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FROM THE BRIDGE

February 26th is the night of Fraser's annual Auction. There will be no business meeting, because I will be busy with the auction!

Details are elsewhere in this Fairlead, but I can't stress enough that if you have items for auction, please bring them as early as possible - 1830 onwards.

As I mentioned in my last Fairlead message, we would like to hear from you if you want to know anything about the executive positions becoming available in April, or if you have any ideas concerning Fraser's direction in the future, please don't hesitate to call 277-7981.

The boating season is almost upon us; I, and my family, hope to see many of you at the Fraser Cruises this year.

Brian Smith
Commander



JANUARY SOCIAL

A full house best describes attendance at the Jan. 22 social. Was it the mini-grad ceremony or the opportunity to explore sex on the seashore that drew the crowd? Possibly both.

Seven new members were sworn in by Dist. Commander George Dunbar. Welcome aboard and congratulations to all.

Preceding the ceremony, D.C. Dunbar surprised us with Riding's Rooster, P.M.D.'s prize possession for this year. This coveted trophy is auctioned at the National Conference every year to raise funds towards a foundation fund for CPSS projects. The highest bidder receives the trophy for the year. P.M.D. won Riding's Rooster (originally a rubber chicken) in Montreal last October. Fraser's own Brian Smith guarded the rooster on the flight home. Well done Brian. Last year the rooster resided in the U.S.A. The Americans added their own touch to the golden cock by adding Texas longhorns.

Guest speaker Rick Kool is a biologist with the Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria. His subject was Sex on the Seashore describing the different and strange ways seashore animals reproduce (humans excluded). Everyone enjoyed Rick's humorous approach of the subject. A very enjoyable learning experience!

Plaques were presented to Rick Kool and B.C. Ferries for their contribution to Fraser Squadron programs.

Linda Nixon

PRO GALLEY

I'd like to thank my hardworking crew for working on the boat show weekend. Yes, I realize it was a very stressful job but everyone came through admirably. Starring in their dignified navy blue blazers were: HARRY and NESSIE FANE, GEORGE HICKSON, BRIAN and LINDSAY SMITH, ANDREW CONLEY, CAROLE and ERIC STEWART, AUDREY McLEOD, JACK AND JOAN HUNTER (Happy 27th Birthday, Jack), BERNIE and DARLENE LARMET, LARRY TERRICK and NORM ALLEN.

I hazard to guess we spent enough at the show to support some of the vendors till boating season. So let's make a showing of all our newly acquired toys at the Pitt Lake Marep Cruise. (Lana bought herself a wet vac for the boat and will challenge anybody in a vacuum heat. As long as the other boat is bigger and the vacuum is smaller. Loser cleans the winner's boat.

Submitted by Ben Wong
(ghostwritten by Lana)

SAVE BRACKMAN ISLAND

The Nature Conservancy of Canada is attempting to purchase Brackman Island as an ecological reserve to protect its unique vegetation and native animals. This small island, now privately owned, lies just off the west side of Portland Island which is a Provincial Marine Park. Donations can be made to: Mr. Yorke Edwards of the Nature Conservancy of Canada at 663 Radcliffe Lane, Victoria, B.C. V8S 5B8. Donations are tax deductible and will be returned if the purchase of the island is not successful.

HOW TO IDENTIFY BOATING FEVER SYMPTOMS IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER

Sweaty palms (not a result of holding a bottle of beer).

The need for wind in your face (not because you're wanting that macho windblown look).

You hang fenders off the side of your waterbed.

You're already thinking of "excuse stories" of how the big one got away.

You don't remember what females look like anymore.
(I do find this hard to believe).

Your bathroom steams up and you slow your shaving to half speed.

And in the meantime your wife is plotting what she can fit on the boat:

A full-size vanity in a three square foot head.

Four poster bed in the V.

(oh glee, no room for the iron).

A handsome pilot.

Walk-in closet.

Automatic mooring line (I don't think it's been invented yet).

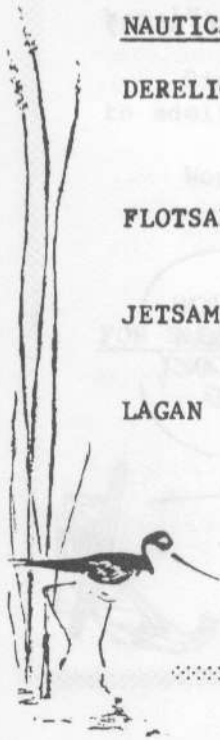
A bigger boat.

