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FAIRLEAD

June, 2009

AGM Report

Upgraded marina facilities at Ladysmith

New artificial reef

CCG & Marine VHF Inspections

Coming Events

Cruises

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Fraser Squadron Annual General Meeting was held at the Tsawwassen Golf Club on Thursday 16th April. It was attended by thirty people including four guests.

The meeting was chaired by the Commander, Paul Vanderwood who reported that the Squadron had a very successful year in terms of Training , Events and Cruises and that the Squadron had sufficient resources both personnel and financial, to enable it to prosper in these current difficult times.

Key individual officers presented their reports. The Commander thanked the old bridge for their efforts during the past year. New officers were elected to the elected positions and the remaining officers were appointed. There was only one change in each category Carolyn Duquid was elected in place of Fred Des Rochers as secretary and Les Muller was appointed in place of Ellis Knowlton as Programs Officer. This raises to six, the number of couples who play such an important role in the operation of the Squadron. For the record, the others are Rick and Rose, Alan and June, Bill and Linda and finally, Paul and Kathleen.

The new Bridge members were pledged by Ken Tomkow, representing the Pacific Mainland Division. The Annual Merit Marks were awarded, followed by the Trophies for Members who had made an outstanding effort during the previous year. A special gift was given to June Eldred for her monumental contributions as receptionist for squadron events over the many years.

There was the usual break for a sumptuous meal of sandwiches and chocolate cakes.

The Speaker for the evening was the well-known author, Peter Vassilopoulos and his subject was "Cruising to Desolation Sound" - based on his new book of the same name.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

This was Peter's third appearance as Guest Speaker for Squadron Events. Peter has a very clear but casual form of presentation and he invited audience participation including a show of hands for those who had already visited Desolation Sound. His presentation included many stunning photographs, some from the air, accompanied by a verbal description which made his audience all "want to be there". Although the title suggested a straight trip from Vancouver to the final destination, side trips to Chatterbox Falls and Egmont were included. One member was delighted to see her property on Savary Island. Peter also included some valuable tips. For example some refueling points run out of supplies in the summer, so adopt the general principle for refueling of "when you can you do". The one exception being Egmont which at one time had the dubious distinction of having the most expensive fuel on the Coast so "you only do if you must".

Peter also included a serious navigation warning. Apparently there is a long continuous reef with three markers, one at each end and one in the middle.

However the meaning of these markers is extremely ambiguous, and many boaters have made the reasonable but erroneous assumption that the markers indicate areas of safe passage with disastrous results. Incidentally this particular hazard is well described in his new book and for that reason alone is well worth purchasing.

After his presentation Peter was duly thanked and he and his wife, Carla, sold copies of his current and past books to members at advantageous prices.

As always, those who missed a Jan- organized event, missed a treat.

CCG Vessel Inspections

New forms & decals have arrived, so we are pleased to advise that Delta Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 08 personnel are willing and ready to carry out traditional vessel inspections, as in the past.

Please contact John Simpson (604-946-6553) or myself, Norm Dyck, (604-594-3335) to arrange a suitable location /date/time.

It is helpful if there are at least three or four vessels available for each inspection.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Norm

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Spring 2009

NEW VISITOR FACILITIES IN LADYSMITH HARBOUR

Dear Commodore,

Please let your cruising members know that new facilities and 900 feet of visitor docks are now available in Ladysmith harbour at Ladysmith Maritime Society's Community Marina. A public picnic dock and other features of our marina are noted on the enclosed handouts. We welcome groups. To be assured of space, please make arrangements with our Wharfinger at 250-245-1146.

1 ½ - 2 hour Harbour Tours will be operating at 1030 and 1400 daily during July and August. They are also available at other times by request – 250-245-0109.

Our award-winning museum will be open 1400 – 1600 Thursday – Sunday during July and August. The museum will be opened at other times by request – 250-245-3075.

Any assistance you and your cruismaster can give to spreading the word about our visitor docks will be much appreciated.

Ladysmith has many attractions for the visitor including hiking trails, boutique stores, the best cinnamon buns on Vancouver Island, restaurants, liquor store and groceries.

Think of Ladysmith as your next cruising destination.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Pearson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Pearson
PRO



2009 Cruises

July 10, 11 & 12th SaltSpring Marina

The marina is just a short walk to the downtown core, where you will find a great Artisan's market with many treasures to see and great things to eat. Mouat's is a store close to the market like no other and a must to see. (I usually buy something that I can't live without). A potluck dinner to be arranged on the dock.

July 31, Aug. 1, 2 & 3rd Ladysmith Marina

This town puts on a great event for the long weekend. They have a parade, fireworks, bathtub races, soapbox derby, events in the parks with live bands, etc. This is a great weekend that you won't want to miss. There are so many things to see and do with not enough time for them all.

August 21, 22 & 23rd Pirate's Cove

Arrrrr matey's.

Don't miss this anchoring cruise in a well protected cove. There are approximately 20 rings located on the banks to stern tie to, so come early to get a good spot. We are going to have a theme for this cruise..... yes you guessed... it's a pirate's theme, so bring your eye patch's, pirate outfits, flags, parrots, etc. Ohhh, don't forget the rum. See you there matey's.

For more information contact:

Rose Easthom: (604) 946-8389 (h)
 (604) 839-0627 (c)
 Alan Eldred: (604) 594-4188

We need to know roughly how many boats will be attending the SaltSpring Marina and the Ladysmith Marina cruises in order to hold space for us.

Please let one of the above contacts know in advance if you will be attending either of these two cruises.

New Artificial Reef

The Artificial Reef Society of BC (ARSBC) sank a 371 foot destroyer in Halkett Bay sometime mid-year.

This latest addition to the marine environment will be both habitat and dive destination. To read more about this project check out the ARSBC web site.
 (www.artificialreef.bc.ca)

Marine VHF Radio Checks

Do you hold a valid Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime)?

We have received information that the RCMP and other police units that do boat safety checks are looking to see if the operators of boats equipped with marine radios have their ROC(M). CPS has been told that this will be a priority and that fines could be issued to offenders (although warnings are likely at first).

A similar situation was just reported in the Toronto area.

With the Olympics approaching we understand that we can expect more local boat inspections.

A simple three evening course is all it takes to make you legal and avoid the embarrassment not having a certificate.