

FAIRLEAD



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FRASER SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORT

Welcome back, I hope all members enjoyed the summer and had the opportunity to test your boating knowledge and avoid any problems that good training and preparation prevent.

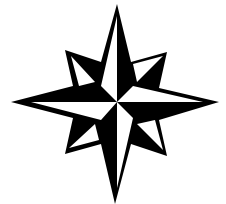
In my first message I stated that my mandate would be to continue on the path set by Past Commander Bryce Gibney and to also look for ways to increase participation by our membership. Over the summer I have received a number of newsletters from other Squadrons and a common thread is discussed in all of these, an erosion of volunteer support.

I know that people's ability to devote time to community service are affected by the demands of both family and work as well as the number of social events available to us. I would like you to take a minute and think about how you discovered *CPS* and the *Boating Course*. At this point you had no idea what *CPS* was or how it ran (through volunteers). My challenge to the membership for 2002-03 is to do one or two of the following:

- > Talk to a friend or acquaintance and help them understand what *CPS* and the *Fraser Squadron* are about.
- > Attend at least one social function, refer to our Squadron calendar or call Ross McCutcheon Programs Officer (604) 270-3844.
- > Volunteer for the Phone or Social Committees, call either Alan Eldred (604) 594-4188 or Ann Isaacs (604) 271-3228.
- > Take an Advanced course or become a Proctor, call Bob Everson STO (604) 271-2551.
- > Become an assistant to a Bridge Officer, refer to the Roster or our web site for a list of Officers and their phone numbers).

CPS is a great organization with a long and proud tradition of boating training. Challenge yourself and others to keep it going and growing. ***You can make a difference!***

Fred Des Rochers
Commander



SURVEY: LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN! Due to a printing error in the last issue of the Fairlead, this survey didn't print on the front page as it was supposed to. Take a minute, fill it in or fax it to the Editor, Ron Hoyt fax at 604-943-1461 or by e-mail, ronhoyt@dccnet.com

Your First and Last Name _____

Length of your vessel: _____ Power or Sail? _____

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FALL TRAINING NEWS

Fall Boating Courses:

Time: Thursday, September 12/02, 1900 hours

Place: Robert A. McMath Secondary School
4251 Garry Street, Richmond

Time: Tuesday, September 10/02, 1900 hours

Place: Delta Secondary School
4615—51st Street, Ladner

VHF Courses:

Time: Tuesday, November 19/02, 1900 hours

Place: Palmer School
8160 St. Albans Road, Richmond

Time: Thursday, November 21/02, 1900 hours

Place: Delta Secondary School
4615—51st Street, Ladner

For more information, contact our Training Officer,
Bob Everson, 604-271-2551.

Course schedules are subject to change

BATTERY READINGS

Further to the battery details published in the previous Fairlead, the following is schedule of battery readings which will help you determine the state of charge of your battery.

Please note that reading voltages only will not necessarily give you an accurate reflection of the batteries' condition. This is a guide only, & a good quality hydrometer should be used for accuracy!

If you have one (or more batteries coupled in parallel,) reading voltages won't give you any indication of a dead or low cell. Only a hydrometer or a load test can check this.

The following scale refers to 220 ampere-hour deep cycle batteries, and can also be used as a guide to other wet-cell batteries.

State of Charge	Voltage	Specific Gravity
100%	12.60	1.265
90%	12.57	1.245
80%	12.54	1.230
70%	12.45	1.216
60%	12.36	1.202
50%	12.27	1.190
40%	12.18	1.175
30%	12.09	1.160
20%	12.00	1.148



TALL SHIPS VISIT



After a successful five-days of tall shipping, 20 vessels turned out to sea and are gone. Not before some 400,000 people visited the historic fishing village of Steveston eager to get a glimpse of these magnificent ships!

The CPS booth gained a lot of interest primarily due to the changes in boating regulations. Approximately 1200 persons received some form of literature and 23 persons filled in boating course requests. For a non-profit organization with knowledge to promote this should be considered a very successful event.

One Thank-you is not enough to the entire group who helped staff the booth. An extra huge Thank-you to Brian & Lindsey Smith- Fraser Squadron, Wally Kiss & Bob Gauthier – SurDel Squadron who all walked the deck twice doing double booth shifts!

