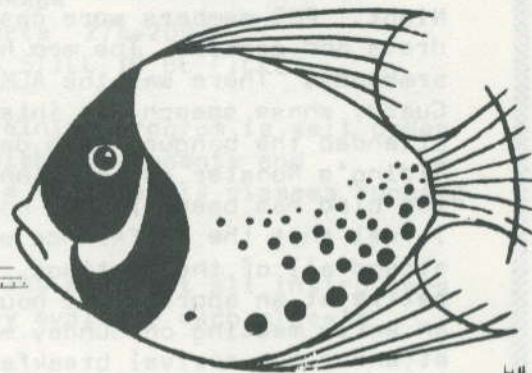


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Deadline for tickets is Nov. 25, 1987

FROM THE BRIDGE

Lindsay and I attended the National Conference in Montreal, Oct. 21-25, 1987 along with other Fraser members Linda and Bert Gisborne, Sue and Norm Dyck, John Moran and Tony Merry. Norm Dyck was elected to the National Bridge as Administration Officer who is in charge of organizing the 1988 National Conference in Winnipeg. Tony Merry received his life membership from the Chief Commander during the A.G.M. FAIRLEAD won second prize in the publications category of the contest (we thought it should have come first).

I attended several meetings - both training and commanders'. The main themes of these were improving the presentation of courses, building and maintaining membership by having well run, interesting activities.

I had quite a few conversations with other squadron commanders and as a result I have a real sense of pride because I feel that Pacific Mainland District and Fraser Squadron live up to, and exceed, the ideal of CPS in many respects.

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Commander's message continued

Now for the lighter aspects of the conference. Friday evening was Casino Night. PMD members wore costumes; the ladies in black and white with head-dress and garter. The men had red and white striped vests, straw hats and armbands. There was the AGM luncheon with a speaker from the Canadian Coast Guard, whose speech was interesting but too long. On Saturday evening we attended the banquet with dancing to a live orchestra. During the banquet Riding's Rooster was auctioned. The bidding was tough but PMD won through and the bird has been brought home (at least we know it was on the plane with us). I feel that the conference was well organized but there was insufficient time to attend all of the meetings. Your Commander and Executive Officer made sure to retire at an appropriate hour in order to be bright eyed and bushy tailed for an early meeting on Sunday morning - at 0700! We donned our "Fraser gear" and attended the revival breakfast hosted by newly elected Chief Commander, Art Charles and his wife, Olive. Bert and Linda Gisborne went through the initiation ceremony - they will never be the same again.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Dance, Nov. 28, 1987.

Brian Smith
Commander



CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINING - (This is best made at least a week ahead of using)

ANTIPASTO

- 3 green peppers
- 1 small can pimento
- 1/4 cup salad oil
- 1 small tin tuna (white)
- 1 small tin whole mushrooms, drained & (sliced if desired)
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup sweet pickle relish
- 12 black olives, pitted and halved
- 12 stuffed green olives, halved
- 2/3 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup chili sauce
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1 garlic bud, minced
- 1/8 tsp. cinnamon

Dice the green pepper and pimento and saute in the oil until soft. Drain and rinse the tuna; add to the peppers and pimento together with remaining ingredients, and simmer for 10 minutes. Cool and bottle. For best flavor, refrigerate for 8 days before using. Serve with a variety of crackers and cheeses.

Makes about 2 quarts.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Squadron Training Officer: Karen Leah Lewichew 536-4464
Asst. Training Officer; Ladner - Garry Lewichew 536-4464
Asst. Training Officer; Richmond - Ted & Dorothy Roberts 274-2097
Asst. Training Officer; Advanced & Elective Courses - STILL TO BE FILLED.

With the fall registration finished, the fall training program is well under way with Weather registration of 9 students, V.H.F. with 20 students and Instructor Training with 7 students. Fraser now has a total of 14 classes running this fall.

Again, I would like to thank the training staff and ask that all instructors and proctors give me a call at 536-4464 so that we may evaluate each class's progress.

On behalf of the Training Executive and staff I would like to encourage all students to attend the monthly socials and up-coming Christmas dance. Come and see what Fraser Squadron is all about.

Karen Leah Lewichew
Training Officer

SOCIALS OFFICER - Janice Lea

Change of Address - the new address for Janice is:
211 - 10157 134A St.,
Surrey, B.C. V3T 5L7
her home phone number is 585-1782

CRUISEMASTER - Brian Payne has been appointed Cruisemaster for a second term.

EXAM TIME LIMITS

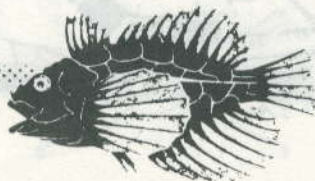
The National Training Committee has had good reason to set a time limit of 4 hours for all CPS exams except those for JN and N. Exceptions will be made for persons having difficulties with language or suffering from physical handicaps.

BOAT WANTED

A Fraser student is looking for a 22 to 26 foot command bridge power boat in good condition \$10,000 to \$15,000 range. Please call Ray at 271-2793 or 272-1222.

