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Where is May Milling?

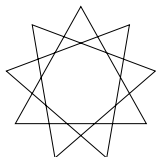
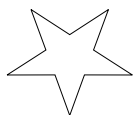
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As police consider calling off their search, friends of missing Alberta senior May Milling are hoping a poster campaign will lead them to some answers.

81-year old Milling was last seen September 1st. She left a bed and breakfast in Jasper bound for Kamloops. When she didn't meet-up with a friend the following day, a search along Highway 16 was launched.

Friend Dorothy Asuma is hoping someone will remember seeing Milling's vehicle on the highway, "A bright blue Buick Lucerne '09. License number 147 LHF. We're asking if they saw anything, anything that might help." Asuma says Milling has driven the route many times., she had a cell phone with her and her car was equipped with OnStar. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of May should contact the Jasper RCMP: 780-852-4848.

May is a past commander (2000 – 2001) and present member of the Sunshine Coast Power and Sail Squadron. She was a biochemist who worked for Health Canada, testing new food and health products, before she retired to Gibsons. According to Don Orchard who took over as Commander from May, "She was especially good at organization and ceremony, bringing life into something that can seem boring at times." She had bagpipes to pipe in the new and old Bridge when her command ended at the Change of Watch and had the small boats constructed that are still used on the tables by the Sunshine Coast Squadron for special events.



Educational Article: PCOC card

Recently, an organization from Quebec, offered a PCOC Course. As part of their promotion they stated that every operator of a motorized pleasure craft must have a PCOC. This statement is not true, as there are over 60 certificates of competency or equivalencies that are acceptable.

Some are:

1. Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999.
2. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) issued after successful completion of the accredited exam.
3. A completed rental boat safety checklist for power driven rental vessels.

For a complete list check out Transport Canada website:

www.boatingsafety.gc.ca Successful completion of the CPS Boating Course will give you a certificate and a PCOC.

Remember to carry your proof of competency with you at all times when motor boating.

submitted by Bill Foley, STO



Sunshine Coast
Power and Sail Squadron
Newsletter

UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS

9/8 - 12/8 **Squadron Boating Course (PCOC included)**

This course has already started and is now closed to new students.

in 2011 - Radar For Pleasure Craft, VHF, PCOC and seminars of boating-related topics - TBA on the website and in the next newsletter

website: www.coastcps.ca

September 25 - Gibsons coast cleanup
10am - 2pm

Please contact us at courses@coastcps.ca for more details or to express interest in other courses. You can register online at www.cps-ecp.ca or by calling Bill Foley (604) 886-3003 or Jack Adams at (604) 885-2488. Also, you can check our website for more details: www.coastcps.ca

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Commander's Corner

The summer has come and gone so very quickly but I'm sure everyone has enjoyed the weather and cruising on the water. For many it was a combination of garden, boating, and enjoying the festivals up and down the Coast. We attended the SeaFest at Porpoise Bay in July and met many people interested in boating.

We welcome Ali Berke, new to our Bridge as our Membership Officer. We thank him for volunteering to keep our members' information up to date.

Have you read my email letter sent to the members? Hopefully you will take a few minutes read it and then to consider volunteering some time assisting our executives as they try to offer courses and events to Squadron members. There are a very few of us who are carrying out more than one area of responsibility and a little support would be of great help to us.

In August, some of us met for a picnic at Cooper's Green and then boated over to North Thormanby Island for a swim. It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed the beach and visiting with members. It was a short cruise but we've made a start. Thank you to Marshall Mitchell for arranging the day and to Dennis Wagman for helping Marshall to include members who didn't have boats.

