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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To: The Members, Fraser Squadron:

Take notice that the **Annual General Meeting of Fraser Squadron** will be held at the 'Sundance Inn-Banquet Room', 6574 Ladner Trunk Rd, Delta, BC V4K 3N3, at **1900 hours on Friday, April 19th 2013**, for the purpose of:

- Receiving and approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
 - Receiving and approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2011.
 - Electing the Officers of the Squadron.
- Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this 1st day of March 2013 and signed by Commander Rick Easthom.

The cost will be \$ 10 each; coffee and tea will be served with dessert.

Coming Events

Annual General Meeting	April 19, 2013
Steveston Lifeboat Fundraiser	Mar 23, 2013
iPad and iPhone Afloat Seminar	May 15, 2013
Local Knowledge – Desolation Sound	May 22, 2013
PMD Annual General Meeting	May 25, 2013
Graduation of Winter Boating Students	June 7, 2013

USA Chart Booklets - Free Download

The NOAA Booklet Chart is a product you can download for free. These are USA charts in booklet form.

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html>

You can store this PDF on your tablet, laptop, etc, or print the charts at home. On your laptop or tablet these charts are not electronic charting, ie they do not show your vessel location on the chart, but they can be thought of as carrying a backup and more up-to-date electronic copy of your paper charts (***always carry paper charts for the area you are navigating in***).

The charts in the booklet are reduced in scale and divided into pages for convenience but the charts contain all the information found on full-size charts. On your laptop or tables you can zoom in to expand the view of the chart.

The bar scales on the charts are also reduced in scale but are accurate when measuring distances on the charts. Excerpts from the US Coast Pilot are included and the charts are updated every week with Notices to Mariners.

For the **Pacific Coast** chart booklets check here:

<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/BookletChart/PacificCoastBookletCharts.htm>



“Another lovely day fishing the banks off Newfoundland”

Tables (Free) to Reference the Current Atlas

<http://www.epiphyte.ca/proj/currents>

It has always been difficult to determine which pages to use in the ***Current Atlas: Juan de Fuca Strait to Strait of Georgia*** (published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service). The tables found at the above link provide the correct page numbers for any given date and time, and they're free for non-commercial use! Tables from 2011 to 2020 are provided; use the HTML link to view them online and the PDF link for a printable version.

Fraser Squadron now on Twitter

Follow us on [@fraserboatedu](https://twitter.com/fraserboatedu) for late breaking news.



Fraser Squadron Facebook Page

Search Google for: “Fraser Power & Sail Facebook” to find our page.



Fraser Squadron Seminars for Spring, 2013

You must contact our Training Officer at 604-786-5678 to register.

Seminar	Dates / Location
Local Knowledge – Cruising to Desolation Sound 1 evening Cost: \$10.00 / person; \$10.00 / couple	Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at the Ladner Yacht Club
iPhone & iPad Marine Apps 1 evening Cost: \$ 10.00 / person; \$ 10.00 / couple	May 22, 2013 at the Ladner Yacht Club

Coast Guard’s Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS)

The Canadian Coast Guard’s Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) is consolidating its communications centres over the next three years. Our first phase is moving the Vancouver MCTS safety service to Victoria MCTS. Our service will not be affected but only done from a different location.

Canadian Lifeboat Institute, Steveston Lifeboat, FundRaiser

On Saturday March 23, 2013 Steveston Lifeship Society will be hosting a fundraiser at the Buck & Ear Pub in Steveston to raise funds for this Volunteer Society. No tickets are required.

Simply come by and visit at the **Buck & Ear Pub in Steveston between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**

