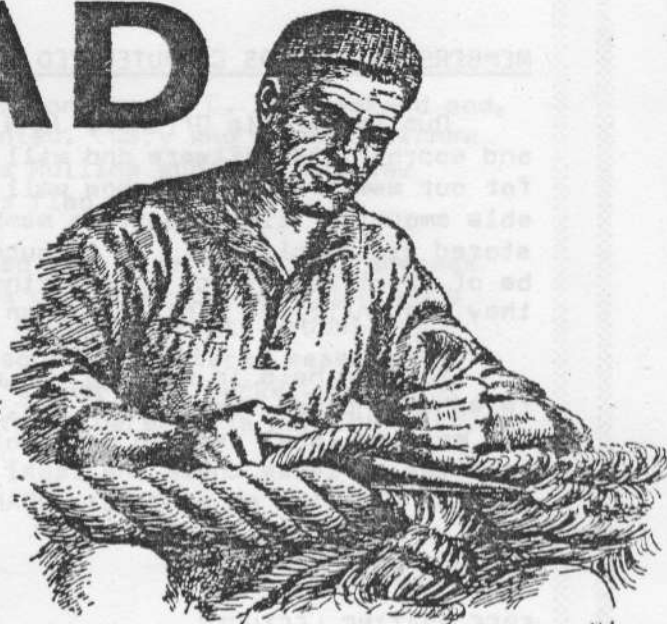


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# FAIRLEAD

## NEWS FROM FRASER SQUADRON



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Fall is here officially now, both by the calendar and the fact that classes are underway again. We're off to a good start.

I want to pay tribute to some unsung heroes, the creators of FAIRLEAD. We see the results of their considerable efforts each month, yet they remain anonymous. Time to emerge from the "back-room" group and be recognized. JOHN MORAN has been the editor for over 5 years. VIC RAMOS has been assistant editor for a much longer time. ALARE RAMOS handles the artwork. DIANE GRABHER types the finished product. FREDA MORAN proofreads. LINDA NIXON works on final assembly. CHERYL GAUDET writes articles.

The final product that we see each month doesn't just happen. It is the result of considerable planning, much research and gathering of material, final preparation and of course, distribution.

We have an excellent newsletter. It has won an award of excellence at a National Conference. As good as it is, it can always be improved and it should contain items and articles that the members want. In conversation with the creators they are looking for our (ALL OF US) input. Would we like to see changes? What should be added, amended or deleted? More than anything though, they would appreciate contributions of material for publication. Here's a chance to see your name in print. Give JOHN MORAN a call at 943-3416 with your ideas or material.

FAIRLEAD has come a long way over the last 12 years. Its success is due to the efforts of these dedicated people. I salute them and thank them for an excellent job. Let's all give them a hand in more ways than one.

JACK HUNTER  
COMMANDER

## MEMBERSHIP RECORDS COMPUTERIZED

Our Membership Officer, JOAN HUNTER, has recently acquired a micro-computer and appropriate software and will be keeping track of a multitude of information for our membership which now well exceeds 400 members. Joan has spent considerable amount of time inputting membership data so that we now have our records stored electronically. It is much easier to keep the records current which will be of great assistance in ensuring that members receive the publications to which they are entitled. This has been a problem of long standing.

You can help in keeping the records current. Any changes in your address, telephone number, boat name, etc. can now be instantly up-dated. For example, the mailing label used to mail this newsletter to you was produced by the computer. Please check the label and if any corrections are required, advise Joan at 274-2153 or send to: JOAN HUNTER, 11600 Trumpeter Drive, Richmond, B.C.  
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## FREE BOATING LECTURES

The following lectures, sponsored by the Marine Trades Association of B.C. are open to anyone who wishes to attend:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
October 9	Fiberglass Repairs	Westcoast Fiberglass Ltd.
23	Rope Splicing Demo	Herzog Ropes Ltd.
November 6	Inboard Engine Winterizing	Simpson Power Ltd.
13	Sail Boat Rigging Maintenance and Repair	Pro-Tec Marine Ltd.
27	Outboard Engine Winterizing	Outboard Marine Corp. Ltd.
<u>THE PLACE - VANCOUVER MARITIME MUSEUM</u>		
Foot of Chestnut Street		
Vancouver, B.C. phone 736-4431		
Time - 1930 no charge		

Here is an excellent opportunity to get more information on several specific subjects that we can present in our courses.