Lana Wong

NAUTICAL DEFINITIONS

- DERELICT** - a term legally applied to a ship or cargo which has been abandoned and deserted at sea by those who were in charge of her without intention of returning; a vessel forsaken at sea.
- FLOTSAM** - is such part of wreckage of a ship or its cargo as is floating on the surface of the sea.
- JETSAM** - is when a ship is in peril to be drowned and to disburden the ship, the mariners cast the goods into the sea.
- LAGAN** - is such a parcel of goods as the mariners in charge of shipwreck cast out and fasten to them a bough or cork; that so they may find them.

contributed by - Rand Lutman



TRAINING REPORT

Exams are scheduled as listed below:

All Boating, Advanced and Elective exams will be written at:
CAPTAIN'S COVE YACHT CLUB, 3871 RIVER ROAD WEST, 946-2023

Note: - Not the Marina.

Exam time 1900 hours for all exams.

BOATING: FEBRUARY 22, 1988

BOATING: FEBRUARY 24, 1988

BOATING: MARCH 7, 1988

MARINE MAINTENANCE: MARCH 1, 1988

WEATHER: MARCH 7, 1988

SEAMANSHIP POWER: MARCH 21, 1988

SEAMANSHIP SAIL: MARCH 21, 1988

MARINE ELECTRONICS: MARCH 21, 1988

January classes are well underway, with an impressive enrollment of students.

BOATING: 68 students, making up 3 classes.

LET'S BE BOAT WISE: 11 students

MARINE ELECTRONICS: 11 students

Fraser is again offering a Local Knowledge and VHF radio course this spring.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE: Registration April 6, 1988 at 1900 hours, class as well as registration. Local knowledge will be held April 6, 13, 20 and 27.
Course fee \$10.00 at Delta Secondary School,
4615 51 Street, Ladner.

VHF RADIO will register and run 3 nights plus exam at 1900 hours, April 11, 18, 25.
Course fee \$18.00 at Burnett Jr. Secondary School,
5011 Granville Ave., Richmond.

Fraser's Training Dept. wishes the best of luck to all students writing exams, and encourages each Boating student to become a CPS member.

Karen Leah Lewichew

Training Officer (536-4464)



FAIRLEAD STAFF WEATHERS THE STORM

The evening of Jan. 15th found the staff assembling the FAIRLEAD as guests of staff-member Cheryl & Ernie Gaudet on their luxurious new floating home at Canoe Pass Village.

I believe that we were all very anxious to see what weathering a storm in a floating home would be like. We were about to find out!

As we busied ourselves sorting, folding and stuffing envelopes, the wind-chimes which were hanging in the living room began to chime continuously and the water in the large aquarium came very close to slopping over onto the carpet. It became quite apparent that the wind-storm had arrived in full force and on cue.

Our editor, John, found himself quite alone at the table as his staff found that experiencing the storm was much more exciting than assembling the FAIRLEAD. Poor John!

As we watched the white-caps breaking over the piers, the neighbouring homes swayed back and forth in the wind. Cheryl dashed outside to "batten down the hatches," which entailed bringing "everything" inside that was about to blow over-board.

The Gaudet's boat "Cherit" was tied securely on the south side of their home, but tossed restlessly as the wind relentlessly buffeted the two tarps that covered her.

"Tiger" the Yorkshire terrier decided that the safest place to be was on Cheryl's knee.

The winds died down around midnight.

As I descended the stairs to the front door I called up "Cheryl, did you know that you have a wheelbarrow in your entrance hall (standing on the pink carpet)? "Yes," said Cheryl, it's all part of conforming to life on a floating home!"

Did the FAIRLEAD staff get sea-sick? Well, if they did, they weren't about to admit it. Did our editor ever get a chance to complete his meeting? No!

Would I like to live on a floating home? Yes, what fun!

Alare Ramos

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FOR SALE - '69 TOLLYCRAFT 24 ft. Cabin Cruiser, 225 Merc cruiser TR2 leg. Immaculate condition. For more info call 536-4464.

- Force 10 charcoal barbecue with new fire tray for \$80.00
Phone 946-2701.
- 330 hp, 454 cu. in. Mercury inboard motor c/w vee drive, F.W. cooling, exhaust system, electrical harness and guages \$8,800.

Underwater running gear including drive shaft, strut, propeller and rudder may be sold as a lot for \$1,000. or separately. Phone 946-4221



MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE: CAROLE STEWART

From Ontario to Richmond, B.C. came Carole Stewart following husband Eric who was transferred here in 1983. Soon friends were taking them on fishing trips on the Fraser, then Georgia Strait and on to Porlier Pass. "I found out that 20' is mighty small out there." She was considered by friends to be a white knuckle boater.

By now, Eric being the avid fisherman he is, they were earnestly "JUST LOOKING" for their own boat that could at least sleep four. Then, there it was. A 28' Bayliner Victoria. Carole was still not sure about all that water around her.

Then a co-worker told Eric that there was an organization that offered a basic boating course.... They took the course in '84 and thoroughly enjoyed it, with Brian Smith as instructor and Lindsay Smith as proctor. In 1986 the call came to help the squadron and Carole and Eric were more than willing to give of their time, however work kept them busy and she could only attend a few classes before Christmas of that year.