March 23, 2 to 6 pm

**Buck & Ear Pub
12111 3rd Avenue
Richmond (Steveston), BC**



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home: 604-943-7916
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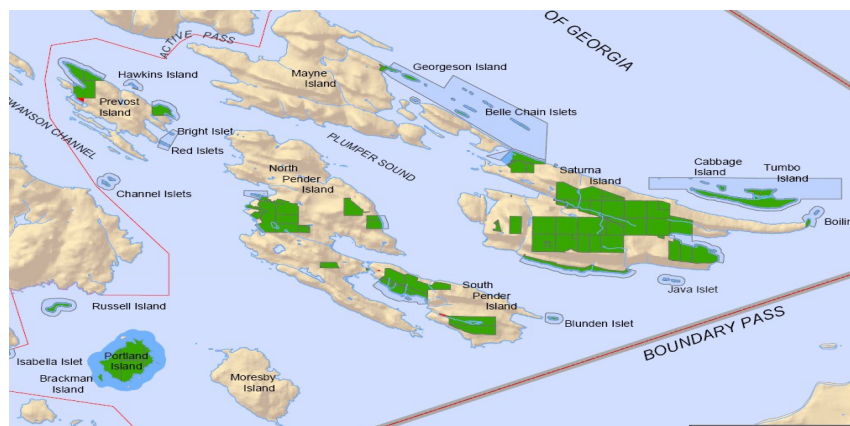
1. Lee Harvey workbench

medium size

2. Xpower Xantrex inverter 1000

make an offer!

Expansion of Gulf Island National Park Reserve (details on following page)



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Gulf Islands National Park Reserve is expanding with new protected lands on Pender, Saturna and Prevost islands! The new properties are a mix of waterfront and forested areas, including over 2,700 metres of beaches. This expansion will lead to the development of new hiking trails, swimming areas, picnic sites, and walk-in or boat-in camping for visitors.

The growth of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve will also ensure that more of Canada's rare Garry oak ecosystem is protected. The extensive shorelines provide habitat for a variety of wildlife. The forested areas have a mixture of arbutus and Douglas fir, including some old-growth cedar. The new lands also include a wetland considered prime habitat for the endangered sharp-tailed snake.

Roesland Extension - North Pender Island

This waterfront property is surrounded by existing Gulf Islands National Park Reserve lands and extends the park's popular Roesland site. It includes 455 metres of waterfront, including sandy and pebbles beaches, rocky coastal bluffs and protected coves with sunset views.

Shingle Bay - North Pender Island

Sitting below Roe Lake, this seaside property connects to existing Gulf Islands National Park Reserve lands and includes over 335 metres of waterfront. The area includes a beach with views of Captain Passage and nearby islets, a small waterfall, wetland, creek and manmade pond.

Culturally, this property hosts the remnants of the Shingle Bay fish reduction plant that operated intermittently between 1927 and 1959. The plant produced oil and fertilizer from fish remains towed in from coastal canneries. It served as an important part of the local economy, employing 15 to 20 men at a time, mainly Pender Island residents. It was supported by the store and gas service at Roesland.

Maple Bay - Prevost Island

This extensive waterfront property connects two existing areas of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve: the Bright Islets and the park's serene beach at Portlock Point. The property has over 2,000 metres of waterfront with a large pebble beach. It includes Douglas fir forests, meadows and rocky ridges of up to 60 metres, which provide scenic lookouts above the water.

Saturna Island Extension

Surrounded on two sides by existing Gulf Islands National Park Reserve lands, this wooded landscape provides spectacular views of Plumper Sound.

Link: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/bc/gulf/index.aspx>

Apps Apps Apps

There are now smart phone apps so that you can carry the **West Marine** catalogue with you, download the free **48 North Boating** magazine, and access **Cruising World**.

Canadian Safe Boating Awarded to Rick and Jack!

*The Canadian Safe Boating Awards (CASBAs) are like the Golden Globe awards of safe boating. On March 2 the Lifesaving Society hosted the **101st Annual Commonwealth Awards for Honour & Rescue**. At this prestigious event our Commander Rick Easthom and Jack Tang, our Bridge Officer responsible for Mandarin education were recognized with the **CASBA (Canadian Safe Boating Award) for the Best Boating Safety Initiative** for helping Chinese-speaking boaters in their community boat more safely.*

List of Lights, Buoys, and Sound Signals Available Online - Free!

From: <http://www.notmar.gc.ca/go.php?doc=eng/services/list/pacific-coast>

Effective April 1, 2013, in an effort to adopt and focus on newer technologies, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) will cease the printing of its List of Lights book & Annual Edition of the Notices to Mariners.

This publication will continue to be available free of charge and up-to-date on-line at:
<http://www.notmar.gc.ca>

The List of Lights (LL) publications are divided by sectors then areas. The LL on the NOTMAR Web site are up to date with the latest Monthly corrections.

Radio Aids To Marine Navigation Annual Publications Online - Free!

