

THE

# FAIRLEAD

## FRASER POWER SQUADRON NEWS



*John Leavitt drawing showing push-pull  
rowing technique used by the two man crew  
of a Rhode Island hook boat*

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### FROM THE BRIDGE

As most of you are aware, at our last Annual General Meeting, the membership of Fraser Power Squadron approved a motion to increase dues in 1981. At the Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls, National Headquarters too, found it necessary to seek approval for modest increases in the National dues.

It is my belief that our dues in CPS still represent one of the best bargains available today, providing an excellent return in terms of enjoyment, satisfaction, and good fellowship. Some of the more tangible benefits--we may participate in the numerous functions, cruises, and meetings held by Fraser and other Squadrons right across the country--we receive "The Porthole" (the national magazine of CPS), "Propwash" (the District publication), "Fairlead" (the Squadron newsletter), and the annual roster and boat directory of all Pacific Mainland District members--we enjoy the privilege of flying the prestigious Power Squadron Flag--we are entitled to take any of the numerous advanced and elective courses available to CPS members only, and last but not least, we are members of an organization dedicated to the achievement of the highest possible standards of SAFETY, COMPETENCE and BOATING KNOWLEDGE.

In these days of higher prices, double-digit inflation, and ever increasing costs of living, it is indeed surprising that we have managed to keep the Power Squadron dues down to the extent we have.

I would ask that when you receive your billing for the 1981 dues, you consider all these factors, and I am sure you will agree CPS dues represent an outstanding value worthy of your continued support.

Cdr. Norm Dyck



### Under the Bridge

Cdr. Norm Dyck received a great surprise. Secretary Esther Dombrowski brought it on top of her car to the last executive meeting. It was sent from the social committee of Sur Del squadron. Norm blushed a little, others laughed a little. Tony took a picture for the record of Norm with a great big (6 ft. high) "bottle" of rye whisky.

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### PLEASE NOTE

FAIRLEAD will provide free ads for members wishing to sell their surplus items privately. Contact John Moran (943-3416) or Linda Odette (274-3625).

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### Save That Unwanted Boating Equipment

On February 27, 1981, Fraser will be holding an auction night which was so successful last year. Just as in a commercial auction, you get the money from the sale less a 10% cut for Fraser.

Details will be given in coming issues.

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### Remember

There will be no regular meeting in November as the Christmas party is early this year.

### For Sale--Cheap

2 Nautical Almanacs 1980 \$ 5.00 each  
5 or 6 Nautical Almanacs 1981 10.00 each

Contact Supply Officer Martin Hoffman 277-4924

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### Wanted

More competitors for the Pleasure Bent Trophy. Call Harry Fane 277-8732.

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### Thanks, Marg

Marg Halliday has volunteered to be the Squadron Historian.

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## Meet Your Executive

This Month:

1st Lt. Secretary Esther Dombrowski  
Lt. Cruisemaster Frank Dombrowski



Frank and Esther passed the first Accelerated Boating course run by Fraser, went from there to finish Seamanship Power, the Radio Operators' Exam, and enjoyed the Local Knowledge course. In addition to attending faithfully the monthly Socials, they go as a team to lecture and demonstrate Marlinspike Seamanship at the Seamanship Power class.

Esther has served as Auditor for one year and Secretary for two years. Frank has served as Cruisemaster for two years.

Frank and Esther have owned three boats. The third is a 27 Cal Glass called the "Pacific Salt" (meaning old sailor). However, if I were that boat I would feel very insecure right now the way the Dombrowskis are ogling those big trawler type vessels.

Frank and Esther really feel very lucky to be able to cruise the coast from here to Minstrel every summer for at least 6 weeks.

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### New Regalia

Baseball style caps, each coloured red, white, and blue with the CPS flag are now available from our Supply Officer. The size is adjustable but the price is fixed, for now, at \$ 3.50 each. Contact Martin Hoffman by phoning 277-4924.

