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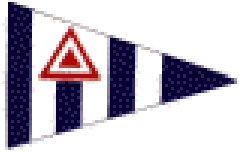
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Meetings of the Squadron Executive Committee (the Bridge) are normally held on the **third THURSDAY** of each month at 1930 in the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, except in July and December. All members of the Squadron are welcome to attend.

The Beacon is our official newsletter. Members with articles or information should send material to the Editor before the 15th of each month. We also maintain a website www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org. We suggest you check the site regularly for notices of upcoming events, classified ads, etc.

The contents of this magazine reflect the opinions of the writers and are not necessarily those of the Publisher, Editor, Canadian Power Squadron or Saanich Peninsula Squadron.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ah! Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to get our boats ready for another summer on the water. Time to book a time up on the marine ways or the grid, to get the bottom cleaned and freshly painted. Time to change the zincs and do any repairs needed. The boat chandleries will soon be busy so don't forget to patronize those who support our squadron by their advertisements in the *Beacon* and *Roster*. These shops also offer a discount to our members, but it is up to you to ask for it.



Our spring classes are well underway. We will soon be looking for skippers to offer a day on their boat, for the **Student Cruise on March 6th**. Be sure to let Martin Russell 658-1048 studentcruise@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org know, if you can help as a skipper or proctor. Len's enthusiasm is catching in the *Marine Maintenance Course*, and he is full of great ideas. Cliff is offering his expertise in the *Piloting Course* to an eager class as well.

In every organization there are those who "step up to the plate" to help. We are indeed fortunate to have members who are always willing to lend a hand. But any organization needs new people with new ideas to keep "fresh". These members come through transfers from other squadrons and new members - often recent graduates. If you are interested in our squadron and would like to help, please call Gay Miller 656-5190, Doug Mitchell 656-2959, Ken Clarke 656-9251 or Bruce Stott 656-6821. Ken Clarke and Bruce Stott are on the nominating committee. Since 9-11 things have changed for boaters going into American waters. There is the [American National Association of State Boating Law Administrators](#). The onus is on each skipper to keep up on the new regulations. Be sure to read the latest *Port Hole* article by P/R/C Joan Eyolfson Cadham, in which she explains briefly about this. (Vol. 32 No. 1 page 2 in *Boats & Places* magazine)

Vancouver Island South District has a new Webmaster, so have a look at the website, www.visd.org, which is being updated. Also, CPS has a national website, www.cps-ecp.ca, with lots of links to other sites, including all the boat shows CPS participates in.

Cdr Gay Miller

There is no beginning or end.... Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Mar 6 **Spring Student Cruise** (*see details below*)

Apr 14 -15 **VHF and Radio Qualification Course**

Apr 21-24 **Victoria Boat Show** - Victoria inner harbour.

May 2 **Saanich Peninsula Squadron AGM**

1900 hours social hour with meeting starting at 1930 hours.

Election of 2005/06 Bridge Officers and Change of Watch

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

May 9 **Graduation Night** for the spring classes.

May 13 -15 **Canadian Power Squadron** Vancouver Island South

District **Annual General Meeting AGM** (*see details pgs 10-11*)

Aug 5-7 **VISD Rendezvous:** Otter Bay Marina, North Pender Island

Aug 26-28 **VIND Rendezvous:** Pages Marina, Gabriola Island

Our Spring Student Cruise is fast approaching. The cruise will be to Otter Bay on Sunday, March 6 and *we are looking for volunteers, Skippers and Proc-tors*. If you would be able to help **it would be greatly appreciated**. Please call Martin Russell at 658-1048 or e-mail boattime@telus.net.

For full details regarding any CPS courses please see our web site at www.saanichpeninsulasquadron.org

An RCMP officer had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then she discovered the problem - a twelve-year old boy was standing up the road with a hand-painted sign which read "Radar Trap Ahead". The officer then found a young accomplice down the road with a sign reading "Tips" and a bucket full of money.



PAY ATTENTION HERE!

