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FROM THE BRIDGE

As our organization grows in size, not only at the national and district levels, but in particular at the squadron level, the need for a "Talent Roster" increases to ensure that willing and capable volunteers are not overlooked. In a squadron the size of Fraser, it is impossible for the executive, as a group, to know through informal channels the skills, experience and interests of all of its members.

Included in this issue of the Fairlead is a questionnaire to be completed by all 21,000 plus members of CPS to enable the preparation of a comprehensive membership "Talent Roster." All levels of the CPS organization will be able to benefit from such an inventory of membership information. Using the "Talent Roster," it will be possible to approach the most suitable people to take on a particular task.

Please take the time to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me as soon as you can. My home address is:

8371 Cullen Cres.
Richmond, B.C.
V6Y 2W9



Cdr. George Schurman

THEORY TO PRACTICE

by Cheryl Gaudet

The fall rains came and the class seemed so far away. With my chart rolled up under my arm, and jumping over the puddles I rushed to make every class on time. I thought to myself, "Why sit and plot charts and learn to read the compass? I'll only be making sandwiches and taking pictures."

Well, graduation came and there I stood amongst all these women in their very official looking attire, counting the merit marks on their arms. I began to question myself again "I wonder what classes and experiences they have had." The passing thought escaped me momentarily and I got involved enjoying myself and leaving work behind.

May to June were very busy months with getting our boat ready to go out on a great number of trips. Everything we learned seemed to come back, propellers pitched, engines overhauled, charts being bought, log book kept up to date, Fairlead on board for reading material, and roster stowed so we could call any Squadron members if necessary, fire extinguishers and flares checked to be sure they were in good order. Well, I thought, I was sure glad I knew something.

The trip was planned and we set out down the river. "Now, which side should those channel buoys be?" Hey, this is not so nerve racking; those freighters are passing us nicely. "How do I meet their wakes?" Easy does it, Basic Boating scores again. Finally at the Gas Dock, "All right, everybody off this vessel." Cries of "But why? We're just getting settled." Well, a good word from the Captain ought to straighten this out --- Safety." How many times did I hear that on those rainy nights?

We are ready to proceed, the fishing lines are out, and soon I will be taking over the wheel. What's the compass reading? Where are we heading? The first "zing" of that rod makes the adrenalin pump. I must jump to the Captain's Chair and carry on as all the activity is going on in the stern with rods being reeled in and fish in the boat.

We see them, "Giants of the Sea," the beautiful, marbled effect of their bodies breaching and twirling into the air. "They are all over; what do you call so many---pods of killer whales." The big dorsal fin slashes the water and points up to the sky. This is his domain. The babies swim side by side, bouncing and darting together. "Babies," I said, they are bigger than a 27' boat. Help! Did I say bigger than our boat! They're coming through, which way do I turn? Power Squadron class never mentioned this! Steady as she goes, they don't seem bothered. We don't matter to them. I'll keep driving -- hope they hear our engines. Camera out, no one will believe us. This is the third pod we've seen. Boy, we're lucky!

I can hardly wait for the fall again. "What shall I take?" Weather course, so I don't take a million clothes and spend half the time down below, changing. "How about Seamanship Power?" That's a good one. What a choice, I can't decide. Check the Fairlead again; it'll tell me.

Well, first social and can you believe it? A slide show on killer whales! Boy, Power Squadron does it again! Boating can be safe and fun!

FRASER'S 1984 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 8th found 70-plus Fraser members and friends at the Delta Town and Country Inn to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Guests of honor were District Commander Norm Dyck and his wife Sue and Wally Kiss and his wife Eleanor.

Unfortunately there were no lucky fishermen this year on any of our cruises, so last years winner Nessie Fane keeps the Fishing Trophy for another year!

The imaginative minds of Lindsay and Brian Smith, Martin Hoffman and Randy Lutman provided us with their comedy version of "The African Queen." Several members names were mentioned as to the no-no's they committed this year in contention for the Pleasure Bent Trophy. The boater who topped the list was Bert Gisborne who almost sank his boat due to faulty hoses. I might add; Brian was hilarious playing the part of Katharine Hepburn!

Good music provided by "Reflections" and great prizes awarded those with lucky numbers or the right answers to tricky questions asked on the dance floor by Brian rounded out the evening.

Diane Grabher

ANYONE FOR AUSTRALIA?

The Schooner Cove Yacht Club (near Parksville, Van. Is.) is organizing a package tour to Perth, Australia to take in the America's Cup matches in 1986. The cost is estimated to be a little over \$3,000 per person (double occupancy) for a two week stay.

More information can be obtained from: Schooner Cove Yacht Club,
c/o J. H. and L. Allix,
Site 118-C8, R. R. #1,
Parksville, B.C.
VOR 250

Fraser has a letter from the S.C.Y.C. with a little more information. Call John Moran at 943-3416.

ANCHORING TIP

The trip line is often a nuisance as it either drifts all over the anchorage at low water or the float gets pulled under at highwater. One good sailor runs his through the finger space at the handle of a plastic jug and adds a small weight to the end of the line. The handle acts as a pulley and the weight keeps the line taut enough to hold the jug more or less over the anchor.

What, you don't use a trip line!!

Good luck, if you anchor in the usual bird's nests of sunken logs and debris that are often found in areas used for log booms.

Thanks to - Alex Wortmann

A CHANGE IN THE FAIRLEAD COMMITTEE

Flo Delves has left to take up residence in Summerland so that she and Don can enjoy their retirement in drier and sunnier climes. We will all miss her good humour, wit, dedication and often threatened mutiny. Thank you, Flo; it has been a pleasure working with you.

