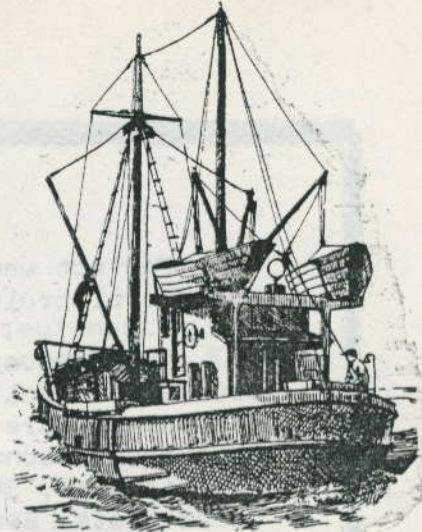


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FROM THE BRIDGE

Now that most of us are back from our more extended summer cruises, having survived the monsoons, I would like to welcome you all to our fall and winter schedules.

Our hard working Fairlead crew, headed by harder working John Moran, have managed to keep us informed during our summer "recess" despite the usual postal strike.

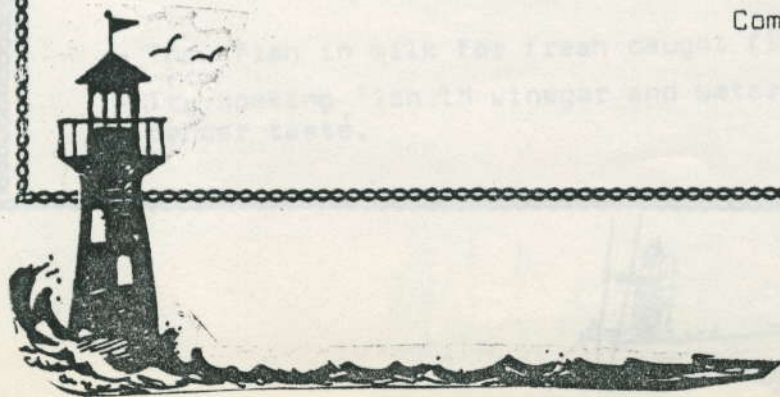
Our Training Officer, Esther Dombrowski, has had to resign for health reasons. Here's hoping your health improves, Es, so that you can get back in the swim.

Our Labour Day cruise was a terrific success, but really, seventeen boats out of our dozens is not all that grand, considering the camaraderie, new friends and fun that we enjoy on these cruises. Someone even had the masking tape to fix the last Pamper in the marina.

The final training schedules, instructors and proctors are hot to trot in both Ladner and Richmond with very capable people on deck, so we should have a very successful year.

That's it for now. Hope to see you all at our first get together of the season on September 25.

Commander Harry Fane.



Labour Day Cruise

Perfect weather encouraged sixteen boats to join this very successful cruise.

Friday evening three boats anchored in Pirates' Cove. By mid-Saturday all were moored at Telegraph Harbour Marina. In attendance were: Bluebells, Caromar, Cheena, Dauntless, Fairtide II, High Noon, Kochana III, Kuu Lani, Lisa, Miss Marda, Monsoon II, Pacific High, Skylark, Time Out, Y-Knot, and Yahtzee III; also two guest boats, Seascope, and Blue Mist.

The activities started with children's dinghy races, the winners being:

- 11 and older - 1st, Steve Schurman
2nd, tied, Paul Schurman and Ken Bula
3rd, Shane (guest on Hochana III)
- Under 11 - 1st, Chris Ailey
2nd, Chantell Foss
3rd, Chay Foss

Prizes were awarded after the evening barbecue with Harry Fane doing the honours. A combined singsong with White Rock Squadron (guitar accompaniment supplied by W.R.) ended the day.

Sunday evening--much to do aboard Skylark. Seems the Conleys were entertaining so many people a few feet got wet--overloaded, Andy?

A good time was had by all, with no problems going home as sea conditions were perfect.

Fishing derby news

Guess who? It's getting to be a habit, but Nessie Fane landed an eight pounder officially weighed at Telegraph. Don't give up yet, there is still a chance for the big one on our final cruise of '81.

Thanksgiving Cruise, October 9, 10, 11, 12

Friday and Saturday morning--Gulf Marina, Ganges Harbour
Saturday afternoon--move to Genoa Bay. If too crowded we will move to Maple Bay.

Long range weather forecast sounds good, so come along and have some fun.

What does a Squadron Executive
Officer do?

The executive officer, whose official title is Lieutenant Commander, is the understudy for the Commander. Commander Harry Fane is very fortunate to have as his right hand assistant Lieutenant Commander Sue Dyck.

