

BIO-OCEANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the editor...

I must confess that I felt as flustered as my editorial buddy below in working on this summer issue just as the sun was finally making its fleeting appearance! Now that it's done, I think we have managed to pull together a good read for you.

President Don Peer's first newsletter column is on the next page and it is followed by over a baker's dozen of articles that will interest you! David Nettleship has contributed another excellent Noteworthy Reads—see page 6 for a review of Roger Pocklington's posthumously published book followed by 7 more book reviews in brief. Note too the O'Neill's invitation on page 7 to a BBQ at their home on Saturday, August 21st, and the possible Queen Mary II tour suggested on page 9. Hope you enjoy the issue. Au revoir chez les O'Neill...



(Cartoon by Derek Sarty, 1980)

From the President:

PEER'S PONDERINGS

It is indeed a great honour to be asked to serve as president of the BIO-Oceans Association. It is also a little intimidating, considering how the association has flourished under previous presidents. I want to thank Dave Nettleship for his service as President over the previous two years. Dave assumed the role after only nine months as a board member but with his hard work and enthusiastic dedication that was no disadvantage. I would also like to thank retiring board member Jackie Dale for her contribution to the many social events during past years. She will be missed as a Board member but she will remain an active participant in the association helping with the production and distribution of our newsletter and in other areas as well.

From my short time on the Board, it is obvious that the success of the association is the result of the efforts of the chairs and members of the social and other committees, as well as those concerned with equipment, photography, and Library archives and of the treasurer, Betty Anderson.

I hope that one of our goals this year will be to broaden the base of the membership of the association. Membership is open to all who share our objectives of supporting increased public understanding of the oceans. The association also provides a home for the fellowship of those of us who lived through a

unique period in Canadian history, to those who still believe that the study of the sea is important, and to those for whom the Bedford Institute of Oceanography was a training ground. The association has a focus on the preservation of archival material and many of the members have a familiarity with either the hardware or written material and are in a unique position to ensure that this knowledge is preserved. It is necessary to understand the past in order to manage the present. Many will find satisfaction simply in maintaining and nurturing, perhaps to a different level, those relationships formed during their time at BIO. Last but not least, there is the annual Beluga Award which is becoming recognized more and more as an important honour we bestow on valued colleagues.

I would call on those presently members to inform any of their friends whom they think might be interested in the association. Pass on some of the newsletters (take note of how much they have improved lately) and invite them to attend some of the social functions and refer them to our website at <http://www.bedfordbasin.ca>.

We have received a lot of good suggestions for summer social activities but we need a volunteer to chair the social committee and coordinate the work of other volunteers charged with organizing particular events. We are also in need of someone who will serve on the executive as Vice President and would be willing to assume the position of President in two years time. Any volunteers? In closing, I hope to see you all at future social events. Have an enjoyable summer.

QUIPS AND QUOTES

The Cat's Diary - Day 751: My captors continue to torment me with bizarre dangling objects. They eat lavish meals in my presence while I am forced to subsist on dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of eventual escape — that, and the satisfaction I get from occasionally ruining some piece of their furniture.

It's not, it isn't ain't, and it's it's, not its, if you mean it is. If you don't, it's its. Then too, it's hers. It isn't her's. It isn't our's either. It's ours, and likewise yours and theirs. Oxford University Press, Edpress News

Sure I multitask. I read in the bathroom.

Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing.
Mark Twain

Sometimes I lie awake at night, and ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night." Charlie Brown

Time's fun when you're having flies. Kermit the Frog

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better. H. Allen Smith

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and how about one for the road?"

FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2, 2004

PERIOD: 1998-2005

OPERATING FUND		FOUNDATION FUND	
<u>Member Fees:</u>	\$7,058.96	<u>Donations:</u>	\$6,599.15
Socials:	319.89	<u>Transfers:</u>	Socials, Oper-
Bank interest:	534.99	ating Fund:	Lunches,
Total Income:	7,913.84	2002/3 and 4	265.69
<u>Less: Expenses:</u>	<u>2,065.94</u>	<u>Bank Interest:</u>	<u>0.61</u>
	5,847.90		6,865.45
One Business		<u>Expenditures:</u>	6,533.62
Account with		Beluga Award	
ING Direct		Bank Charges	
covering 8 de-		and Cheques:	28.42
posits com-		<u>Lunches:</u>	
mencing at		2002	94.39
3.85%,		2003	129.95
now 2.5%	\$5,125.00	2004	41.35
Interest	<u>312.06</u>		<u>6,827.43</u>
	<u>5,437.06</u>		
CASH IN		CASH IN	
BANK:	<u>\$410.84</u>	BANK:	<u>\$37.72</u>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JULY 2, 2004

By Betty Anderson

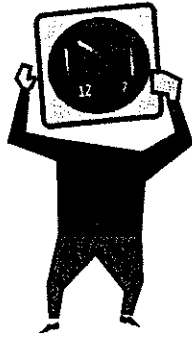
Our membership for 2004/05 is 174, eleven members from the previous year have allowed their membership to lapse and, regretfully, we have taken them off the membership list and will no longer be sending the Newsletter to them. Reminder inserts are included in this Newsletter for 34 members whose membership for the current year commencing May 1, 2004 is due.