FOR SALE - Boathouse for 30 ft. boat, aluminum, including doors, new flotation, carpeted, secure location on the Fraser middle arm, \$5,000. moorage to be discussed. Please phone 277-8732.

Two complete cylinder heads including valves and lifters for 250 cc, 165 h.p. Chev. straight six. Perfect condition for \$100. each.
Please phone 277-8732.



SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

As near as we can establish, the Seattle Boat Show trip will be Jan. 23-24/88. Barry Keys of Sur-Del Squadron has left Maverick and is working on his own. He appreciates the fact that Maverick's packaged trip was too costly last year and is working towards arranging a better deal for us this year. He did not have details yet but will be in touch with me shortly regarding this. Please let me know right away if you are interested. Call Linda at 946-2749 for more info. We do not expect you to make a firm commitment until dates and costs are confirmed but we do need to know how many are interested. We welcome all Boating students to come as well as Squadron members. Will publish details in the next Fairlead.

CPS CONFERENCE - Elsewhere in this issue mention is made that the Commander and Executive Officer were in attendance at the CPS Conference held in October. As we are a National Organization, every year the conference location is changed and all Districts are required to take their turn as host. This year it was held in Montreal and next year it will be in Winnipeg. If you recall, a few years ago it was held here in Vancouver. As part of their duties, the Commander and Executive Officer are expected to attend this Conference where seminars are held and directives are given regarding the courses we teach. It is also an opportunity to share ideas with other Squadrons and meet our U.S.P.S. neighbours. Brian and I would like to say that we appreciated the opportunity to attend as Fraser's representatives this year. We gained knowledge and more understanding of how our Organization functions. It was also most gratifying to realize that Fraser is one of the most active Squadrons in CPS and we may well be proud of our accomplishments. Let's keep up the good work.

We are most pleased this year to have two members of Pacific Mainland District elected to the National Bridge - Peter Schrodtt of Vancouver Squadron as Training Officer and Norm Dyck of Fraser Squadron as Administration Officer.

I also wish to make mention that our own John Moran (Editor, Fairlead and Instructor, AP & JN) has served as National Course Director of Seamanship Sail for 4 years. He is presently completing the re-write of the Sea Sail Course and is then retiring from this position. John is surely looking forward to a well-deserved rest from Course Director duties. However, we have formed a committee to find ways of taking up the slack in his time.

Linda Gisborne
Executive Officer

BEST WISHES

Marg and Del Dash have sold DAUNTLESS and will be spending their winters in Mazatlan, Mexico. Del is recovering quickly from major surgery and no doubt will enjoy the sunshine. We look forward to seeing these old friends when they come back next spring to refresh their memories of things green and wet.



20 MERIT MARK LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Tony Merry, member of Fraser Squadron, achieved a plateau of service worthy of mention this year. He was awarded his 20 year Merit Mark and Life Membership in CPS at Montreal on October 24, 1987. Our hats are off to Tony at this time as we fully appreciate all the time and work involved to achieve this meritorious award.

The following is a biography of Tony's credits in Fraser Squadron:

It all started at the 1966 Vancouver Boat Show when a casual inquiry at the CPS booth confirmed that for \$20.00 one could take an Elementary Piloting Course. After he completed the 66-67 course in Richmond, Tony found the \$10.00 to join Fraser. He was immediately put to work by Cdr. Lou Durant as Squadron PRO for which he earned his very first merit mark.

Executive meetings in those days consisted of about 10 men sitting around a smoke-filled Legion Hall (a deteriorating old shack) in Ladner, passing around a couple of cases of beer. My! How things have changed.

Over the next two years, Tony stayed on the Executive and took Seamanship and AP for which he had to drive to Vancouver. Full of theory, he now decided it was safe to buy his first "large" (18 foot outboard) boat but soon traded up to a larger boat to accommodate his wife, Marilyn, and 3 small children. The children are no longer small but Marilyn is still the same age.

1970-71 saw Tony as Assistant Training Officer and the Instructor of his first Elementary Piloting Course. Working through the positions of Training Officer and Executive Officer, he became Fraser's 10th Commander in 1973-74. He remembered the Graduation Party of 1974 when one of our more stalwart members had to physically eject a menacing drunk just prior to dinner.

Both Fraser and PMD called upon Tony to be their Marep Officer for a two year term. In addition to his 14 years of Executive duties, he has successfully completed all CPS Courses except Marine Electronics and Navigator as well as instructing for five winters. He instructed the 1974-75 Weather Class for Fraser and then wrote the exam with his students, and has been instructing the Weather Course for the Squadron every winter since 83-84.

Tony still marvels at the supportive group that is Fraser. From Executive meetings to marking homework there is always someone who will say, "Hey, I can do that for you". It is a fantastic value for the money and is rewarding in the friendships made.

Last winter, Tony achieved one of his life's ambitions when he earned his 20th merit mark with Fraser Squadron. It was a proud moment indeed when he received his Life Membership plaque in person from the Chief Commander at the CPS Annual Conference in Montreal on the 24th October, 1987.

