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FROM THE BRIDGE

Now that the 1981 cruising season is upon us all - safe and happy boating in the coming months.

Speaking of cruises, we would like to see many more members' boats (and potential members) on our 1981 cruises. On all of them there is fun and games for all ages from toddlers right on up to us old folks. Buddy boats can easily be arranged if you so desire through our Cruise Master.

I would like to reiterate my remarks of May 8th evening and personally thank you all for the honour and your confidence in my ability to command our Squadron in the coming year. With the help of the members of your bridge and the co-operation of many members we are already off to a fine start on the cruising season and next winter's training program.

Commander Harry Fane

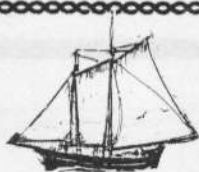
WELCOME 1980-81 GRADUATES

We would like to congratulate all of the boating students who passed the exam, and welcome those who decided to join the Squadron as members, lady associates, and junior associates. We hope that you will become active participants in socials, cruises, and other Squadron activities.

For those of you who have not had much experience in cruising the Gulf Islands, participation in Squadron Cruises is an excellent way to get to know your way around in the company of experienced boaters. All you have to do is call the Squadron Cruisemaster and let him know that you would like to participate in the cruises.

Some of you will become involved in training, either as instructors or proctors. As volunteers, you will find that you receive more than you give, as you will be keeping your boating knowledge up to date, and will experience the great feeling of satisfaction in helping to teach safe boating to others.

S. Dyck



MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

This month - Lt. Don Delves, Membership Officer.

Don joined Fraser in May 1966 after the second Piloting class. He was supply officer for three years, then treasurer and administration officer. Don also proctored for several years. When Don joined the Squadron he was a stink potter, but getting footitis and seeing the writing on the wall in high fuel costs, he purchased Kuu Lani II, a 28' sail boat, and became an ardent sailor. If it can be said it is an honour to have your name on the Pleasure Bent trophy, Don's name is so inscribed with the best. Don's crew includes his gofer, Flo, and seadog "Becky." Looking forward to a season of gentle winds and good weather, Don has taken on the membership records again.

GO FOR THE GOLD

Here is a good chance to ease into the training staff. Try proctoring in one of the boating classes. It is an effective way of reviewing your own knowledge while helping others. Proctoring has many different aspects so that your particular talents and likes (or dislikes) can be worked into the instructor's program. Do a good job and the Training Officer may reward you with a nice, shiny, new gold merit mark! Please contact Esther Dombrowski by the end of June so that she can organize the staff for each class.

OPPORTUNITY TO GO BOATING

The owner of a 34 foot diesel cabin cruiser needs an assistant skipper. Applicants should be willing to share expenses, assist with maintenance, and go boating on weekends and occasional week days. Don Chernochan would prefer someone who is mechanically inclined. For more information, call Don at 943-3041.

WHERE TO GET SALT WATER FISHING LICENCES

Remember, these are mandatory even though it may be difficult to find a seller.

Residents of Canada	\$ 5.00 per calendar year
	3.50 for a one day licence
Non-residents of Canada	20.00 for one year
	10.00 for a 3 day licence
	3.50 for a 1 day licence.

Contact "Dauntless" at the Delta River Inn Marina, or phone Marg Halliday at 278-8578.

FRASER'S NEW BRIDGE

The members proposed by the nominating committee's report published in last month's issue of Fairlead were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on April 24, 1981. No members had been nominated by petition.

Commander:	Harry Fane
Executive Officer:	Sue Dyck
Secretary:	Linda Gisborne
Treasurer:	Carolyn Hoffman
Administration Officer:	George Schurman
Training Officer, by appointment	Esther Dombrowski

The Fairlead Committee wishes to congratulate these members and offers its best wishes for a successful term of office.

SUMMARY OF THE 1980-81 TRAINING DEPT. REPORT

Boating Classes: 7 regular and 2 accelerated enrollment: 218 students exam written by 135 students passed 125 students	Advanced Piloting 7 passed Weather 5 passed Marine Maintenance 4 passed Instructor Training 5 passed Restricted Radio Operators Course 43 passed D.O.C. Radio Course 52 received certificates
Seamanship Power 13 passed Seamanship Sail 6 passed	

Junior Navigation and the Navigator courses were not run this past season. During the training season, we required the services of a large number of instructors, proctors, and guest speakers. The list of people who helped the training department is much too long to name them all in this report; however, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted us in any way.

