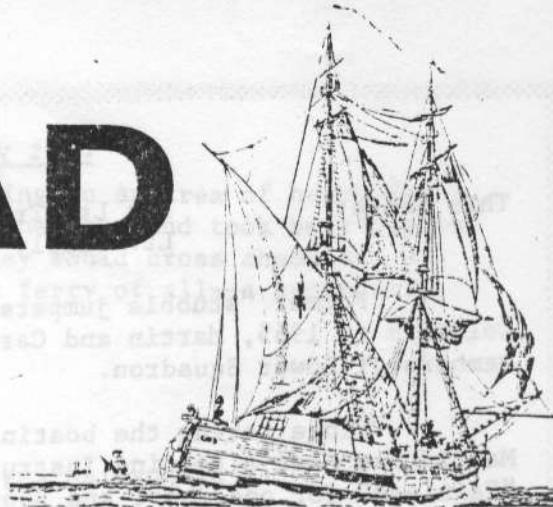


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FROM THE BRIDGE

Fall training courses are now underway and running smoothly. It is gratifying to see that our registration for the Boating course once more tops 200. A number of students turned out to our social evening September 25, and from all reports enjoyed themselves. I would again like to extend an invitation to all the students to attend our monthly social evenings. (The next one is October 24).

The CPS National Conference was held this year in Niagara Falls October 3 - 5. It was my good fortune to be able to attend. A few of the highlights which may be of interest:

- Fraser's members in attendance were Herb and Blanche Brimble, Barbara Dyck, Norm and Sue Dyck.
- As of Sept. 30 CPS membership totaled 20,044 plus 2,545 Lady Associates.
- Due to increased costs it has become necessary to increase CPS entrance fees by \$2.00 and the membership fee by \$ 2.00. The question of continuing Associate memberships was discussed and was left with the Governing Board for consideration.
- The Instructors Training handbook produced by Fraser Power Squadron took 2nd prize in the Training Aids competition. First prize went to Pacific Mainland District and consisted of a series of transparencies made up by D/Lt/C Barbara Dyck.
- PMD's Propwash took second prize in the publications contest.
- PMD and in particular Seymour Squadron made a clean sweep of the Marep awards.
- Future conferences are scheduled as follows - 1981 Ottawa, 1982 Halifax, 1983 Banff, 1984 London, and 1985 Vancouver.

The National Conferences are always interesting and lots of fun. I would encourage anyone who has the time to consider attending. Judging by the enthusiasm of the Ottawa members next year's conference in Ottawa promises to be one of the best yet (Sept. 30 - Oct. 4). This is an ideal time of year in southern Ontario. Why not plan to attend and have a holiday at the same time?

- Cdr. Norm Dyck

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Next Fairlead we hope to have full information on the lucky winner.

Next Meeting

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THANKS

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Smart Seamanship

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"I'm going to let it. That's why!"

Pleasure Bent Trophy

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SAFETY AFLOAT

Everyone from the time of birth has been told about safety. For the first years we are protected by our parents. We are kept away from harmful substances, sheltered and looked after for all our needs.

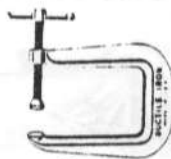
As we grow up we carry on in life with the knowledge given to us by our parents and we begin to learn from school other safety tips--tips like "Look both ways before crossing the road", "Cross streets only on the green light or when you see the walk sign."

Time passes, we get older and some of the safety information that we have learned becomes second nature. We go about our lives doing our thing, with little conscious thought of safety. We may take that needless chance and cross the street on the red light--after all, there is no traffic close by. We do this without thinking that perhaps we may slip and fall.

So in our adult life we know what a hazard is. What we need to learn is to think of the hazard and act safely in that particular environment in which we find ourselves. Whether we are handling a harmful substance, driving our car, or boating, a few seconds to think about safety will not only make for preventing needless suffering from injury, but will make for a happier and safer life.

To this end, then, FAIRLEAD will endeavour to bring to your attention matters of safety as it relates to boating. However, in order for all of us to benefit from this article, we are asking that you participate by providing tips on safety from your own experiences.

Call or write Vic Ramos
946-2543



Remember, THINK SAFETY.

Helpful Hints:

Loosening a rusted bolt

You can often loosen a rusted bolt by applying a cloth soaked in any carbonated beverage. A drop or two of ammonia will loosen it right up.

Before screwing the bolt back in, wrap thread around it and coat with vaseline to avoid future rusting.

Cutting plywood

Prevent plywood from splitting by putting a strap of masking tape at the point where you plan to start sawing.

Preventing rust on tools

Place a piece of charcoal, chalk, or several mothballs in your toolbox to attract any moisture.

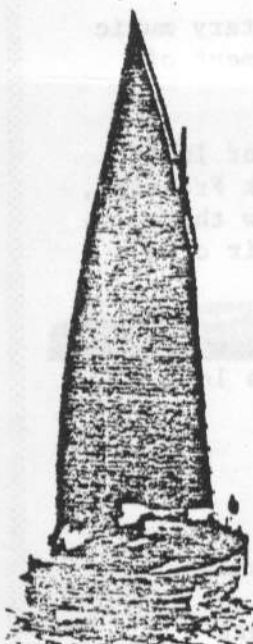
Exclusive Gifts

Exclusive gifts for boat and crew available only from Hoffman's haberdasherie. Requests will be kept confidential and gifts, if so ordered, will be discreetly wrapped. Think of how glamorous she'll look wearing only that new two-piece ensemble, Fraser's Pennant combined with the Squadron Flag. (Typist's note: this is a sexist remark). See Martin at the next meeting or call him at 277-4924 if you wish to buy the following items from stock: (he will have samples at the meetings).



