

# Fairlead

Fraser Squadron Newsletter  
October 2003

## Commander's Report

Fellow Fraser Squadron Members,

"Welcome Aboard!" I hope you all spent numerous hours aboard your boat enjoying the fantastic summer weather.

Now that you've relaxed and recharged your energy levels it's time to think about your role in **CPS** or in particular '**Fraser Squadron**'. In this coming season our Training Department led by STO Bob Everson is looking to run in addition to our usual Boating Courses in Ladner & Richmond a series of Advanced and Elective courses. If you have any inkling to enhance your boating knowledge through training or would like to Instruct or proctor please give Bob a call at 604-271-2551.

Fraser Squadron is hosting the Pacific Mainland District AGM and Change of Watch in May 2004. The organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help with the organization and hosting of this event. Please contact Bryce Gibney (604-275-7512) or Ross McCutcheon

(604-272-3844) if you can help out. Peter LeFroy has been busy organizing socials for the upcoming months, with the first event being the '**Anchors Aweigh BBQ**' scheduled for Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Alan Eldred who has the onerous task of heading up the '**Phone Committee**', those pesky people who so kindly remind us of upcoming Squadron activities is always looking for additional volunteers. I could go through every Bridge position and identify a form of assistance we could use, so if you have a few hours to volunteer each month or a special attribute that can assist the Squadron please contact myself or any Bridge member and we will figure out a way to utilize you and your skill.

As mentioned previously I would like to see each member participate in at least one Squadron activity this year. **Let's take that step now!**

Thank you for your continued support of CPS and in particular the Fraser Squadron.

**Fred**  
CDR Fred Des Rochers

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## North of Desolation Sound

If you are planning a cruise around Queen Charlotte Strait, you might be interested in reading Peter Vassilopoulos' latest cruising guide to west coast waters, *North of Desolation Sound*.

Packed full of practical tips and information on local ports of call, Peter also discusses the

history and culture unique to the islands of the Broughton Archipelago.

Available from SeaGraphic Publications Ltd., along with Peter's other works, *Anchorage and Marine Parks*, *Western Waters Log Book*, *Docks and Destinations*, and *Antiques Afloat*.

# Fraser Squadron Cruises 2003

By Jan Muller, Cruise Master

Our first cruise of the season started with a journey to Puget Sound, Washington on June 14th, with 4 boats. Our ports-of-call were; La Conner, Penn Cove Coupville, Poulsbo, Gig Harbor, Tacoma, Olympia and Seattle. Not every boat made it as far as Olympia, but we all enjoyed our 2 week cruise. We had a few days of rain, but that did not dampen our fun or shopping opportunities for the ladies.

Our second cruise had 6 boats joining us in Montague Harbor, all cruisers enjoyed the traditional Pub bus ride to the Hummingbird Pub for Saturday night dinner.

Our last cruise destination was Ladysmith. We had a great time at our "Pig Party" pot luck dinner at the Ladysmith Yacht Club. We had 7 boats join us with games and prizes for everyone. After coffee on the dock Sunday morning we all made the long trip across the bay to Page Point Marina. Several couples in the group enjoyed a gourmet meal at the Page Point Dining Room, and the rest of us enjoyed a good home cooked meal at Harold and Judy Moy's home over looking the water.

August 1, 2 & 3, saw Alan Eldred leading the Ganges and Genoa Bay cruise. A total of 12 boats attended, most of whom tied up at Saltspring Marina. Others anchored out in the harbour. All hands were mustered on the dock each morning for coffee & cinnamon buns provided by our cruise masters Jan and Les Muller, which they bought from the "Bread Boat" in Montague Harbour. After coffee Saturday, Fraser Squadron descended on the local market where the Ganges economy received a substantial

boost. The afternoon was spent socialising on the dock. Everyone did their own thing for supper.

The next morning 8 boats continued on to Genoa Bay for the second leg of the cruise. The crew of Alberta Lee set their crab traps and met with considerable success. Again after much fun and laughter on the docks we all went to the Grapevine restaurant for our wind up dinner. Next morning all boats headed for their home ports.

September 12th and 13th, Alan led us one again, this time to Butchart Gardens.

Four boats attended and anchored in Butcharts Cove. We all visited the gardens, some of us returning in the evening to see the lights, while others dinghied round to Brentwood for dinner. Next morning all boats headed for home ports.

This concluded the 2003 cruise year and due to the efforts of Les and Jan whose supply of quizzes and games seems neverending, it has been a happy and very successful boating year for all those who chose to join in. Thanks to all the boaters who came out and helped to make the summer a great success

As cruise master I am trying to make the cruises a fun and new experience for all members who want to come out and join us. I am very grateful to the Squadron for supporting my endeavours. We would like to see old and especially new members come out for one or all of our social activities. If anyone has an idea or suggestion for me, I would be glad to hear from you.



Fun and Friends on a Fraser Cruise



Instructor Extraordinaire: Bill Hawryluk



# Christmas Dinner & Dance

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2003

5:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

Come enjoy the festive season with  
dinner and dancing!

\$37.50 person - \$75.00 per couple

Where?  
GREENACRES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

5040 #6 Rd.  
Richmond, B.C.

Space is limited: book by  
NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
book tickets in advance

Call  
PETER LEFROY  
604-271-5240



## Meteorology Quiz

The photo to the left shows us:

- a) typical summer weather in the Queen Charlottes
- b) an ideal cloud formation under which to seek shelter
- c) Fraser Squadron preferred vessel type

(Seriously, this is an excellent approach shot of Hurricane Isabel!)

Fraser Squadron Calendar  
May 2003 - May 2004

October 4	PMD meeting & Training Session
October 13	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
<b>October 18</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Fall Social –Anchors Away BBQ, Airport Yacht Club – Richmond</b>
October 26 *	<b>Fairlead #4</b> , published & mailed
October 22-25	CPS National AGM – “Tall Tides” St. John. New Brunswick
November 3	PMD meeting
November 10	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
November 18 &25	VHF Training Burnett School - Richmond
November 20 & 27	VHF Training Delta Secondary School - Delta
December 1	PMD meeting
December 1 <sup>st</sup> *	<b>Fairlead #5</b> , published & mailed
December 8	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Christmas Social – Dinner/Dance -</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">GreenAcres Golf &amp; Country Club</span>
January 5, 2004	PMD meeting
January 13	Boating class – Richmond
January 15	Boating class – Ladner
January 12	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Fall Grad ceremony – Venue &amp; Speaker TBD</b>
February 2	PMD meeting
February 9	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Winter Social – Annual Auction – Venue TBD</b>
March 1	PMD meeting
March 8	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
March 01 *	<b>Fairlead #6</b> , published & mailed
April 5	PMD meeting
April 12	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
<b>April 29</b> ***	<b>Fraser AGM/Award Night Dinner – Venue TBD</b> *** <i>Please note date</i>
May 5	PMD meeting
May 12	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
<b>May 20, 2004</b>	<b>Spring Grad Ceremony – Venue &amp; Speaker TBA</b>
<b>May 28, 29</b>	<b>PMD AGM &amp; Change of Watch,</b> (FRASER SQUADRON) dates confirmed by PMD

**\* NOTE: Prior Fairlead publishing deadline two weeks & required highlights for each issue.**

## Tall Ships Retrospective

Want another look at the Tall Ships?

Photos by photographer Calen Darnel are on display at Ladner’s The Picture Framers.