



FRASER SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORT

Fellow Fraser Squadron Members,

Normally in October we sit indoors and reminisce about the past boating season, however with the fantastic weather we're experiencing I'm certain a number of you are still out on the water and the rest of us are wondering why we winterized the boat so early.

In my two previous reports I focused on two prime themes, boating education & safety as well as Squadron social activities. From a training perspective we currently have 48 students enrolled in the Basic Boating course and a VHF course scheduled for later this year. STO Bob Everson has lined up Instructors for number of Advanced & Elective courses unfortunately there has been insufficient interest to schedule any courses this fall. I am challenging all Fraser Squadron members to contact Bob and sign up for a course prior to next boating season.

The Squadron's first social of this season was (Anchors Aweigh) and took place Saturday October 19th. This was a steak BBQ with the Bridge members cooking for the membership and it was an exciting evening of swapping summer boating tales, good food, stories around the campfire and live entertainment.

On October 25 – 27 I will be attending the CPS-ECP AGM in Toronto. There are a number of motions being voted on, however I believe the one causing the most concern is :

NOTICE OF MOTION 2002-GB2-NM4, Qualifying Exam for Regular Membership.

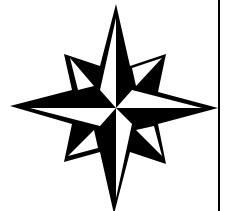
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Qualifying Examination for regular membership in CPS-ECP is the successful completion and achievement of a passing grade on the CPS-ECP administered Pleasure Craft Operator's Card examination and that the Chairman of the Rules Committee make the required amendments to the regulations of CPS-ECP.

Your Bridge has voted *not* to support this Notice of Motion.

In closing I want to **thank you** for your continued support of CPS and in particular the Fraser Squadron.

CDR Fred Des Rochers



UPCOMING EVENTS!! Mark your calendars, the Christmas Dinner/ Dance is coming!! Saturday, December 14/02 at Dock Marlins Restaurant, 100—8831 River Road in Richmond. Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 and Dancing at 9:00 p.m. Tickets \$35.00 per person. Contact a Bridge Member to order yours today!!

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Do you have a favourite dish that's easy to prepare on board?? Send us your recipe or galley tips to share in upcoming Fairleads - Ron & Jeanette Hoyt ronhoyt@dccnet.com Fax 604-943-1461

TRAINING DEPARTMENT NOTES:

Basic Boating classes are under way in Ladner and Richmond, with Graduation ceremonies set for the third week of January, 2003. The winter sessions of Boating Classes are set to commence early in January, 2003, - dates to be announced in our next Fairlead.



B.C. Ferries does this all the time!

PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST WINNER

There were lots of clever captions provided by our members, but you will remember that our May 2002 Fairlead contest required that your caption be sent in with your completed questionnaire (ie: what kind of boat do you have, where is it moored, etc.), so the field was significantly limited. The votes were compiled and the winners are Jan Oskam & Donna Titus and they will shortly receive their Fraser Squadron burgee!! Thanks to everyone for their participation.

EASY BOATERS' CRAB DIP

1 pkg. Cream cheese (250 gr.—light or regular), room temp.
1/2 cup sour cream (no-fat, light or regular)
1 tin of crabmeat, drained & rinsed
1 small jar marinated artichokes, drained & diced
Juice of half a lemon & 1 tsp. lemon zest
Dash each of Tabasco & Worcestershire
1/2 tsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. minced onion

Mix it all up in a mixing bowl, turn into a fancy serving dish and garnish with toasted almond slivers. Serve with crackers, veggie sticks or crispy flatbread. Can be served warm by heating in the microwave or oven till just bubbling.



CRUISEMASTERS' REPORT

We began our summer cruising with a wonderful adventure to Princess Louisa. We had only four boats on this cruise, and some poor weather, but it was still one of the best destinations so far in our cruising experience. We all met at deep bay on Jedediah Island. After getting everyone secure on the anchor and stern tie, we enjoyed beautiful weather and wonderful walks to Home Base, and then of course our now famous "happy hour". We crossed to Pender Harbor the next day and stayed for one night at Garden Bay and headed up Agamemnon Channel to



Jedediah Island



Garden Bay

Egmont. Harold and Judy Moy were very ambitious and walked from Egmont to see the Sechelt rapids at Skookumchuck Narrows!! They said it was worth the one and a half hour walk each way!!! On June 27th we left Egmont and headed up for the Malibu rapids and Princess Louisa. The trip there was breath taking and Chatterbox Falls was fabulous. Well worth the journey to get there. We were all able to tie to the government dock and we stayed for 2 nights, even though it rained most of the time we were there, it did not dampen our fun or appreciation of the pristine surroundings.



Chatterbox Falls



Dinner at Secret Cove

Our next destination was the Harmony Islands in Hotham Sound. We had rain, rain and more rain. There was time spent getting a secure anchor and stern tie, but of course everyone helps everyone, and all ended well with our usual "happy hour".

Next stop... the charming Secret Cove on the Sunshine Coast. We put on our best CLEAN "dud s" and treated ourselves to a lovely dinner on the sundeck of the marina restaurant.

