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MORE ON 5
The Island Citizens Assn. was incorporated as a non-profit community-oriented organization. Our initial task was to seek a solution to the ever present transportation problem in the Bay; and this has been one of our major objectives to this day. Some of our other more noteworthy accomplishments have:

- It submitted a proposal to the Department of Transportation for support in operating a bus on the island for elderly and handicapped persons.
- It sponsored a very successful bicycle race on the island.
- It donated land to the State of Maine for inclusion in a wildlife preserve on Peaks Island.
- It has consistently tried to be supportive of the activities of other Island organizations.
- It published the Casco Bay Breeze, a monthly newspaper, for nearly two years.
- Was granted permission to operate a supplemental ferry during strike of 1976-77.
- It brought about a schedule change in the last boat to Peaks Island to 10:00pm during winter months.
- It has conducted an aluminum can recycling drive on the island.
- It proposed four laws to the 107th Legislature. One of these passed and resulted in the installation of Radar on all of Casco Bay Lines' boats.
- To get Project Fuel to begin a home insulation program on the islands. Began 1-20-77.

It demanded a review of the fuel tariff schedule which resulted in a reduction of the tariff for firewood.

It applied to the PUC for permission to operate a supplemental ferry. 1973

It has effectively participated in all recent Casco Bay Lines rate hike hearings.

This whole introduction brings us to the crux of this article: Where is the ICA going? What is our future?

The island needs a vehicle of communication with the City, State and federal governments, with the Public Utilities Commission, and with many other governing bodies. We all know that a unifies voice is more effective than a single voice.

What we need to know now is how important an organization is the ICA in light of the establishment of a Town Meeting. We are planning to hold a meeting at the Peaks Island Library (Legion Hall on Welch Street) on either May 14 or 21, Sunday evening at 8:00pm, depending on when the library is free.

We strongly urge all to attend and participate with us in reevaluating the ICA and its purpose.

Watch for posters as to the exact day...........

Irene Murray
President

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Because it was raining so hard when I went to take the 8:15 boat on April 1st, I took refuge in the concrete shelter on the parking lot, only to decide that the cold driving rain was preferable to the stench. I left six or eight youngsters on their way to Saturday swimming huddled amidst the filth of the place.

What are we doing to our Peaks Island children that they can put up with, even for a few minutes, a public building in that condition?

A year ago any of us might have dismissed the situation with, "Why doesn't the City take care of City property on Peaks Island?"

Now we realize that on Peaks we are the City. Rather than raise our property taxes the City has reduced our Public Works crew. The way now for us to take pride in Peaks Island is to organize a volunteer auxiliary to our fine crew headed by our own David Stites; an auxiliary set particularly to give attention to litter and waste disposal.

With their other responsibilities, the P.W. crew does well to get around the island collecting rubbish once a week. A volunteer auxiliary would be able to see that the public barrels down front and along the back shore are cared for whenever they are full.

The most direct route between down front and the back shore passes the dump, now outlawed but necessary until we find a better way to handle our solid waste.

Who better than our own island organization to monitor the way we carry our own trash to the dump? What better than our own island organization to work on the problem of dogs breaking open trash bags set out for collection?

If we on Peaks Island show the City that we take our own pride in our public appearance, the day will come when George Flaherty will find a way once more to furnish our P.W. crew a decently covered rubbish truck.

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The Peaks Island Water Quality Committee Wants to Help

The Peaks Island Water Quality Committee, which is a standing committee of the newly formed Town Meeting Select Committee, will establish a two-way information and counseling service to help islanders with proper care and use of their underground disposal systems and to guard against the entry of toxic materials into the water. The first of a series of informative articles on water quality-environmental topics appears in this issue.

Through the Town Meeting Needs and Services Committee and through the Peaks Island Library, the committee will distribute a questionnaire to help determine any trouble spots with the goal of formulating plans to help individuals and groups of individuals who need help. The new federal law PL95-217 seems to encourage such planning.