Our boating course has already started but watch for other events including speakers and seminars on our website during the fall and winter months. Messages of condolence on behalf of our Squadron were sent to Diane White of Pender Harbour on the passing of her husband David White and to Pam Boudreau of NorVan Squadron on the passing of her life partner Rhonda Jones. We now hold May Milling in our thoughts and prayers. May is a member of our Squadron and a Past Commander. She left Jasper over a week ago to drive to Kamloops but has never reached her destination.

by Diane Foley, Commander



Boat-Friendly Recipes

This column features easy and quick recipes that can be made with a few, common ingredients and of course fish. Please send in any favorite recipes (preferably tried and true) to: newsletter@coastcps.ca

Galley Bouillabaisse

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced or garlic salt
- 2 cups cooked seafood (crab, fish, lobster, shrimp)
- ½ bay leaf
- ¼ teaspoon (1 ml) thyme
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 4 slices French bread, toasted or browned



- 1 teaspoon (5ml) lemon juice
- dash Tabasco sauce
- 1 soup-can water

Cook onion, garlic, bay leaf and thyme in olive oil until onion is tender. Add soup, water drained seafood (can be cooked in sea water if water is clean), lemon juice and Tabasco. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer 5 minutes. Place toast in soup bowls and cover with bouillabaisse.

From *The Mariner's Cookbook or How to Cook on a Boat and Enjoy It!* by Nancy Hyden Woodward

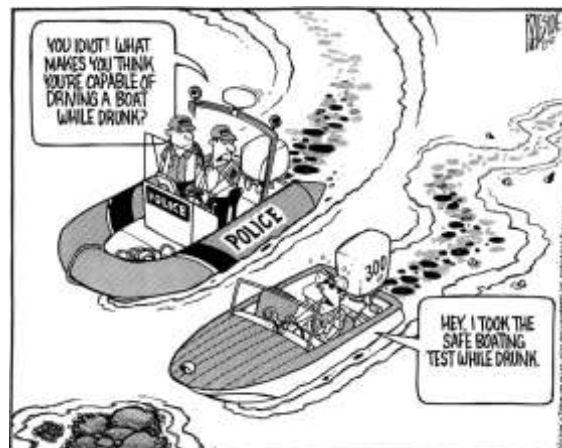
Ask the Captain

Is my PCOC card valid in both the US and Canada?

Answer: If you are sailing to the US from Canada, your Canadian card is valid for the first 60 days (2 months) you are continuously in the US. If you are going to Canada from the US, your US card is valid for 45 days. After that you will need a Canadian card. According to John Gullick, CPS Manager of Government and Special Projects, "I strongly suggest you get your Canadian and American PCOC if you are visiting on a regular basis." (Canadian Yachting, June 2010, p. 55). While the PCOC cards are good for life, it is important to keep up with changing and different marine regulations between countries.

Do you have a question about boats, boating or the local area? Send it to newsletter@coastcps.ca. We'll reach out to our network of experts and publish the answer to a selected question or two each issue.

A Bit of Humour



Last of the Union Steamships to Become a Restaurant in Tofino



The *Lady Rose* was a familiar site on the Sunshine Coast in times past. She was originally christened the *Lady Sylvia* at her 1937 launching in Glasgow, Scotland but re-named the *Lady Rose* when she reached Canada to avoid duplication with another vessel. She was known as a “pocket steamer” due to her small size, carrying only 100 passengers and 25 tons of cargo, and she was the “first diesel-powered vessel to cross the Atlantic driven by a single propeller. Although not the last vessel acquired by the Union Steamship Company, she was the last to be built for them.” (www.ladyrosemarine.com).

She was originally placed on the run from Vancouver to Port Mellon and Gibson's Landing until World War II broke out; then she was brought back to the Sunshine Coast again after the war till 1959. Later she was transferred to the Bamfield - Port Alberni run on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Although the *Lady Rose* hasn't run for several years now, the ferry service is still known as the Lady Rose Marine Services.

