

ALOUETTE HAILER

Alouette Power & Sail Squadron Bridge 2003/2004
A Unit of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron

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COMMANDERS REPORT: Not Available

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

From our Fall boating 2003 class we have Susan Longhi, Jayne Mezzabarba, Mike Mezzabarba joining our squadron. Bev Nickason is transferring from Coquitlam Squadron to Alouette Squadron. Welcome Aboard to all of you.

It is coming that time of year for the Roster to be updated. The Roster is printed once a year with all the Pacific Mainland District Squadrons information. The Roster has information on cruises that the squadrons will be going on, members in our district, boat names of our members, and lots more information. Please let me know of any address changes, etc. so that I can update our squadron's membership. This is a very

valuable information magazine. You can email me at hmacmillan@shaw.ca or telephone 604-463-4388. Please contact me if you have any changes for me to make as I have a deadline of mid March to make my corrections. Thank you, Holly MacMillan

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

The February Social was a great success. With 45 members attending and supporting the fall graduating class as they received their certificates and a big welcome to Alouette Squadron.

Our next Social will be April 16th and is the AGM, so come out and support your club. This will be held at the ECRA Centre on 224th Street at 7:30.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 16 Alouette Annual General Meeting
May 6th Alouette Change of Watch Dinner
May AGM/Change of Watch Pacific Mainland District

EDITORS' DESK:

I have been sitting here at my computer trying to think of something to write. As many of you know I am very new at this job. It did occur to me though, that I have had great support from my fellow Alouette members. Many have supplied me with advice, articles, and moral support and I thank each and every one of you.

A couple of weeks ago our Social Committee was temporarily reduced by three ladies which made for a small crisis. But there they were, the folks of Alouette stepping up and bringing the food and helping set up the night of the social. I would especially like to thank Sandy Mayes and Anne Dixon for helping with food on short notice and of course our committee.

So what you say? Well I have learned not to back away from getting involved because the rewards are great in new friends and experiences.

Please do yourself a favour and consider getting a little more involved even if you only come out to the socials.

TO MAIL OR E-MAIL,

THAT IS THE QUESTION: I would like to start an e-mail delivery of the Hailer to those of you with computers. If you are interested please provide your e-mail address to Holly Macmillan hmacmillan@shaw.ca or Ann Wright arwright@telus.net phone numbers are listed above.

Also, keep an eye out for our Web Page which is nearly ready. The Hailer and lots of other information will be posted there. You can have a look at its progress at www.member.shaw.ca/AlouetteSquadron but the Hailer and other information is still in the works.

TRAINING REPORT:

On the 07. of February Ross and Mike finished a Boat Pro class with 12 students (all passed). The same day 3 students from the last fall boating class wrote the boating Exam. (all passed)

Industry Canada, Spectrum Management, has sent out information as of January 21, 2004 regarding a VHF Frequency change for British Columbia only. Channel 66Alpha has been designated for Marina use. Channel 68, previously used for this purpose, will now be used only for ship to ship communication. A revised RIC 13 will be available in the near future.

I would like to thank Al Slater for volunteering for the position as assistant. Training Officer. Al is very devoted to our boating classes and it is a pleasure to work with him. He will attend his first District Training meeting with me on February 23, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted by
Thomas Baumann
Alouette Training Officer

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:

The Green Corner

By S/LT. Pat Brandlmayr, Environment Officer

Did You Know? Pollution in Burrard Inlet is at a record level? A recent report from the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection effluent permits allowed 769 million cubic meters of industrial pollution to be dumped into Burrard Inlet in 2002. The amount of effluent entering the Inlet has increased dramatically from 32 million cubic meters in 1957, when permits were first issued.

Every year we are dumping the equivalent of 223,014 Olympic size swimming pools full of waste water containing pollutants such as cadmium, cyanide, zinc and MTB gas additive into the Inlet. In 1957 a single permit was issued whereas 25 active permits were issued in 2002.

This information was sourced from "British Columbia Environmental Report", published by the BC Environmental Network.

Why Is It? Ontario leads the provinces i.e. British Columbia, in environmental activities and requirements in the Marine area, while British Columbia has the long aquatic coastline and numbers of important fresh water rivers and lakes.

"In Ontario in the past three years, 150 marinas have taken part in the Ontario Marine Operators Association (OMOA) Clean Marine Eco-Rating Program. It is an environmental best-practices program that has made the Province's marinas world leaders. Now the OMOA is giving boaters another chance to get involved and do their part by joining its new Clean Boater Program. It will offer boaters information and incentives to help them join with marina operators to keep our environment clean". Quoted from the current issue of "Boats & Places". More information can be obtained on page 12 of the magazine and at www.omoa.com.

Each of us, as boaters, has the responsibility to urge our marinas to develop "Best-Practices" (all kinds of information is available), have pump out stations for toilets and for bilge water; maintain products for spillage pickup and containment; keep a clean and orderly place of business.

Con'd I remember that one year John Scott came up with an idea for a boat race. We built three little boats out of 3/8" plywood. Basically it was a six-foot double-ended boat with sides about eight inches high. The boat was about eighteen inches wide and flat bottomed. On the flat bottom there was a long rocker installed fore and aft and another rocker installed athartships, and the idea was to get this darn thing on an even keel and to move it along in a race. We sold pari-mutual tickets, with so much for the people who guessed who was going to come first. This was a great hit. We used it at our graduation ceremonies. We used it at formal district conferences. All the squadrons borrowed our boats. Eventually the boats went across the border and, when they got into Oregon, I lost track of them and they never did come back.

