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Fraser Squadron Christmas Social

**DELTA TOWN & COUNTRY INN
- 6005 HIGHWAY 17, AT HIGHWAY 99
DELTA, B.C.**

Saturday December 10, 2005
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m

\$35 a person - \$70 per couple - Cash Bar
After Nov 19th!!!
\$40 a person - \$80 per couple

Traditional Christmas Fare buffet

Ticket Sales-Contact:
Peter Lefroy 604-271-5240
This is a ticketed event your RSVP by November 19 is greatly appreciated!

**Music, Dancing,
Door prizes, 50/50 draw**

The Hotel is offering special stay-over rate of \$75.00 double or single occupancy - if you don't want to drive!!





PMD News: Congratulations to Life Member Larry Terrick!

Submitted by Larry and Shirley Terrick



Here are two pictures of the presentation of my Life Membership.

In the first pic, WCID D/Cdr. Ken Yoxall made the presentation.

Picture two is Shirley and myself. We had a good conference but they sure are smaller than what we are used to at PMD. The small town friendship and energy does make up for of the changes we are experiencing. Change is good - and part of the "Adventure we have embarked on." Soon we will be back on tidewater. Cheers from Kelowna,

**Interested in
Fraser Squadron
Course info?
You can call for
information
604-786-5678!**

Commander's Report

Submitted by Commander Bob Everson

Hello fellow squadron members,

While it may feel like the boating season is pretty much over, many things are just getting under way. Throughout the year Fraser holds a variety of social functions. Our popular Anchors Away BBQ was recently held at the Airport Yacht Club. Just over the horizon is our annual Christmas Social scheduled for December 10, at the Delta Town and Country Inn.

These events are always A LOT of fun. But don't take my word for it. Come on out and join us. Watch the web page www.frasersquadron.ca for the latest information.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons - Fraser Squadron - your squadron runs on volunteer energy. This year the energy has been running a little low. We have a couple of key positions that have not been filled and we need you.

At the beginning of the year we reached out looking for volunteers to fill the various positions that keep your squadron functioning. Nevertheless there are two important positions available. They are Executive Officer and Web Master. The position of Executive Officer is equivalent to a vice-president. A complete description of the responsibilities can be found at http://www.frasersquadron.ca/About_Us/Officers%20Responsibilities.htm. The duties of the Web Master are straightforward – keep the web site information up to date for all Fraser members.

We spoke to many people but perhaps we didn't talk to you. With 368 members, Fraser Squadron is one of the larger squadrons in Canada, and there are many of you I don't know. There are a lot of members the nominating committee did not speak to, who have time they can offer the squadron.

When training was needed Fraser Squadron was there, providing locally available classes in basic boating, marine VHF and more advanced subjects. Now Fraser needs you. If we didn't talk to you and you have the time to offer, please contact me.

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Nautical Terms:

Room to swing a cat

This colorful phrase evokes strange images of feline cruelty. In fact it has nothing to do with cats, but the real story is at least as cruel.

The "cat" is a cat-of-nine-tails, a type of whip used to discipline sailors on old sailing ships. The cat-of-nine-tails has one handle to which is attached nine thin strips of leather, each perhaps three feet long. The cat-of-nine-tails would be used to administer lashings that would sting and leave welts on the recipient.

The whippings would take place on the deck, because below deck there was not enough ceiling height to swing a cat-of-nine-tails. Thus one needed enough "room to swing a cat"

Let the Cat Out of the Bag

When somebody tells you a secret they are said to have "let the cat out of the bag". This refers secrets and to the same cat that was earlier being swung but the outcome is somewhat dire than having the gang jump out from behind the couch when you walk into a darkened room.

As a sailor you would surely face a lashing for certain shipboard indiscretions, such as falling asleep during watch in the early hours of the morning or sneaking an extra ration from the hold. As long as your misdeed was kept secret you were safe. However if one of your less trustworthy shipmates was to inform the master or one of the mates of the deed then the cat would surely be swinging. Thus, the cat was let out of the bag.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.frasersquadron.ca/

Fraser Squadron Calendar

May 2005 – May 2006

Date	Event	Location	Notes
October 28	Fairlead #3		(published & mailed)
November 14	Fraser Bridge meeting	Ladner COPs, 1930	
December 10	Christmas Social Dinner/Dance	Delta Town & Country 1800	
December 12	Fraser Bridge meeting	Ladner COPs, 1930	