New for BC Boaters in 2005 is a change from the **enforcement of minor infractions** requiring a **court appearance** before a judge. The BC government will now use the options provided to them under the Contraventions Act. This means enforcing officers (RCMP and Fisheries) now have the option of issuing a ticket for non-compliance.

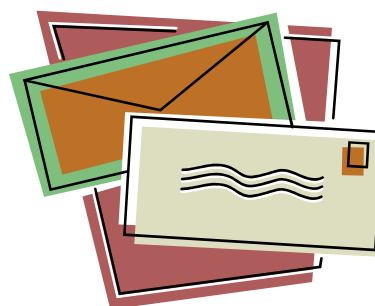
These fines are mostly a minimum **\$100** for each infraction, such as **failure** to have **required equipment** on board in **good working order**; **\$200** for **failure** to have **approved PFDs that fit**, for **each person** on board; and **\$250** for **failure** to produce a **valid *Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC)*** or **being an underage operator**.

Fines may be issued to operator, owner and/or person authorizing the vessel's use. Major infractions such as operating a vessel while impaired will still be dealt with as indictable offenses under the Criminal Code of Canada. These **fines also apply to non-motorized watercraft such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, etc.** There are no new requirements. All that has changed is the system of enforcement.

Boaters should not be unduly concerned about the change in enforcement. There has been no additional funding for on-water enforcement and most knowledgeable boaters are already in compliance as a result of past "courtesy checks" by Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Still, the prudent boater will want to check the requirements for their vessel as outlined in the free booklet Safe Boating Guide from Transport Canada. Courtesy checks will still be available from CCG Aux. Call Transport Canada for answers to other questions.

Ron Harris - Training Officer

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.



CHECK OUT THESE PENALTIES !

- Vessel operator cannot show his Pleasure Craft Operator's card - \$250
- Underage operator, including PWC operators under age 16 - \$250
- Failure to have on board proof of age of operator - \$250
- Failure of non-residents to have on board proof of residency - \$250
- Insufficient PFDs/Lifejackets - \$200
- Insufficient fire extinguishers - \$200
- Careless operation of a vessel - \$200
- Removing, tampering with hull ID or capacity plates, etc. - \$200
- Placing unauthorized sign restricting boating - \$150
- Mooring to authorized signs, altering, defacing, removing signs - \$150
- Failure to remove unauthorized sign - \$150
- Failure to maintain an authorized sign - \$150
- Operating in contravention of an authorized sign; speeding - \$100
- Operate vessel without required equipment in working order- \$100
- Operate vessel not meeting prescribed safety standards - \$100
- Operate without prescribed equipment bearing official stamp, or label - \$100
- All refueling infractions, inside or outside vessel ... each - \$100
- No rigid International flag code "A" on vessel when diving - \$100
- Failure to comply with a Peace Officer - \$100
- Licensing of vessel: failure to produce license papers; no hull ID# - \$100
- No noise abatement device within 5 miles of shore - \$100
- All towing of people infractions: (spotter, seat, after dark,) - \$100
- Failure to exhibit proper lights at night or in limited visibility - \$100
- ** Speeding over 10 km/hr within 30m of shore (in BC on non-tidal waters) - \$100
- Failure to have on board as prescribed for your vessel: - 15m heaving-line, manual propelling device, bailer, flares, watertight flashlight, sound signaling device, anchor and rode: - \$100 each infraction

Ron Harris - Training Officer

A young woman was pulled over for speeding. As the RCMP officer walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, "I'll bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the RCMP Officer's Ball." He replied, "RCMP Officers don't have balls." There was a moment of silence while she smiled, and he realized what he'd just said. He then closed his book, got back in his patrol car and left. She was laughing too hard to start her car.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Of the 22 applicants taking the December 04 *Boating* course, 11 have joined our squadron! Additionally we have 2 other new members bringing our total to 13 new members.



Please welcome to our Squadron...