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Three of the boats crossed the strait and met at Newcastle Island for one night at anchor and then off to Ladysmith. Peter and Kouka Lefroy stayed at the lovely Page Point Marina, The Mullers at Ladysmith Yacht Club and the Moys at home. We gathered for dinner on the patio at Page Point and talked and laughed about our boating adventure. The Knowlton's had stayed on in Secret Cove in order to head back home from there to Point Roberts.

Next cruise was Maple Bay on July 19th and 20th. We stayed at the Maple Bay Marina for 2 nights and enjoyed their facility. They offer a ride into Duncan if you need supplies or maybe a round of golf. We had 7 boats on this cruise, with coffee on the dock each morning and our pot luck dinner on Saturday night. We had some fun games with prizes after dinner. Some of us travelled on to Chemainus on Sunday afternoon and enjoyed the stores and cafes just up from the marina.



Maple Bay

Our third cruise took us to Roche Harbor. We had to forego staying a Rosario this time, because they could not accommodate some of our members who needed to stay at the dock. We had 7 boats at Roche, 6 in the marina and 1 anchored out. Most of us took advantage of the shuttle bus service across the island to Friday Harbor for a day of shopping or just enjoying a walk around this interesting harbor town. We also enjoyed a dip in the pool at Roche and took in a nice stroll through the outdoor gallery just behind the resort. Some of us went to Garrison Bay not far from Roche Harbor. This is a beautiful well protected bay. We anchored and took our dinghys ashore to tour the British Camp. Again nice walking trails and peaceful surroundings.



Dockside at Roche Harbour

Our last but not least cruise was to Montague Harbour in early September. We had 6 or 7 boats on this cruise and we would have had more except it was pretty windy so it made crossing the strait difficult. We had a great time visiting, walking around or going for dingy rides around this great marine park. Saturday night we all

Garrison Bay



took the pub bus to the Hummingbird Pub for dinner. We were all very pleased to meet a new member and his wife who joined us for the first time on this cruise. We hope to see more new members come out for some great boating and good times with people who enjoy the same wonderful past time of boating in the great north west.

Cruise masters,
Les and Jan Muller



1st Annual Fall Social—Anchors Away BBQ
October 19/02, Rivers Reach Marina
It was a great turnout for this 1st annual Fall Social BBQ.



Guest chef Commander Fred des Rochers
(nice apron Fred)



Socializing...



Campfire Chats ...



Down home entertainment

Many thanks to all who participated and to members of the Bridge for the great job in organizing this fun event!



Good eats, good fun for young & old



Alan Morgan, Lt. Commander Executive, had a little too much fun—it must have been something he ate!!



TRIBUTE
to Morgan MacKay AP

We at Fraser Squadron extend our congratulations to Morgan Mackay, Fraser Squadron member and active volunteer at Coast Guard Auxiliary. Morgan and his two team members took top honours at the International Search & Rescue competition held recently in Milwaukee, USA!

Faced with competition from the world's finest S & R teams, taking first place is indeed a remarkable feat, and a great tribute to Morgan and his team.

In the true spirit of camaraderie and support, the team dedicated their win to the memory of the late Jimmy Ng, the RCMP constable killed recently in Richmond when a street racer crashed his car into Jimmy's cruiser. Jimmy was a staunch member of the Auxiliary, and Morgan & his team made this dedication in his memory.

It's a very reassuring feeling, knowing that there are such committed people like Morgan in the CGA, who dedicate themselves to keeping us safe on the water – and that our volunteers are the world's best!

Both Morgan and his Mom, Titia MacKay are members of Fraser Squadron. To their great credit, you'll note that each has "AP" appended behind their names, having successfully completed the Advanced Piloting course.

Safety Reminders ... Lightning

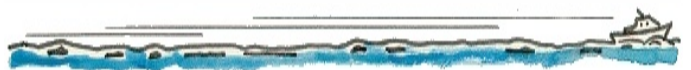
Lightning has been know to strike small vessels, although this occurs much less often that might be expected. When it does happen, usually all the electronic equipment is damaged, but rarely does anything major happen to the hull or crew.

A properly grounded mast or antenna provides a cone of protection, which usually extends over the whole hull of a small vessel. A lightning strike is carried from the mast or antenna through the heavy grounding wire to the keel or grounding plate, then to the water. The integrity of this grounding system should be checked on a regular basis.

When lightning is active nearby, skipper and crew should stay well clear of the mast or antenna, and wiring and rigging attached to them.

If the hair on your head starts to rise due to static electricity, a strike is imminent. Avoid anything metal, and hunch as low as possible in the centre of the cockpit or cabin.

Reference: CPS Boating Course



**WHO ARE YOU,
WHERE ARE YOU!?**
**Remember to keep us
up to date with your
most current mailing and
e-mail address information.**

If you haven't already done so or if you have a change of information, please fax this completed questionnaire to 604-943-1461, e-mail to ronhoyt@dccnet.com or mail to 939 51A Street, Delta, B.C. V4M 2X9.

Your first and last name _____

Is your boat power or sail _____ Length of boat in feet _____

What area is boat moored and marina name _____

e-mail address _____

Check out our Fraser Squadron website at www.frasersquadron.ca to view past and present Fairleads, schedules of events, course dates, etc., It's worth a look!!