I would like to thank the Assistant Training Officers, Randy Lutman, Ed Neschki, and Bob Baird, for looking after the administration of their respective courses. Our Supply Officer, Martin Hoffman, deserves a vote of thanks for tracking down supplies and for having them available when we needed them, and our Training Aids Chairman, John Lewisch, did more than his share of work as well.

It would be remiss of me if I did not also acknowledge, with thanks, the co-operation and assistance received from our District Training Officer, Barbara Dyck, and from the Richmond School Board, Delta School Board, and Richmond Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,

LT/C. S. Dyck
Squadron Training Officer 1980-81



EASTER CRUISE 1981

Those of you who decided not to join this cruise really goofed. Super weather, good company, and the sight of two bunnies, one pink and one green, hopping up and down the beach Sunday morning made for unforgettable memories.

Rendezvous at Montague Harbour April 17 included "Bonne Sante" (Gary, Linda, Todd, and Jennifer Nixon), "Cheena" (Gene, Lorna, Chay, and Chantel Foss), "Illusion" (Ken Sykes and Judy Gelpke), "Ottershaw II" (Brian, Lindsay, Robert, and Katy Smith), "Pacific High" (Brian, Gabrielle, Chris, and Aaron Ailey), "Pacific Salt II" (Frank and Esther Dombrowski with Harry and Nessie Fane on board). Joining us for the day were the Pluise family from Kamloops, who keep their boat "Aventurin" in Vancouver for weekend boating.

The evening bonfire ended the day with arm bending by those of age and marshmallows for the younger set. Fraser's Glee Club (same song sheets as last year, folks!) was short on sopranos but Brian Smith was able to fill in nicely.

Lack of interest as to a change of anchorage resulted in a lazy Saturday spent enjoying the beautiful day. An evening barbecue on shore was enjoyed by all and a party mood was soon evident. Retiring early, sleep time for Ken and Judy was short-lived when a convoy of dinghies invaded "Illusion" for a nightcap. Interesting to note, the swim grid on a 22 footer is definitely awash with 11 people aboard.

Highlight of the weekend for the kids was Sunday morning's egg hunt, a well organized event staged by the cutest of bunnies, Esther (pink) and Judy (green).

After the departure of "Cheena" and "Pacific Salt" for home, the remaining four boats cruised to Irish Bay, Samuel Island, and rafted for the night.

The trip home Monday was uneventful and "Illusion" wishes to report the chart datum at Roberts Bank is correct.

Special thanks to cruisemaster Ken Sykes, Judy Gelpke, and Esther Dombrowski for their contributions in making this a very successful cruise.

Linda Nixon.



COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

The Roster, a list of names, addresses, boat names, and radio call signs of all members in the squadrons making up Pacific Mainland District, is in draft form. If you have changed first mate, address, phone number, boat name, or radio call sign, please inform Don Delves so that the records can be brought up to date.

Call Don Delves, 273-4017.



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THE GRADUATION PARTY

164 persons attended the party to enjoy a tasty meal of Cornish game hen, the pledging of new members, the recognizing of those who passed advanced and elective courses, the rewarding of those who helped to make it all possible, and, finally, the dancing.

The Stu Church Trophy for extraordinary effort in training was awarded by Mrs. Church to John Lewisch for looking after training aids. Herb Brimble and Al Curran were each awarded his 22nd merit mark.

The visiting dignitaries included:

District Commander G. T. Lea and Mrs. Lea,
District Executive Officer D. F. Thorn and Mrs. Thorn, and
District Training Officer B. J. Dyck.

The Northmen, with help from Brian Smith, kept things moving rhythmically after the installation of Fraser's new bridge.

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Fraser Power Squadron wishes to extend a special vote of thanks to the following, who generously donated prizes for our Graduation dinner dance held on May 8, 1981:

Bovey Marine--Quarter Deck
River Marine
Radio World
Fraser Power Squadron

Pacific Yachting
Broadway Foam & Fabric
Kits Marine

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IT'S THE WATER AND A LOT MORE

It's untrue that Comdr Harry Fane is on the wagon. The story going around that he was drinking water to conserve booze was denied. The fact, it seem, was that he trusted a beer drinker to guard his ardent spirits. Telltale taste buds were not the clue that brought him back to the wrongdoer, it was the lack of ice. Good work Harry, next time we'll use more ice.



TRAILERING WITH SMALL CARS

(from Small Boat Journal,
October 1980)

Condensed by J. R. Moran

The newer small cars will have greatly reduced, if any, capability for towing trailers.

