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FRASER'S SOCIAL EVENING FRIDAY JAN. 22, 1988

Short business meeting
Graduation ceremony
Sex on the Seashore
Coffee & Sandwiches

FROM THE BRIDGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Congratulations to all Boating students who passed their exam in December. I hope to welcome you as members of our squadron at the mini-grad on Jan. 22nd.

On 23rd January 1988, Fraser's annual dryland cruise to the Seattle Boat Show starts. I hope that lots of our members, students and guests will be coming. Details are elsewhere in this Fairlead.

I also wish to welcome all the new students to our January Boating classes. I hope you enjoy the course!

In the next few months, the nominating committee will be assembling names of members to fill all the vacant spots on the Fraser Bridge for the AGM on April 22nd 1988. If you are wondering what duties the various positions entail, please do not hesitate to call any member of the executive or indeed any member you know. We need to know if you want to join the executive in some capacity - we may not know unless you tell us.

BRIAN SMITH
COMMANDER

CUMULONIMBUS "thunderhead" (thunderstorm cloud)—can reach height of cirrus

TRAINING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Training Officer: Karen Leah Lewichew 536-4464
Assistants - Ladner - Garry Lewichew 536-4464
- Richmond - Ted & Dorothy Roberts 274-2097

I would like to congratulate the students who passed the Boating exam, and to thank the instructors and proctors for a job well done. Thanks to To-Hin Lau, Bill Hawryluk, Greg Gater, Carol Quartermain and Charles Shargool.

Two more Boating classes are registering on Jan. 5, 1988 in Ladner and Richmond. With pre-registration, it seems we will have two full classes. The instructors are Dave Bauer, Reg Chase and Allan Black and the proctors are Jack Magnusson, Adolf and Herta Potomak, John Elsoff, Verna Payne and Patricia Sestan.

Let's Be Boat Wise is registering on Jan. 10, 1988 at the Richmond Library.

The instructor is Kate Smith and the proctors are Lindsay Smith and Jeff deCrew.

Marine Electronics is registering on Jan. 11, 1988 at Burnett Jr. Sec. School, Richmond. The instructor is Norm Allan.

CRUISING NEWS

George Schurman and Dave Williams have offered to continue as Assistant Cruise Masters for another season of planning Fraser Squadron's cruises with Cruise Master Brian Payne. They will welcome any suggestions to improve the fun and especially the attendance at our cruises. Please call:

Brian Payne	946-9692
George Schurman (Sail)	271-7439
Dave Williams (Power)	274-1085

ANOTHER FILLIP FOR CPS MEMBERSHIP

Atrium Florist, 7420 Westminster Hwy., Richmond, B.C. V6X 1A1 telephone 273-8121 will offer a 15% discount to all CPS members on arrangements, plants, cut flowers etc. prepared at this Richmond location.

OUR COSTS ARE RISING

We have maintained the admission to our monthly social evenings at \$2.50 per person for many years but the recent increase in the cost of the motel facilities has made it necessary to change this. Starting with Fraser's Annual Auction, on February 26, 1988 the admission fee will be increased to \$3.00 per person.

LIFE IN A FLOATING HOME

Floating Homes have been around boaters for years. They were commonly called "houseboats." People have "lived aboard" or they have taken the hull of their boat and built a home on it. Houseboats were not for everyone. They served a purpose for fisherman who invested all they had into their boats, or for the unconventional "hippie" who wanted to prove to society they would not conform and work to acquire things.

We've progressed. This type of lifestyle is calling people from their conventional "stressful" lives. So, the "now" more appealing term "Floating Home" is a new architectural challenge.

The most popular question asked is, "Is it cheap?" People want an out from expensive taxes and cost of living. You have a boat - ask yourself. "Is your lifestyle cheap?"

Our society with its fast pace and dual working families, need more things. Voila! The float home has what you need. A microwave, fridge, stove, dishwasher, T.V., washer & dryer. You design it, so you decide everything that is important.

Those people who choose this lifestyle are varied, just as the people who own boats are. Some boaters like power, or sail, some like to rough it, some like solitude, some like electronic gadgets aboard and some like the prestige of owning a fabulous boat.