The new restaurant and maritime museum is scheduled to open in 2012 in Tofino and is owned by Jamie Bray of the Jamie's Whaling Station Company. They plan to refit the *Lady Rose* to her 1930's period origin. If you wish to experience the ferry service on Vancouver Island's west coast on the present vessel, the *Francis Barkley*, between Bamfield, Ucleulet, the Broken Islands and Port Alberni, please call 250-723-8313 or e-mail at: ladyrosemarine@telus.net

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Dennis and Mickie's boat among others



Marshall with the former owners of his boat

Thormanby Island Picnic

People who attended:
Chuck and Barbara Nagy
Ali and Candice Berke
Tanya and Marshall Mitchell
Dennis and Mickie Wagman
Wayne and Chris Brown
Bill and Diane Foley
Ray Schami
Vicki Starfire
Steven Read



Barbara, Tanya, Ali, Candice, Kris and Mickie



Barbara, Tanya, Vicki and Ray



Ali, Candice and Chris

Member Profile

How well do you know your fellow squadron members? Each month *The Sea Coaster* will feature a different squadron member or officer of the bridge, so we can all get to know each other a little better.

Name: Stephen Read
 Squadron Position: Instructor for the Maintenance Course
 Home Port: Porpoise Bay but registry is Victoria
 Member Since: 1988
 Current Boat: *Sea Slipper*, a Roberts Spray gaff rig cutter sailboat



Employment: Retired from Coastal Craft 2 years ago as a marine technician. Stephen was the first employee hired by Jeff Rhodes in 1996.

Future Plans: He wants to sail into Desolation Sound and farther north - after his wife also retires!

Successful Coastal Businesses: Coastal Craft Welded Aluminum Boats Ltd.

This is the third article featuring successful Sunshine Coast marine-related businesses. In this fall issue you will read about that durable and versatile craft of this rocky coast – the aluminum boat.

During these economic hard times, especially for marine companies, it's refreshing to hear about a local company located in Gibsons who currently has 4 job openings for a welder, marine mechanic, electrical technician and woodworker.

Jeff Rhodes started this company in 1996 and built primarily work boats in his early years, such as water taxis and crew boats for the mines and logging camps. With Jeff's experience working on tug boats, he knew the need for strong vessels.

However, he had a dream to make his aluminum boats for the pleasure craft trade as well. Now they have 7 models that can be customized. The new Coastal Craft 30 Open is smaller, designed for fishing and day trips. The future 55 foot Cruiser will be the largest made by Coastal Craft.

At present the company sells only on the West Coast from B.C. to California. However, this fall they will begin expansion to Florida and the East Coast area of Canada, finding sales reps, dealers and other outlets. Jeff has dreams of expansion to Europe and Asia. "There are parts of Sweden much like the B.C. Coast," he explained.

This is a company where commercial grade welded hulls are combined with reliable, durable mechanics, powerful engines and state of the art electronics. The Integrated Propulsion Systems (IPS) feature Volvo engines with speeds up to 37 knots. The new E-Plex Remote allows remote control of on-board systems such as lights, bilge pumps, battery levels or shore power connections. One could even "view live feed via on-board video cameras," according to their website, www.coastalcraft.com.

Lastly, the company emphasizes customer service. They want to form a "lifetime relationship with customers," according to the mission statement. They schedule owners' rendezvous, give advice over the phone, and make repairs to the vessels they sell. It must be paying off to make this such a successful company now with 34 employees.

Contact information: 604-886-3004, 1038 Venture Way, Gibsons, BC info@coastalcraft.com



Coastal Craft 450 IRS





Flotsam and Jetsam

This column reports local marine news along our Sunshine Coast. Contributions about interesting boats or vessels, local colorful people, events or other personal interest stories are most welcome.

Theft Alert: The Sechlet RCMP want to remind all boaters to more completely secure your possessions in your boats and cars. There were two incidents this summer, one in Pender Harbour and the other in Secret Cove in which men from Surrey attempted to steal boats, engines, skiffs, etc. The thefts were drug and alcohol-related. Thieves are looking for things they can cash in easily like electronics, CDs, engines and of course IDs. If you see anyone but the owners taking things from boats, call the police. Better yet, take pictures with your cell phone as well.

Update on Fish Farms: B.C. salmon fishlots (fish farms) are no longer allowing vets to test farm salmon for disease at the sites (as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands). In addition, the licenses have expired for many of them and have not been renewed. Yet they are still operating. Go to www.salmonaresacred.org for more information.

