

Commander's Report

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Fellow Fraser Squadron members;

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in me to lead our Squadron.

As stated at the AGM, I will continue to work hard to ensure that the Fraser Squadron maintains its high standards and leadership status within PMD. My intent is to provide leadership and guidance to a very strong Bridge. We have had our first meeting and we are committed to carrying on in the direction we set the infrastructure for last season, that being a commitment to:

- The deliver of boating education & safety through CPS courses.
- To improve the participation of Squadron members in both the Social and education activities of the Squadron.

As a Squadron last year we had many successful accomplishments, however we continue to only get about 10-12% of our membership participating. We have three prime methods of communicating with you,

- Our Squadron's newsletter, the "Fairlead".
- The 'Phone committee",
- Our web site, www.frasersquadron.ca

Through these tools we will identify and communicate to you the membership, all activities, news and information that pertains to not only the Fraser Squadron but to every aspects of CPS Nationally and Regionally. I am asking that you make the most of these and of your CPS membership. Make a point of participating in at least one or more Squadron activities this year, take a course, proctor a class attend a social, join a cruise or assist a Bridge member. Success to me this year will be if we can get a 5% increase in the participation level by you the membership.

Please remember that we make up the Fraser Squadron. Encourage others to participate and at all times promote the Squadron and CPS for the great organization that it is.

In the next issue of the Fairlead we will publish a calendar of events for the coming year, including Bridge meeting dates. If you would like to speak to the Bridge please contact Val Laurendau or myself, and you will be included on the agenda.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year as your Commander, Thanks and have a safe boating season.

Fred Des Rochers

Commander

Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal Winner: Norm Dyck



Medal Winner Norm Dyck

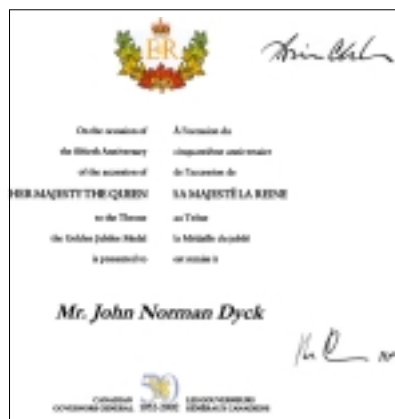
Not just everyone is awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Fraser Squadron is very proud and fortunate to declare that local MP John Cummins presented Mr. John Norman Dyck with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. Many Fraser Squadron members will recognize Norm as he completed the Boating course in 1976 and subsequently joined Fraser Squadron, serving Fraser Squadron as Training Officer, Executive Officer, and as Squadron Commander in 1980.

Norm authored "*Fraser's Guide to Radio Operation*" in 1977, which subsequently become an official radio publication of the federal Dept. of Communications. Norm served Pacific Mainland District as District Training Officer, Executive Officer, and as 1984's District Commander.

His work at the national CPS level included time as a Course Director-Instructor Training, General Director of the Governing Board, National Administrative Officer, and Executive Officer. Norm was elected to Chief Commander and served in this capacity from 1991 to 1993.

Additionally Norm authored the Canadian section of Chapman's *Piloting, 6^{1st} edition* and was awarded Life Membership in Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in 1993. Norm served as the CPS representative to the Canadian Safe Boating Council, National Safe Boating Council and National Association of Boating Law Administrators for a number of years. Since 1995, Norm has been Government Liaison Officer for Pacific Mainland District.



A consummate volunteer, Norm currently works with *Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs (CBCYC)* where he served for a year as Vice President and a number of years as a delegate and was elected President of the Council in 1997. The mandate of this council, which represents more than 50 yacht clubs in British Columbia, is to improve relationships between clubs, to monitor legislation and to advance the best interests of recreational boaters in British Columbia. Norm completed four years as president in November 2001 and now serves as Government Liaison officer.

It is this latest work with CBCYC which will impact boaters now and for the future. As boaters we can be relieved to know Norm is on our side, promoting boating and privileged use of Marine Parks. During five decades of service and volunteer work it is estimated that Norm has committed time to nearly twenty organizations. Norm's volunteer work is only surpassed by his devotion to family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Ross M^cCutcheon
Fraser Squadron Executive Officer



Graduation of the Spring Boating Classes!

by Lindsay Smith, Historian



Speaker Brian Jones

On May 22nd 2003 an extraordinary evening of celebration and entertainment occurred when we welcomed our latest Boating course graduates, and also a very informative speaker, who brought pictures and stories of a great boating trip he and his wife did with their boat.

First things first though! The evening at Tugboat Annie's upstairs room began with a few words of welcome from Commander Fred Des Rochers, and introduction of Art Rendell, assistant District Training Officer. Art was called into service right away to welcome the Boating Course graduates present, and then to administer the pledge for membership to those who have joined our Squadron. All the members of the Training Department were acknowledged and thanked by our Squadron Training Officer, Bob Everson.