We extend a warm welcome to 6 new members: Gordon Fader, Doug Frizzle, Jennifer Hackett, Richard (Dick) Morgan, Betty Sutherland and Heinz Wiele. Gordon Fader and Shiri Srivastava are now life members. To date membership fees total \$7,058.96: this amount covers \$5,048.96 collected from 1998 to July 2, 2004, and \$2,010.00 from pre-paid members.

Some Time-Tested Insults

"I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop
 "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill
 "A modest little person, with much to be modest about." - Winston Churchill
 "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow
 "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).
 "Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" - Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." - Abraham Lincoln
 "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx
 "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain
 "A solemn, unsmiling, sanctimonious old iceberg who looked like he was waiting for a vacancy in the Trinity." - Mark Twain
 "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain
 "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde
 "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

THE MEMBERS CORNER:**A NEW COLUMN
FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

[Editor's Note: *What follows is based on a portion of the report presented by Bob Cook to the BIO-OA Executive Committee Meeting on March 19, 2004, to launch this new column. Feel free to contact me or any Board Member if you have comments or suggestions for articles that profile members and their activities.*]

The BIO-OA Newsletter is a cornerstone for the membership of the Association. Many members, who do not routinely participate in the social activities, or the ongoing projects such as the archives, keep in touch with the BIO-OA via the newsletter (in print or on the website...or both). As a component of the Membership Development initiative, it was suggested by Bob Cook and Lisa O'Neill that a current member of the BIO-OA be featured in all future editions of the newsletter.

It was further proposed that the member featured be selected at random from the entire membership roster. In addition, a member of the BIO-OA Executive would be selected at random at an Executive Committee Meeting and be responsible for conducting the interview.

Where possible, interviews conducted for the "Members Corner" will contain feedback on the following five main areas:

- (1) When did the member start working at BIO and why? any anecdotes?
- (2) What did (does) the member do at BIO; e.g. type of work, where, in what group, etc.
- (3) If the member is still working at BIO – what is the nature of the current work? Have things changed? If the member is retired from BIO, what are they doing now?
- (4) Favourite memory during their time at BIO,
- (5) The future and what's the next key item on the member's agenda.

Bob went on to suggest an impartial balloting process to select the members to be interviewed and a numbered-dice method of arbitrarily choosing the BIO-OA Executive Committee member to conduct the interview.

The first fruit of this new branch of our newsletter is the accompanying profile (page 5) of Karen Scott who served as the nurse on the CSS Hudson in the early eighties and who today is a retired civil servant living in Oakville and pursuing new challenges as a published editor and raconteuse. The profile was prepared by Clive Mason, who has just taken on a new role on the BIO-OA executive as our first Public Relations Officer. We hope you enjoy this first contribution to *The Members Corner*.

**The Canadian Fahrenheit
Temperature Guide**

- +50 New Yorkers turn on the heat: Canadians plant gardens.
- +40 Californians shiver uncontrollably: Canadians sun bathe.
- +35 Italian cars won't start: Canadians drive with the windows down.
- +32 Distilled water freezes: Canadian water gets thicker.
- +20 Georgians wear coats, gloves, & wool hats: Canadians wear T-shirts.
- +15 Californians begin to evacuate the state: Canadians go swimming.
- 0° New York landlords turn on the heat: Canadians BBQ before it's cold.
- 10 People in Nashville cease to exist: Canadians lick flagpoles.
- 20 South Texans fly to Mexico: Canadians throw on a light jacket.
- 40 Hollywood disintegrates: Canadians rent videos.
- 60 Mt. St. Helen's freezes: Canadian Girl Guides sell cookies door to door.
- 80 Canadian Boy Scouts put off "Winter Survival" camping till it gets cold enough.
- 100 Santa Claus abandons the North Pole: Canadians put on their toques.
- 173 Ethyl alcohol freezes: Canadians get frustrated – their screech kegs won't thaw.
- 287 Canadian cows complain of farmers with cold hands.
- 460 Atomic motion stops: Canadians start saying, "Cold nuf for ya, eh?"
- 500 Hell freezes over: the Stanley Cup returns to Toronto!

