



## FRASER SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORT

### Casting Off!

There is a time and a place for everything in this life, and this Fairlead marks the occasion where this Commander moves on. It has been my privilege to serve as the Fraser Commander for the past three terms, and I do leave this office with pride and confidence that your Bridge is in good hands.

I took my first course ten years ago, and for the first six years I was one of the “silent majority” – I paid my dues, got my newsletter, and attended no events. CPS was an organization to take courses, and develop my skill and expertise to keep my family safe on the water. It has never been my habit to be a “joiner” so it was easy to keep my distance. I remember the odd telephone call asking if I would be a proctor and I declined, partly because I didn't feel I had much to offer a boating student. When a business associate (a present member of your Bridge) called and requested that I sit on the Bridge it seemed the time to “put a little bit back in”. There is a saying out there – in non profit organizations one doesn't run for office – you just didn't run fast enough to stay out of it! Nevertheless, I did find myself at the helm the following year and with the help of my Past Commander (Jim Bryant) we did soldier on through.

I have seen the politics at the squadron, district, and the national level. My conviction is that we are a local operation and it is our responsibility to train and run our squadron with the guidance of national policies. We are one of the few groups where the one on one help a student receives from his instructor and proctor *does* help in the real world and can truly save a life. We are blessed with a terrific group of instructors, who work for the satisfaction only of educating upcoming boaters. They come from all walks of life – and our paths would simply not have crossed had it not been for CPS. We all owe them a debt of gratitude. I have the pleasure of working with a wonderful group of bridge members – talented and busy people in their own lives. I shall not name them all, but the support and help I have received from Past Commander Lindsay Smith has helped me in every way in this position. Lindsay is a gem, a tireless volunteer, and the perfect individual to keep my Roberts Rules of Order in a somewhat traditional manner. She and the rest of your bridge have put in countless hours, shared many laughs, and found ways to run the second largest squadron in this region. Thank you all.

What can you do, if this is your time to pitch in? We always have some turnover in bridge positions, largely due to work schedules and other commitments. Most duties are not onerous or particularly time consuming – one 2 hour meeting per month and participating in some squadron special events. My life has been quite enriched by the many friends I have made in this and other squadrons, and I invite you to join in. Our nominating committee is busy compiling the list for the upcoming AGM, and I welcome a telephone call at 604-275-7512 if you would like to see pleasure boating from our side!



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★ Bring your friends & relatives! They'll enjoy it. Bring ★  
★ stuff you bought last year & want to recycle (Brian ★  
★ will re-sell it!). And bring your wallet - you'll need it!! ★  
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## FRASER SQUADRON A. G. M. AWARDS NIGHT & CHANGE OF WATCH

**Thursday, April 25<sup>TH</sup> 2002—1930 hours  
Delta Town and Country Inn  
6005 Highway 17 (at Hwy 99), Delta**

We look forward to seeing a good turn out for the presentation of Merit Marks, Awards and to meet the new Bridge of Officers, who will take us through 2003.

Cost ....\$6.00 each (to include refreshments)

There will be an official Notice of Meeting and Nominating Committee report coming out in the April Fairlead.



**NEW, IMPROVED & REVISED**  
**FRASER SQUADRON CRUISE SCHEDULE 2002**

A scheduling glitch has necessitated the revision of our cruise schedule printed in the January 2002 Fairlead. Quite simply, Cruises #2 and #3 have been reversed, so in July the waters of Maple Bay and Chemanis will beckon and in August, we will be off to Rosario Resort and Roche Harbour. So get out your calendar and change your destination for the dates noted below!

**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 – MAPLE BAY MARINA, VANCOUVER ISLAND**  
**JULY 21 & 22 – CHEMANIS, VANCOUVER ISLAND**

**NOTE DATE  
CHANGES!!**

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 #3    AUGUST 9 & 10 – ROSARIO RESORT MARINA, ORCAS ISLAND, SAN JUAN**  
**AUGUST 11 & 12 – ROCHE HARBOUR OR STUART ISLAND, SAN JUAN**

**NOTE DATE  
CHANGES!!**

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 #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 you 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**

**FISH FARM CONCERNS**

If you want your concerns about the issue of commercial fish farming in our coastal waters to be heard by your MLA, here is Fraser Squadron's website with petitions and information that will permit your voice to be heard [www.frasersquadron.ca/fish\\_farm.htm](http://www.frasersquadron.ca/fish_farm.htm) . Don't have a computer? Give Ron a call at 604-943-4698 and we'll fax or mail a petition to you.



## STILL TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING!

### VHF Radio Seminar

3 Thursday evenings, Cost .-. \$45  
Starts 4<sup>th</sup> April 2002 at  
Palmer Secondary School in Richmond.  
Call Training Officer (604) 946-5740  
to pre-register

### Navigating With GPS

This seminar will happen around the last  
week in May.— details TBD  
Cost: Non-members \$40; Members \$15  
Call Training Officer (604) 946-5740  
for more details.

## SEATTLE CRUISE

We all knew we were in for a great summer cruise to Seattle Washington. Our leaders did a great job preparing us for our 2 week trip from Sucia to the locks through to Lake Union and Lake Washington. Peter and Kouka Lefroy headed this cruise in July of 2001. There were 5 boats and 10 happy people looking forward to our adventure in the San Juans. We had five ports of call heading south, Anacortes, LaConnor, Oak Harbor, Everett and Shilshole. We stayed in marinas every night and entered the locks to Lake Union on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Peter and Kouka were the skipper and 1<sup>st</sup> mate of our group to have made this trip before. It was very exciting for all of us.

The first three boats in were Peter and Kouka in Tetifon, Moe and Jill Easterbrook in Jersey Mariner and Harold and Judy Moy in Odin. The last boat was Sea-Ya with Les and Jan Muller, but before we could get in with the rest of our group, the light turned RED and we were left behind to boat wait for the next lock!! The fifth boat with our group had to head home for work commitments before the trip into Lake Washington, that was Ellis and Mavis Knowlton in Calliope. Before they had to leave, they enjoyed every minute of cruising and shopping and of course joining the gang for appetizers and drinks at the end of each day. We missed them when they had to leave, but Ellis is still a hard working young man!!

The four remaining boats enjoyed a 3 day stay on the lake and we were treated to a guided tour around the lake on the Jersey Mariner and guided by a good friend of the Lefroys who live on the lake. They had all of back to their home for a lovely visit with drinks and eats. We carried on back through the locks and headed to Port Ludlow and Port Townsend. We enjoyed great weather just about every day. There were a few tense moments going around the bell buoy at Four Weather Bluff and also Partridge Point bell buoy due to some heavy seas. We weathered that part of the trip and realized how great it is to cruise with people who always watch out for each other and are there whenever you need a helping hand or just words of encouragement. We all found the marinas, towns and their surroundings very accommodating and friendly.

It was such a different type of cruise from the previous year when we cruised to Desolation Sound, both were equally interesting and fun. The Lefroys did a good job both times. I want to also give thanks to Harold Moy in this story. He did a lot to provide us with info for all the marinas on this trip as well as having a wonderful laptop which we found a helpful addition to our GPS equipment. I think I speak for everyone who went on the cruise, that it was a wonderful and exciting two weeks of boating.

Jan Muller