## HELP WANTED

Videonuts, Videophiles or others who are video-oriented to begin production of Fraser's very own video training aids. If you have equipment, expertise and/or interest, please call Cliff Cunningham at 274-3073 and let's get cracking!



## THE B. C. DAY CRUISE

White Rock Squadron holds its annual Steak Fry on the B. C. Day weekend and, this year, most of the PMD Squadrons were represented. Gary and Karen Lewichew with their eight day old baby girl, Gary and Linda Mullins and Rand and Bev Lutman with their family attended to show Fraser's flag.

On Saturday, the people arriving were occupied with much visiting, whereas the organized Sunday program of a steak fry, races and other competitions made the time pass more quickly. The Commander's Race had contestants propelling their dinghys by buckets attached to lines. All squadrons entered vessels in this race with varying degrees of success; Fraser's entry was bucket-pulled by Rand Lutman. Next year, Fraser will have to return to defend its winning ways. Monday was reserved for fond farewells and leaving for home.

Well done, White Rock!

Rand Lutman.

## FAIRLEAD NEEDS INPUT

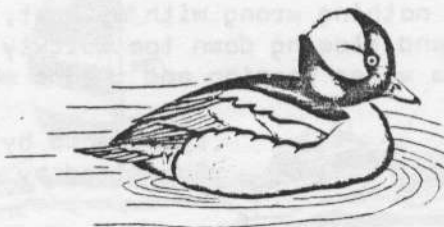
Your Fairlead Committee has scraped the bottom of its barrel! We just cannot keep coming up with interesting or informative material. Here is how you can help - provide us with: news of members' activities, news of interest to boaters, stories of vacations, trips, experiences and places to see, humour - sayings, poems, lines, clippings from newspapers and magazines, cartoons, recipes, technical information - helpful hints, safety tips.

You don't have to be a writer to help. The committee will polish the story if you wish. We can even take dictation over the phone. Please give the name and date of the magazine or newspaper so that we can give credit or ask permission to use the item in question.

We get only two or three items per year that are offered voluntarily. Unless more response is forthcoming, FAIRLEAD may be reduced to a single page of coming events. Is this what you really want? Please mail your contributions or phone - John R. Moran, 351 54A St., Delta, B.C. V4M 3J2 home phone 943-3416  
Victor E. Ramos, 5253 Walnut Place, Delta, B.C. V4K 3B3 - 946-2543.

## NAME BADGES

We have been offered a special deal on these lapel name badges - \$1.75 each for an order of 50 or more. Contact our Supply Officer, Bernie Larmet at 274-6246 to place your order.





## SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

The first social of the new season was attended by 85 new and veteran members. Guest speaker, Mick Ball, has been with the Canadian Coast Guard 12 years and is responsible for Small Vessel Safety, Western Region (B.C., Alberta, Sask., N.W.T. and Yukon).

His presentation on the use of pyrotechnics (flares), included a detailed description of the four types of flares (A, B, C & D), and correct firing procedures. An excellent video produced by Vanc. Coast Guard showed the effectiveness of the flares in action. The tape is available to the public to borrow or copy.

The Coast Guard will take old flares for disposal. Do not throw expired flares in the garbage or attempt to get rid of them through the Police or Fire Depts. They will not take them.

To store flares on your boat, Mick suggests Tupperware is the best container to use.

Coffee and sandwiches were served as everyone socialized about their summer happenings. A very enjoyable and educational evening for all.

Linda Nixon

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## C-TOW EXPERIENCE

Returning home from a Secret Cove fishing trip in mid June in choppy seas, I slowed down rather quickly to have a rest from the constant pounding on the hull. My passenger, an inexperienced boater, and I were just about to continue when a beeping noise from my fuel sensor gave us a warning that something was amiss. After shutting down the engines, I went to the engine bilge area to look and smell. There didn't seem to be any fumes, but the sensor was reading at the explosive indicator and my passenger was getting very nervous.

I contacted the Coast Guard on my VHF for some moral support and advice. They suggested I contact C-TOW, a commercial towing and emergency help company. I was several miles off Bowen Island on a heading for False Creek and my moorage. A C-TOW boat was at my side very quickly and had me in tow in no time.