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### "Trekka" is Back in Victoria to Stay

"Trekka" arrived back in her birthplace at the end of September. This 20½ foot yawl was built by John Guzzwell in the back of a fish and chip shop in downtown Victoria. She was the first Canadian and, at the time, the smallest yacht to make a single handed circumnavigation, which was completed in 1959. "Trekka" again followed a similar route around the world in the mid 1960's under the guidance of a California couple. A change of ownership gave her a change from ocean voyaging to cruising in Hawaii. She was then sold and sailed to Victoria by her Hawaiian owner, Abronovich, making his first offshore voyage. The new owner is the Thermopylae Club of Victoria which will put her in the Victoria Maritime Museum.

We will probably have a chance to see "Trekka" on one of the fund-raising visits to boat shows and yacht clubs. The first circumnavigation is interestingly documented in Guzzwell's book "Trekka Around the World."





## SAFETY AFLOAT

From the basic unit of life, the cell, our body is made up of tissue, organs, systems, and a complex structure of bones. Twenty-four hours a day our body protects itself from hazards to the best of its ability. From the moment we arise, we have some control and a responsibility to protect ourselves.

One of the marvels of our body is that it can, to some extent, alert us to danger, but people ignore the warnings and take chances. Maybe this is due to the very early experience we had when we first learned to walk. We had a great time crawling around. The world around us was full of wonder. Our parents wanted us to walk while what we wanted to do was crawl--it was safer. Then we took our very own first steps and fell down. Crawling was really the only way to travel. With persistence from our parents we gained confidence on our feet. We couldn't get around any faster, but we could reach higher. Our body still told us that it was safer to crawl, and sometimes we had the bruises to prove it.

As we became older we found that, in order to expand our travel, we had to walk and after all, we had mastered a new trick, standing on solid ground.

Now many years later, our feet firmly on terra firma, we give little thought to those early days. Our body has conquered many obstacles and now we want to go boating. All the years on solid ground are now foreign. Beneath us now is an unstable boat. What we have learned no longer applies, our sense of balance does not work as well.....really our body says to crawl and hang on. This, then, is body protection.

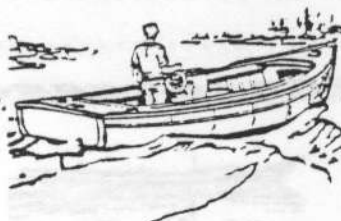
The first safety lesson is to understand and act on our responsibility and to think safety.

### Boater's Special

1 can cling peach halves  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 lb. bacon slices, cut in half  
4 cups elbow macaroni

1/2 lb. shredded cheddar cheese  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1/4 tsp. garlic salt

Drain peaches, reserving syrup. Add water to the syrup to make 4 cups liquid. Add salt to mixture. Fry bacon in large skillet until partially done, then remove half the bacon. Add half the macaroni, half the cheese, and chopped onion; add reserved bacon and macaroni, and all but 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Pour syrup mixture over all. Cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Remove cover and stir in remaining cheese. Add peach halves. Bake 10 to 15 minutes longer, or until peaches are hot.  
Yield: 6 to 8 servings.



### Thanksgiving Weekend Cruise

The weekend started out innocently enough with Cruisemaster Frank and Esther heading down the North Arm to Coward's Cove aboard "Dauntless" with Marg Halliday and Del Dash on Friday evening. Unfortunately, none of our other cruisers decided to do the same, although we met up with "Chinook" heading out with Richmond Yacht Club for the weekend so a pleasant evening was spent rafted together.

Saturday morning found us in beautiful sunshine heading for Gibsons to pick up friends. On the way we met "Eugenie K IV" with John and Gene aboard. They were heading home after being out for 11 days.

Upon leaving Gibsons we headed for New Brighton Government Floats and found "Ottersnaw II" with Brian and Lindsay (alone!) on board. Soon after "Pescadero" with Vern, Audrey and their daughter, and "Finalee II" with Peter and Anne Watters and two of their daughters arrived.