Front wheel drive trains may not be as rugged as the old standard rear wheel drive system, partly because of the need to reduce the weight to achieve light steering. The higher gear ratios of the low gear on the small cars may give deceptively high capability to pull a load up the launching ramp. However, at highway speeds the rapid increase in overall wind resistance may use up most of the engine's power, leaving little reserve for hills or passing. The engine may thus be overloaded to the detriment of its life between major repairs.

Front wheel drives have several obvious advantages on the trailer ramp. The drive train is farther from the water, with less chance of salt water damage. The drive wheels are probably on drier, firmer support, thus getting better traction. The disadvantages are not so obvious but are probably more serious. The slope of the ramp tends to move the car's centre of gravity farther back to decrease the proportion of weight on the front wheels. The result is worsened by the pull of the trailer being applied above the car's axles. The result of these effects is a marked reduction in both tractive effort and braking. It may even be impossible to pull your heavy boat out on to a steep, gravel-surfaced ramp.

The car's braking effect may be inadequate for a relatively heavy trailer, thus making it necessary and expensive to fit brakes to the trailer. This in turn leads to a higher cost for maintaining submerged parts, especially for salt water operation. Light front wheel drive cars usually do not have nice sturdy frames to which to attach trailer hitches. The rear of these cars is relatively light sheet metal with local reinforcing for the rear suspension. This leads to difficult and costly installations if the hitch is to be securely attached. Remember, too, that drilling and welding will locally destroy the original corrosion resistant treatment and coatings. The corrosive attack of salt water splashes and winter road salt will soon play havoc with the thin steel body at the places carrying the towing loads.

The next problem is with guarantees on the car. The manufacturers of several of the most popular small cars disapprove of towing trailers and would, consequently, be likely to use this to void any guarantees or warranties on cars equipped with trailer hitches. At best, the owner would be at the mercy of the dealer in any claims against the car warranty. By their disapproval of towing trailers, the small car manufacturers may avoid product liability in case of a trailering accident. Owners who install non-approved trailer hitches may be drastically increasing the chances of having their gas tanks punctured in the event of a rear ender to the trailer. As always, Buyer Beware.

FRASER'S 1981 CRUISES - SAIL AND POWER

VICTORIA DAY - May 15, 16, 17, and 18

Friday - rendezvous Coward's Cove

Saturday - move to Plumper Cove Marine Park. If this location is too crowded, we will move to Centre Bay on Gambier Island.

DOMINION DAY - June 27, 28, 29, 30, and July 1

Friday and Saturday - rendezvous at Ganges Harbour, at Gulf Station Marina, far end of Harbour.

Sunday - move to Port Browning. We will stay in this area until Wednesday for the Lamb Barbecue on Saturna Island. These dates could change, depending on when members can get extra days off.

B. C. DAY - July 31, Aug. 1, 2, and 3

Friday and Saturday - rendezvous at Deep Cove for trip to Wigwam Inn. We will make a day trip to Granite Falls during this cruise.

LABOUR DAY - Sept. 4, 5, 6, and 7

Friday and Saturday morning - rendezvous at Pirate's Cove.

Saturday afternoon - move to Telegraph Harbour, far end of Harbour.

THANKSGIVING DAY - Oct. 9, 10, 11, and 12

Friday and Saturday morning - rendezvous at Gulf Marina, Ganges Harbour.

Saturday afternoon - move to Genoa Bay. If too crowded, we will move to Maple Bay.

Cruises are as much "fun" as we all make them. New and old members are welcome. New members, please identify yourself if you are not flying the Fraser Power Squadron Flag.

Cruises will include fishing derbies, games, and sporting competitions for young and older. Prizes !

For further information, buddy boats, etc., contact:

Sail boats	-	George Schurman	271-7439
Power boats	-	Ken Sykes	261-9645
Cruisemaster	-	Ted Bula	943-5886

Several members are also planning some extended cruises during the summer:

Southern Gulf Islands and San Juans - August 1 to 21.

Contact Randy Lutman, 946-2701, for further information.

Desolation Sound, during July and August - Contact Ted Bula for names and phone numbers of members contemplating cruises during this period in this area.

If you anticipate joining any of these cruises, please let either George, Ken or Ted know as soon as you can. If you decide to join at the last minute, please let us know on Channel 16, VHF, as follows:

Y-Knot	-	Ted Bula
Kochana III	-	George Schurman
The Illusion	-	Ken Sykes