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FAIRLEAD

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Coming Events

VHF classes

begin at 7 p.m.,
Wednesday, April 9

GPS Classes

begin
Tuesday, February 12

Electronic Charting Classes

begin
Tuesday, April 8

Attendance is limited and pre-registration is required. To register contact Squadron Training Officer Kathleen Vanderwood.

Annual General Meeting

7 p.m., April 14
Tsawwassen Golf & Country Club

Packed House for the Fall Graduation Party

Managed by Administrative Officer Jan Muller, the Fall Graduation Party was held in the Airport Yacht Club on January 23rd. Many of the Fall Graduates attended with members and guests filling the ground floor of the Yacht Club. The new Graduates were welcomed by the Squadron Commander, Bob Everson and the PMD Representative Glen Blake. Together with Squadron Training Officer, Kathleen Vanderwood, they presented the Graduates with their certificates and flags. The Graduates and their instructors and proctors were congratulated. All the students who took the Boating examination, passed.



After the speeches and meal the Squadron once again welcomed the well-know author and speaker, Peter Vassilopoulos. The title of his presentation was "CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND BY THE SQUARE ROUTE". The title accurately describes the actual route taken by Peter and his wife, Carla in their 27ft. cruiser "Balladeer II".



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Initially they traveled North on the inside passage to Port Hardy. The boat was then trailered to Winter Harbour on the West coast. They then traveled South to Bamfield, turned east to Port Alberni. The boat was trailered again to Nanaimo and finally back to Ladner. The talk was illustrated by photographs projected on to a screen, together with a large map of Vancouver Island.

Although the talk was titled "circumnavigation", the presentation largely concentrated on the Western Littoral between Winter Harbour and Bamfield. As the odyssey was carried out in a 27 foot boat it was essential to keep the open water sections to the minimum. This was achieved by what could be called a series of outside, "inside passages" with the boat in protected waters behind islands and barrier islands,



punctuated by legs where the Island mainland coast was exposed to the unprotected Pacific such as the Brooks Peninsula. These legs required very careful attention to the weather forecasts. This strategy was so successful that on only one occasion was there spray on the boat's windshield.

The pictures displayed a spectacular wilderness of mountains, calm waters and remote anchorages with a sprinkling of boater-friendly oases such as small marinas and clubs, restaurants and even a full size boating store.

On a previous occasion, although Peter and Carla planned on traveling alone, they found themselves leading a small flotilla of boaters who



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wished to exploit Peter's knowledge and equipment. The audience listened fascinated as Peter described the micro-climates of the Littoral in which one could be in calm waters and a light wind while simultaneously, a few miles to the west on the coast, there could be gale force winds and a raging sea.

Peter's low key delivery made the whole enterprise "do-able" by the average boater with sizable but trailerable boat. However the success of the trip depended on meticulous planning and flawless execution. The presentation was enthusiastically received. Afterwards Peter and Carla answered questions and sold copies of their books at reduced prices.

Those who missed this event, missed a treat! E.K.



Christmas Dinner & Dance a Sell-Out Success

Thanks to hard work by Jan Muller and June Eldred, the Squadron Dinner dance, which was held at the Town and Country on the First of December was a great success. Cocktails were at 6 pm and at 7, each table in turn approached the sumptuous Turkey Buffet.

After the meal there was a sad note as Cleve Pryde reminded the Squadron of the recent loss of Alan Rudolf. A short eulogy was presented by Peter le Froy. The Memorial Service for Alan had been held on the previous Monday and the Squadron was well represented, including the majority of the Bridge.

This was followed by the draws for the door prizes, which included several bottles of liquor which Jan had stashed in a secret cache just north of the border. As usual, every couple received a prize.

The traditional 50/50 was different. Normally, the tickets are 50% donation and 50% investment towards a cash prize. This year thanks to a generous cash contribution from Bob Everson, together with the spectacular gifts of a marine radio and binoculars donated by **Nikka Industries (THANK YOU NIKKA!)**, every dollar represented an investment, as the cash contributions were less than the total value of the prizes. The draw was therefor renamed "50/50 plus". The "investment" sales were handled by the financial advisors Rick and Rose Easthom. Their efforts were so successful that a record amount was contributed to the Squadron coffers.

The Pleasure Bent Trophy was quietly returned to the Squadron as this



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\$5.00 on models IC-M34, IC-M72, IC-M88, IC-M304, IC-M422

\$10.00 on model IC-M504

\$25.00 on model IC-M604

\$ 50.00 on models IC-M802, IC-MR570

A rebate form can be downloaded from the Fraser Web site and is also available from the Fairlead Editor/Web Master.

Vessel Registration

All commercial vessels must be registered. If your vessel is more than 15 gross tons or if you need to mortgage the vessel, you will register it in the **Canadian Register of Vessels**. Otherwise, it will be registered in the **Small Vessel Register**. You can, however, voluntarily register a vessel less than or equal to 15 gross tons in the **Canadian Register of Vessels**. For more information:
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/oep/shipreg/menu.htm>

year the Fraser Intelligence Agency was unable to forward any candidates. Even the perennial 001 and 002 had an incident-free boating year. It is suggested the Squadron should apply to the PMD for a safe boating citation, as due diligence has found no incidents.



There was a new disk jockey for the music and dancing and he introduced a novel twist. In Hawaiian Dancing, the hand movements spell out the name of a place, e.g. "Waikiki". This example was followed in an Occidental version in which the name of the Nirvana was spelled out by the letters "Y M C A". This was performed with such vigor and enthusiasm on the crowded dance floor

that it gave the impression of a thunderous aerobics class.

Ignoring the blizzard raging outside, the music, dancing and fun continued far into the night. Thank you Jan for a job well done. Seasonably but respectfully submitted, E.K.

Local Knowledge

Georgeson Pass is a favourite route into the southern Gulf Islands particularly for displacement vessels when the tide is flooding strongly. The current in Georgeson runs at approx. 50% of the rate in Active Pass. This pass is easier to enter when the reef to the north-west is visible. From Georgia Strait conn towards Georgeson Island then turn at an angle to pass through the gap closer to the reef to avoid the ledge that extends out from Georgeson Island. Even at close to a zero tide we have found over 12 feet of water in the gap.