I've found the same with "Floating Home" lifestyles. Some owners invest all they have into their home and don't own a boat. They can't really let go of that conventional lifestyle. Some like to rough it, so they have an adequate house equipped with an ocean kayak, a canoe, or a small run about. Others are like the "old fashioned" houseboat owners and see their boat as their first priority. They realize they need somewhere to live and want to watch over their favourite thing - their boat. So owning a floating home next to their boat is their ultimate dream.

Some people think owning a floating home is less work than a conventional home. But being boaters we've learned all the important things to remember.

Weather is always #1. The design of your home is a key consideration. Although they are different and unique they must be serviceable and practical. Center of Buoyancy is important in design as rocking motion creates a lot of problems. Is your house secure?

Even though in a float home you don't have "yard space" your nautical outside windchimes, plants and windsocks must be secure, as it is more open to the elements on the water and they could blow away. Knowledge of rusting, weathering, waves and winds is an asset. Just as this lack of knowledge on your boat may have serious complications, it may also prove to be an expensive lesson with your float home.

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LIFE IN A FLOATING HOME (continued)

Safety is also a #1 consideration on your boat. It is also so with your float home. Do your guests know that they must be responsible for their children? We know as boaters the complications. Children love to feed the ducks, run on the wharves and fish off the docks. But that child could easily slip over board, quietly. With a float home you must be responsible.

I love my lifestyle. You boaters would love it, consider it. But just like with Boating - teaching is very important. Boaters adapt very well to this lifestyle, they're comfortable with the choices. Those who chose a floating home without wanting to educate themselves, may sell, may spend a lot of money, may go for the romantic dream - until the honeymoon's over and may never really get to feel the love and friendship in a floating home community that we've experienced learning and sharing about our most favourite thing - anything that floats!

Cheryl Gaudet

MARINE WIND WARNINGS

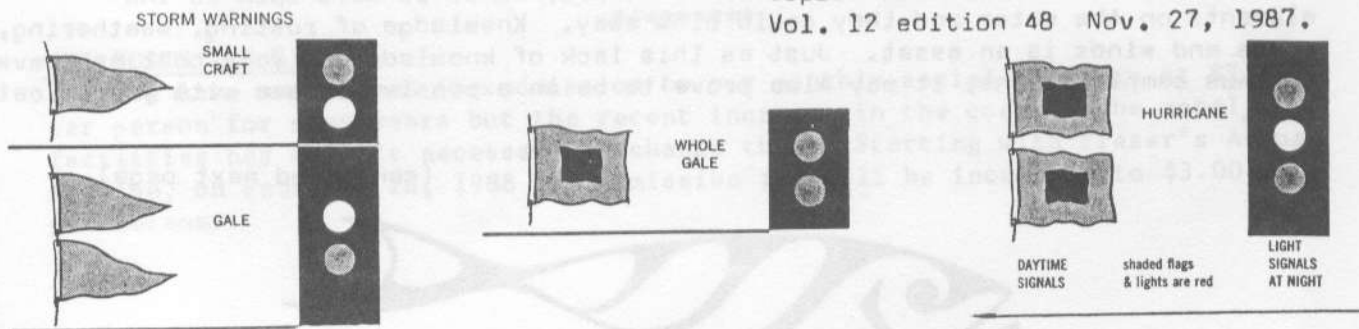
A new program of Marine Wind Warnings will begin on December 1, 1987. These Wind Warnings will be issued as required by Environment Canada and will be broadcast by Canadian Coast Guard Stations as part of their broadcast service.

Mariners should be aware that the following Marine Wind Warning Definitions will apply for sustained winds:

- 1) SMALL CRAFT WARNING - Issued if the winds are forecast to be in the range of 20 to 33 knots inclusive.
- 2) GALE WARNING - Issued if the winds are forecast to be in the range of 34 to 47 knots inclusive.
- 3) STORM WARNING - Issued if the winds are forecast to be in the range of 48 to 63 knots inclusive.
- 4) HURRICANE FORCE WIND WARNING - Issued if the winds are forecast to be 64 knots or greater.

Mariners should also be made aware that the safety signal will precede all Wind Warning announcements on the International Distress and Calling Frequencies. In the case of a Hurricane Force Wind Warning the Safety Signal will be preceded by the automatic alarm signal.

Copied from Notices to Mariners
Vol. 12 edition 48 Nov. 27, 1987.



These visual signals are displayed in the U.S.A.