Others involved in order of staffing attendance were; Buck Buckingham – Burrard Squadron, Bill & Linda Anne Hawryluk – Fraser, Les Johnson – CDR Novan, Fred & Dolly Desrochers, Jim Bryant-Fraser “It should be noted Jim braved the crowds on a solo shift!”, Anne & Sam Issacs-Fraser, Bryce Gibney - Fraser, Lynne Baker – Seymour, Norm & Anne Headrick-PMD, Andrew Pothier, John Toews, Carlos Fuenzalida, Shirley Shea - Whiterock, Al Morgan – Fraser, Marilyn Mitchell & Alison McLean – Whiterock.

Additional Thanks for help with setting-up and breaking down from John Bouma, Al Morgan, Anne Issacs, Bryce Gibney and Lynne baker. Finally a special Thanks to Bryce Gibney for his wall climbing capabilities, which put the CPS banner, heads over all!

This first tall ship event in Richmond proves that the romance of the sea still exists. Just as in days of old people will continue to flock in to catch sight of whom or what’s on board. Nothing takes you higher then going aloft!



M.V. Frances Barkley – A Coastal Freighter

John had long ago mentioned that he would not be the type to take a cruise to Alaska, preferring to visit the villages and towns along our coast. While vacationing on Vancouver Island we decided to contact the Lady Rose Marine Services and arrange for a day trip for the trip from Port Alberni to Ucluelet. Adult fare for the return trip was \$50.00, half fare for children 8-15 years and under the age of seven for free (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

The school term had not yet completed so reservations were not required. Early on the morning of June 26 in bright sunshine we drove to the Harbour Quay in Port Alberni, purchased our tickets and were directed to free parking. We would be traveling on the M.V. Frances Barkley, departing at 0800 hours, returning at approximately 1900 hours depending on the amount of stops required.

The M.V. Frances Barkley was built in 1958 in Stavanger, Norway. She has an overall length of 128 feet, a beam of 24 feet and a draft of 9.5 feet. She is powered by a 400 horse power 8 cylinder Bergen Diesel which turns at 450 r.p.m. and provides a service speed of 11 knots, burning 18 gallons of diesel per hour. Her gross tonnage is 300 tons and she can carry up to 200 passengers and 100 tons of cargo. Originally the vessel was launched as the M.S. Rennesoy, later to become part of the Norwegian ferry fleet. In 1990 Lady Rose Marine Services purchased the vessel and brought her to Vancouver Island where she now spends her summers on the Port Alberni to Ucluelet/Broken Group Islands. It was interesting to watch the crew load a battery powered jeep on the deck along with plywood, totes of food, kayaks and whatever else had been requested.

After one long blast of the ship's whistle we backed away from the Harbour Quay at 0800 hours and started up the Alberni Inlet. The passengers were encouraged to chat with the ship's crew when they were not loading or unloading freight and also to visit the wheelhouse or the engine room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner could be purchased from the ship's galley.

We encountered sports fisherman in every type of boat fishing for sockeye salmon. Near Sproat Narrows the water became turbulent as it is the narrowest point on the Inlet. Our first stop was Haggard's Cove where the jeep was expertly lowered onto a float from the starboard side of the vessel and the plywood was lowered from the port side onto a float powered by a small engine. Our next stop was the Whaling Station Lodge in Sechart. It is in Sechart that canoers, kayakers and their gear are dropped off, some to stay as guests at the Lodge and others to make their way through the Broken Group Islands. Once the supplies were unloaded we traveled on to Ucluelet, a protected harbour, where the opportunity was given to visit the shops, have lunch or take a walk to see the sights. After an hour we departed Ucluelet and returned to Sechart to pick up several kayakers, their gear and a crew member. This time we travelled through the Broken Group Islands and came upon several gray whales. The ship slowed down to give everyone an opportunity to see the whales.

At one point we wondered if the Captain was awake! It looked as if we were headed for a wall of rock but thankfully he knew exactly where he was going. We also noted the mist hanging over the rocks and again realized that the captain was very experienced and was familiar with every rock. This area off the west coast of Vancouver Island is known as the "Graveyard of the Pacific". Strong winds, rain, fog and tidal currents make for a dangerous situation.

At approximately 1900 hours we returned to the dock in Port Alberni. We enjoyed a wonderful day living a bit of history and taking in spectacular scenery. The captain and crew were most accommodating and are to be commended for providing a service, not only to the residents on the coast, but also to tourism in B.C. I recommend this trip to anyone who would like to explore a bit of our coast as one might have done some 60 years ago when the principle means of transportation on our coast was by ship. The ship emulates the slower pace of life of yesteryear and one has plenty of time to look for wildlife and enjoy the scenery.

Should you be interested in contacting the Lady Rose Marine Services, their web site is www.ladyrosemarine.com or from April thru September during business hours they can be contacted by calling 1-800-663-7192.