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HARBOR LIGHTS



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Commander's Message

...By Gordon Steele AP, Commander

It is good to be back ! For Bev and I, one month of traveling around Europe is about our limit. The People-to-People program was a great success. We had about 18 American scientists from all specialties of the high-vacuum field (one of which was James Lafferty P/D/C District 5, NY) and wives, giving and hearing talks at various institutions and companies in four countries; sometimes two a day. The group typically had lunch with our hosts and then had them to dinner at our hotel; so we had an excellent chance to get to know these people on a one-on-one basis. The People-to-People organization is worldwide and performs this type of service for various professions (ie. legal, medical, educational, etc.). If invited, think about it seriously. It is great to have the red carpet treatment; transportation, passports, customs, accomodations are taken care of for you as smooth as silk.

You will receive a letter, from Treasurer Vic Dauer, explaining payment of the USPS dues for 1985. National Headquarters sent statements to all members directly for the first time this year. They also have moved the deadline for payment one month earlier to 1 December 1984. We prefer to remit the National and District portions of your Squadron dues as a group. Therefore, send your Squadron dues to Vic Dauer in the amount indicated, Single or Family Membership, in the letter along with the statement. If perchance you have already sent money to National, deduct that amount from your total dues and send your check to Vic Dauer.

I urge everyone to attend our Christmas Party meeting in December; particularly the new members who have not received their certificates since we have many to swear in. This has traditionally been a fun-filled event and this year will be no exception.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

...By Jack Gordon S

The yellow "Flag-a-Snag" Flags are available at the Marine Center in Seattle. On your way to the Boat Shows, Christmas parties, or whatever, be sure to pick one or more up, put it on your boat and jam it into any snag, deadhead, etc that you cruise by. Save your fellow boatman's boat and gear. You might even save your own on your return trip.

BOATING SAFETY

...By Cy Finley, Safety Officer

PARADISE LOST ??? Surely you have noticed over the past few months an increasing number of news references to stolen dingies. Such losses cause considerable annoyance, lost of cruising time, increased insurance costs and some, if not considerable out-of-pocket costs. As much as I dislike my recommendation you should consider securing your dingy with lock and chain (cable) whenever you are absent from your boat. Make whatever means you have used very obvious for two reasons; first to discourage the thief and second, to remind you to remove the restraints before undocking. Looking for a misplaced key can lead to unneeded stress and hysteria.



I picked up a few sentences from "THE PRACTICAL SAILOR" (October 15, 1984) which I would like to share with you. The subject of the article concerns Radar Reflectors and here are the sentences: "Two miles represents about 3½ minutes of steaming time for a large modern ship. Changing course at a distance any closer than 2 miles is difficult if not impossible. In addition to simple maneuverability, time must be allowed for the radar operator to react to the signal on his screen. His eyes and judgment are subject to human error. [Nearby] bright targets will render the less lustrous returns harder to identify and follow. A large ship may have its radar set on long range, with primary concern being collision with another ship or land. Finally a commercial vessel is trying to get from point "A" to point "B" as efficiently as possible. Realizing this, it is understandable that it is not about to do "S" curves around every speck on the screen. In short, even if you show up, the ship or fishing vessel may simply disregard you, unless you are big enough and bright enough to be a threat.***"

"If there is one thing that we learned, it is that having something up, even a garbage bag filled with foil, works better than nothing at all."

Danger-Power Lines

Every year 10 to 20 of our finest young men are electrocuted by power lines while stepping the aluminum masts of the boats, or while moving boats with their masts stepped, to the water. The US Yacht Racing Union requests the cooperation of all USPS members to help identify and eliminate overhead power line hazards. Be especially observant around car parks, launching facilities and boat storage areas for this type of hazard, if found notify the US Yacht Racing Union, Box 209, Newport RI 02840.

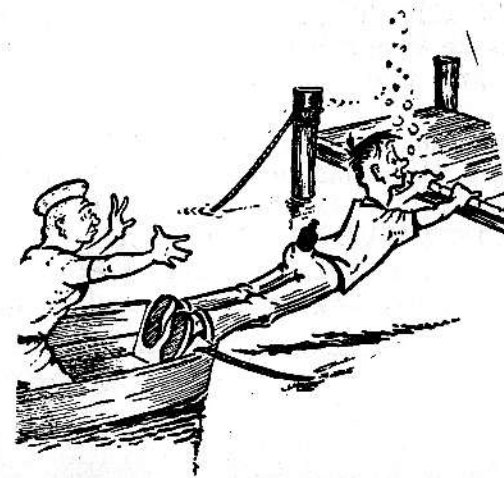
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

...By Frank Woodward AP

The Public Boating Class is underway each Tuesday night at St. David's School. Class attendance is good, with approximately 20-22 students showing up each night. Instructors for November include Jack Gordon on "Trailer Boating", Ted Leche on "Weather and regional Boating", Nordine Jenson on "Engine Trouble Shooting" and Jim Henshaw on "Sailing".

The Seamanship class is being held on Tuesday nights, in instructor Maurice Edwards home, with 5 members enrolled. Classes are given in seminar form, with lots of give and take from the students. The Seamanship class will be combined with the Public Boating class to take advantage the lectures on "Engine Trouble Shooting" and "Sailing". Maurice is also organizing a Fire Safety session. He plans to have an expert cover all aspects of this subject. Students will be able to get some hands-on experience in actually putting out fires with hand held extinguishers. All interested Squadron members are invited to attend this session. Call Maurice or me for information.

The Piloting class is now being held at noon on Thursdays at Lance Crosby's home. Dave Seaman is instructing the remaining five sessions.



ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.

...By Lance Crosby

DECEMBER MEETING

December 13th at 1830 (that's 6:30PM land time) in the Grange Hall we'll hold our Annual Christmas Party. No business---(editor's note, having read the Commander's message....maybe some swearing-in) only Season's spirits to be followed by an outstanding Potluck dinner, followed by an outstanding Christmas program, followed by an outstanding Santa Claus, of course.

DISTRICT 16 FALL CONFERENCE

Frank and Sally Hudson and Audra and I attended the Fall Conference in Tacoma a few weeks ago. In addition to routine business, there were several workshop seminars that were particularly good places to exchange ideas. We were shown a remarkable, unstaged news film from Australia where a sailboat and a rescue vessel were caught in towering waves and both broached. All hands were rescued by helicopter. In narrating the event, the "do" and "never-never" of boat handling in rough water was vividly portrayed. We intend to get that film for a future meeting.

Our "HARBOR LIGHTS" publication was put on display along with other Squadron's publications. We were mighty proud of our showing.

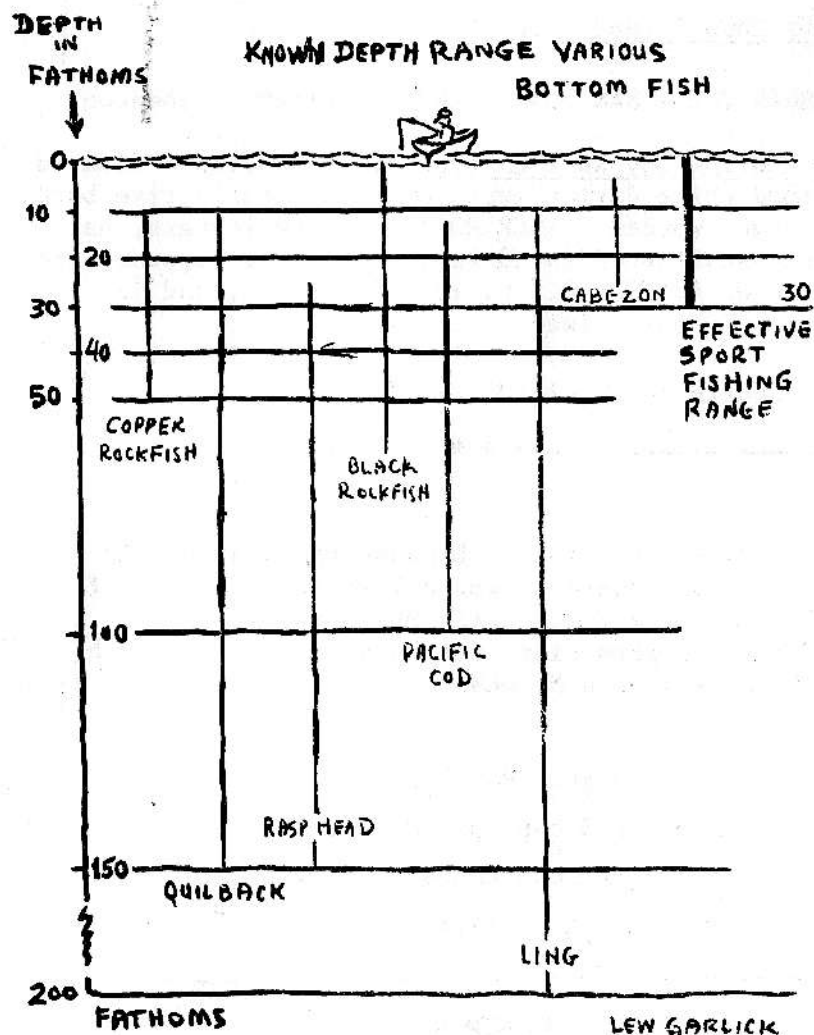
The spouses not attending the business sessions were invited to a tour and boatripe on Tacoma's new multimillion dollar fireboats. These are air cushioned vehicles (hovercraft) and the most modern in the world. Imagine being in the pilot house while the ship was putting on a spectacular display of it's pumping power.

Editor's Corner

... By Fred Poham



Ah, the Christmas spirit must be upon me, so for those of you who missed P/C Garlick's great presentation at our last meeting on Bottom Fishing amongst the rocks, or how to lose your tackle with a smile, shown below is his excellent tidbit indicating the fishing range of those creatures.



P/C Frank Hudson provides the following information from the Local Notice to Mariners #48.

(Vicinity Upright Channel, off Lopez)

WASHINGTON - SAN JUAN CHANNEL - Buoy discontinued
Flat Point Lighted Mooring Buoy has been discontinued.

Charts 18434, 18421, 18465, 18423, 18400.

(Off Shaw Island Ferry Landing)

WASHINGTON - SAN JUAN CHANNEL -Private Daybeacon.

Blind Bay Rock Daybeacon, displaying a diamond shaped white daymark with an orange reflective border cross worded DANGER ROCK in black letters, has been established in 20 feet of water in approximate position 48° 35' 02" N. 122° 55' 57" W. and is privately maintained.

Charts 18424, 18421, 18434, 18400

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And now to close. Because the weather has turned a bit humid, I would like to bring out of my "Hold for a Space" file Mrs. Fran Hardy's sporicidal, germicidal and fungicidal soup which will do away with MILDEW.

3 qts Hot H₂O
2/3 cup Spic & Span
1/2 cup Laundry Detergent
1 qt Chlorine Bleach

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MERRY CHRISTMAS