Effective April 1st, 2013, the Canadian Coast Guard will cease the printing of its "Radio Aids to Marine Navigation" annual publications which include the "Atlantic, St. Lawrence, Great Lakes, Lake Winnipeg and Eastern Arctic" volume as well as the "Pacific and Western Arctic" volume.

The publications will continue to be available online, free of charge, at: http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/eng/CCG/Information_for_Mariners.

The "Radio Aids to Marine Navigation" annual publications are updated each April. Amendments will continue to be advertised by radio broadcast (Notices to Shipping) and/or issued on a monthly basis, when required, in "Notices to Mariners", Section 3. The "Notices to Mariners" publication is available online, free of charge, at: <http://www.notmar.gc.ca>.

Every ship station fitted on a Canadian ship or on a non-Canadian ship engaged in the coasting trade of Canada, pursuant to the Ship Station (Radio) Regulations 1999, and all ships in waters under Canadian Jurisdiction, pursuant to the Charts and Nautical Publications Regulations, 1995, are required to carry the most recent applicable edition of "Radio Aids to Marine Navigation".

What Really Matters (when boating)!

*Keep the water out
Keep the crew on the boat
Keep the keel side down
Keep the mast up
Keep the rudder on*

The rest is small stuff

Notice Regarding Overlap of Electronic Navigation Charts (ENC)

From: <http://www.charts.gc.ca/charts-cartes/Canada-USA/pacific-eng.asp>

Pacific - Juan de Fuca Strait

To comply with internationally agreed practices, Canada and the United States of America have agreed to eliminate overlapping coverage of Electronic Navigation Charts (ENCs). The first area where these changes will take affect are Juan de Fuca Strait, Haro Strait and Boundary Pass. This new ENC coverage scheme will result in each country changing their areas of coverage, so that only one country's ENC would be available for any given area at a particular scale.

These changes came into effect 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), on 15 December, 2011.

The following represents the ENCs that are affected by this project:

Revised Coastal and General ENCs

Cell Name	Producing Authority	Title	Scale	Distribution
US2WC12M	NOAA	San Francisco to Cape Flattery	1200000	U.S.
US3WA01M	NOAA	Approaches to Juan de Fuca Strait Destruction Island to Amphitrite Point	176253	U.S.
CA370203	CHS	Approaches to/Approches à Juan de Fuca Strait	75000	Canada
CA370141	CHS	Juan de Fuca Strait, Eastern Portion/Partie Est	80000	To be withdrawn
CA370144	CHS	Juan de Fuca Strait	110000	To be withdrawn

Editor: The US charts are free but the Canadian charts are NOT!

Fraser Squadron Photo Contest

We are again running our photo contest; '**enter once, enter often!**'

Pictures must have a 'nautical flavour' and you or yours must have taken them.

Send your submissions to the 'Fairlead Editor'.

Submitted pictures will be found on the Fraser web page and Facebook page.



Graduation of Fall Boating Class



***Congratulations to the graduates of the Fall, 2012 Boating Classes!
Good work and Welcome as members of CPS and Fraser Squadron***

Exciting Happenings in Victoria

It was our first trip around the bottom of Vancouver Island into the Strait of Juan de Fuca and on to Victoria harbour. I was excited and had spent many hours studying the charts checking winds and was somewhat concerned about rounding the bottom of the Island into the seas coming in from the Pacific. As it turned out however there was absolutely no problem and we cruised easily into Victoria harbour avoiding seaplanes and all other manner of obstacles.

Then there it was, the coveted spot at the public dock right in front of the world famous Empress Hotel. It was a lovely summer evening and after a walk into town and dinner on the boat we settled down to watch the entertainment on the foreshore walk. There were artists, sidewalk stalls and performers of every description as well as just the ordinary people walking by. It kept us busy for hours.

All of a sudden our attention was focused on a group of people who were excitedly peering down into the water as it lapped against the brick walkway. The tide had come in and the water is several feet deep at the shore. We were fascinated as several young people arrived and discussed and pointed down into the water in an animated fashion. Finally after much discussion one of the young men was lowered into the water, dove down and came up with the prize. A set of car keys!
All of this free of charge.

