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ANCHORAGES AHEAD

- 9 - Sept. - Meeting
- 14 - Oct. - Meeting
- 11 - Nov. - Meeting

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

From the landlubber:

Part I

I certainly notice my invitations to go fishing have seriously diminished over this last month.....The more I involve myself with Squadron business, the more I am amazed with the amount of interesting boating that is being done by our members. This is not a place to write a "Personal Glimpse" column.... however, when I called Dave Seaman to inquire about the Public Boating Course, I discovered that he had been outside and had made a 180 down by the Columbia River because of poor weather and sea conditions. I called Walt Earp to try and get up a golf game only to uncover that he and Len Berkoff were bringing a Vega up from San Francisco. I am sure there are others who are doing equally exciting things that I don't hear about. Of course all the excitement is not on the outside, the rocks in Mosquito Pass are just as hard as those off Cape Flattery and it is pretty difficult to run aground following the 20 fathom curve but there is something about the outside that makes the adrenalin flow. And come to think about it, how about the magnificent job Jim Henshaw did on the Shaw Island Classic, there was excitement enough for anyone. The stories for the next few meetings should be dandies...By-the-way, don't forget to fly your Ensign and Burgie....well, there goes a couple more fishing trips!

Part II

(Extracted from an article in the Possession Sound Power Squadron's September "Soundings")

Look to your running lights. As of July, this year, the new international lighting requirements were effective for all vessels. Congress has passed legislation which now requires any U.S. vessel that may enter international waters must meet the international lighting requirements. This takes effect in December. Our boats may enter into Canadian waters and so must have international lights, even though they may never actually enter international waters. Lighting on some of the local boats is woefully inadequate...so look to your own running lights. Check CG 160 (1972 Colregs) or a current copy of Chapman's for range and arc as well as placement on your boat. Don't wait till the weather in the banana belt changes, set up your lighting now so that a novice coming down on you in the middle of the night can see you, can tell what type of boat you are and in what direction you are traveling. Then hope that the rest of the boaters have gone through the Public Boating Course and give you the same warning by being adequately lit.

Part III

That was a wonderful barbeque!!!!

Fred Popham, Executive Officer

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Archie and Elizabeth Merrifield outdid themselves in putting on this years Salmon Bake..the salmon was superb, the arrangements went like clock-work, and the park-like setting at the Merrifields home contributed greatly to the wonderful afternoon. Many thanks, Archie and Elizabeth!

Also our thanks to Chairmen

Vic Dauer	Dick Eacho	Dick Barnes
Igor Kosin	Ed Carlberg	Chuck Anderson
Ken Tyler		

and their committees for their contribution in making the day a success.

And a special "thank you" to those ladies who so graciously prepared and helped serve the potluck.

Dick Tutt, Adm. Officer

MEETINGS

Our meetings this year will be somewhat different from the past. First, all meetings will be held in the evening, so that more members and/or prospective members will be able to attend. Second, each meeting will feature an exciting speaker and program, not only to appeal to members but especially planned to interest wives, also. There will be brief business meetings preceding each program. To repeat: WIVES ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED. . . we want you, and promise you'll enjoy the meetings. As a sample, here's the intriguing program for our first Fall meeting:

SEPTEMBER 9th, 8:00 PM, at The Turnagain

"THINGS ON SOFT BOTTOMS AND OTHER OCEAN CRITTERS"

Colored slide presentation and talk by Dr. Ronald Shimek, noted lecturer and photographer of marine life; independent investigator for the University of Washington Marine Field Laboratories. Dr. Shimek is presently teaching at the Bamfield Marine Station Laboratories.

Drinks will be available from the bar.....
Coffee and doughnuts will be served

COME ON, EVERYBODY.....HAVE A GOOD TIME AND FIND OUT A FEW THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW BEFORE!!!!

MEETING SCHEDULE 1981-82

SEPT. 9	"Things on Soft Bottoms and Other Ocean Critters". Colored Slide Presentation	Dr. Ronald Shimek, University Of Washington Marine Field Laboratories.
OCT. 14 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour 7:30 Dinner Pot Luck	Live exhibits and public demonstrations of Coast Guard Equipment for Canada and the U.S. (Times to be announced). Dinner, followed by forum discussion.	Officer Clarence Page, CCG Chief Warrant Officer Jesse Rowe, USCG
NOV. 11 8 PM	"Glacier Bay, Alaska". Sound film	Bob Howe, Former superintendent, Glacier Marine National Park, Alaska
DEC. 9 CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour	"Restoration of the Historic Schooner, "Star of India" - 7:30 Dinner - Pot Luck	Captain Kenneth Reynard, Former Master, "Star of India"

Didn't make it.

JAN. 13 8 PM	"Princeandam Reserve. Sinking in the Gulf of Alaska. Film and Narrative	Captain Paul Russell, Chief Boating and Safety Division, 13th District, USCG
FEB. 10 VALENTINE PARTY 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour 7:30 Dinner Pot Luck	"Biography of Boats I have Courtied"	Louis Myers, Sailing Master
MARCH 10 ELECTION OF OFFICERS 8 PM	"Personal Goofs and Mishaps Afloat"	Program by Members of the Bridge
APRIL 24 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour 7:30 Dinner - Catered	CHANGE OF WATCH	
MAY 12 8 PM	"Films of the Panama and Other Excitement"	Fred and Carey Popham

NOTE that the October 14, Dec. 9, and Feb. 10 meetings are scheduled for pot-luck dinners. The Special Events Committee will appoint members to help serve these dinners as those dates approach.

ALSO; Meeting places will be announced in advance of each event.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Final preparations are being made for our Public Boating Course, to start on 22 September, at 7:30 PM in F.H.H.School - Room (1). Pass the word among your boating friends, especially those who have just bought their first boat.

Special Note. We have just received word that John A. (Jack) Palmquist has passed his J-N Exams. Congratulations!

REFRESH YOUR PILOTING SKILLS

We have received most of the basic information on charts that the pleasure boatman should have a fair understanding of, so now we must talk a little about Plotting. Plotting is really the fun part of piloting, and of course is the process whereby a graphic representation of the progress of one's boat is drawn in on the chart. The plot can give the following information: The direction to steer in order to reach the next turning point, the distance to the next buoy, your position at any time, warn you of dangers along your course line, etc.

Plotting can be taught in the class room, but one should be all means go out on a boat and practise the techniques "hands-on". Like riding a bicycle or playing golf, it doesn't really "sink-in" till one has fallen off a few times or sliced into the rough. Some people have a knack for reading road maps and keeping their sense of direction. Plotting probably would come easier to them but anyone can learn with a little study and practise.

In the space available in our Harbor Lights we cannot do this subject justice. We urge everyone to enroll in the Advanced Piloting Course which we teach each school year. In this course you will be given a full size chart of a popular boating area in New England and will lay out courses and plot bearings till you become very proficient.

Piloting Skills (cont.)

In the meantime, practice on a boat at every opportunity. Learn how to use the parallel ulers or a plotter, and the dividers, and how to take bearings on lighthouses or prominent landmarks. Next month we will delve into some aspects of Plotting and then move along and discuss aids to Navigation.

David S. Seaman J-N S/EO