Ward Cartier Laura Parker
Cynthia Funnell Kathy Phillips
Richard Funnell Ken Phillips
Brian McKenna John Stenstrom
Anne Marie Middleton Bob Stewart
Winston Mitchell Joe Tomlinson
Peter Watts

Please remember to forward changes of name, address, e-mail address, phone numbers, boat specs; (location, size, name, power or sail) etc. so we can update our data base and have the correct info for the next *Roster*. The deadline for making any changes to the info in the 2004 *Roster* is **MARCH 31 2005**.

THIS DEADLINE is fast approaching so please take a minute or two and check your *Roster* and phone or e-mail me with any changes. If for any reason you cannot find your current *Roster* - it may be on the boat - please contact me and I can give you the current info.

Lorri Pelto - Membership Officer

Phone 250-656-4462 or e-mail membership@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org

While attending a marriage seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife, Joann, listened to the instructor. "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?" The rest of the story gets rather ugly so I'll stop right here.

THE MOUSETRAP

A mouse looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap!

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse shouted "There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house."

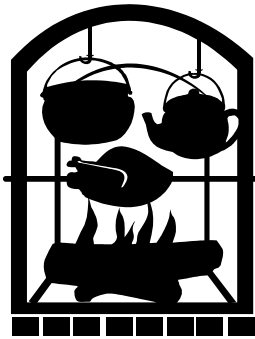
The chicken clucked and scratched, raised its head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mouse trap in the house."

"I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers".

The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, "Like wow, Mr. Mouse, a mouse trap; am I in grave danger, Duh?" So the mouse returned to the house to face the farmer's mouse trap alone.

That very night the snap of the trap was heard throughout the house. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife and she became feverish.



Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife eventually died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

THE BEST TOUR EVER

By Laura Parker

A tour of Marine Communications & Traffic Services (MCTS) took place on Thursday February 3rd. This tour was only available to those students who joined the squadron upon passing the boating course - a sort of "signing" bonus! So, we new members were thrilled to go, and found it to be a most informative and interesting tour!

I was particularly interested in, and amazed by, the technology used to track and communicate with vessel traffic! It is impressive to see how those people can keep focused - following everything that is in front of them and coming through their headsets! It is because of this that shifts are divided into 2-hour segments of traffic/ communications and then 4 hours at the other service positions namely; weather and rescue - and then back again.



I monitor both channels 16 and 11 because I like to hear the communications back and forth. It has helped me learn more about proper radio procedures. I am very thankful that these individuals are out there promoting safe and efficient movement of marine traffic. We are very fortunate to have this centre right in our own back yard!



Canadian Coast Guard;
Victoria MCTS Centre, In-
stitute of Ocean Sciences,
West Saanich Road. PCS
members are encouraged
to go to
http://www.pacific.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/mcts-sctm/index_e.htm
to learn more about this ser-
vice.

Marine Communications and Traffic Services

(MCTS) provides marine safety communications co-ordination with rescue re-sources. Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre Victoria (JRRC) provides vessel traffic services and water-way management, broad-casts weather and safety information and provides sail plan services in addi-tion to support for other government and marine



agencies. In the Pacific Region, there are centres located at Vancouver, Victoria, Prince Rupert, Comox, and Tofino.

Thank you to Len Burton, MAREP Officer and Port Captain, who arranged the tour and went with us!

Canadian Power Squadrons Vancouver Island South District AGM *May 13, 14, 2005*

The 2005 District AGM Registration Form

Final date to ensure conference registration is May 9, 2005.

Confirmation of your registration will follow.

Hotel Registrants are required to book their own accommodations. Book early, quoting Canadian Power & Sail Squadron function for CPS rates, as rooms are limited at the CPS room rate of **\$85.00 single/double plus tax**. Deadline for booking is April 24, 2005.

HOLIDAY INN VICTORIA
3020 Blanshard Street, Victoria, V8T 5B5
Phone: (250) 382-4400 Fax: (250) 382-4053

NAME: _____ RANK: _____

SQUADRON: _____ DISTRICT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROV/STATE: _____

POSTAL/ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Saturday morning meetings and AGM in the afternoon are open to all CPS members at no cost, and registration is not required. However, if you wish to attend any of the events requiring payment, you must pre-register.