As it began to get dark the sidewalk sellers and entertainers packed up and left for the evening to be replaced by strollers and the people of the night. Kouka and I went below and went to bed where I fell into a sound sleep right away only to be woken up, in what seemed to be only a few minutes, by Kouka shaking me awake in an agitated fashion.

“ Peter, someone is on the boat!” “What, are you sure? I don’t feel anything.”

But knowing that a happy wife is a happy life I decided to get up and have a look. I opened the hatch and stuck my head out. There was no one on our boat but I could see a street person climbing onto the boat moored in front of us.

“ I yelled in my very quiet voice, “Hey what the hell are you doing?” or words to that effect! The guy, not expecting to be caught must have had a near heart attack and immediately jumped off the boat ran down the dock and up the ramp. I decided to follow him at a discrete distance just to see who he was. In few minutes it became obvious to me that he was a street person who was not in full control of all his faculties.

I went back to bed and fell sound asleep. I was much younger then!

The next morning, not too early, we were woken up by much excitement on the dock and policemen all over the place. It turns out that our visitor from the night before had returned, stolen a dinghy and some fishing gear from another boat. He had been arrested paddling around in circles in the middle of James Bay. I approached the police and gave them a statement about what I had seen.

I was called several months later by the crown prosecutor from Victoria and asked if I would appear in court at a later date which I agreed to do. At least eight months later a court date was set and I made plans to make the trip to the capital. The day before the court date I was called as the man had disappeared and the whole thing was cancelled.

Never let it be said that boating on the West coast is not filled with kinds of excitement!

Thank you Peter and Kouka



Fraser Squadron Cruises for 2013

Cruise 1 June 28-30 Montague Harbour

Come join us for the first cruise of the summer. This will be an anchoring cruise and will be highlighted by a trip to the world famous Hummingbird Pub on Saturday night.

If you are a new boater come and practice your anchoring skills in one of the most protected anchorages in the Gulf Islands.

Cruise 2 July 26-28 Ladysmith Maritime Society

Members **must** contact Mark Mercer the wharfinger directly at 250-245-1146 to reserve dock space. Please do not leave it until the last minute!

After such a great cruise to Ladysmith last year I felt that it was worth repeating this year. The facilities are second to none and the town of Ladysmith is worth the walk up the hill. We will do a potluck dinner again on Saturday July 27.

Cruise 3 August 16-18 Union Steamship Marina at Bowen Island

Members **must** contact the marina directly at 604-947-0707 to reserve dock space. Due to the popularity of this marina all reservations must be confirmed no later than July 19.

Bowen Island is a multifaceted destination with walking trails, many restaurants, a grocery/liquor store, a weekend market and a golf course all within easy access of the marina.

Peter Lefroy, Cruise Master

The following seminar was enjoyed in previous years by a number of our members:

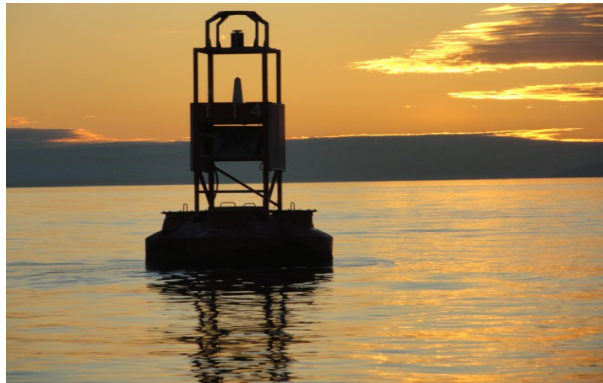
CONFIDENCE IN BOATING

(formerly Suddenly In Command)

WHO: Presented by women of Flotilla 19 from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
FOR: *US and Canadian* women interested in building their confidence in boating

WHEN: Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm
WHERE: Blaine Harbor Marina conference room, gate 2, Blaine, WA

COST: USCG Auxiliary members: free
Non-members: \$40 prepaid or \$45 at the door
To REGISTER or any questions please: Call or email Kathryn Wellington
k.wellington28@gmail.com 360-220-3872



Sad News

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Dolly Des Rocher. Dolly touched many in her social life and career.

We send our deepest sympathy to her husband Fred, a past Commander of Fraser Squadron and their two sons, wives, grandchildren, family & friends.

Rick Easthom, Commander, on behalf of Fraser Power & Sail Squadron