Sue's duties this year include:

- assisting Harry in every way possible by looking after the detail work while Harry deals with broader aspects, and District, and National.
- taking the chair at meetings and functions when the Commander cannot be present.
- attending district monthly meetings as often as possible.
- assisting our Training Officer wherever possible.
- selecting recipients for "Pleasure Bent" and "Fishing" trophies at our Christmas Party.
- arranging the engraving for the above trophies.
- organizing the Squadron annual general meeting.
- selecting recipients for Dr. John Murray and Stuart Church awards at the Graduation Party.

HELP

Due to camera failure we have no pictures of this summer. We would very much appreciate copies of pictures taken on the Easter cruise and from boaters we met in Desolation Sound.

Linda and Gary Nixon
943-4894

Volunteers Required
for a Telephoning Committee

If you can spare a few minutes once a month to pass messages to the membership by phone, please call Admin. officer George Schurman 271-7439, or Nessie Fane, 277-8732. This is a repeat of the request in the June issue.

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- Thaw fish in milk for fresh caught flavour.
 - Try soaking fish in vinegar and water before cooking for a sweet, tender taste.



Visiting Barkley Sound

Barkley Sound, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, is a delightful cruising ground for those who like to get away from civilization into primitive areas. It is filled with islands that provide shelter from the ocean waves even if there are strong winds offshore. Many people spend a week or so in the Broken Group of islands, using the designated campsites as bases for daily canoeing and kayaking. Some islands have fresh water and hiking trails, but generally the underbrush is almost impenetrable hence the need for the specific campsites, which, incidentally, have latrines. If arrangements are made ahead of time, the "Lady Rose" will stop at an offshore float close to Gibraltar Island to drop off or pick up canoe parties and all their gear. This avoids crossing about seven miles of exposed channel on the Ucluelet side. Another group of islands lies across a two mile wide exposed channel from Bamfield. Bamfield and Ucluelet are accessible by road, although the gravel one to Bamfield is reported to be quite rough. "Lady Rose" services both ports from her base in downtown Port Alberni by making one day round trip cruises to each port for a reasonable fare (\$25.00 this year). Some people take a three day, round trip tour starting by bus from Victoria to Port Alberni, via "Lady Rose" to Ucluelet and then by bus back to Victoria. This may be a packaged tour only. The BCAA offices have schedules and descriptive brochures for "Lady Rose."

I took my wife, mother, and aunt on "Lady Rose"'s Ucluelet cruise and, fortunately, chose a beautiful, warm, sunny day with just a little fog and wind.

Soon after leaving the Alberni Canal, the skipper announced that a black bear and cub could be seen on the beach close abeam. A little later, canoe parties were exchanged at Gibraltar Island, and I had a pleasant chat with three young Californians who had spent a week in the islands with a two place folding kayak and a single place kayak. The trip is particularly interesting because the "Lady Rose"'s passage is extremely close to shore in many spots, making it possible to see starfish and other marine life. One of the canoe parties left at Gibraltar Island comprised four women, all of whom appeared to be in their sixties.

During the stop at Ucluelet, many of the passengers took a charter launch, at no charge, to the "Canadian Princess" for lunch. This vessel is the former Canadian Government Survey ship "William J. Stewart", which is now permanently moored at the inner end of the harbour as a restaurant and hotel. Charter boat parties for fishing, diving, and nature watching are available from this vessel. The lunch was good and reasonably priced.

On the return trip to Port Alberni, a stop was made alongside an anchored Greek ship to pick up what looked like bags of laundry.

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Clouds of steam and seagulls clearly advertised that she was a fish processing factory ship long before we passed downwind and received a final confirmation of our suspicions. Gibraltar Island again gave up a group of canoeists in exchange for a lone girl with a kayak. Sport fishermen were everywhere in the Alberni Canal, especially near the Port Alberni end. Perhaps the numbers were unusually large because of the mill shutdown for labour disputes.

This trip would provide an excellent preview for anyone planning to cruise in Barkley Sound.

- J. R. Moran.

LT/C TRAINING OFFICER

It has been learned that Esther Dombrowski has been ill and has reluctantly had to step down from her position as LT/C Training Officer. We, the members of the Training Department, are sorry to lose her leadership and wish her a speedy recovery.