Members of the Committee:

Margaret Harmon -- 2634
Remington O. Schmidt -- 5556
Eileen Herrick -- 2019
Kendall Porter -- 3336
Gregory Scandlen -- 2074
Michael Day -- 3319
Craig Schensted -- 2640
Arlene Galope -- 2202
John Whitman -- 2211
Bruce Lincoln -- 2212
Hardy Perry -- 2652
Douglas MacVane -- 2213
Edwin Williams -- 2089
Gretchen Hall -- 3381
Russell Pike -- 2774
John Mazza -- 5524
Robert Huston -- 2556
Rosemary Pyne -- 2639
Florence Felton -- 3326
Elizabeth Sullivan
Irene Schensted, Chairperson -- 2640

For information, or to make suggestions, call any one of the above.

IRENE SCHENSTED.
PEAKS ISLAND BRANCH
PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

A new facility on Peaks Island—the Peaks Island Branch of the Portland Public Library opened on February 5, 1978 with a gala Open House. In spite of a cold, wet winter afternoon almost a hundred islanders came to celebrate, each bringing gifts—books, records, paperbacks, magazines, puzzles, games—even three lounge chairs and a playpen!

At present the library is renting the American Legion "Home" on Welch Street. It has been pleasant this winter, getting off the 5:30 boat, to see by its welcoming lights that the library was open with hours of service for students and working people, as well as those who are fortunate enough to be able to be on the island and use its services during the day.

With a basic grant from the Portland City Council, it was decided to keep the library open as many and as regular hours as possible—during all segments of the day and into the evening. With the help of volunteers we were able to keep this even when the regular staff was still an unknown quantity.

STAFF
The staff is now in place with two federal grants—from CETA and the Senior Service Community Employment Program:

Louise Hutt—
CETA Library Asst.
Janice Sullivan—
Library Clerk
Ruth Sargent—
Library Clerk

Ruth and Jan are longtime, well known residents of Peaks Island. Louise, a graduate of the Lansing Community College, Library Technicians program, is now living on Herman Avenue. She came to do her final hours of library training at the Portland Public Library and was most useful in the initial days of setting up the library on the island. They will be under the direction of Wendy Foley and Su san McCarthy of the Outreach Department and Marianna Rowe of the Children's Department of the Portland Public Library.

PLAN OF SERVICE, MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS

Connected by telephone to the main library and available to all island patrons, the library is answering reference questions and supplying research materials. Requests for titles for recreational reading are being filled.

The book collection will be about 2000 books with new and popular titles frequently changed over from the main library collection, paperbacks and non-fiction, a changing children's collection and popular titles for teenage readers.

A small reference and basic book collection will be building. A collection of stereo recordings, children's books on cassettes, large print books, and talking books for the handicapped will also be available.

The Library's van service to the homebound is being picked up by the staff of the new library and requests and questions about the service can be called in at 766-5540.

APRESCHOOL HOUR has already been established on a weekly basis and is being attended by children from the Peaks Island Development Center and other pre-school children and their parents. Any island children from 2-5 years old are invited to join the fun. It starts at 2:45 on Thursday afternoons and is a mix of stories, finger plays and games and a short picture book film.

Classes from the Peaks Island School are using the library and it is hoped that it will be used as a regular resource and a quiet place to study for the school, junior high, senior high, and college students as well.

Wednesday evening has been "chess club" evening at the library with Bud Lester in charge and Angie Kelso, the library volunteer. Greg and Susan Scandlen have been keeping it open on

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One More Time For "THE SMALL BOAT BILL"
L.D. 2107 (L.D. 937)

To the very apparent joy of Casco Bay Lines Management and pleasure of a few scattered residents of the Bay Islands, the "Small Boat Bill" was defeated by the states legislators; the bill was an amendment to the controversial, annoying and frivolous law "Transportation to Islands in Casco Bay-Private and Special, 1963," Chapter 174, which will now be consigned to a resting place to collect dust until such time and date in the future when it will again be brought to light by some needy cause.