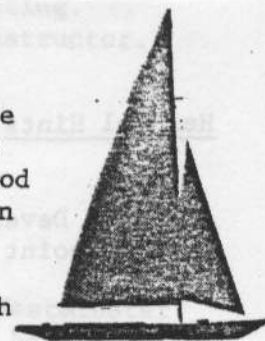
Members' Regalia and Insignia

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| "AP" | with Seamanship, one piece insignia | \$ 5.00 |
| "JN" | one piece insignia | 5.00 |
| "N" | one piece insignia | 9.00 |
| Senior Member Device | | 4.00 |
| Life Member Insignia | | 4.00 |
| Complete Certificate Device | | 9.00 |
| Gold "R" Sleeve | | 4.00 |
| Lapel Pin | | 7.00 |
| Decal | | 1.00 |
| T-shirt crest | | 3.50 |
| CPS Jewelry emblem (gold plated) | | 6.50 |
| Blazer Crest DeLuxe, 1 piece | | 12.50 |
| Member Cap Badge, complete | | 12.50 |
| Member's Flag 8 x 13 | | 3.50 |
| Member's Flag 12 x 20 | | 4.00 |
| Fraser Pennant | | 5.00 |
| CPS Necktie | | 9.00 |
| Ladies Scarf | | 8.50 |
| Ladies Brooch | | 10.00 |
| Squadron Officer's Flags | | 5.00 |
| Buttons - uniforms | | 2.00 set |
| Buttons - blazers, black | | 2.25 set |
| Buttons - blazers, gold | | 2.25 set |



The Pakenham Predicted Log Race

Twenty-one predicted log racers were out on October 4, 1980, to try to beat the percentage points out of the vagaries of the currents and wind. Cdr. (ret.) Marg Halliday again did very well in piloting "Dauntless" to 3rd place overall. Well done, Marg. Her good performance helped Captains Cove Yacht Club win the team race with an average 3 boat team error of only 1.2%. Burrard, Royal Van., and Airport Yacht Club teams followed in that order. Power Squadron members individually placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 8th overall, with Wes Wensley taking the 4th place. There must be something to this Power Squadron theory!



Victoria Hosts Three Day Salute to Boating

The Third Annual Classic Boat Festival on the Labour Day Weekend was the largest yet. The organizers had to set a 200 boat limit. That's a vast increase from the 50 boats that entered the 1st Classic Boat Festival at the Inner Harbour two years ago.

This Festival was a competition, with prizes in a variety of categories. Trophies were awarded with grand prizes for the "best overall" sailing and power vessels, and smaller prizes for "oldest sailboat", "oldest powerboat", "oldest running internal combustion engine", etc. The boats did not have to be old to enter the Festival, but must have been built along antique lines.

Sea minstrels singing sea chanteys and sea-oriented military music performed by the Naden Band from Esquimalt all added to the enjoyment of the festive mood.

The main event was the sailpast. The boats paraded out of Inner Harbour to the breakwater and sailed past Honorary Commodore Frank Fredette, who saluted the captains from the "Oriole". The captains who knew their manners returned the salute, lowered their flags, and had all their crew members stand at attention as they went by.

Most captains viewed this Festival as a social event. However, it was very evident that this was a sailor's proudest time having his long labours appreciated by others.

Marep Cruise of Sept. 27

Seven people showed up for the stag Marep cruise, so that only two boats were used to cover the Fraser from Steveston to New Westminster. We found over forty errors or omissions on Chart No. 3488 during a very pleasant trip on one of those nice, quiet, calm Fall days. With so few observers there must be many features left for you to find! Try poking along the river banks for a change and really see your surroundings. It's especially delightful at sunrise and sunset.

Helpful Hints:

Deveining Shrimps

Devein shrimp quickly and easily by using a clean bottle opener. Zip the point down the vein canal, and the job is done!

Storing Charcoal

Store briquettes or charcoal in a dry place because they absorb moisture and cause the fire to kindle slowly.



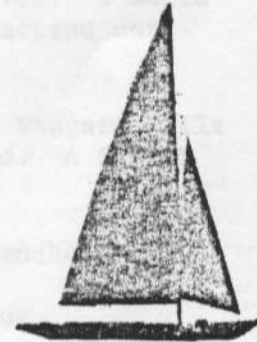
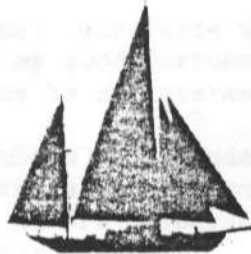
Boats Needed

YOU AND YOUR BOAT MAKE A FINE TRAINING AID!

Fraser's Training Department needs a number of boats of all types for SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th, to help new Boating students become familiar with the basics of boating. Please call any of the following to volunteer your services and get details of the operation:

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| Ted Bula | 943-5886 | Frank Dombrowski | 596-2789 |
| Randy Lutman | 946-2701 | Ed Neschki | 277-4474 |
| George Schurman | 271-7439 | | |

They would appreciate about a week's notice to allow for a lot of phoning!



COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER SOCIAL

Robert Fulton of Seaspan will show a film on tugboating. He is an excellent speaker and a very good Jr. Navigation instructor.

Time: Happy Hour 1930 Meeting 2000
Place: Town & Country Inn, No. 17 Highway, Delta
Date: Friday, October 24, 1980



Fraser's Annual Christmas Party will be held in the Westminster Salon of the Richmond Inn on November 28, 1980. Tickets will be available soon from members of the executive and instructors.