Another year we were called on to put on the entertainment at a district conference and we were getting a little worried, as we were starting to run out of ideas. Avis Capling came up with a play, and the idea of putting on a play didn't go down very well with some of us. Anyway, she sold us on the idea of taking this play and presenting it in a hilarious manner, and we grabbed it and ran with it, and again we had them in the aisles laughing. Another victory for Alouette! Oh gosh, the things we did went on and on and on. We had all kinds of different boats. We even had submarines with periscopes on them for races. It was just a grand experience. We were laughing and enjoying it all the way. Nothing became work. Even teaching and learning became fun.

Well, as time progressed, slowly, slowly Alouette started to go down hill and there came one sad day, when we called a general meeting to elect new officers and nobody wanted to have any part of it. We talked about disbanding. At that sad date we'd forgotten, or Alouette had forgotten, how to laugh. I can remember going around the room, asking various people if they would stand for being commander and nobody would accept, it seemed. Then there was a little fellow sitting in the corner who had just graduated from our first course and I turned to him and said, "Would you like to have a crack at it?" He said, "Yep". I said, "Beg your pardon?" He said, "Yep". And so right away he was made commander. I can't recall who his officers were but, from that day on, I can tell you Alouette has

never looked back. That little fellow's name is Lorne Riding.

PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT
9th ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS
JULY 9 – 10th

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THEME – XMAS IN JULY

Join PMD Members from other squadrons for a fun weekend.

Friday evening BBQ hamburgers on the dock hosted by PMD

Saturday Morning coffee on the dock
 Decorate your boat (don't forget to hang a stocking)

Rope & bucket dinghy race (be prepared to get wet)

Pot luck appys on the dock

Decorate Xmas tree with Squadron Burgees

Xmas dinner–Turkey, stuffing etc., supplied, Potluck salads & deserts

Cost \$5.00 (children no charge)

Sunday Morning coffee on the dock

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REGISTRATION

Please complete and send to Dave Peebles

Fax 604-607-5698 Email peebles@telus.net

Name of Skipper _____

Squadron _____

Number of Children _____

Number attending Friday BBQ _____

Xmas dinner _____ Sunday brunch _____

MAINTENANCE:

Spring is almost upon us and it is time to think about getting our boats and equipment ready for a safe and fun summer. Our dinghy is sometimes overlooked when it comes to maintenance. If we think about it though it is important to have a well maintained go ashore.

Article from Sail Magazine

Inflatable Boat Repair: Inflatable boat fabric coverings fall into one of two classes, elastomers (synthetic rubber) and plastomers (thermoplastics, PVC, Polyurethane). Elastomers, which include Hypalon, can be bonded only by hand glueing. Plastomers can be glued or “welded” (also called thermo-bonding).

The glues are high strength adhesives that require temperature and humidity control and good ventilation when being applied. The solvents used in the adhesives for a repair are strong.

A small hole, up to ½ inch, can usually be patched with a single round patch, Larger holes and slices that are 3 inches or longer (and rodent holes) require patches both inside and outside. These are best left to professionals.

Elastomer coatings require that you first sand the surface to give it “tooth” to accept the adhesive. Plastomers gain tooth with a chemical preparation like methyl ethyl ketone (MEK).

Specially formulated adhesives are neoprene based for elastomers and polyurethane based for plastomers. Apply the glue with care, because once it is exposed to sunlight it turns dark brown, leaving a mark. When the patch is correctly positioned, rub the surface from the centre out to the edges to remove air bubbles. Putting a weight on the patch will improve adhesion. Allow 24 hours before inflating the pontoon; a final cure will take 72 hours.

How you remove marks depends on the material. Elastomer fabric responds well to mild abrasives, but don't get carried away; you could literally sand away the coating. Mild abrasives will work on plastomers, but a bad stain may need a stronger chemical, such as ethyl acetate.

Removing barnacles (antifouling paint is the best way to prevent them) must be done very carefully. Inflate the boat fully, then scrape carefully using a scraper without sharp corners (plastic putty knives work well) and plenty of water for flushing. Heavy barnacle growth will require strong chemicals with acids, such as MaryKates ON/Off. Use heavy rubber gloves and lots of rinsing water to thoroughly flush away the acid. Because the glues and chemical cleaners are hazardous materials, handle them carefully. Refer to the owner's manual or ask the manufacturer to confirm the proper procedures.

A dog and his go ashore. Meet Jordi, Mike and Anne Dixon's companion. Guess Mike is getting tired of shore



trips. He built this boat and it looks like Jordi is considering a CPS course to get ashore.

THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS:

Congratulations are in order to Bill and Jennette Westerink on the marriage of their daughter February 8th

Get Well Soon: Bob Carlson, our thoughts are with you and Donna.

Get Well Soon: Kimberley Muysenberg you are sorely missed at our teaching classes our thoughts are with you.

A big thank you to Vee Appleton who has kindly taken on the Treasurer's position until Donna comes back.

A SPECIAL NOTE:

Our very own Anne MacDonald will become the Commander of the Pacific Mainland District this May. I will pass on the dates for the weekend this will take place. It would be great if the Alouette Squadron came out in support.

If you know of anyone who should be remembered for any reason please let me know. I would like to recognize our members in each Hailer. arwright@telus.net