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FRASER SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings and welcome to the earliest boating season of any squadron in Canada! With the mild weather of late there is no reason for any of us to be strictly seasonal navigators. Judging from the activity on the dock I think we are in for a long and hopefully great boating year.

The Boat Show is days away in Seattle, and just a few weeks away for Vancouver. Check out the new CPS booth at B.C. Place and have a chat with the volunteers who are manning the booth.

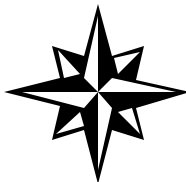
Did I say volunteers? Now that you mention it, we are still looking for bodies and minds to promote our squadron activities. Our bridge members are terrific, and we are very proud of our instructors and proctors. We have the second largest squadron in western Canada with approx. 425 members, which gives us great potential for all our functions both on the water and off. We have the Winter Celebration coming up on the 26th at the Delta Town and Country Inn. Don't miss this event – where can you find dinner at dancing for \$25 a ticket? This evening is really a 'thank you' event for all those who put in time and effort during the year. Please come out and help us celebrate.

There is no end of propaganda and media coverage on the events from Sept. 11 to date. We know the economy has taken a hit, and are familiar with increased travel restrictions and red tape to get anything done. It now takes over two months to get a passport through the mail because of the increased security checks in Ottawa. It is easy to see that pleasure boaters will be under increased scrutiny this season with our San Juan Islands jaunts. Do yourself a favour – have your paperwork (passports or birth certificates) on hand for everyone on board or you may have the inconvenience of being turned away. It is a given that everything will require much more time than before. We may see an increase in local usage of our waters as many people are hesitant to fly and this may be the year they pack a few additional hours onto their engine meters. Wouldn't it be nice if some of that cheap gas is still around come July? I have a couple of 454's that have an intimate relationship with the gas pump.

Have you signed up for an advanced course yet? Check out the list from the training department. Use it or lose it – very few of us have the full certificate and there are some great courses offered this year. I suspect the GPS course will be a sell-out. Get the most out of your membership – continue to learn, and put a little back in to the squadron.

Have a great season!

Bryce Gibney
Commander



Boat Show Tickets Available Now!

We have a limited supply of cheap boat show tickets to look after. Cost is \$6 each. (Regular admission is \$9). These tickets are offered for sale, firstly to anyone registered in a course, then on a first come basis. I only have a few, so let me know if you want one, or more. Al Morgan, Squadron Training Officer. almorgan@infoserve.net

WINTER CELEBRATION DINNER AND DANCE!! See page 3 for details!

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FRASER'S ANNUAL "FUN" AUCTION

FRIDAY MARCH 22ND 2002

**BRING YOUR STUFF BETWEEN
1800 HOURS AND 2000 HOURS
AUCTION: 2000 HOURS**

**VENUE TO BE
ANNOUNCED SOON**
START COLLECTING UP YOUR UN-
WANTED, SOMEWHAT MARINE
ASSOCIATED "STUFF"!



FALL GRADUATION SOCIAL EVENT

Location: Room above
"The Rusty Anchor Pub"
Captain's Cove Marina
6100 Ferry Road , Ladner

Date Saturday February 23 2002

Time 1930 hours

Cost \$6.00

**FREE ADMISSION FOR EVERYONE WHO IS
REGISTERED IN THE CURRENT BOATING
COURSE, AS WELL AS ALL OUR
FALL BOATING COURSE GRADS.**

We are planning to have a speaker who will appeal to all! (More information to follow). The bar will be open, coffee and tea will be available, and sandwiches etc. will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

Come and help welcome our new members who will be joining Fraser this evening.





Training Department News January 2002

Well the holiday is over. Wrapping paper is folded and tucked away 'cos it's too nice to throw out, and the Christmas card from Brian & Lindsay is safely stowed away so I can send it to them next year. Plum pud's all gone, maybe it's time to think about brain food! We have some courses just getting under way and you can come along if you want.

Weatherman Dave, Piloting Bob, and Advanced Piloting Jim will all be putting out the welcome mat starting Jan. 16th or so. Give me a call and I'll persuade them to let you into the class!

Later in the season we have 2 **VHF** courses planned, one with Tony and one with Rand. Then around April or May, Ted will be running the GPS seminar. Need more info? Pick up the phone and call me at (604) 946-5740. How about this one - A **Boating course refresher** for current members. Special emphasis on charting skills, and a few extra goodies tucked in to boot. Cost to you will depend on how much course material you have lost (or used in the head.)

Check out the website at www.frasersquadron.ca to see what courses we aren't running, and if you want us to start one give me a call.

