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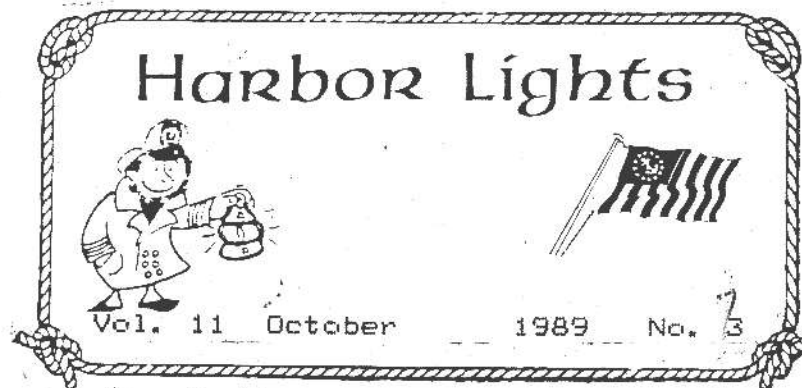
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COMING EVENTS

- 3 OCT. Executive Meeting - 1200- Grange Hall
"Brown Bag" lunch
- 5 OCT. POT LUCK DINNER - GRANGE HALL
Libations - 1800
Dinner - 1900
"Cruising Seminar" (See Admin. Report)
- 27 - 29 OCT. D/16 FALL CONFERENCE -Spokane

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

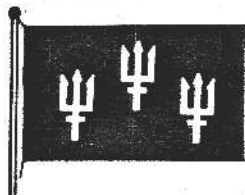
We had an EXCELLENT salmon barbecue for our Season Opener on 16 September. Charlie Nash donated the fish and it was very good. Coleman Reynolds and his committee drew everything together very nicely. The Yacht Club facility worked out well as a substitute for the Steele's lovely beach house. Thank you to all who participated.

One happy part of the 4 October meeting will be my opportunity to award certificates to recent members and some class graduates. I hope YOU are there to help me recognize these fine folks. Lt/C Brian Calvert has an interesting program planned.

Applications for KYS in Lynnwood 11 November are due by 20 October but you are advised to do it ASAP since enrollment is limited. This new approach to O. T. is highly regarded by all who have participated.

Renew your pledge to dedicate major effort to safe boating. Take a class. Get involved. Attend our Executive Meeting at noon, 3 October, in the Grange Hall. (Thank a Grange for their generous donation of their hall for our use!) Come to the Education Seminar in Everett 30 September. Enjoy SPOOK-TOBER-FEST in Spokane 27 - 29 October. Enjoy boats. Teach. Do something for F.H.P.S.

By Cdr. Lee Campbell, AP



VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS REVISITED

Many of you came to our flare demonstration at American Camp earlier this year. I believe we all learned something that night about how to use visual distress signals and what they can and cannot do.

Now Boat/US is getting into their own tests. If you are a member of Boat/US I highly recommend that you read their report starting on page 21 in the Sept '89 - January '90 issue of "Boating Equipment Reports". They tested hand-held flares, meteors, daytime smoke flares, parachute flares and a few other types. They measured burn times, altitude attained, brilliance (or visibility) and ease -- as well as the dangers -- of operation.

We complied with one of the Boat/US recommendations and that is to practice (legally) so that we will not have to waste time reading directions when in distress. Other recommendations include have more than the minimum required number of devices aboard and having a variety of devices for the many conditions that can prevail. No single device is useful under all conditions.

Careful storage was emphasized, but not the dangers of exposing unprotected pyrotechnic devices to engine exhaust fumes which can destroy their effectiveness.

If you are not a member of Boat/US, borrow this publication from someone who is, especially if you did not join us at American Camp. The life you save may be your own.

Lt/C Shirley Holmgren, N
Executive Officer

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
12 SEPTEMBER 1989

Call to order: By Cdr. Lee Campbell at 1203.
Present: Campbell, Holmgreen, White,
Woodward, Mitchell, Reynolds, Carlberg,
Rice, Crosby, L & M Garlick and Shaller.

Secretary: Minutes of previous Exec. meeting
were accepted as printed in Harbor Lights

Treasurer Report: White reported \$1,558.46
in checking, including \$200 for the
upcoming barbecue. Savings account
at \$265 plus a CD of \$1,000 purchased in
June at 8%.

Commanders: Campbell reviewed correspondence
from this summer including rendezvous,
conferences and Fall activities.