Then in 1987 another call came. The squadron needed a secretary and Carole accepted and in the fall of that year yet another call came and she accepted to proctor and Eric to instruct Boating. Also in the fall of '87 Carole passed the RADIO OPERATOR'S course offered by Fraser. "I now know how to use our VHF."

Thanks Carole for being a member of Fraser Squadron.

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SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

Fourteen Fraser members joined members from North Vancouver, Sur-Del and Vancouver Island for the dry land cruise to Seattle.

Our first stop was the Duty Free store for those who wanted to purchase liquid refreshments, perfume etc. and then it was right on to Seattle. Next stop was the waterfront for lunch and then a tour of the locks and fish ladder. For some, it was on to shop at Southgate and the rest of us went to the boatshow. We spent several hours looking at all the large power boats, dreaming of winning a lottery or wishing the prices were in Canadian funds instead of U.S. funds!

The two busses then gathered all passengers from their different locations to arrive for check-in at our motel in the Port of Tacoma about 7 pm. Then it was out for supper, dancing in the lounge or just relaxing in your room for the evening.

Sunday morning we were all up early for our buffet breakfast. Our bus could not get started so we had a wee wait till another bus came and transported us to Seattle while a mechanic was called to fix the bus.

There were many things to see and demonstrations to watch, as it is a much larger show than our Vancouver Boat show, so we found, with a few breaks in between, we needed both days to really take it all in. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the trip and also found a few bargains (especially boat fenders) to bring home.

Diane Grabher

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 26, 1988	Fraser's Annual Auction
MARCH 6, 1988	Executive meeting at the home of Reg Johanson
MARCH 25, 1988	Monthly social evening
APRIL 1, 2 & 3, 1988	Fraser's Cruise to Pitt Lake
APRIL 6, 1988	Registration for Fraser's Local Knowledge Course
APRIL 11, 1988	Registration for Fraser's VHF Radio Course including an M.O.T. exam for a restricted radio operator's certificate.
APRIL 22, 1988	Fraser's Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch
MAY 6, 1988	Graduation Party
MAY 27, 28, 1988	Pacific Mainland Districts AGM.

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FRASER'S ANNUAL AUCTION 26th FEBRUARY 1988

Come at 1830 to get a seat and bring items for Auction. Cataloguing ends at 2000 hours and auction begins. Fraser retains 10% of the selling price of all items sold and any unsold items must be removed by the owner at the end of the evening. You may donate items for Fraser to sell.

Commander Brian and his family will be in charge as usual, many strange and wonderful water related items are destined to change hands!

The bar will be open.

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 \$3.00 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 families and friends as well as Boating class students and their families are welcome.
DRESS - Very casual dress is just fine.

NOTE: Several friends and I would like to thank the responsible individuals for providing a smoke-free environment for the January social evening, it was very enjoyable.

Leif Sorensen

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EASTER CRUISE

Marep Officer, Gerhard Meuter, has arranged for an extra interest item in the form of a marep contest on this weekend cruise to Pitt Lake. For the most errors or omissions found on charts, sailing directions, light list or other federal government publications found on this cruise and turned in to Gerhard, there will be three prizes.

The largest number of accepted marep reports will gain the alert observer and his mate (only one mate allowed) a free entree at the Bella Vita Restaurant on Good Friday evening. Maximum allowance for 2 meals is \$50. The second largest number of accepted mareps will bring ten dollars worth of goods from Fraser's stock of CPS goodies. The third largest number of accepted mareps will bring a Fraser Tee Shirt from Supply Officer Bernie Larmet.

More details of the cruise will be given in our next Fairlead but this advance warning is offered as an inducement to sharpen your powers of observation.

BAD NEWS---GOOD NEWS



BAD NEWS first...There are still some members who have not yet renewed their MEMBERSHIP for 1988. Are you one of them? If so, then you are eligible for the GOOD NEWS. National has just announced that they have extended the cut-off date for renewal at the regular rate to include February 29, 1988. This means that you can still renew without having to reinstate. The regular fee is still in effect until that date for \$36.00. This fee covers until April 1989. After that date you will have to include the reinstatement fee of \$5.00.

Remember last year when we did not receive our Propwash Roster until we had returned from a summer of cruising? This year we are guaranteed that they will be here before we take off for the wide blue yonder. All lists of active members must be into the printers not later than February 29, 1988. There will be NO exceptions. If you want to have your name appear in the Roster, please make sure that your membership dues are sent directly to Joan Hunter, Membership Officer. I will not be making any additions after February 26, 1988. Also, is your name and address correct? What about your boat name and the name of your First Mate? Have these changed in the last year?

Pick up the phone and give me a call for any corrections.