FRIDAY MAY 13 MEET AND GREET _____ \$ 15.00

SATURDAY MAY 14 LUNCH _____ \$ 18.00

SATURDAY MAY 14 DINNER AND DANCE _____ \$ 37.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Dress code: **Friday** - Casual

Saturday day - Uniform D summer whites - short sleeves, or Blazer with gray pants/skirt

Saturday Evening -District Commander's Buffet Dinner & Dance MEXICAN Costume

Dance to the sounds of Denny's Canned Music

DOOR PRIZES!

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS TO:

Cdr. Lorenda Franklen, 2983 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC V9C 3W5.

Cheques should be made payable to Juan de Fuca Squadron.

Canadian Power Squadrons
Vancouver Island South District AGM *May 13, 14, 2005*
The 2005 District AGM Agenda

Vancouver Island South District
Annual General Meeting
May 13, 14, 15, 2005

Holiday Inn Victoria
3020 Blanshard Street

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 13

Registrations Topaz Room

1700 – 2400 Open bar, informal “Meet and Greet”

Saturday May 14

0830 Registrations Blanshard Ballroom

0830 – 1100 Commanders’ meeting TBA

0830 – 1130 Training meeting and Awards TBA

1000 – 1030 Coffee Break TBA

1130 – 1300 Open bar

1200 – 1300 Conference lunch Blanshard Ballroom

1315 – 1630 Annual General Meeting Blanshard Ballroom

1830 – 2100 District Commander’s Banquet
Open bar Blanshard Ballroom

2100 – 2400 Dance Blanshard Ballroom

Sunday, May 15

0900- 1130 District Bridge Breakfast meeting Quadra Room

THE CANADIAN HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE AND NAUTICAL DATA INTERNATIONAL – AN UPDATE

The Canada/NDI Agreement is a copyright license agreement that was originally signed in 1993 between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Nautical Data International. The Agreement gave NDI the sole license to reproduce and distribute digital nautical charts and other hydrographic data, and imposed restrictions on the Canadian Hydrographic Services' (CHS) ability to distribute the data.

Minister Regan decided to terminate the Canada/ (NDI) Agreement and NDI received the notice of termination on February 4, 2005, as it is no longer in the public interest for DFO to have an agreement with NDI.

Over the past year, DFO received more than 100 complaints from recreational boaters and the navigational chart industry about NDI's pricing practices and product availability. The agreement is seriously hampering DFO's ability to partner with various federal departments and others to deliver on many programs. Despite repeated efforts to remedy this situation, there was little improvement. This was a decision that was not taken lightly.

Major difficulties with the Agreement started in 2000 and CHS wanted to make every effort to remedy the situation before taking such serious action. CHS spent considerable management time and resources trying to resolve its differences with NDI. CHS also made every effort to resolve differences between NDI and other parties. In CHS' view, these efforts were necessary before taking the decision to terminate the Agreement.

When the CHS-NDI relationship began over ten years ago, the concept of electronic charting was in its infancy and CHS did not have the capacity to respond to demands from manufacturers and the public for electronic chart data. Because the market was in its infancy, it was determined that there was insufficient business to support multiple distributors and that a sole license would make the business viable as well as provide a single point of contact for all electronic chart companies to obtain official CHS digital chart data products.

It is premature to comment on any subsequent legal action that may arise from the termination of the agreement. It is possible that this action could impact on employment at NDI. The Minister is committed to minimizing any negative effect

on employment in St. John's, Newfoundland-Labrador in connection with replacing the work NDI had been contracted to perform. Fisheries and Oceans Canada will make every effort to make use of the technical expertise in Newfoundland-Labrador as much as possible in service delivery.

