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'Lest we forget'



Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, 2012

Commander's Comments

Here we are finishing up our 2012 summer cruising season and I hope everyone enjoyed the late but great summer on the water. We were able to make it to all our cruises this year. We also were successful on our annual fishing trip again this year. Here we are looking at our fall class schedule and seeing good numbers signing up. Our Mandarin classes are continuing along successfully and we are currently translating the Boating Essentials course into Mandarin. *Commander Rick E.*

Coming Events

VHF Maritime Radio
7 pm, Monday
October 22, 2012

**Anchor's Aweigh
Oktoberfest**
October 26, 2012

**Christmas Dinner &
Dance**

December 8, 2012

Anchor's Aweigh – Oktoberfest – Oct. 26, 2012

Anchor's Aweigh will be held on October 26th. Friday night at the Sundance Inn & Motel located at 6574 Ladner Trunk Road. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Price is \$22.00 a person. You can pay in advance to Rose Easthom and her information is further down the page. Just give her call.

The theme this year will be based on dirndl dresses and come and enjoy some based on the Oktoberfest as well. Oom pa pa do the polka, please come and enjoy



Oktoberfest; so get out your lederhosen and Bavarian food and music. The menu will be music will be playing so if you feel a need to yourselves.

Now on a serious note, we will need to know who will be coming, so please call Rose Easthom at 604-946-8389 or email her at reasthom@telus.net and let her know you will be going. She needs to let the chef know how many schnitzels to cook.

We hope to see you all there.

Suddenly in Command Class

Saturday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Point Roberts Marina
or
Saturday, October 27, 2012
Blain harbour Marina Conference Room

Free to USCG Auxiliary members, \$40 prepaid and \$45 at the door to non-members.

Info and registration: k.wellington28@gmail.com or 360-220-3872.

VHF Maritime Radio Course

Monday, Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 12, 2012,
beginning at 7 pm., at the Richmond
Yacht Club.

Please contact Training Officer K.
Vanderwood at 604-786-5678 if you are
interested.

'Pleasure Bent' and 'Fisherman' Awards

One of the highlights of the Christmas Dinner & Dance (Saturday, December 8, 2012) is the awarding of the 'Pleasure Bent' and 'Fisherman' awards. These awards are in response to the age old questions:

“Who hit the biggest rock?” for the **Pleasure Bent Award**

“Who caught the biggest or most fish?” for the **Fisherman Award**

We need candidates for these awards. Please contact the Commander, Rick Easthom, if you, or another member landed a big catch, or you know of someone that suffered some particularly embarrassing moment on the water.



Fraser Squadron Photo Contest

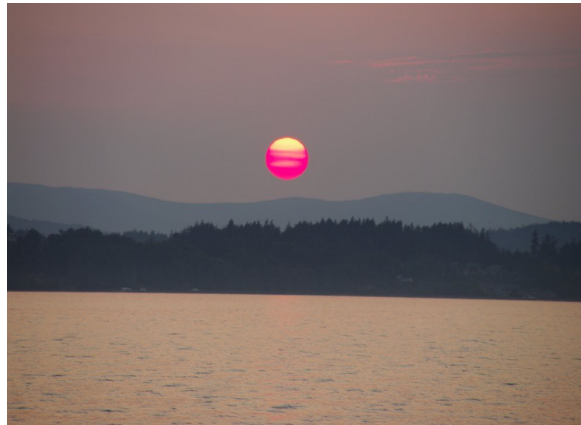
Dig out your favourite nautical photographs for our own photo contest!

Contest rules:

- photos must be nautical
- you or yours must be the photographer
- enter in one of three categories: **people, boats, or BC scenery**
- permit your photos to be displayed on the Fraser web page and in the Fairlead

Entries will be judged by the Bridge and the winners in each category and fr\or the overall best photo will be announced at the Christmas Dinner & Dance on December 8, 2012.

Send your entries to goldenmeantraining@telus.net and please indicate the photo category.



Fraser Squadron Makes a Big Splash at the Mosquito Creek Boat Show



Here is a picture of Jack, Rocky and Ann at the Mosquito Creek Boat Show.

They represented Fraser squadron and passed on the word regarding our Mandarin classes in 'Boating Basics'. We anticipate a number of new students for the fall Boating Basics courses instructed in Mandarin.