THE MEMBERS CORNER:

**J. KAREN SCOTT - CSS HUDSON'S
POPULAR NURSE**

By Clive Mason

Karen Scott got a phone call in 1979 and jumped at the opportunity of becoming the full time (evenings and weekends included!) nurse on the *CSS Hudson*. This was the start of the best four years in her 25 years with the Government of Canada. She enjoyed all the cruises but the highlight was Hudson's 1981 voyage around North America, from Halifax through the Panama Canal and on to Victoria. Captain Fred Mauger was in charge until Panama and then Captain Loran Strum took over for the Pacific leg.

Karen has plenty of stories to tell - some of which can even be published - and she is now working on her second book with her good friend and co-editor Joan Kieser, this one to include a 25 page section about life aboard *CSS Hudson*. Readers may recall the review we published of Karen and Joan's first book in our October 2002 issue. It read in part as follows:

Scott, J. Karen and Joan E. Kieser (eds.).
2002. *Northern Nurses: True Nursing Adventures from Canada's North*. Kokum Publications, 199 Queen Mary Drive, Suite 105, Oakville, Ontario L6K 3K7. 156 pp. Hardcover. (ISBN 0973039205; BIO Library call # RT 6 .A1 S3 2002). - A collection of short stories written by 34 health professionals (mostly nurses) who have spent extended periods of time in Canada's north over the past 50 years. [The book is available from the publisher for \$25.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling.]

Karen has promised us an abstract of the good stuff from the next edition due later this year for a later issue of our newsletter, so keep an eye out for more from this dynamic publishing duo.

Karen was born and raised in Georgetown, Ontario, but had the good sense to move on to Western Ontario's railway city of St Thomas. Finishing up high school at Alma Ladies College, she later graduated

with her RN at St Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, 1963, her BScN from the University of Windsor in 1969 and Practitioner's Course from the University of Toronto in 1975 (no wonder she was so good at knowing what to do when we required medical help).

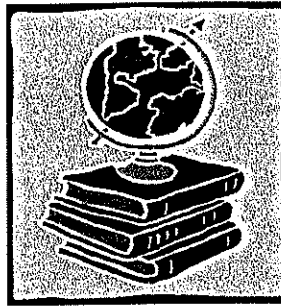
After spending time at several northern stations she got the *Hudson* call, spent 4 years with BIO and then continued on to other exciting adventures in Yellowknife and Alaska before moving to Charlottetown and the post of District Office Nurse for Veterans Affairs where she was responsible for veteran's health on PEI.. Karen was always ready to go to a new challenge, loving the opportunity to have a really demanding job where her skills with medical problems, people, politics, administration, finances, and being-in-charge would not be thwarted with too much supervision.

Karen retired to Oakville, Ontario, in 1996 and now spends part of her time writing and publishing. (She always secretly wanted to be a journalist.) The BIO Library has her first book about Northern Nurses which includes a great story about her 1975 Christmas in Povungnituk in Northern Quebec. She was seconded there by her employer Health Canada for a month from Sioux Lookout Zone in Ontario. This assignment brought her an early taste of Federal - Provincial rivalries. "POV was a federal station that provincial people had tried to take over," Karen explains "and I was the thug from Ontario Region sent to straighten out the place. I felt I had gotten the job as at 6 feet I was the tallest nurse in the Region. I knew there was no point in playing the political game on the ground, but we had to keep up appearances with the Quebec City and Montreal brass...so we each played our adversary roles till quitting time, then went out to socialize. What saved me in the end is that our phone service went out so we on the 'ground' were able to do it our way!"

Karen's health precludes much travel but she hopes to be in Dartmouth again to renew old friendships and if possible to gather together some BIO authors for a book of stories about ship board experiences and life's other adventures beyond science. Her e-mail address is jkscottrn@sympatico.ca. Karen would love to hear from you to share stories.

**NOTEWORTHY READS:
BOOK REVIEWS
IN BRIEF**

*By David N. Nettleship
Book Review Editor*



The *Noteworthy Reads* section is a cooperative, volunteer effort by members of the BIO-OA to produce a representative list of recent noteworthy book publications related to the marine sciences and other subjects of general interest. The listing is not intended to be comprehensive or complete, but merely an attempt to highlight a number of 'good reads' that may be of interest to OA members and their associates. The principal aim is to identify titles of new publications from a variety of disciplines including oceanography (physical, chemical, biological), geology, natural history, nautical engineering and design, etc. Most books listed are available at local bookstores and via HRM libraries; book prices are regular retail in Canadian funds; 20-30% discounts are normally available on line: e.g., amazon.ca or chapters.indigo.ca. Anyone interested in becoming a regular contributor to 'Noteworthy Reads' should contact David Nettleship (voice: 902-826-2360; internet: dnnlundy@navnet.net).