Executive Officer, Ross McCutcheon then had a few words to say; especially to Dolly Des Rochers, who, although not a full member of the Squadron, spends a lot of time and energy on our behalf. She is always "on deck" selling 50/50 tickets, or canvassing companies very successfully for donations of prizes for our various events. Ross thanked her for her efforts.

A 50/50 draw was done, and in addition to a cash prize, there were a few extra prizes as well. A past Commander who was present, had been heard earlier, whining about wanting a Fraser Squadron ball cap, and when Ross McCutcheon drew his own ticket, he chose the hat which was one of the prizes and threw it to the aforementioned P Cdr to keep her quiet!

Ross then introduced Fraser member, Brian Jones, and his wife, Tricia. Brian gave us an insightful and sometimes amusing talk about their trip up the inside of Vancouver Island with 3 other boats, the places they visited and the adventures they had! You can see Brian's narrative and pictures on the Fraser Squadron Website (www.frasersquadron.ca) in a back issue of Fairlead.

The evening finished with sandwiches and tea or coffee, and time to chat with fellow members.

For Sale

Call Reg Chase – (604) 946-6474 – for information or viewing

1	- FURUNO" GPS Navigator GP-35 , complete with GPA-018 Antenna Unit. (New in box – never used)	\$250.00
1	- KENWOOD" TM-241A Programmable VHF radio	\$150.00
1	- KING VHF 7000 Radio	\$ 50.00
	<i>(NOTE: Above electronics below appraised value, offered at below fair market value)</i>	
1	- NITE OWL SPOT LIGHT , hand held 300,000 cp (New in box – never used)	\$25.00
1	- LEGEND Systematic Lantern (New in box – never used)	\$25.00
2	- Volume II, Marine Atlas , 2 copies	\$20.00 & \$10.00



**Amended
Fraser Squadron Calendar
May 2003 - May 2004**

May 15	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
May 22	Spring Grad Ceremony – Brian Jones “An Extended Summer Cruise”
May 23 & 24	PMD AGM & Change of Watch, (Pitt Meadows)
May 25 *	Fairlead #1 , published & mailed
June 14 – 28th	Cruise #1 Puget Sound, WA Les & Jan Muller 604-948-1804
July 07 *	Fairlead #2 , Published and mailed
July 11 – 13	Cruise #2 Montague, GalianoIsland Les & Jan Muller 604-948-1804
August 1 st & 2nd	Cruise #3 Salt Spring Marina, Ganges Alan Eldred 604-594-4188
August 3rd.	Chemanius
August 25	Fraser Bridge meeting (Budget/training) venue TBD
August 29 th – Sept. 1st	Cruise #4 Ladysmith, Vancouver Is. Les & Jan Muller 604-948-1804
September 6*	Fairlead #3 , published & mailed
September 8	PMD meeting
September 12 – 13	Cruise #5 Butchard Gardens, Vancouver Is. Alan Eldred 604-594-4188
September 15	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
September 16	Boating class – Ladner
September 18	Boating class – Richmond
October 4	Fall Social –Anchors Away BBQ, Location TBA
October 6	PMD meeting & Training Session
October 13	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
October 26 *	Fairlead #4 , published & mailed
October 22-25	CPS National AGM – “Tall Tides” St. John. New Brunswick
November 3	PMD meeting
November 10	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
December 1	PMD meeting
December 1 st *	Fairlead #5 , published & mailed
December 8	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
December 6	Christmas Social – Dinner/Dance - Venue TBD
January 5, 2004	PMD meeting
January 13	Boating class – Richmond
January 15	Boating class – Ladner
January 12	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
January 24	Fall Grad ceremony – Venue & Speaker TBD
February 2	PMD meeting
February 9	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
February 28	Winter Social – Annual Auction – Venue TBD
March 1	PMD meeting
March 8	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
March 01 *	Fairlead #6 , published & mailed
April 5	PMD meeting
April 12	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
April 29 ***	Fraser AGM/Award Night Dinner – Venue TBD ***Please note date
May 5	PMD meeting
May 12	Fraser Bridge meeting – Ladner COPS
May 20, 2004	Spring Grad Ceremony – Venue & Speaker TBA
May 21, 22 or 28, 29	PMD AGM & Change of Watch, (FRASER SQUADRON) dates to be confirmed
* NOTE:	*Fairlead content deadline: two weeks prior to publishing*
	all submissions to westernwilson@telus.net

Fraser Squadron’s Share the Summer Contest

This Fall the Fairlead will be highlighting your best Summer 2003 Cruises photos. Suggested categories (more suggestions welcomed):

- Press Ganged
- The Skipper
- Motley Crew
- The Best Time of the Day
- Oops!