions based on bearings should state clearly if they are true or magnetic.

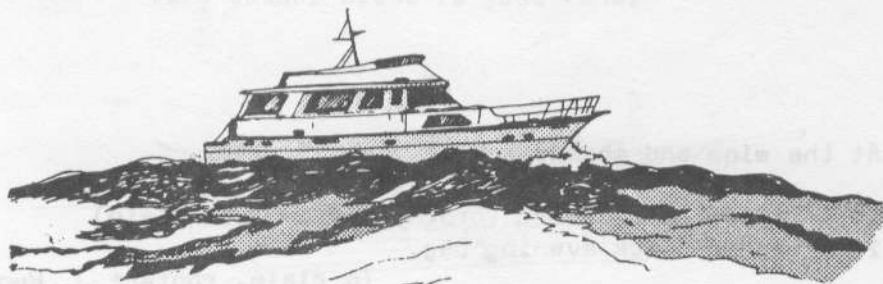
4. What Not to Report - If you see a buoy off station or a light not working properly, do NOT use the Marep report form. These should be reported immediately to the Ministry of Transport (604) 388-3292.

TO WHOM TO REPORT

1. Squadron Marep Officer - Contact your Squadron Marep Officer for the official Marep report forms. He also has the short Marep Report Pad as well as the revised Small Craft Facilities Report Form available for your use. Please contact him, Gerhard Meuter (270-1853), if you need further information or assistance in filling out these forms. After the official Marep report form has been submitted to your local officer, it is passed to the District officer who also checks it and sends it to the Canadian Hydrographic Services.

PART III - Awards will be printed in the March Fairlead.

Gerhard Meuter



DID YOU KNOW?

Time by Ship's Bells

No. of Bells

Hour (AM or PM)

1	12:30	4:30	8:30
2	1:00	5:00	9:00
3	1:30	5:30	9:30
4	2:00	6:00	10:00
5	2:30	6:30	10:30
6	3:00	7:00	11:00
7	3:30	7:30	11:30
8	4:00	8:00	12:00

Even numbers of rings are produced in pairs with a short pause between pairs. Odd numbers of rings are produced the same way except for a single ring after the last pair. 5 Bells would be rung: ding ding, ding ding, ding.

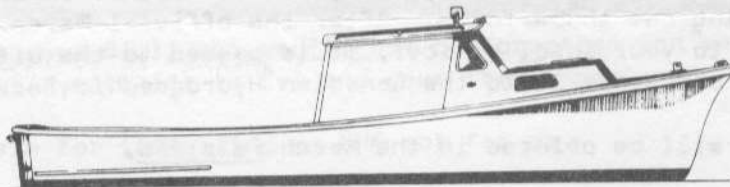
This suits the old duty watch system of four hours on and four hours off. To avoid having a seaman always standing the same watch, a rotation of duty watch times was set up by introducing two half length watches in the late afternoon from 4:00 (1600) to 6:00 (1800) and from 6:00 (1800) to 8:00 (2000). These short watches were called dog watches. The normal or full time watches changed at eight bells.

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DO YOU KNOW

A Radio Telephone Operator's Restricted Certificate is required by the operator of radio-telephone equipment on all vessels under 20 meters in length.

We urge all members who do not hold a certificate at this time to attend our next radio class in April. For more information see the Training Dept. news in this issue.



FOUND - At the wine and cheese social Jan. 23, 1987.

1. A ladies' wool scarf (brown, red & black plaid)
2. A beaded black evening bag.

To claim, contact J. Hunter 274-2153

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 27, 1987 Fraser's Annual Auction. Come to see Smith, Smith, Smith, Smith & Hoffman at their best in convincing everyone to buy someone else's junk.
- March 14, 1987 Vancouver Squadron's Bilgewater Bash.
- March 27, 1987 Fraser's regular social evening. The guest speaker will be Robert Allan, the president of Western Canada's longest established firm of consulting Naval Architects.
- April 24, 1987 Fraser's Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch.
- May 22, 1987 Fraser's Graduation dinner and dance.
- May 29-30, 1987 Pacific Mainland District's Annual General Meeting at the Richmond Inn.

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FRASER'S ANNUAL AUCTION

This is now a traditional variation of our regular social evening during which Brian may even sell the shirt from your back. Please bring your saleable gordies early (by 2000) so that they can be catalogued and arranged without disturbing the auctioneering. Items brought later will not be auctioned. You may place a minimum selling price on any item, trust Brian to get the best possible price, or donate any item for sale. Fraser skims 10% of the selling price from all items not donated. The owners of unsold items must remove them at the end of the evening. Let's have a good turn out of clan Fraser to ensure that our treasures are not taken by raiders from neighbouring squadrons!

- The Place The Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 #17 Highway, Delta.
- The Time The bar opens at 1930 and the program starts at 2000, February 27, 1987.
- The Cost \$2.50 per person
- Who May Come All members of any CPS Squadrons, their family and friends as well as Boating class students and their families are welcome.
- Dress Very casual dress is just fine.