**SPECIAL REVIEW: THE WONDERS OF SHORT
STORIES AND POEMS**

Pocklington, Roger. 2004. *A Minor Work: Stories and Poems*. Community Books, Lockport, NS. 95 pp. Softcover, \$20.00 (ISBN 189649644X – available from: arenicolamarine@hotmail.com [online] or Community Books, RR1, Lockport, NS B0T 1L0 [902-656-2223]). – Here is a collection of short stories and poems that will captivate and reward the reader time and time again. The author, Dr. Roger Pocklington, a world-renowned oceanographer, sheds his professional cloak as marine researcher and prolific writer of scientific papers on the complex chemistry of the oceans of the world, to show his astute powers as observer of people and events, and storyteller. The subjects addressed in the nine stories and five poems comprising the book are diverse with something for everyone. They all have

'a sting in the tail', treats to be uncovered by the reader, and of special interest to history and art buffs, scientists, retired military types, yuppies, and children. Overall, this collection displays the masterful usage of the skills developed from a science background in the pursuit of knowledge and its application to form wisdom and happiness. Get a copy of "*A Minor Work*" and let our friend and BIO colleague, who departed this world in May 2004 as this book was in the final stages of production, transport you into his world of inspiration derived from his travels worldwide and the people he met – a stimulating and delightful experience. [Editor's note: A portion of the proceeds is to be donated to the VON Kings County Hospice Foundation in Roger's memory, with the remainder to help offset the cost of publication.]

OTHER BOOKS

Butler, Daniel Allen. 2004. *The Age of Cunard*. Lighthouse Press, Annapolis, MD. 466 pp. Hardcover, \$39.70 (ISBN 1577853482). – A fascinating and informative read, executed by author Daniel Butler with an obvious love and appreciation of the subject. This work is not simply a rehash of what has been said many times before about the Cunard Corporation, but rather a most detailed and complete outline of the Cunard story in a very readable flowing style. The reader is taken from early trans-Atlantic steam navigation in the 1830s through the terrible First and Second World War years to the many interesting corporate changes in more recent years – from British to Norwegian to American – and on to the production of the *Queen Mary 2* (maiden voyage in January 2004), described as the quintessential emblem of current nautical technology. The high points of Cunard's many renowned vessels and distinguished captains are all reviewed here. There is a wealth of clear information about the development and future plans of the modern Cunard Line as it enters the 21st century. No aficionado of Cunard history or pierside ship expert can afford to be without a copy of this thorough and well-produced work.

Corson, Trevor. 2004. *The Secret Life of Lobsters: How Fishermen and Scientists are Unraveling the Mysteries of Our Favorite Crustacean*. HarperCollins Canada, Toronto, ON. 304 pp. Hardcover, \$34.95 (ISBN 0060555580). – Here is an engaging account of one of our most treasured marine animals, the lobster. Trevor Corson proves there is more to these creatures than their delicious taste. He delivers a fascinating and brilliant natural history, one that takes us from the decks of lob-

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR 2004 BBQ AND PICNIC

Bring your steaks! Bring your salads! Bring your kayaks!

Above all bring yourself

to the 2004 BIO-OA Summer Barbeque

on August 21 at 1:00 p.m.

John and Lisa O'Neill have offered to host the 2004 OA barbeque at their home on **Springfield Lake in Upper Sackville**. Full instructions and details on finding their place will be sent to BIO-OA Members well before the event. We will be in need of an extra barbecue, so please let us know if you have one, and if it is transportable. The specialty of the house – BBQ salmon – will be available to all. For you real carnivores, you are invited to bring your own choice cuts for the fire! And of course.... BYOB.

For those of you who have kayaks and canoes, the house is located right on the lake, so bring them along! Swimming is also welcomed, although beach footwear is recommended due to the high

squish factor of the bottom (naturally, both being from BIO, we have not removed the reeds or disturbed the ecosystem!). A badminton/volleyball net and a lawn bowling set will be available for those so inclined.

Please contact Lisa O'Neill – home 864-7153 or cell 489-0991 or by e-mail at loneill@hfx.eastlink.ca if you have any questions. Do you expect to attend? If so, **Lisa would love to hear from you as soon as possible to help her plan** and to coordinate the pot luck contributions.