Executive: Scheduling of events in summer
discussed. Fall opener at SJIYC has 50
commitments so far. Need for better long
term planning, including timely appointment
of working committees, was voiced.
Reynolds reported telephone committee
was frustrated by being unable to obtain
commitments -- or even, in many cases,
promised callbacks -- from those asked if
they were attending. It was pointed out
that the telephone work was difficult at
best and that those who are called should
do all they can to lighten the load by, at
least, calling back with a definite answer
when they promise to do so.

Administration: No report.

Education: Crosby reported that a series of
fall and winter courses are in the works.
JN candidates are taking their sights now:

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Piloting classes begins late Oct; AP in
February; Skipper-Saver April. The next
Boating Course for the Public will begin 26
September.

Membership: Reynolds reported on new
members. Squadron now has 71 active members
including 11 new members in last year.

Old Business: It was pointed out that the
Squadron's lease with the Grange calls for
prior notification of all meetings and
events in the Grange Hall. Rice will
submit this. Holmgreen reported that she
is to make a presentation to the Grange
concerning the planned purchase of
dinnerware for the Grange's and the
Squadron's use. The cost of about \$700 is
to be split by the two organizations.

New Business: Shaller presented a plan for
the construction of a Squadron clubroom in
the basement of the Grange Hall. The plan
showed the conversion of an 11 X 20 foot
area which is now rough, unfinished
basement into what will be used by the
Squadron as an office, storage area, and
location for small classes. The Grange is
willing to give the Squadron a three year
lease for the area at no cost. Shaller
said a rough estimate of the conversion is
around \$500, depending on what materials
need to be purchased versus what may be
donated. The estimate assumes volunteer
labor. Shaller will pursue specific costs,
insurance needs, permits, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 1341.

William Rice, S
Secretary

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EDUCATION DEPT.

By SEO Lance Crosby, JN

Boating class will be underway by the time you get this, so many of you will have volunteered to share your knowledge and experience with a new group of students. What a rewarding opportunity we have!

Present plan is to not start a Seamanship class until after the Boating Class is over. There should be some new members forthcoming who would like to join us.

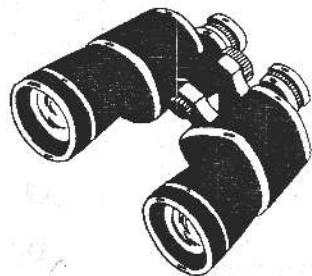
At the Season Opener a number of people signed up for advanced grade classes--

<u>Course</u>	<u>Current Interest</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Piloting	6	Late October
Adv. Piloting	3	Spring '90
Weather	5	OPEN
Marine Electronics	5	OPEN
Coastal Cruising	2	Late October

Wouldn't you like to join us in one or more of these? Let me know right away so I can get manuals on order

Let there be light!

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COMING EVENTS ADMIN. REPORT

The first Pot luck of the fall will be on Oct. 5 at the Grange Hall. Libations will be from 1800 to 1900, dinner at 1900. The program will be a cruising seminar with veteran cruisers from several different favorite cruising grounds presenting photos and charts with helpful tips on where to go and who to see.

If you are interested in a specific area or planning a cruise, or just like to talk about boating this will be an ideal opportunity. Different tables will be set around the hall with information on South Sound, the Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound, and beyond. If you have made a cruise and would like to share call me at 378-4047 to get on the program.

Lt/C Brian Calvert, S

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RADIO TECHNICALITIES

Do you Fish commercially? If so, you should know by now that commercial U. S. flag uninspected vessels (not recreational craft) are now required to carry "alerting and location equipment, namely EPIRBs. The date to implement the regulations has been set at 17 August, 1989 for the fitting of 406 MHz. EPIRBs. If a 121.5 MHz. EPIRB on board has been installed prior to 3 October 1988, it has until 17 August 1994 to be refit with the 406 MHz. system.

LOW POWER IS ALWAYS PREFERRED

Mariners should be aware of the VHF radio transmitter power levels required for certain frequencies when used in local situations. There is no need to use a full 25 watts of power when transmitting to another boat distanced from you by no more than five miles. Regardless of the channel being used, try the one watt operation. You will be surprised and quite satisfied with the results.

For certain channels, the lower power level is mandatory. Radios currently being manufactured are required by the FCC to be capable of automatically lowering their transmitter output power to 1 watt when using channels 13, 67, and 77. So don't worry if yours of older productions is not automatic. A "grandfathering" clause allows you, as the original owner, to perform this act manually.

Editor's Corner

Summer is over and many members have had a great time on the water.

Share these experiences with us! Write them up in long hand, short hand (kidding of course) or on a typewriter, and if you feel you have a hard time expressing yourself, write down places you have been, any information you think would benefit other Squadron members and we will embellish it if you like.

This is your magazine and we want it to contain information and data you want to know about and see.

Jim Mitchell, Editor

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