FRASER'S ANNUAL AUCTION

It's that time of the year again and the FPS annual auction approaches by leaps and bounds (can you imagine Brian Smith leaping and bounding? No, I guess not...)

It's a time when men sit in those uncomfortable seats grasping their popsicle sticks bearing their numbers with their eyes glued to the stage waiting to bid on those all-important items that they swear up and down to their wife that they need.

Don't forget to bring your stuff in to sell (or just plain get rid of). You know, the stuff you got this Christmas that you try hard to live without, and the stuff from Christmasses past that you hope the person who gave it to you has forgotten that he gave it to you so you can auction it off and hope that that gift giver (present in the audience) doesn't recognize the item, (specially if he buys it).

Of course, B.S. says the items contributed should be marine-related. It goes without saying that we all know what that means. Here is a sample list of some incredible can't-do-without-it items.

CURLERS - (uniform size preferred) - to bundle your wires together.
(Impress your electrician and friends with your ingenuity when they study your power panel).

WEED EATER - great for trimming green algae off the side of your boat.

THONGS - use as flashers - (almost forgot, you have to wrap them up in tree tinsel first so they shine).

BASEBALL BAT - for beating that silly fish into submission.

MATTRESS - for those B.Y.O.B. parties on board (bring your own bedding so when you keel over from too much partying you don't dent my fiberglass deck).

POTS - for bailing out the bilge (or the head).

BOAT BRUSH - (Ben's) will not be seen on the dance floor ever again at future socials.

CHOPSTICKS - 1,000,001 uses. Ask any Chinese.

WIFE'S HAIR DRYER HELMET - turn it upside down and you've got a great bait tank.

OLD PLATFORM SHOES - to sock that loving husband or boyfriend who's staring at that blond bikini-clad (42-26-42) hussy on the dock.

DIRTY MAGAZINES - has nothing to do with this auction but bring them anyway.

BODY OIL - swear to your friends and neighbours it's a proven rust preventative. (That's why you have a gallon of the stuff on board).

PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS - Barf Bag. (One will do for a crew of five).

Well, I hope this gives you some ideas. I recall an old marine proverb (invented five minutes ago); - Remember, your junk may be another man's treasure.

Submitted by Ben's wife
(He begged me for an article)

FANTASY ISLAND

Many will be shocked to find,
When the day of judgement nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven,
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairman,
No faulty parts in need of tools,
No large class in need of proctors
No need to organize a sail.
There'll be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail,
Telephone lists will be outlawed.
But, a finger-snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
Plus rare treats fit for a King.
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few,
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
But not once volunteered on earth.



From the Nov. 87 issue of the Pender Post
and slightly modified by Tony Merry.

FROM FRASER'S PRO'S NEWS & GOSSIP DESK

Hello out there. Lana, my two wonder dawgs (Tot & Biscuit) and I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. A special thanks to those of us out there who are taking nine months out to help expand our future memberships. I still need people in uniform to man or womanize the C.P.S. booth at the Vancouver Boat show Feb. 3-7th. Call me at 274-8408 after 1900. Volunteering will get you into the boat show free. The only work you'll be expected to do is about 10 minutes of embellished speech with anyone who's willing to listen.

Soon it will be time for the Seattle Boat show. This is the time of the year when hordes of Canadian boaters cruise by cars, bus and 4x4's down to Seattle to buy hundreds of dollars worth of goodies. Upon returning to Canadian Customs a week later, you: look straight-faced at the customs officer and swear by the Canadian Power Squadrons Charter that you have purchased absolutely, positively nothing; that you're not driving under the influence of Alcohol and that the flush on your face is your newly acquired tan (so what if it rained all week).

All kidding aside, have fun and drive safely. By the way, Washington Smokeys drive white Mustangs with green stripes. (unless the stripes have been stolen).

Ben Wong

SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

The Seattle Boat Show week-end Bus Tour has been changed to Jan.23-24/88. The hotel accommodation has been changed also, but now includes Sunday breakfast. The booking deadline will have arrived by the time you receive this issue, but there may still be some last minute reservations available for late-comers. If you still wish to go and haven't made arrangements yet, please call Commander Brian Smith at 277-7981 and he will look after you.

For those wishing to travel to the Boat Show on their own, the confirmed dates are Jan. 15-24/88.