The Association guarantees you a good time whatever the weather. *Hope to see you there!*

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ster boats to the laboratories of marine biologists to the lobster's undersea environment, and by doing so in an integrated manner, reveals their myriad secrets of living. All facets of life appear such as feeding, mating, fighting and migratory habits, along with explanations of their occurrence. From the lobster's acute sense of smell and concentric eye design, to an unusual mode of external fertilization by the female herself, home construction and defense including the use of urine to advertise dominance, we are introduced to a wide range of surprises about the lobster. Corson's 'The Secret Life of Lobsters' gives us a meal of great science and shows why scientists and fishermen must work together closely to better understand the lobster and ensure its future welfare.

Koza, Thad. 2004. Tall Ships: The Fleet for the 21st Century (3rd ed.). *Tide Mark Press and Nimbus Publishing, Halifax, NS. 170 pp. Softcover, \$29.95 (ISBN 1559497408)*. – Updated and revised third edition of author Koza's 'Tall Ships', a comprehensive guide to most of the world's largest sailing vessels. A total of 225 vessels are reviewed in this glossy volume, accounting for more than 97 percent of the major tall ships of the world. Each ship is profiled in alphabetical order including at least one full colour photograph that makes for easy reference and understanding of the vessel's significance within the fleet. Specific ship details abound for each en-

try including specifications such as overall length, beam, draft, construction material and year built, along with rig type, past history and homeport. Altogether, a grand history on the 'golden age' of sail and an important reference source in preparation for the revisit of the Tall Ships fleet in Halifax this summer, 29 July to 2 August 2004!

Philbrick, Nathaniel. 2003. Sea of Glory: America's Voyage of Discovery – The U.S. Exploring Expedition 1838-1842. *Viking Press, New York, NY. 416 pp. Hardcover, \$42.00 (ISBN 067003231X)*. – This account of the U.S. Exploring Expedition, commanded by Lt. Charles Wilkes, from 1838 to 1842 in the South Pacific successfully details the first attempt by the United States to catch up with European countries in the arenas of exploration, discovery, and scientific advancement. The six-vessel fleet with 346 men surveyed the northwest coasts of the United States – Oregon and Washington – and 280 South Pacific islands. Their scientists produced maps and charts that remained in use for more than a century, and collected native artifacts, and geological, botanical and animal specimens that later became the nucleus of the Smithsonian Institution. Although the expedition's scientific accomplishments were outstanding, on a human level the project was a disaster culminating in the loss of 28 men and two ships, and a series of sensational court-martials. Overall, a useful review of a little remembered,

but important exploring expedition.

Preston, Diana and Michael. 2004. A Pirate of Exquisite Mind: The Life of William Dampier: Explorer, Naturalist, and Buccaneer. Walker & Company, New York, NY. 384 pp. Hardcover, \$39.00 (ISBN 0670044431). – Until now, William Dampier's (1652-1715) exploits and accomplishments – exploring more of the world than any Englishman of his day by ultimately making three circumnavigations of the globe – have been largely neglected. While Dampier's sailing career was 'stormy' owing to his involvement with buccaneers and global journeys for England as privateer, his scientific observations and contributions to knowledge were immense and diverse. In the ocean sciences, he was the first to deduce that wind cause currents, the first to produce wind maps of the world, and the first to distinguish between tidal streams and ocean currents. Throughout his travels, he kept meticulous records of plants, animals, weather, geology and peoples encountered en route. He produced the first descriptions in English of many plants and animals, from avocados to zebras, and introduced the concept and term "subspecies" influencing Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. He was also the first naturalist to visit six continents – North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia – the results of which he popularized in a series of best-selling travel books. This long overdue biography by the Prestons restores William Dampier to his rightful place in history, a pioneer of our understanding of the natural world and one of the most important explorers of the 17th century.

Sefton, Alan (ed.). 2004. The Last Great Adventure of Sir Peter Blake: With the Seamaster and Blakexpeditions from Antarctica to the Amazon. Sheridan House, Dobbs Ferry, NY. 240 pp. Hardcover, \$55.00 (ISBN 1574091905). – A new book that commemorates mariner Peter Blake's life and relates the story of his final, remarkable and tragic voyage. The text is drawn from the logbooks kept by Blake and edited by Alan Sefton. Blake became famous as a sailor for winning the Whitbread Round-the-World Race and for his America Cup's exploits in 1995 and 2000. More recently, however, his at-