Not being familiar with their service, I asked to be towed to my moorage at False Creek. It took nearly three hours and it was then that I found out the rates, \$100. per hour. After the initial shock, I joined C-TOW's service which cost \$37. a year and gives you towing for \$50. an hour and other various discounts. C-TOW monitor VHF and CB or can be reached through the Coast Guard.

My mechanic could find nothing wrong with my boat, and concluded that the combination of choppy seas and slowing down too quickly splashed water on the sensor, which also acts as a water warning and that's what activated the sensor to go off.

Experience by Ritch Dowrey  
Submitted by John Grabher

## LIGHTSTATIONS

On March 25, 1986 the Minister of Transport directed the Coast Guard to proceed with detailed plans for a program of unmanning and remote monitoring of lightstations over the next four years. This project is to be called the Lightstation Monitoring Project.

On the Pacific Coast six light-stations have been identified to be unmanned in the initial phase, and an additional five to be reduced in strength to a single keeper. Those stations proposed to be unmanned are Porlier Pass, Trial Island, Chrome Island, Boat Bluff, Pointer Island, and Layer Island. Stations to be reduced to a single keeper are Saturna Island, Point Atkinson, Cape Mudge, Pulteney Point, and Sheringham Point (completed).

Year round, along the entire Pacific Coast, lightkeepers provide mariners detailed local surface weather observations which are critical to their safety at sea. Special unscheduled weather observations are also supplied during violent and abrupt weather changes.

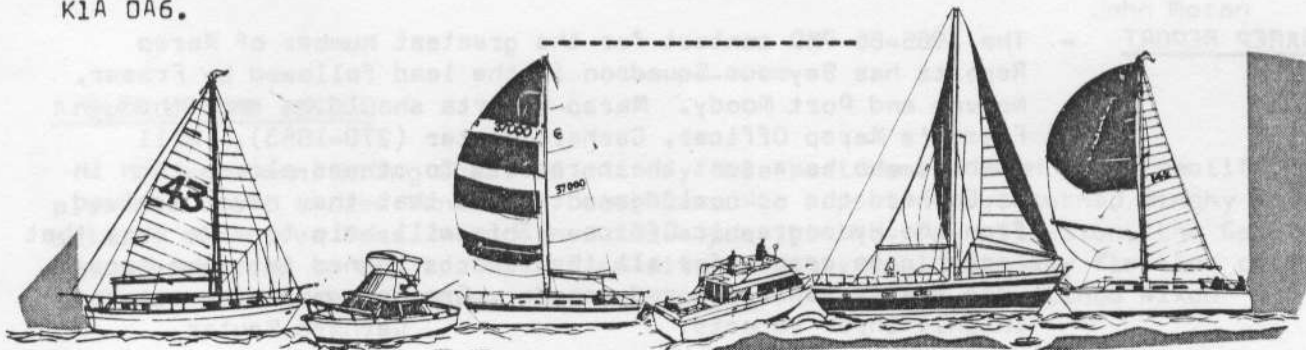
Over the years lightkeepers have been involved in innumerable search and rescue incidents and assistance to mariners and the public. In 1984-85, in the Victoria marine district alone, lightkeepers were involved in 1453 incidents.

Lightkeepers voluntarily monitor emergency VHF channels and intercept or co-ordinate marine distress calls from mariners. In remote areas of our coast lightkeepers can be the only people in the area close enough to help mariners or others in distress. Search and rescue involvement by lightkeepers is voluntary.

Transport Canada now plans to replace the present system with an automated system which has been plagued with failures since its conception and continues to be failure prone.

In four years automation, equipment failed 2091 times, in theory shutting down stations for 221 days, from Race Rocks to Cape Scott. This statistic would have been fact without the presence of keepers who kept stations in operation by repairing, overriding, or bypassing automated equipment.

Should members wish to express their own thoughts on the subject we suggest you write - Canadian Coast Guard; The Minister of Transport, The Honourable John Crosbie, Ottawa K1A 0N5; - Patrick D. Crofton, M.P., 481 Confederation Bldg., Ottawa, K1A 0A6 and Hon. Allan McKinnon, P.C., House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6.



