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FRASER SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORT

August is here – boating season is about half done (sorry, folks!) – we all better buckle down and get some boating accomplished in the time we have left. I noticed several vacant stalls on my dock where Fraser members are headed north for between 3 and 7 weeks depending on the skippers. Remember when we first contemplated buying a boat? We saw endless weeks of exploration and enjoyment in our new purchase, and imagined every Friday evening would see us sailing away from the dock with new targeted destinations in mind. Somehow the reality of time conflicts, family conflicts, mechanical glitches, fuel costs, and weather rear their ugly head to interfere with our dream. I really admire the folks who wring the most out of the season and do get their boating in around these traps. I can hardly wait to see the photos that Dave and Pat Brind and Bob and Marion Dennett bring back from their trip to Johnstone Strait and points north.

Fall is 30 short days away. Or, it seems that as soon as Labour Day is come and gone we are at least into our fall mode. With that comes our very busy training season for the basic boating course as well as all our elective courses. I believe that with

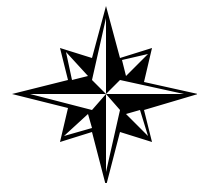
any sometimes technical hobby you are either growing or shrinking. Who amongst us can claim to know all about navigation, maintenance, and seamanship? If I see many hands raised we will all be watching with a vigilant eye for candidates for this year's Bent Prop Award! We will be offering as full a complement of elective courses as we muster interest in this year. Make your membership work for you by keeping a promise to learn more, be more safe and competent. If you choose a course that we cannot offer due to limited enrollment remember our sister squadrons around the lower mainland. You can take a course through any of them as well. For instance, one squadron ran a series of consecutive Boat Pro courses in Cantonese. All CPS squadrons welcome members from Fraser in their training program as well as their social calendar.

In addition, our Training Officer Al Morgan is once again offering free upgrade courses for any Fraser Squadron regular members. These come in the guise of a proctor position for the boating course. Please check your schedules, and make the call to Al to schedule some volunteer time of your own to assist

our training officer and his crew of instructors. You get out what you put in with CPS, and while proctoring is not an onerous position nor a time consuming one, it does provide that additional support for the instructors as well as perhaps making the difference between a student passing or not. We all face time challenges, and sometimes students drop out or become a "did not write" because they missed a lesson or two due to work schedules and felt they had no way of catching up to the class.

The month of September offers perhaps the finest boating season on the west coast. Anchorages are less crowded, the weather is usually quite fine, and the night is still young in terms of logging some additional engine hours in your log for the year. Use your boat, keep your skills sharp, and have some fun in this boating season!

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WEATHER WATCH

Ever aware of our weather forecasts while out on the water, we have many sources of information to keep us safe:

By Phone: Call Environment Canada for marine weather recordings:

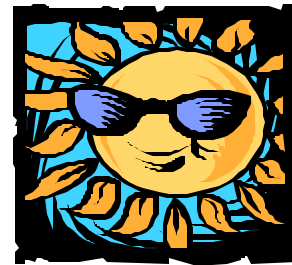
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Or for the U.S. Navy weather and sea conditions:

<http://www.fnmoc.navy.mil/index.html>



SUMMER'S HERE AND THE CRUISING IS FINE

Tell us your stories - the sights you've seen, the spectacular vistas you've discovered, exciting adventures, trials and tribulations or just plain fun you've experienced in this summer of 2001 while gunk-holing new and not so new territory. We'd love to share your experiences in upcoming Fairleads, photos and all. Contact the Editor, Ron Hoyt, at 604-943-4698 or by e-mail at: rhoyt@dccnet.com





Training Department News

The following is a list of the courses which have been scheduled prior to Christmas for 2001. If you don't see the course you want, let me know and perhaps we can get it going for you. As usual, we are looking for volunteers to proctor these and other courses. If you would like to help, please give me a call at (604) 946-5740.

Keep an eye on the website at www.frasersquadron.com for changes and additions.

Have a great summer, and safe boating

Al Morgan, S.T.O.

Boating

Tuesday 11th September, Delta Senior Secondary, Ladner, Bill Risk

Thursday, 13th September, Delta Senior Secondary, Ladner, John Oystensen

Tuesday 18th September, Palmer Secondary, Richmond, Bob Everson

Thursday, 20th September, Palmer Secondary, Richmond, Bill Hawryluk

VHF

Wednesday 4th October, Delta Senior Secondary, Ladner, Rand Lutman

Wednesday 28th November McNair Secondary, Richmond, Dave Bauer

Marine Maintenance

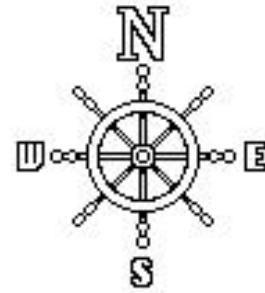
Wednesday 19th September, Delta Senior Secondary, Ladner, Alan Eldred

Piloting

Wednesday 19th September, Delta Senior Secondary, Ladner, **TBD**

Advanced Piloting

Tuesday 4th December (17 weeks), Ladner CoPS, Jim Bryant



Student Cruise

We're looking for volunteer skippers, proctors, and vessels for the student cruise to take place on Saturday 20th October. Please call or e-mail Victor Weizmann if you would like to be a part of this rewarding activity.

WHALE WATCHING

In 1996 there were approximately 725 identified Orca (killer whales) identified off the coast of British Columbia and Washington State. We all treasure our glimpses of these magnificent creatures when we are fortunate enough to come upon them, but as operators of motorized vessels, we have a responsibility to treat these amazing mammals with respect and caution. Orcas are listed on Appendix II of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species, based on the belief that a species has fewer than 1000 members, it could face extinction. Here then are some guidelines when you have the good fortune to spot a pod of Orcas:

- In a single vessel you should not approach within 100 metres.
- Approach whales parallel from the side, not from the front or from the rear. Approach and depart slowly. Avoid disturbing a line of resting whales and separating or chasing any group or individual.
- When travelling beside Orcas, maintain a speed of two to four knots or the same speed as the slowest ones. Do not alter your speed or change course abruptly.

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- Keep noise levels down—no horns, whistles, fish finders shouting or racing of motors. If it is safe to do so, turn off your engine or put it in neutral. The whales may approach the vessel.
- Be conscious of the effect of your actions on the Orcas. Avoid any physical contact.
- Limit your time spent to less than 30 minutes when within 100 to 200 metres.
- If more there is more than one vessel, avoid any position that would result in encircling the whales.

Under the Canadian Marine Mammal Regulations the disturbance of whales is strictly prohibited and summary convictions carry a fine of up to \$100,000.00, a prison term not exceeding 12 months, or both. So let's do our best to respect and admire our resident Killer Whales from a safe distance and perhaps contribute in some small manner to their continued survival.

MARKETPLACE

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WHERE'S YOUR FLAG?

It has been observed during the current boating season by various Squadron sleuths that many of our members are not flying the CPS flag. Shocking! What reason could there be for such oversight? A flag only costs \$8.00, so it can't be a money issue. Proudly flying your flag tells others on the water that you are one of the 15% of boaters who have successfully completed this top notch training, it's a great way to meet other Squadron members and it spreads the word about the Squadron's goal to educate boaters and keep us all safe on the water. Do your part and hoist your flag if you already have one, or call the regalia officer, Jeanette Hoyt, at 604-943-4698 if you need a new one. (on holidays until Sept. 8)