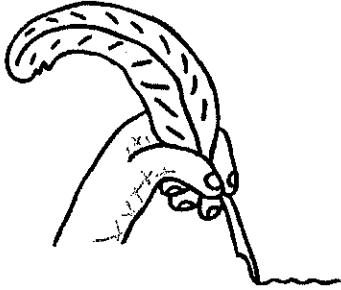
tention turned towards the abysmal state of the world's oceans and the need for a major marine conservation effort by all maritime nations. This is the account of his last journey, a sea voyage in his 118-foot expedition schooner, *Seamaster*, that began on 6 February 2001 and took him from the moderate climes of New Zealand to the cold, barren reaches of Antarctica, and then north to the steaming, lush rain forests of the Amazon. His account of the stunning vistas and treasures of wildlife encountered across the full range of environments displays his keen skills as observer of the natural world and reporter. His important message of the immediate need to protect and conserve important marine and terrestrial habitats rings loud and clear through his moving prose and vivid photography. Although Peter Blake was murdered by river pirates in December 2001 while exploring the Amazon, his plea for environmental awareness and action lives on through his 'The Last Great Adventure of Sir Peter Blake'. A most gripping and disturbing work.

Vanderhoof, Ann. 2004. An Embarrassment of Mangoes: A Caribbean Interlude. Doubleday Canada, Toronto, ON. 304 pp. Hardcover, \$34.95 (ISBN 0385659547). – Already planning for a winter retreat later this year? Well, here is a solid account of how one Toronto couple decided to escape by sailing to the Caribbean for a one or two year interlude from northern climes in a "no hustle, no bustle" manner. One an old salt, husband Steve Manley, and author Vanderhoof, an inexperienced fair weather 'sailor', bought and outfitted a 42-foot sailboat and then left Toronto ultimately reaching the Bahamas via the Hudson River and the intracoastal waterway to Florida. Come aboard and examine the transformation of the author from mere passenger to experienced deck hand and enjoy the couple's 2-year experience of sailing the eastern Caribbean as far south as Port of Spain, Trinidad, and visiting a total of 47 islands in 16 countries. Details are given of local culture and cuisine en route, along with descriptions of the stunningly beautiful islands and coves visited. Quite an 'escape', and a most enjoyable read!

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A guy gets shipwrecked. When he wakes up, he's on a beach. The sand is dark red. The sky is dark red. He can't believe it. He walks around a bit and sees there is dark red grass, dark red birds and dark red fruit on the dark red trees. He's shocked when he finds that his skin is starting to turn dark red too.

"Oh no!!!" he says. "I think I've been marooned!"



SHORT TAKES

Bosko Loncarevic writes to say that the world's largest cruise ship, *Queen Mary II*, will be visiting Halifax on September 23 or 24. BIO-OA is exploring the possibility of organizing a **tour of the vessel for members**. One problem is that Cunard may require some sort of "security clearance". In order to do that, they may want the names of all participants at least a month in advance of the visit. Those interested may want to put their name on the list by **calling** Bosko Loncarevic at 468-3392 **before August 15th**. We do not know how many will be invited on board so we will use the list on a first come, first served basis.

Member **George Anderson** knows how to get his KIXX! Sunday July 18th marks the 40th week that "Newfoundland Soiree", a **one hour program of Newfoundland music**, is aired from 1 to 2 p.m. on 780 AM KIXX Country radio. George and his partner Jim Francis pre-record 50 minutes of Newfoundland music both old and new and deliver the program to the radio station, which provides 10 minutes of advertising to be inserted. George chooses the music and Jim, a talented musician and re-

cording person, records it and gets it aired. This is a volunteer labour of love for George and Jim who get only the satisfaction of providing a well appreciated service to numerous Newfoundland music lovers. Tune in next Sunday to check it out for yourself.

Keep an eye out for **George Anderson's float in the Natal Day Parades** of both Halifax (Sunday August 1) and Dartmouth (Monday August 2). Look for the "Newfie George Show" sign atop the float and give him a big wave! George's show is a regular part of the entertainment at the Newfoundland Social Club located at 40 Wright Avenue in Dartmouth.

The BIO-Oceans Association held a **scoping meeting** on July 5th on the concept of a **BIO OCEAN EDUCATION CENTRE (BIOOEC)**. Participants included OA's Charles Schafer (who chaired the session), Don Belliveau (DFO), Kelly Bentham (DFO), Gordon Fader (NRCAN), Gary Grant (NRCAN) Mike Lamplugh (Hydrography), Tim Lambert (OA), Ed Murray (OA), and Lisa O'Neil (OA). The meeting agenda focused on: (1) a review of the themes identified to date, (2) a discussion about active and retired staff that should be approached to participate in the BIOOEC initiative, (3) solicitation of volunteers for a BIOOEC steering Committee, and (4) miscellaneous other business. Various new possible theme topics and directions for the initiative were identified and at least five meeting participants

expressed a desire to continue their participation. Please contact Charles Schafer or the newsletter editor if you would like further information on this initiative. A more ample meeting summary is available.