Whale Sited: Over the summer a lone grey whale was sited repeatedly from Gibsons to Pender Harbour. While this was exciting for everyone, even stopping traffic along Davis Bay, it might not be a good sign. The whale was perhaps diseased or injured as it should be in the Arctic during the summer months. Some other people think the whale was a good messenger. There are a few kayakers who reported seeing the whale's eyes as it approached them (although they were carefully trying to keep a distance) and having their lives changed by this experience. A float plane pilot reported seeing from the air 8 grey whales, and people staying at Half Moon Haven along Redroofs Road reported seeing a grey whale with a baby.

Porpoise Bay: Moorage and parking fees have been increased in order to finance the extension of the docks at the Government Wharf. Parking increased to \$3 and \$6 for a car with trailer. The moorage is now \$4.50/ft. per month. Vessels moored longer than 30 days need also pay \$10/month "harbour amenity fee – covering garbage pickup". (Coast Reporter, 7/23/10, p. 13) There is also a \$5 boat launching fee except for kyaks and canoes. However, it's unclear who will be at the boat ramp to collect the launching fees. Hopefully the good city counselors will see fit to improve that launching ramp with their extra money (especially the lower end of it).

Gibsons: The Harbour Development Plan has been completed and the Gibsons City Council is now enacting it. See the "Letters to the Editor" section on page 6 of this issue to find more details about these changes to the Gibsons Harbour. There will a more in-depth coverage of this plan in the next issue of the Sea Coaster.

There will be a clean up of the Gibson's coast and harbour on September 25th sponsored by the Shoreline & Underwater Clean Up. The event will be from 10am to 2pm meeting at the beach below Gramma's Pub. There will be a free lunch at the Waterfront Restaurant for the volunteers after the clean up. Suncoast Diving is donating free air and rental diving gear for half price.

Squadron National News

In the summer issue of *The Sea Coaster* there was an article about instructor certification. Very rightly, there is a need to guarantee a standard and high level of instruction for the Power Squadron courses. While the Instructor Techniques (IT) course has been around for some time, it has recently been upgraded and is now called the Instructor Development Course. At the October Training Meeting to be held in Nanaimo this October 21-23, the District Training Officers and the other members of the CPS Training Department will vote on how instructors will obtain Recognized Instructor (RI) status. If passed eventually by the Board of Governors, it is intended to have these requirements in effect for September 1, 2011, but member feedback is still requested before that time.

It was disappointing to me that this most important issue was not included in the recent issue of *Canadian Yachting* (September 2010) despite the 16-page centerfold delegated to the AGM. Here is what I understand the motions to be concerning instructor qualification:

Motion #1 Requirements to obtain RI status by one of the following ways:

- 1) passing the former Instructor Techniques course or the current Instructor Development course
- 2) having professional certification
- 3) having the local Commander and the Training Officer validate the experience of this person as being competent to teach from past years

of teaching CPS courses.

Motion #2: Requirement for instructing government related courses - Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC) or the boating course equivalent of the Radio Operator's Course Maritime (ROCM-DSC). The instructor must have both:

- 1) Recognized Instructor status
- 2) passed the course which he/she will teach

In addition, the elected officials at the upcoming AGM will consider whether the graduates of the PCOC course given by CPS should be considered full members or continue as associate members. As we all know, the PCOC course is only part of the CPS Boating Course with less knowledge needed to pass. It seems that this issue is still quite controversial and might be tabled till the next meeting to give members time to consider it. Some think it would bring full members down to a lower level of expertise. Others see this as a way to increase membership for the squadrons. Individual members can provide feedback by writing a letter to the editor: newsletter@coastcps.ca, contacting the Sunshine Coast Squadron Commander, Diane Foley, info@coastcps.ca or writing directly to Headquarters at: www.cps-ecp.ca and click on "contact us".

Submitted by Vicki Starfire with information from Don Orchard, Diane Foley and Don Griffin



Letters to the Editor



Fish Farms: Time for Action

The following letter was sent to the Prime Minister's office and copied to the Coast Reporter and the Sea Coaster for publication.