For the first year after the termination of the agreement, authorized CHS will distribute digital certified products to authorized CHS dealers, who will distribute the products to recreational boaters. CHS will also continue to distribute the data to licensed value-added resellers, who will continue to distribute other digital nautical data products to recreational boaters. During this period, CHS will consider distribution options for these products for the 2006 boating season. Most digital certified products will be available immediately. A list will be posted on the CHS website. Prices will be set by dealers, however the CHS suggested retail prices will not exceed those of the existing pricing structure.

CHS certified products are safe and meet the legal requirement for carrying charts. You will be able to purchase products from C-Map and Navionics as soon as they obtain licenses from CHS to distribute these products.

A list of CHS authorized manufacturers and products are available on the CHS website. This list is updated regularly.

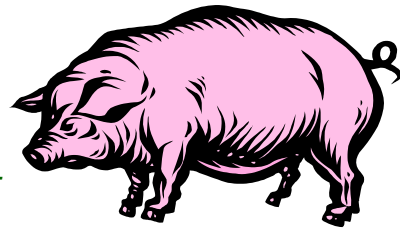
Excerpt from: CHS/NDI document Frequently Asked Questions

Naval Anecdote

In the 1790's John Duckworth was captain of the British naval ship Orion. He was known for keeping pigs on board and when one was swept overboard in heavy weather, he stammered the order, "Back the yards, lower a boat, there's a pig overboard; my pig-pig-pig will be drowned!"

It's OUR pig", a midshipsman interjected.

"What-what? their pig-their pig? Keep on course.... we must not risk-risk-risk men's lives for a pig!"



This is the same man who, when off Rhode Island fired a friendly and enthusiastic salute, unwittingly blasting a transport ship and in so doing caused five men to be killed. He was then a first Lieutenant and was acquitted at the ensuing court-martial. Indeed he was promoted to Captain at the age of 32 and eventually became a Vice-Admiral.

Source: The Bounty by Caroline Alexander

MEET BILL AND GAY MILLER

Submitted by Gay Miller

We have been “boating” all our lives, but got back to it seriously when we moved to Vancouver Island in 1964.

Starting in a borrowed lapstrake dinghy with a small outboard, it was a way of getting out on the water with 2 small babies and very little financial output. I have always enjoyed fishing, so we would set out from Oak Bay Marina with lifejackets on the babies and lifelines from them around my waist. We fished in Baynes Channel, with no knowledge of what could happen in the swift currents. Life was great, being out in the fresh air. We terrified a friend unintentionally, as he witnessed the whirlpools one weekend, but “ignorance was bliss”.

One time Bill had a good-sized Coho strike his line off of Sidney Spit. The fish danced on the water, leapt into the air, and then-----! All of a sudden we spotted a pod of Orcas cruising between our little rowboat and the Spit. We were terrified! Then the line went slack and on winding it in, there was nothing left on the end of it. A killer whale had a nice salmon for supper.

Another day, Bill announced he was off to look at a boat. I had wondrous ideas of a big boat but my disappointment could not be contained when he arrived home with “it” in the back of our old pickup truck. A 12 ft. leaky plywood runabout! and then we had to find a trailer for it! But it got us out on the water!

Then we bought a plywood 15' English centerboard sailboat. We set off on a club cruise for 9 days, with the babies, lots of cloth diapers and food. The staples were in *Tupperware*, which sloshed around in the water on either side of the centerboard trunk. We had intended to pitch a 9x9 heavy canvas tent ashore, but never found an appropriate spot. Besides, the evening activities were on the docks. Believe me, it was cozy!

Later we purchased an old 17' *Spencercraft* runabout. Now this was luxury! It ended up being called "Excedrin #9" as it gave us problem after problem with the screaming outboard. The next boat was a 15½' *Glastron* trihull. Very stable, good for fishing and excellent for water-skiing, we would head up to Sproat Lake for a week to camp and swim. All the kids on the dock had a chance to ski, and one hot day we took 46 different people water-skiing behind our boat. What fun! We scuba-dived, fished, cruised and swam off this boat. To me it was perfect, but Bill had grand ideas of something bigger.