Member **Alan Ruffman** writes to note a small **erratum** to the abstract of his February 24 talk to us on "**Burin Peninsula, Newfoundland, November 18, 2004: The 75th commemoration of Canada's most tragic known earthquake and tsunami.**" It is that 28 people died in the earthquake, not 27 as noted in the abstract. Alan forgot to mention that he has established that one young girl, Amelia Alice Bonnell in Taylor's Bay, died of her injuries in the Spring of 1930 – well within the one year allowed by modern-day coroners for death attributed to a particular event.

New member Andrew Safer is an award-winning journalist and communications consultant who has written science stories on BIO in the past. One of Andrew's most recent accomplishments is as Project Manager/ Facilitator of the **Youth in Care Newsletter Project**, an initiative of the Children's Aid Society of Halifax. The fourth annual newsletter created by the Project was recently published. You can find out more about Andrew as a science writer at his web site at www.andrewsafer.com/home.html. More information on the Youth in Care Newsletter Project is available at www.youthnewsletter.net.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ... 35 YEARS AGO

[These Highlights are excerpted from the *BI World Newsletter* published at the Institute between 1967 and 1973. Complete versions are posted on our web site.]

{Apr. 30, 1969, Vol. 3, No. 4} "IN MEMORIAM: It is with sorrow that we report the sudden and untimely death from heart failure of Captain W. N. Kettle on April 6, 1969. Captain Kettle was born in 1918 in Newfoundland and his love for, and understanding of, the sea was outstanding even for a native of that province." ... BAFFIN returned from the Caribbean Hydrographic training cruise ... Following the death of Captain W. N. Kettle, Captain M. J. A. Wagner is presently Acting Master. Captain L.A. Strum has assumed Acting command of CSS DAWSON. ... MEL: Dr. L. M. Dickie has left for sunny Italy; Dr. V. M. Srivastava has returned from a lovely vacation in Portugal ... ICNAF: "Stocks of the traditional species, cod and haddock, are declining steadily despite international regulations... A fast developing offshore fishery for Atlantic salmon may be having disastrous effects on the North Atlantic salmon stocks." ... On Saturday, April 12, the Air-Sea Interaction Group's stable platform, redesigned and rebuilt, was installed at a new-location about five miles seaward from Hartlens Point. The overall length of the tower is 213 feet--taller than a 20-story building. ... Mr. Mahoney from the Auditor-General's Department has been visiting the Institute.

{July 3, 1969, Vol. 3, Nos. 5 & 6} The B.I. annual picnic has been set for Wednesday July 23rd. ... Once again we have completed a very successful term of instruction in oil painting given by Mr. Brent Homans, a former employee of A.O.L....The classes were held two nights per week for most of the term... The results of the voting at the exhibit were very close between the winning painting of "a foggy swamp scene in P.E.I." by Mr. George Fowler, and the "orange sunset on the water" by Mrs. E. Shortt.... Gerry Ewing has now taken up the full time duties of Assistant Regional Hydrographer ... The [Hydrographic] Development Group has re-

turned from a two week SATNAV evaluation cruise on the "BAFFIN" ... Over five million punched paper tape data [data?] characters were recorded, including over 200 satellite fixes ... Dr. K. G. Shih arrived on April 29 to join the Marine Geophysics Group.... Dr. F. R. Hayes, Chairman of FRB, has recently retired. ... HUDSON sailed from BI May 12 on a major marine Geological/Geophysical study in North Atlantic waters. The vessel called at Lisbon, Portugal ... The cruise was marred by the accidental death of Chief Steward Boudreau, also by the sudden death of the vessel's medical officer, Dr. F. Bachmann.

{July 31, 1969, Vol. 3, No. 7} MEL: Dr. E. M. Hasan has recently arrived from Cairo to join MEL ... The two-floor office addition is scheduled for completion by early September.... The new control exchange telephone system for Federal Government telephones in the Halifax area comes into operation on August 4.... New faces in Engineering Services belong to D. F. Dinn, H. F. C. Woodhams. New-comers to Oceanographic Research are Dr. K. G. Shih, L. Webber, S. Fowler, Chemistry Lab. James Etter; D. R. Durham and J. D. Hutchinson in Marine Geophysics. Mr. B. D. Brown has joined Computing Section coming here from Ottawa. Additions to Hydrographic staff are G. Sellars, A. M. Canning, W. J. Dansen, while M. Scotney and D. Delaney have joined Applied Oceanography, Dr. W. B. Kingston has joined CSS BAFFIN as Ship's Doctor. Mr. Ted Phillips has joined Metrology.... ICNAF: "Landings of the groundfish species from the Northwest Atlantic in 1968 were over 2,500,000 metric tons, slightly lower than in 1967. However, landings of herring soared to 860,000 metric tons, a 46 per cent increase. Cod landings remained high in all of the major fishing areas, and especially at Newfoundland and Labrador, but haddock landings continued to decline " ... A new kind of service, called Selective Dissemination of Information or SDI, has recently been obtained for a number of B.I. staff members from the National Science Library in Ottawa.... HYDROGRAPHY: Rene Pilote and John Warren, have been attending to the really important thing -- working on an acoustic sweep to give virtually complete seabed coverage.

