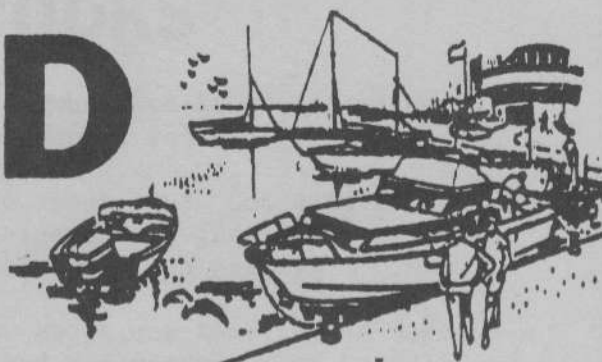


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- MARCH MEETING -

GENERAL MEETING - RICHMOND INN - FRIDAY, MARCH 17/78 - 1930 hours (prompt)

GOURMET NIGHT !!

by Norm Dyck

Alison Gibbs, Home Economist with B. C. Packers, will demonstrate their seafood products. She will cook delicious chowders, (yes, we will be allowed to taste them!), and will de-bone a whole salmon to show us how it is done. We'll see how to make seafood kabobs and other delectable goodies, to duplicate at sea or at home. Alison will also describe seafood processing as done at B. C. Packers. Recipes will be available. All skippers should bring their first mates and/or cooks to this meeting, which promises to be a very interesting evening. Guests very welcome.

The baked salmon will be awarded as a door prize !!

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- APRIL MEETINGS -

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - - APRIL 21, 1978

Reserve this date for this VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.

More on this in the next issue.

Next Executive Meeting:

April 2, 1978
at the home of Rick Chapman
797 Gabriola Gate
Richmond, B.C.
1930 hours prompt.

EXAMS

Exams are now being held throughout the Fraser Power Squadron area. Graduation exercises will be held May 12, at the Richmond Inn.

BOOKS

LIVING ABOARD: THE CRUISING SAILBOAT
AS A HOME by Jan and Bill Moeller

(International Marine Publishing, 1977)

After six years of living afloat, Jan & Bill Moeller are comfortable, happy, & enthusiastic realists. They have learned and profited from others' experiences; they have tried and erred on their own. They have found that life afloat, like life anywhere, has its problems, but those problems are small in relation to the rewards of the live-aboard lifestyle.

LIVING ABOARD is the result of the Moellers' accumulated experiences. It is a complete guide to the practicalities of living on a cruising boat. The book serves equally well those who plan to move onto a boat, and those who already have done so. Particularly useful is the chapter on the unique problems faced by live-aboards -- practical solutions are offered for each of them.

LIVING ABOARD dispels many misguided notions of roughing it on a boat -- it is a valuable manual for anyone who has ever yearned to abandon a comfortable shoreside home for a comfortable boat home.

COOKS

Well, believe it or not we have run out of recipes!!

How about you? Got a favorite recipe that's just perfect for making up in a galley?

How about one that can be made ahead and warmed up on board?

Or, perhaps you have a secret punch recipe that you've been anxious to share?

Please send your ideas to the editor.

& SECOND LOOKS

SPRING CHECK-UP TIME

by Don Thompson

Any time now we will be bombarded with ads reminding us to have our engines checked over by a competent mechanic, & this should be done, but here are a few things that don't always receive the attention they should and you can do it yourself.

ANCHOR, CHAIN, & LINE -- Check the flukes; if they are bent they won't dig in properly. Is the shackle worn? The pin wired so you son't lose it if it comes loose? How about the thimble -- is it secure? Is the anchor line chafed? If so, maybe you should cut 10 or 15 feet off, and resplice in a new thimble. Check your tie-up lines. If they don't look to good, maybe it's time to renew them. You can kill two birds with one rope here, by buying a new anchor line and making new tie-up lines with the old one.

HEAD: When did you last replace the flapper valves and the pump packing? Easier to do it now than when it's plugged. Don't forget to shut the thru hull fittings and while you're at it, why not spray them with a lubricant such as W.D.40 so they can be opened or closed easily.

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SPRING CHECK-UP, continued

ELECTRICAL: Check and clean your fuses and fuse holders, bulbs, and sockets, to assure good contact, and test the bulbs, they may need replacing.

PROPANE: Tank getting a bit rusty? Maybe it needs a good wire brushing and repainting. Valve working freely?? Maybe you should take the tank into a propane dealer and have him check the tank and valve. Check the line to your stove for kinks or flat spots, check the fitting at the stove. You might even give the burners a good cleaning.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: How old are your flares? How about your life jackets? If you have an inflatable dinghy, it's easier to pump it up and check it now than when you need to use it. Check the small craft regulations to see what is required for your size vessel and fill the missing items now, and you should be better prepared for a good boating season.

"GOOD BOATING!"

COURSE NEWS

by Art Wilkes

Accelerated course which was announced for January 9, 1978 in the December Fairlead, was so well subscribed that there had to be two classes organized!

Tony Merry (Commander, Retired) is instructing a class of 21 at Ladner with Margaret Halliday assisting.