So, after 22 years, we upgraded to the boat many of you knew. This one was a beautiful 24' *SeaRay Weekender* that we named "Charlotte Time". We cruised as far as Bellisle Sound at the entrance to Kingcome Inlet. Not bad for a 24 footer! That boat was lots of fun, but as we get older, we seem to need more comfort.

Next came a 28' *Spirit* Command Bridge. We kept the name "Charlotte Time". It was twice as much boat, twice as many engines and legs and double the price. "Twofootitis" takes a bit longer for the Miller family!

Thanks to a Coastal Navigation Course, a CYA Sailing Course and the CPS courses in Basic Boating in 1968, Seamanship, Seamanship Power, Weather, Marine Maintenance and sitting the AP and Seamanship Sail courses, we have more knowledge between us, out on the water. However, we never get out there without learning something new. I suppose that one of the reasons we enjoy boating is the challenge it presents us.



We take out 5 grandchildren and their fathers for trips to Tod Inlet and Sidney Spit. Our oldest grandson especially loves boating. We take one of them with us, when we go up to Desolation Sound, each year. Quality time with them, one at a time!

We now have a 25' *ChrisCraft* inboard powerboat, also named "Charlotte Time". It is a wonderful boat, and we are both happy with her. It is simpler, and easier to maintain. There is lots of room for the 2 of us, and our dog George.

As you can probably tell, I am the "boater" (the one who loves to be out on the water), but Bill is the "boat guy". I love pouring over charts, planning trips, and running the boat, but it is Bill who buys, maintains and fixes them. The boat and electronics are mine, but the engines, propellers and carburetors are Bill's.

Maybe one day I will get Bill farther afield. Rivers Inlet or Hakai Pass would be great, as I could do some quality fishing there. In the meantime, I can dream, while enjoying the swimming and prawning in Desolation Sound. Ah-h-h-h-h.. doesn't that sound just great!

A couple from Victoria decided to go to Queensland for a few days to warm up during a particularly cold winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years ago. Because both had jobs they found it difficult to co-ordinate their travel schedules, so it was decided that the husband would fly on Thursday and his wife would follow him the next day.

Upon arriving as planned, the husband checked into the hotel. In his room there was a computer so he decided to send an e-mail to his wife back home. However, he omitted one letter in the address and sent the e-mail, without realizing his error.

In South Australia, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. The dearly departed was a minister who had been called to glory following a heart attack. The widow checked her e-mail, expecting messages from friends. Upon reading the first message, she fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his Mother on the floor and saw the computer screen which read:

TO My loving Wife

SUBJECT: I've arrived!

You're probably surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. Sure is hot here!

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Raytheon RL70 Radar 7" Monochrome LCD



FOR SALE: Raytheon RC520 Chartplotter 7" Monochrome LCD.

Both items have sea-talk and can be connected together. Will sell both for \$1,000. Each item cost approximately \$1500 new. Contact Ron Harris 384-6588 or h2hzoo@telus.net



FOR SALE: Windlass never used – \$400

Horizontal, circular (low profile) Simpson-Lawrence (rope or chain) for boats up to 38'. Uses standard winch handle.

Phone Ralph Hodd 652-1715 or joycehodd@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Smart Alternator Regulator By Cruising Equipment Inc. - \$300.00

Like new condition. Complete with installation instructions and operating manual. Phone Ted Meadley - 656-1082 or meadleys@shaw.ca

Please advise editor@saanichpeninsulasquadron.org if you want to PLACE or DISCONTINUE an ad.



Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round. His buddies all chimed in and said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning."

So, that special morning arrives, and there they are on the golf course.

The first guy says, "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it."

Number 2 guy says, "I spent a ton, too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

Number 3 guy says "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual." They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they have lost their minds.

"I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the butt and said, 'Well babe, Merry Christmas! it's a great morning for sex or golf ' and she said, "Take a sweater..."

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As said by Captain Bligh, Royal Navy on board the frigate Bounty

"Flog that man, Mr. Christian!"

"But Sir, He's dead!"

"Mr. Christian, I said flog that man!"

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