As for the future in CPS, Tony thinks he should be good for at least another 20 years since one of the Life Membership recipients in Montreal received his first merit mark when he was 64 years old.



PACIFIC FISHING DORIES

Were it not for a fleet of small fishing dories, the little circle on the map of Oregon would not likely even be there, let alone be labelled, Pacific City. The fishing has made the little community; directly from the industry and indirectly from the tourists who come to see how the other half lives or, more correctly, exists.

A typical dory is about 6 to 8m in length with a wide, flat bottom that turns up at the bow. A large outboard motor is mounted in a well arranged to allow the propeller to lie at the transom well above the bottom when the engine is tilted up. A central console carries the steering and controls. Two short trolling poles can be lowered to spread the fishing lines clear of the hull. Some boats are fitted with hydraulically driven gurdies to reel in the lines. An auxiliary hydraulic pump mounted on the top of the outboard supplies the power for the gurdies. Plywood, sheathed with fiberglass, is the usual material for the wood framed hulls which give the appearance of cheap and nasty, but rugged, construction. The most colourful item aboard is often the name.

The beach at Pacific City is open to the ocean with a slight degree of protection at one end offered by the rocky Cape Kiwanda. An offshore "stack" (a steep, rocky island) with a thin vertical arch of rock on one side provides a home for flocks of sea birds and makes a pretty silhouette for sunset pictures. The beach has a very smooth, hard surface sloping gently up to the high water line where it becomes steeper and extremely soft and dry.

In mid-morning many dories were returning from their fishing, probably because of the onset of the daily westerly wind and rising surf. A returning dory heads to the protected end of the beach planing on the top of a wave and looking like an impending disaster. At the last moment, the engine is stopped and tilted up as the boat skids up the beach on a cushion of water from the wave it was riding. Those with the best timing arrive high and dry but even the worst landings leave the boats in only a few inches of water when the next wave washes over the sand. One crewman, often the only one, casually walks up the beach to the lines of parked trucks with trailers and backs his trailer to the bow of the boat. Boats that are not high and dry, are towed up the beach, clear of the water, ready for loading. The trailer is then driven back under the upturned bow of the dory which tips up to dig the transom into the sand to prevent the whole unit from being pushed back to the water. The final step is positioning the dory on the trailer with a winch and a line to the stem. Four-wheel drive pick-up trucks seem to be the favourite vehicles as the extra traction is needed to pull the loaded trailers through soft sand on to the lower end of a concrete ramp. Only a few vehicles are lacking the reddish-brown, perforated trim around the lower body!

Nearly every shack has a trailer mounted dory in its driveway and large parking lots accommodate those boats whose owners live farther away, probably to avoid the aroma of fishy bilge water drying in the sun. Some of the fleet appears to move along the coast following the fish as one meets these rigs all along Highway 101. The whole operation is an attraction for tourists but must be a hard, meagre existence for the fisherman as suggested by the many "For Sale" signs.

John Moran



COMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 28, 1987 - Fraser's Annual Christmas Party
DECEMBER 6, 1987 - Executive meeting - Carole Stewart's home
JANUARY 3, 1988 - Executive meeting
JANUARY 22, 1988 - Fraser's regular social evening including a mini-graduation ceremony and guest speaker, Rick Kool from the B. C. Provincial Museum, who will present - SEX ON THE SEASHORE.
JANUARY 31, 1988 - Executive meeting
FEBRUARY 26, 1988 - Fraser's Annual Auction

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NOTE

Fraser is studying means to accommodate both non-smokers and smokers during the regular social evenings. We intend to discourage smoking during the short business meeting at the beginning of the evening and during the guest speaker's presentation. Please, no cigars or pipes at any time at any of our functions.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

We suggest that Supply Officer, Bernie Larmet, (274-6246) may be able to help you select Christmas gifts from his stock of CPS and squadron regalia and clothing. This comprises: CPS blazer and windbreaker crests, the smart new CPS ties, CPS sweaters and blazers, CPS flags, Fraser lapel pins, Fraser burgees, Fraser tee shirts and other items. Has the instructor in your family been wearing the lamp of learning on his blazer sleeve? You can arrange for Santa Claus to give him one for the nominal cost of \$7.50.

BOOK NOW FOR YOUR **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The program for the evening will be: Cocktails at 1830, dinner at 1930 then entertainment involving the presentation of the Pleasure Bent Trophy and ending with dancing to the music of OXFORD STREET.

The menu for the sit-down dinner will be seafood cocktail, rock cornish game hen with lemon mousse for dessert. The ticket price is \$18.00 per person for the dinner and dance. Those persons wishing a vegetarian meal or other special, dietary considerations should call Administration Officer, Reg Johanson (536-3721) well before the party date so that the Delta Town & Country Inn can make suitable preparations. As usual with all of our functions, we will welcome CPS members and Boating class students along with families and friends. Tickets are available from instructors and members of the executive.

PLACE - The Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 #17 Highway, Delta

The entrance is off River Road at the Shell gas station.

WHO MAY COME - All members of any CPS squadron, their families and friends as well as Boating class students and their families are all welcome.

DATE ---- Saturday, November 28, 1987.