Harry Fane is instructing the class at Richmond with Rick Chapman assisting.

These two classes will write their exams on April 3, 1978.

(Editor's Note: Not only is Marg Halliday our hard working treasurer, also assisting Tony Merry, but she has also organized a boating class cruise on her own ship Resamea III, for "on the water" instruction.)

Instructor Course -- starting in May. Anyone interested should contact Carol Quartermain at 277-7007.

REPORT ON GENERAL MEETING, HELD FEB. 17, 1978, RICHMOND INN

by Lindsay Smith

Great turnout again! And no wonder, since we have been having such excellent speakers! Among the guests present were several members from White Rock Squadron. It is always good to welcome guests from other squadrons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chuck Wong, Commander, announced that indications from talking to people visiting the CPS booth at the Boat Show, are that we may expect quite a number of registrations for the coming fall's courses.

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Announcements (cont.)

John Jones, Lt./C. Executive, asked for names to be submitted for those members who had performed a good deed at sea during the past twelve months, and who might be eligible for the "Murray Award" to be presented at the graduation dance.

GUEST SPEAKER:

February's guest speaker was introduced by Norm Dyck, as a member of the North Shore Fish and Game Club, and a gentleman with 14 years mooching experience in the waters mostly around Horseshoe Bay and Pender Harbour.

His name is Harold Walker, and his topic "How to Catch Salmon" . . .

He brought along his custom made Superflex rod together with is Windex Reel, which he says are very good but rather expensive. He also showed us his live bait box, built of wood by himself, and which doubles as a container in which he transports items which he always takes along on his fishing trips. Since he does all his fishing from a 12' boat, a very important item he showed us was a seat with a back which he made by shortening the legs of an old Ritchen chair and bending them to fit over the seat in the boat.

Harold also explained about his anchoring system, (or rather his unanchoring system), which consists of a float attached to the anchor line, which is slip-tied to the back of his seat, so that it can be immediately untied, the instant he has a bite on his line, allowing him the freedom to move the boat and keep up to the fish.

He told us when to fish, the conditions ideal for successful fishing, and demonstrated how to cut strips and plugs from herring. He told us his theory of a salmon's behaviour when feeding, the depths at which you should catch fish, and the importance of knowing accurately the amount of line you have paid out. Harold also told us the ideal line weight, and hook size, length of leader, and how to bait the hook, as well as how and when to strike and bring the salmon in.

If Harold Walker's methods for catching salmon work, as he assured us they do, Fraser should have a grand contest for the trophy this year!

Congratulations Norm, on providing another interesting and informative topic for Fraser's meeting!

COMING EVENTS

by John Jones

Canadian Hydrographics are holding open house at their new quarters at Pat Bay (Victoria International Airport) on April 15, at 1300 hours. Transportation will be available from Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal, so no need to take your motor vehicle. MAREP officers, past and present, are especially welcome, but so are all Squadron members. If you are interested, contact Executive Officer John Jones 277-3035, no later than March 24.

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COMING EVENTS (cont.)

Tall Ships -- Arriving July 25 -- at least 80 Power Squadron boats 25' or over, are wanted to act as escort vessels for the tall ships from East Point on Saturna Island to Vancouver Harbour. Again, if you are interested, let your Executive Officer know before March 31.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1975 Sea Ray, 22' overnighter, with 160 hours on Mercury 188, galley, dinette, head, sounder, Bennett Trim Tabs, Dual batteries with switch, anchor pack, 5 months moorage and much more.

Asking \$12,900. Phone Paul Koop at 327-3737.

FOR SALE: 1975 20 HP Mercury outboard motor, long shaft, gas tank and hose, never used. Paid \$827.

Asking \$650. Will Bargain! Phone Karen, 943-1025.

FOR SALE: 20 ft. Swiftsure fibreglass deep V runabout with a 302 (215 HP) Ford Waukeshau engine, fresh-water cooled, 270 Volvo leg, hydraulic trim tabs, twin swim grids, dual batteries with disconnect switch, head, galley, compass, depth sounder, and many other features.

Sale price \$7,000 or negotiable. For further info call Archie Benzal at 278-1126.

FOR SALE: Gobrana II, 22 ft. K. & C. hardtop, 215 Ford Waukeshau, 270 Volvo leg, full galley, head, Bennett trim tabs, depth sounder, C.B. Radio, VHF antenna, short yak II dingy, spotlight, anchor & rope, compass, 8 track stereo, and much more. Moorage til March 1978.

Offers -- Ron Dewsbury 271-4388.

FOR SALE: 1973 Sabrecraft 25 ft., 225 HP, OMC - fully equipped, fresh water cooling and heater, stand-up head, VHF radio and antenna. Command Bridge and dual stations.

Phone 271-3938, Jim Cowl.

FOR SALE: 26' Campion Toba 235 H. P. OMC inboard/outboard. Stern drive, Bennett trim tabs, depth sounder, VHF/CB radios, stand up head, all in excellent condition.

Phone 943-2669

FOR SALE: 8' Livingston Dinghy with oars. Like new. Save \$100.00 off retail price.

Phone 274-4887