A Pleasant and Entertaining Afternoon

There is nothing more pleasant than arriving at a marina or dropping the anchor in an anchorage on a warm summer afternoon and settling in for a little entertainment. This may be in the form of wildlife watching, swimming, or just watching other boaters as they arrive. My wife and I did exactly that at Prideaux Haven several years ago.

We had dropped the anchor and were enjoying happy hour when a large power boat entered the cove, dropped his anchor and then made preparations to stern tie to shore. Everything was going very well. He lowered his dinghy tied one end of the line to a cleat, rowed to shore, struggled up a steep bank and passed the line around a tree and then made his way back down to his dinghy for the trip back to his boat, a routine that we have all seen and done many times. This is where the fun began!

As he paddled back to his boat it became clear that the stern tie line was not long enough to reach all the way. He then asked his wife, who had remained on board, to put the boat in reverse and back up toward him. As she did this I could see his anchor line begin to tighten and that there was not enough rode out to allow the boat to meet the end of the stern line which was in the dinghy. Just as the husband reached as far as he could to the outstretched hands of his wife the taught anchor line would take over and the boat would shoot forward leaving the two gasping over their combined effort.

Now it is not really fair to laugh at someone else's misfortune but the two of them seemed to be unable to comprehend what was happening as they tried the same thing over and over again. They would come within inches of making the connection and the boat would shoot away again as the anchor line took over. Another ten feet of anchor rode would have solved the problem!

Finally they gave up, pulled up their anchor and left, and we went back to enjoying our happy hour having been thoroughly entertained and content in the knowledge that this would NEVER happen to us! *Peter*

Ladysmith Cruise Report



Cruise Master Peter LeFroy did a fantastic job of persevering through strong winds in the Strait of Georgia in order to arrive at Ladysmith and continue organizing the Squadron's midsummer cruise to Ladysmith on July 27, 28, 29, 2012.

We had a fantastic turnout to this cruise, with 14 boats coming to participate: 'Sequoia', 'R&R', 'Vaporetto', 'Tetifton', 'Blue R Budget', 'Sea Era', 'Siesta Key', 'Noroue', 'Lisa J', 'T for Two', 'Encore II', 'Chardonnay', 'Golden Mean', and a lovely 'green boat'. Some people arrived by ferry.



This cruise was planned in the memory of Alan Eldred, our longest term instructor who passed away on March 2, 2011. Alan's hobby was the building of ship models to scale, and he had donated some of these to the Ladysmith Maritime Society Museum.

On the Saturday late morning, our large group was escorted by a guide to the Maritime Society Museum building, and we all got to see these models in all their wonderful detail.



The weather for this cruise was spectacular; the ‘appies’ were wonderful, as always. On the Saturday evening, we all enjoyed a feast of a potluck dinner as many wonderful dishes were shared around.





The evening was topped off with a lovely birthday cake as we all celebrated June Eldred's 80th birthday. Lots of good 'stories' were shared around; there were a few tears and lots of laughter. Everyone had a great time.

Thanks again to Peter Lefroy for organizing this event.

It's hard to find words
nice enough
to thank people nice as you!

I hope every one enjoyed
the cruise to Ladysmith
and all had a good journey
home again. The weather
and the weekend was fantastic

All the best
June



Mustang Survival Hydrostatic Recall

Mustang has announced a recall certain Hydrostatic Inflatable PFD's, of which about 841 were sold in Canada. They include the following products:

- MA7214 HIT Inflatable re-arm kit
- MD3153 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT
- MD3154 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT (with harness)
- MD3157 Deluxe Inflatable Life Jacket with HIT

Mustang advises that the automatic/manual gas inflation system may not activate as intended, causing a partial or non-inflation resulting in a possible drowning hazard. Any customer with one of these units should contact Mustang directly. For more information on this recall, check out www.mustangsurvival.com/HIT

Christmas Gifts

Our regalia officer has a number of nautical items that can help fill the Christmas stocking. Contact Meredith Williamson at **604-946-0091**.

iPad Apps for Boating

Here are some suggestions for 'Apps' that we use:

WindAlert – wind reports from local reporting stations

WeatherEye HD – includes a weather radar image

Ship Finder – live ship data including name, call sign, MMSI number, speed, course, etc.

Knots (3D) – when you can not remember how to tie that clove hitch.