Cheryl Gaudet, who volunteered the article on canning salmon agreed without a struggle to help with Fairlead. It is a treat to get an acceptance at the first request for help. Thank you, Cheryl; we are looking forward to your company on our work parties.

John Moran, editor.

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U.S. NAVY COMES TO ITS SENSES

The U.S. Navy has finally abandoned its plan to scuttle more than 120 obsolete nuclear powered submarines off the coast of California over the next 30 years. The nuclear power plants will be stored in land sites with some likely going to Hanford, Washington. The non-nuclear components of the subs will be either cut up for scrap metal or dumped at sea.

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FAST 'N' FABULOUS FRUITCAKE

(makes one 9" cake)

2½ c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 eggs, slightly beaten
3 cups (one 28 oz. can) mincemeat

1 can sweetened condensed milk
(Eagle Brand)
2 cups mixed candied fruit
1 cup walnuts or pecans,
coarsely chopped
glazed cherries, optional

Grease 9 - inch tube pan, line with waxed paper and grease again. (or use generously greased and floured 10 inch Bundt pan). Sift together flour and baking soda, set aside.

In large bowl, combine eggs, mincemeat, condensed milk, fruit and nuts. Add dry ingredients. Blend well.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake 1 hour and 50 minutes. Cool 15 min. Turn out of pan. Remove waxed paper.

If desired, glaze and decorate with glazed cherries and pecans.

GLAZE 1 cup powdered sugar
4 tsp. hot milk
½ tsp. almond flavouring

Mix well. Drizzle over cake immediately and add decorations.

TIP - To store cake, cool thoroughly, wrap well in aluminum foil, and refrigerate or freeze.



COMING EVENTS

Jan. 19 to Jan. 27, 1985 Seattle Boat Show

Jan. 25, 1985 Fraser's regular monthly social evening featuring Constable Stu McLea of the R.C.M.P.'s Marine Operations who will tell us about the problems of enforcing marine law.

Feb. 2, 1985 The opening day of the Vancouver Boat Show when Fraser's volunteers will occupy the CPS information booth.

Feb. 16 or 23, 1985 Depending on the availability of mooring space, the Hot Toddy contest for power boat navigation will be held on one of these days preferably Feb. 23. It will be started in the vicinity of Snug Cove, Bowen Is. and will run for about 25 miles.

Feb. 22, 1985 Fraser's Annual Auction

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Fraser's social evening (Jan. 25) and the Auction (Feb. 22) will be held at the Delta Town & Country Inn starting at 2000. The doors and bar will open at 1930.

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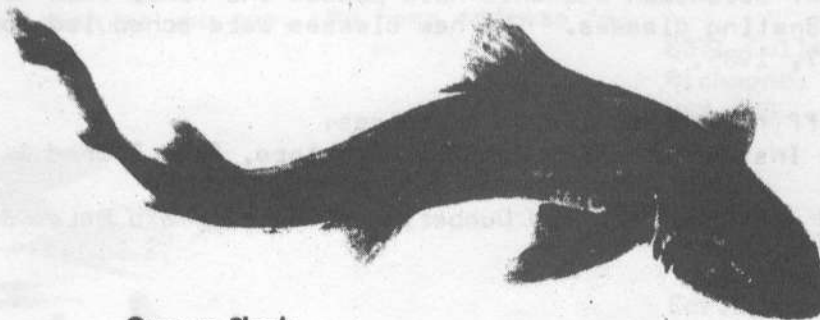
REMEMBER TO SEND CDR. GEORGE THE FILLED-IN TALENT ROSTER

FOR SALE - 26' 1948 Wooden Cutter, yellow cedar on oak, 3 yr. old sails, dndger and 10 h.p. Chrysler sailer. Phone 946-1827

ARE YOU INTERESTED? - In chartering on an occasional basis; if so please call Del or Marg Dash at 685-8820.

CPS NATIONAL CONFERENCE - The 1985 National Conference will be held in Vancouver in mid October.

THE COVER SKETCH - The cover sketch for this issue of Fairlead was drawn by Michael Hannah, the author of December's article on the Falkland Islands.



Gummy Shark

PREDICTED LOG CONTESTS

Fraser has voted to sponsor one of the annual contests organized by the G. of G. Power Boat Navigators Assoc. of B. C. The contest will be named the Hot Toddy and the prize will be called the Fraser Navigators Trophy. The first running will be held Feb. 16 or 23, 1985. For further information call Marg Dash at 685-8820.

All Fraser P.S. Members are entitled to compete in any, or all, of the events of the G. of G. P.B.N.A. of B. C. because Fraser is a full member as are many yacht clubs. Don't leave our representation just to Dauntless; surely you can do better.

Remember, proficiency in piloting leads to safer boating.

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FRASER'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Fraser's Auction will soon be upon us, so now is the time to start thinking about some of those boating related items that you feel will be of more use to someone else than to yourself. This is run like a regular auction where:

- 1) You can set a minimum selling price for any or all of your articles.
- 2) You can donate items or services so Fraser will get the whole selling price.
- 3) You can offer your goods or services for whatever the trade will bring. Note, that except for donated items, Fraser will skim 10% of the selling price from the top and you will get the remainder.
- 4) You can sit and laugh yourself silly at Brian Smith's auctioneering without trying to buy anything.

Please call Brian Smith (277-7981) well ahead of time to inform him of what you wish to sell. This gives him the chance to come up with smart remarks that may spur on the bidding.

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TRAINING DEPT. NEWS

Eleven of seventeen students have passed the final exam for the fall accelerated Boating classes. The new classes were scheduled for registration on Jan. 7, 1985.

The staff for these classes comprises:

For Ladner - Instructor, Gary Russell; Proctors, Alan Eldred & Garnet Jamieson

For Richmond - Instructor, Ted Dubberley; Proctors, Stu McLea & Ron Paull