**GIVING OUR NEWSLETTER A
NEEDED FACELIFT**

Lisa O'Neill and Mike Latremouille want to redesign the newsletter to make it better. We think that we have enough experience to do it right. We hope to tackle the work over the next few issues. In fact the first step is already done...the newsletter you now hold was produced by photocopier on 11 x 17 inch paper that was then folded in half. This allows us to achieve a neater, more professional look and to eliminate the need for stapling. We hope you like it.

The rest of the redesign work will involve coming up with a new logo – Lisa O'Neill produced the

quarter globe suggestion shown below, which appears more three-dimensional than our current globe and this helps it pop off the page. We also would like to come up with a better name for the newsletter. (BIO-Oceans Association Newsletter is certainly accurate but perhaps too long and certainly not very inspiring.) In fact nothing is sacred in our reexamination of the design, and if there is something you want to see added, subtracted, multiplied, divided, or integrated please let us know.

We will also be establishing an editorial committee and we welcome any volunteers who would like to join us for what we are sure will be a good and productive time for all. Please give us a call.

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BRIEF OBITUARY NOTICES

Janet Marie Fougere passed away on June 7 at the age of 57. Janet was the secretary of the Regional Reconnaissance Subdivision in the Atlantic Geoscience Centre during the seventies.

Philip Douglas "Phil" Hubley passed away on July 12 at the age of 55 from complications resulting from a motor vehicle accident in Prince Edward Island. Phil was employed for over 30 years with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, most recently as Head of Engineering Services in the Diadromous Fisheries Division at BIO.

Donald Franklin Knox passed away on May 21 at the age of 63. Don worked at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography for many years in the BIO instrument development shop.

THE "IN MEMORIAM" LINK

When possible, we publish short obituary notices in the newsletter announcing the deaths of members that we are made aware of.

Members should also check the *In Memoriam* link on our web site [www.bedfordbasin.ca] where some tributes to the careers and lives of deceased colleagues have been published. Currently, there are tributes or extended obituary notices there for Bill Ford, Earlston Doe, Loran Strum, Reg Gilbert, John Lewis, George Needler, and Lewis King.

A tribute to John Brooke by Charles Schafer will soon be added to this link. We invite you to visit this site for an interesting look back at some of the people they influenced and accomplishments they realized in their lifetimes.

A LAMENT FOR RELUCTANT

COMPUTER USERS

A computer was something on TV
 From a Science Fiction show of note,
 A window was something you hated to clean
 And ram was the father of a goat.
 Meg was the name of my girlfriend
 And gig was a job for the nights
 Now they all mean different things
 And that really mega bytes.

An application was for employment
 A program was a TV show
 A cursor used profanity
 A keyboard was part of a piano.
 A memory was something that you lost with age
 A CD was a bank account
 And if you had a 3.5 in. floppy
 You hoped nobody would find out.
 Compress was something you did to garbage
 Not something you did to a file
 And if you unzipped anything in public
 You'd be facing jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire
 A hard drive was a long road trip
 A mouse pad was where the rodents lived
 And a backup happened to your commode.
 Cut you did with a pocket knife
 Paste you did with glue
 A web was a spider's home
 And a virus was the flu.
 I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
 And the memory in my head.
 I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
 But when it happens some wish they were dead.



ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Bedford Institute of Oceanography Oceans Association was established in 1998 to foster the continued fellowship of its members; to help preserve, in cooperation with the Institute's managers and staff, BIO's history and spirit; and to support efforts to increase public understanding of the oceans and ocean science. Membership is open to all those who share our objectives. Most current members are present or past employees of BIO or of the federal departments of Environment, Fisheries and Oceans, and Natural Resources (or their predecessors) located in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Membership is \$5.00 per year, \$25.00 per half decade, or \$100.00 for a lifetime membership. Payment for membership renewals should be sent to: Ms. Betty Anderson, Treasurer, 79 Flamingo Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 1T2. For further information, contact any of the current executive or other members listed below.

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