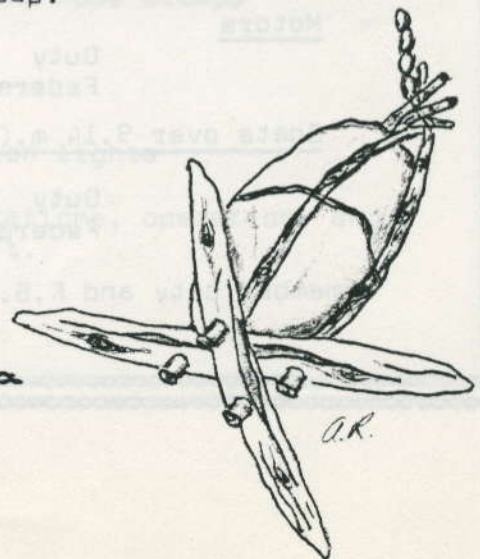
Bob Fulton, a member of Vancouver Power Squadron, has also been sick. He has instructed the J.N. & N. courses for Fraser in the past. We send our best wishes to Bob.

Lindsay Smith - LT Asst. Training (Adv)
Carol Quartermain - LT Asst. Training (Rmd)
Randy Lutman - LT Asst. Training (Ladner)

A Newfie Anchor for Fishing Gear

On a recent trip to Newfoundland, I saw several homemade, stockless anchors for fishing gear that used local materials, could be made with unskilled labour, were biodegradable, and cheap. A cross of rough 2x4's, with sharpened ends supported a large stone which was kept in place by a shank made from four small tree branches or roots. This four piece shank was nailed into holes bored in the arms of the cross. The shank members were lashed tightly together at the top to receive the rode and at mid-height to retain the stone.

J. R. Moran.

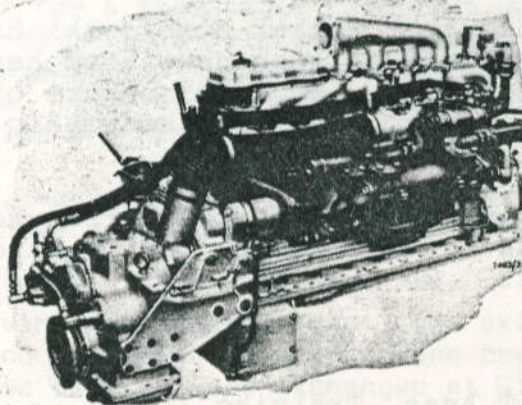


"Princess" Has Hidden Talent

While visiting a retired naval architect in Victoria, I had the good fortune to meet one of his friends, a personable young woman. She had been visiting him during the past winter to help with the rigging of a model of a pelagic sealing schooner. Eventually it came out that she was the 2nd mate on the "Princess Marguerite" and had just dropped in between sailings. Phyrne DeKonic (spelling uncertain) is a graduate of the Canadian Coast Guard College in Halifax as is her husband, who is a mate in the Coast Guard.

Phyrne accumulated sea time in ice breakers working in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Arctic to enable her to get a watchkeeping certificate as required for 2nd mate, home trade, or 3rd mate, foreign going. A few more months of sea time will be required before she can take the examination for level ON2, which is equivalent to the former 1st mate home trade or 2nd mate foreign going. As the Princess operates only during the summer, Phyrne will be home for the winter. We wish her good luck in her chosen career.

J. R. Moran.



Importing Boats from U.S.A.

Small Boats

Duty	16.9%
Federal Sales Tax	9.0%

Motors

Duty	13.6%
Federal Sales Tax	9.0%

Boats over 9.14 m.(30 ft.)

Duty	22.5%
Federal Sales Tax	9.0%

Remember duty and F.S.T. are based on the price in Canadian dollars.

Vic Ramos.

September Social Evening

The first social evening of the season will be held Friday, September 25, 1981 at 2000 hours (1930 for refreshments) at the Delta Town and Country Inn. The guest speaker will be Lee Palmer, one of B. C. Hydro's Advisory Services Representatives. The subject, to be illustrated by a movie, is "Ocean Power", which deals with the generation of electrical power from the sea.

The Delta Town and Country Inn is just south of the George Massey Tunnel (formerly the Deas Tunnel). Take the turnoff to Ladner, River Road, Victoria Ferry, which is the second turnoff to the right (the first is to Ladner only); then, almost immediately, take the first left turn to River Road and the entrance to the Inn will be found beside the Shell Gas Station very close to the highway overpass.

Coming Events

Late September or early October: boats are required for the boating student familiarization cruises.

October 23, 1981: Fraser's Wine & Cheese Party.

November 27, 1981: Fraser's Christmas Party.

Marine Emergency Procedures

Additional Requirements

Both the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron strongly recommend the following on board your craft:

- First aid kit
- Tool kit
- Spare parts, such as prop, raw water pump impeller or shaft, cotter pins, and hose clamps
- Extra anchor and line
- Compass
- Fenders
- Ring buoy
- Extra bulbs for navigation lights
- Flashlight
- Knowledge of basic limitations, operation, and maintenance of your craft.