Dear Prime Minister:

I am writing about the lack of enforcement of the Fisheries Act on the open net fish farms operated close to the wild salmon migration routes in B.C. coastal waters. These farms have been permitted to allow parasites, antibiotics, chemicals and other wastes into fish habitat contrary to the Fisheries Act.

Environment Canada advised me that the Act specifically addresses the deposit of deleterious substances into the water frequented by fish. They further advise that the responsibility to ensure that all works comply with the requirements of the Fisheries Act rests with the proponents and they have the responsibility to prevent the introduction of deleterious substances into fish-bearing waters. Why is it that over the past several years the fisheries Act has not been enforced on these foreign owned fish farms?

Meanwhile in Gibsons, Environment Canada officers applied an enforcement order on a vessel haul out facility, even though the owner applied measures to prevent the release of any material from the servicing of vessels in this harbour. This closure means that many of the 500 vessels in Gibsons are forced to go elsewhere.

These inconsistent actions of your Fisheries and Environment Ministries are causing harm to our community economy and I call on you for action to end the damaging effluents from fish farms and to re-establish a vessel haul out facility in Gibsons.

John Roper, P. Eng.
Gibsons

Gibson Council not interested in marine businesses?

As the operator of a marine business I informed Gibsons Council Tuesday, that due to closure of facilities in Gibsons Harbour, I was compelled to have my essential servicing performed at Silva Bay on Gabriola Island, which involved a loss to local businesses of \$2000. With some 500 vessels in Gibsons Harbour, I pointed out that the loss to the community economy is considerable.

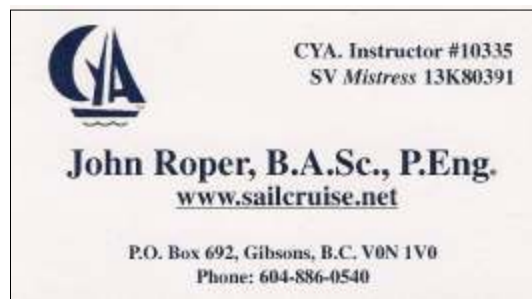
I was informed that the town is proceeding with a Harbour Development Plan, but it seems that this is primarily focused on land use issues. I pointed out that the marine area from Armours Beach to the green beacon has an economic value to the community of several hundred million dollars if managed effectively.

I recommended that the town take action to: carry out an economic study to establish the value and broad strategy; secure the rights to the expanded harbour area, and create a new Harbour Authority with directors representing all marine interests to manage marine facilities and operations in the expanded harbour area.

As the town is considering a new harbour bylaw that proposes to give away private moorages in this high value water area, I feel it is essential to defer this bylaw and any decisions impacting this water area, until the economic evaluation of these valuable marine assets is completed.

As well as my business, I am concerned about the possible impact on my taxes from what could be a loss to the community economy if council acted before being fully informed about the economic impacts and opportunities.

John Roper, owner of Suncoast Sailcruise
Member, Sunshine Coast Power and Sail Squadron



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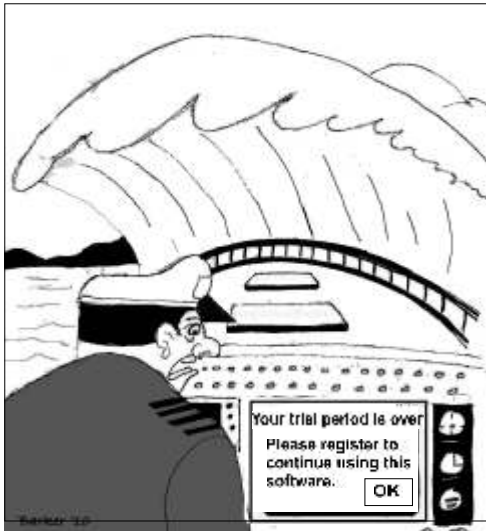


grey whale in Davis Bay
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dolphins off of Gibsons Landing

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