Linda Gisborne

ARRIVALS

A brand new member has been added to the Lewichew family. A deck-hand for Garry and Karen, and a crew-mate for Kandis, Karleah arrived on Nov. 23. I understand that Karen and Garry are taking turns with the night shift, and all are doing well. Congratulations and Best Wishes to our newest future FPS member.

COMING EVENTS

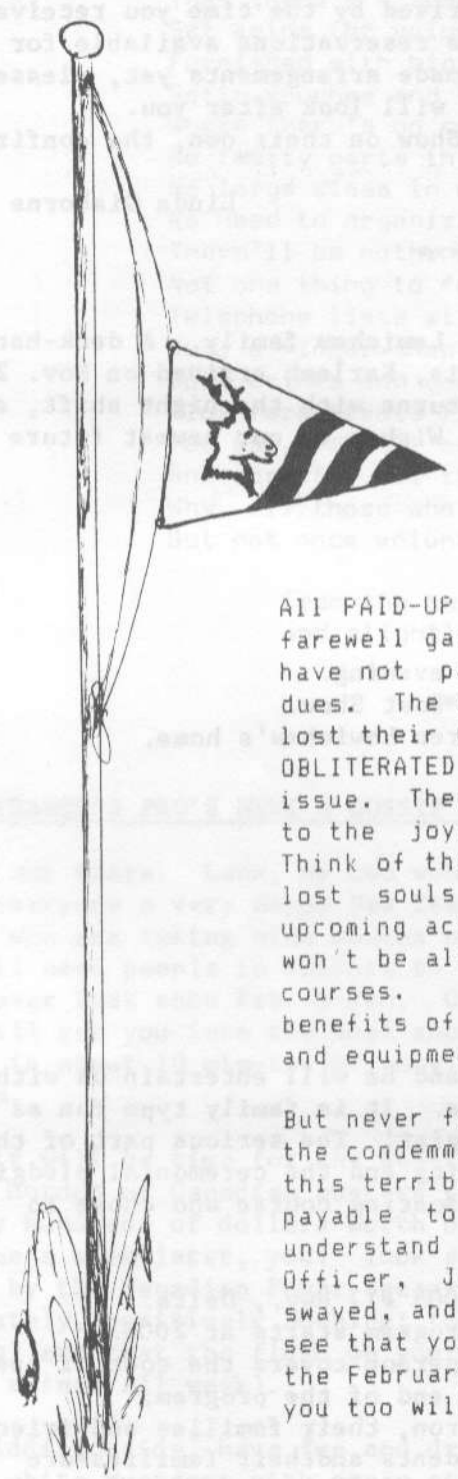
JANUARY 22, 1988 - Fraser's regular social evening.
JANUARY 23, 1988 - Bus trip to the Seattle Boat Show.
JANUARY 31, 1988 - Executive meeting at Karen Lewichew's home.
FEBRUARY 3-7, 1988 - Vancouver Boat Show
FEBRUARY 26, 1988 - Fraser's Annual Auction

MAY 6, 1988 - Graduation party

JANUARY SOCIAL

He's informative, he's funny, he's KOOL and he will entertain us with an excellent rated talk on Sex on the Seashore. It is family type fun as RICK KOOL is a marine biologist not a sociologist! The serious part of the program will be the usual short business meeting and the ceremonial pledging of those recent graduates of the accelerated Boating course who chose to become members of CPS.

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 families and friends as well as Boating class students and their families are welcome.
DRESS - Very casual dress is just fine.



FEBRUARY
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WILL BE A
DEAD
ISSUE

All PAID-UP MEMBERS will be invited to a farewell gathering for those members who have not paid their 1988 membership dues. The names of our friends who have lost their way will be included in the OBLITERATED COLUMN of the February issue. They will no longer be entitled to the joys of cruising with MEMBERS. Think of the fun they will miss. These lost souls will not know about the upcoming activities for C.P.S. They won't be allowed to take part in further courses. They will not reap the benefits of discounts on their insurance and equipment.

But never fear. Bribery is near. All the condemned need do to reinstate from this terrible fate is to send \$41.00 payable to Fraser Squadron. We understand that their Membership Officer, Joan Hunter, can be easily swayed, and for this small fee, she will see that your name will not appear in the February OBLITERATED COLUMN. Then you too will be able to join in the fun.