TRAINING DEPT. NEWS - It looks like another busy training season ahead with enrollment figures for the 1986-87 classes as follows:

151 students in the Boating Course

11	"	"	Seamanship Power
5	"	"	Seamanship Sail
8	"	"	Advanced Piloting
6	"	"	Marine Maintenance
5	"	"	Junior Navigation
5	"	"	Navigation (still pending)

Let's Be Boatwise - registration and first session on Saturday, Oct 4th, at the Richmond Library from 1300 - 1500.

The Weather Course registration will be held on Monday, Oct. 20th, at Delta Senior Secondary School at 1900.

We have 15 instructors and 31 proctors on our training staff so far this year which includes a healthy number of new members. We are extremely happy to have so many new people involved.

On behalf of my assistants and myself, we would like to sincerely thank each and everyone for volunteering to help this year:

Instructors for Boating - Dave Reed, Harry Bergenstein, Brian Smith, Rand Lutman, Ted Dubberley, Carol Quartermain, Bill Hawryluk, To Hin Lau, Cris Starkey and John Simpson.

Proctors for Boating - Marvin Fraser, Vic Ramos, Verna Payne, Robert Smith, Katy Smith, Lindsay Smith, Rae Henning, Florence Henning, Alex McKenna, Jean McKenna, Ruth Mason, Ben Wong, Sandy Powis, Jo-Anne Llewellyn, Martin Bauer, Dave Gunn, Terry Wolfe-Milner, Herb Schwizgebel, Alan Meggy, Patti Meggy, Reg Chase, Audrey McLeod, Andy Conley, Reg Johanson, Dave Williams, Daphne Williams, Eric Stewart and Carole Stewart.

Instructors for Advanced and Elective Courses - George Schurman (S.S.), Garnet Jamieson (S.P.), Cliff Cunningham (A.P.), John Moran (J.N.), Hank VanMontfoort (M.M.), Tony Merry (W) and Garry Lewichew (L.B.B.)

Proctors for Advanced and Elective Courses - Don Strang (S.P.), Tom Walker (A.P.), Fred Schoepper (J.N.)

Linda Gisborne.

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MAREP REPORT - The 1985-86 PMD contest for the greatest number of Marep Reports has Seymour Squadron in the lead followed by Fraser, Norvan and Port Moody. Marep Reports should be sent through Fraser's Marep Officer, Gerhard Meuter (270-1853). Will members who have sent their reports to others please turn in to Gerhard the acknowledgement cards that they have received from the Hydrographic Office. This will help to make sure that Fraser gets credit for all the reports turned in. The Marep year starts Sept. 1st and, so far, Fraser members have turned in only three reports.

Gerhard Meuter



## COMING EVENTS

October 24, 1986 - Fraser's regular social evening. The guest speaker will be Rick Kool from the Public Program Development Group (formerly Education Extension Dept.) of the B. C. Provincial Museum. His subject will be "When the Tide is Out, the Table is Set," which will be supported by slides and a live demonstration of the edibles from tidal waters.

NOTE - There will be no regular social meeting in November as the date is too close to that of our annual Christmas Party.

December 6, 1986 - Fraser's Annual Christmas Party. Please note that this is a Saturday evening event. Details will be published in the Nov. issue of Fairlead.

January 23, 1987 - Fraser's regular social evening will be a Wine and Cheese social incorporating graduation ceremonies for the graduates of the fall accelerated Boating classes.

February 27, 1987 - Fraser's Annual Auction.

### THE OCTOBER 24, 1986 SOCIAL EVENING

The Place - The Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 #17 Hwy., Delta.

The Time - The bar opens at 1930 and the program starts at 2000.

The Cost - The admission fee of \$2.50 per person covers the cost of sandwiches and tea or coffee served at the end of the program.

Who May Come - All members of any CPS Squadron, their family and friends as well as Boating Class students and their families are welcome.

Dress - Very casual dress is just fine.

## AIDS

Page 19 of Propwash (the roster) instructs us to report problems with aids-to-navigation to the Ministry of Transport in Victoria. I called the given number only to get an office of Health & Welfare. The person answering was not interested in my kind of aids!

John Moran

## A SLIP OF THE TONGUE

We were monitoring Chan. 16 one day this past summer when an unidentified pleasure craft called Vancouver Coast Guard to report an overturned dinghy found outside of Active Pass. Concerned for a possible May Day situation, the Coast Guard proceeded to ask the vessel on site "if they could see any floating debris, such as: life jackets, oars, wood or anchors ----- !

Linda Nixon