Have a good 2002, and stay safe on the water!

Al Morgan,
Squadron Training Officer.
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Fraser Squadron A. G. M.

The Fraser Squadron A. G. M. will be held on Thursday 25th April 2002. The new members of the Fraser Bridge will be elected and installed, and this will be a good opportunity to get to know them, and perhaps find out what plans they have for the upcoming year. Fraser has several trophies for various aspects of boating and membership, and these will be awarded to the deserving members on this occasion.

Merit marks are the active members' reward for all their hard work, and these will also be awarded at this event. It is always interesting to see how many years of work some individuals have put in, and this evening is a great opportunity for us all to cheer on all our hardworking members! If you are interested in running for a position on the Fraser Bridge, or in the training department, we are certainly interested in you and will welcome you with open arms! Call Executive Officer, Fred Des Rochers, or Training Officer, Alan Morgan to let them know of your interest; they will not turn you away!

Make a note on your calendar, Thursday 25th April 2002. Look at the next "FAIRLEAD" for further details.

Lindsay Smith
Secretary



WINTER CELEBRATION DINNER AND DANCE

As you may already know, we have decided to have this event in January, instead of before Christmas, hopefully to avoid the conflicts we all have around the holiday season. It will be something to look forward to after the festivities!

It should be a fun evening, Dinner, Dancing, Prizes, 50/50 draw and the awarding of the Pleasure Bent Trophy! We have decided to go back to the Delta Town and Country Inn. It is a central location; there is plenty of parking, and we have always had excellent service there!

DATE	SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 TH 2002
TIME	HAPPY HOUR 1800 HOURS
DINNER	1900 HOURS
FOOD	COUNTRY STYLE BUFFET
COST	\$25.00 EACH

**DANCE 'TIL
MIDNIGHT!**

TO OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS, CALL LINDSAY SMITH 604 946 3602
OR ANY BRIDGE MEMBER OR INSTRUCTOR



FRASER SQUADRON CRUISES 2002

We have planned five cruises for this year and we hope our members can participate in one or all of them. We start the summer in Nanaimo and then an extended cruise to Princess Louisa, and then the rest are in the Gulf Island, with one in the San Juans.

**CRUISE #1 JUNE 21, 22 – NANAIMO, CAMERON ISLAND MARINA
JUNE 23 TO JULY 7 – PRINCESS LOUISA**

Our first cruise of the season will begin in Nanaimo. A docking cruise at Cameron Island Marine. Please contact your cruisemasters if you plan to attend. For those who need to clear customs, this can be done here. Princess Louisa cruise will be right after Nanaimo and will be guided by Peter and Kouka Lefroy.

**CRUISE #2 JULY 19, 20 – ROSARIO RESORT MARINA, ORCAS ISLAND, SAN JUAN
JULY 21, 22 – ROCHE HARBOUR OR STUART ISLAND, SAN JUAN**

Rosario Resort Marina will be an anchoring cruise. Reservations are recommended for the marina or resort in the summer months. If you wish to dock at the marina please make your own reservations (phone 360-376-2222). For those who have no time restrictions, we are considering a visit to Roche Harbor or a quiet anchor at Stuart Island in the San Juans.

**CRUISE #3 AUGUST 9, 10 – MAPLE BAY MARINA, VANCOUVER ISLAND
AUGUST 11, 12 – CHEMANIS, VANCOUVER ISLAND**

Maple Bay will be a docking cruise so please notify your cruisemasters if you plan to attend. This will be our pot-luck get together on Saturday night at the covered outdoor BBQ. We are trying to set up a docking cruise to Chemanis, which has been promoting their facility to pleasure boaters. More on this later in the spring.

CRUISE #4 AUGUST 23, 24, 25 – VICTORIA INNER HARBOUR

This is a docking cruise, first come first serve basis at the public dock in front of the Empress Hotel. Lots to see and do in Victoria. Please be aware that this dock is not secured at any time. There is usually a 3-night limit here.

CRUISE #5 SEPTEMBER 6, 7 – MONTAGUE HARBOUR, GALIANO ISLAND

This will be an anchoring cruise. Anchoring buoys are also available in the Marine Park. There is a marina here if you wish to make your own arrangements. This is a popular area with a store, fuel and of course the Hummingbird Pub.

We hope to see our old and new members at a cruise this year.

Have a fun and safe boating season.

CRUISEMASTERS LES AND JAN MULLER 604-948-1804

OUR WEB SITE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED!!

www.frasersquadron.ca

Past and present Fairleads, event calendar and cruise schedules