After a pleasant walk in the rain looking for the "Pub" someone said was there (we never did find it, although everyone got soaked in the process!!) we returned to the boats to find that Ken and Judy on "Illusion" and Ed and Archie on "Huron II" had arrived. After that it was well-deserved hot rums aboard "Pescadero" (it seems that was where the suggestion of the "Pub" came from) and Vern and Audrey found out how many people their boat would accommodate without sinking. After dinner everyone got together aboard "Huron II" for a chitchat.

Sunday dawned in "bright" rain and fog but that did not deter Fraser's hardy cruisers. "Dauntless" headed for McNab Creek while "Huron II", with a large crew aboard, headed for Gibsons for some extra supplies and some fishing in that area. Later in the afternoon "Finalee II" took a crew out to try their luck.

Ed and Archie invited the whole crew aboard "Huron II" for turkey dinner and a great feast was had by all. Many thanks to the Benzels for their hospitality.

Monday morning we woke up to clearing skies and NO RAIN so a "Spoon and Potato" race was held on the dock. Janice Lowe won the under 16 race and chose a disco light as her prize. After a couple of run-offs, Anne Watters won a transistor radio and Archie Benzel won a digital clock. (Thanks to Radio Shack, Lansdowne for the great prizes). There were several scuba divers checking out the area and, not to be outdone, Vern decided to try his luck somewhere between his boat and the dock (yes, it was still tied up).

After all that excitement, everyone decided to start for home and this reporter understands that both "Illusion" and "Dauntless" had fish to clean upon arrival.



## Local Log Racer Goes International

Wes Wensley and his crew were the only Canadians invited to this year's North American Predicted Log Racing Championships. Thirteen trawler type cruisers took part in the 30 mile race held offshore from the Marina del Rey (Los Angeles) in mid-August. Wes said that the boat traffic was rather heavy near the breakwater of this home port of about 6000 boats. The race was quite different from the usual. Several of the turning points out in the ocean were identified only by latitude and longitude. The race committee's observer, the only one aboard to have a timepiece, gave a 3 minute countdown on which to establish the boat's expected arrival at the designated turning point. The time at the next checkpoint really showed up piloting inaccuracies. All this after being allowed 4 hours for plotting and calculations!

Wes' crew of two other local log racers came in last with a 3% error, whereas the winner had a 1.6% error. This narrow spread indicates the keenness of the competition. All crews were well entertained by the Southern California Cruiser Association.

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The Arthritis Society's First Annual auction was called very successful. The lucky bidder for the boat trip aboard Vern and Audrey Lowe's PESCADERO is Mr. Robert Zwick of 5287 - 11A Ave., Delta.

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### New Book

Maintenance - by Time-Life Books

The care and preservation of boats, power and sail. Detailed procedures for repairing fiberglass, metal, wood and concrete hulls and applying the right paints and varnishes. Care of engines, deck fittings, rigging, electrical, plumbing and ventilation systems. Trailer care. \$ 12.95.

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### Helpful Hints

Keeping Jack Frost off Windows

The problem of ice covered windows can be solved by adding 1/2 cup rubbing alcohol or anti-freeze to each quart of water used.

Rub the inside of windows with a sponge that has been dipped in rubbing alcohol or anti-freeze. Polish with paper towels or newspaper.

Try a cloth moistened with glycerine--rub on leaving a little of the glycerine on the inside of the glass.

Or, head south.



# Merry, Merry, Christmas!

## Christmas in November?!!

Well not really! However, November 28, 1980 is the annual Fraser Power Squadron's Christmas Party. It is anticipated to be a complete sellout. Be sure to get your tickets early as they are limited in numbers.

What a way to kick off the Festive Season! Our past Christmas Parties have been fantastic and this one is expected to be even better. A scrumptious dinner, live band, dancing, awarding of the Pleasure Bent Trophy, terrific prizes, and fun for all--what a bargain for only \$ 15.00 per person.

Tickets available from all instructors and executive members. For further information call Brian Smith 277-7981, or Vern Lowe 277-6133.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Friday, November 28, 1980

Time: Cocktails 1845 hrs  
Dinner 1930 hrs

Place: Richmond Flag Inn

Tickets: \$ 15.00 per person

Note: Richmond Flag Inn

Westminster Avenue at Minoru