During its most recent appearance before the public and the attempt to have the law amended by way of legislative document 937, the dialogue became sprinkled with fearful and almost frantic terms, phrase and statements such as: water taxis, several additional carriers, siphoning off of passengers, and scab boats; attempting to drive Casco Bay Lines out of business; if this bill is allowed to pass it will be the end for CBL, CBL will go down the drain. This is all a lot of nonsense. All one has to do is seriously consider the conditions in the summer months, the peak tourist and watercraft activity period, and the fall/winter months when most boats are out of the water and there are only several fishing boats working.

Testimony before committees by witnesses and public statements, have been confusing, distorted and in some areas defied logic. At one point in testimony it was fearfully described that "If this bill is passed can you imagine the havoc and chaos it will create in the Bay."

The private and Special Law 1963 was enacted for the protection of CBL's financial integrity, to assure the company of capturing all of the potential passenger and freight dollars as possible.

Consider for a moment the busy, hectic and prosperous summer months when thousands of watercraft are doing their thing cruising and playing in Casco Bay, there is no urgent cry of "havoc and chaos" or of "siphoning off of passengers"; there is no cry of financial disaster from CBL because of thousands of visiting summer pleasure watercraft running between islands or the mainland; and 1977 was one of CBL's more prosperous years.

The fall/winter months present their own special circumstances which certainly do not enhance the theory of "siphoning off of passengers", nor validate the concept of "additional carriers" or "several carriers."

Consider some of these factors: 1. Is there...
The Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center at Peaks Island will be the site of a unique gathering during June 24-25, 1978. This will be the first reunion of its kind anywhere in the nation—an old-time Civil War reunion, for cultural purposes, of Maine's (any state's) descendants of Civil War veterans. However, one does not need to have had an ancestor who fought in the Civil War as a passport to this event. The sizable planning committee stress that the program is designed to be captivating for all students, buffs, aficionados of the Civil War, for they will be welcome.

The Fifth Maine Regiment Center, built by the veterans themselves in 1888, is believed to be the only such structure standing in Maine today. In recognition of this, the Fifth Maine Regiment Center, not lacking in original charm, officially has been declared a National Historic Landmark. The Fifth Maine Regiment Assn. has as its goal the eventual establishment of what will be Maine's only bona fide Civil War museum with a curator living in. To this ambitious end, the 9:30 am to 4:00pm program on June 24th will include a series of speakers: Dr. Robert York, State Historian and University of Maine faculty member; Earl Shettleworth, Director of the Maine Commission for Historic Preservation; Jay S. Hoar of the University of Maine at Farmington, author and researcher on the nation's last centennial Civil War personalities; and Marshall Dodge, noted Maine comedian of Down East dialect. Several Civil War skirmish-units like the Fifth Massachusetts Artillery Battery and Band are expected to participate. A mid-day buffet will be served up by island women. There will be a modest registration fee. The second day, June 25th, will be devoted to socializing, entertainment by Maine humorist Marshall Dodge, a Lions Club lobster bake at Greenwood Gardens, tours of Peaks and House Islands, including Civil War vintage Fort Scammell.

For further info and registration of Civil War ancestors please contact: Margaret Randall, Secretary of the Fifth Maine Community Center.

Jay S. Hoar—University of Maine at Farmington

JESSIE TREFETHEN

95 years ago Jessie Trefethen was born on Peaks Island. She went to school on Peaks Island and graduated from Portland. After graduate study, in art she came back home to paint against the sea, and to write of her family's part in the changing circumstances of Peaks Island since 1650. On her mainland her fame, including being one of the founders of the Oberlin Art Museum, was such that when she died last month, her obituary made the New York Times. Her legacy to us are these resolutions which she renewed each morning:

1. I will try to live through this day only and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do some things for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep them up for a lifetime.
2. I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true that "most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Happiness is from within—it is not a matter of externals.
3. I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business and my luck as they come and fit myself to them.
4. I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it and not abuse it nor neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my will.
5. I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer all day. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.
6. I will exercise my soul in three ways, to wit: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do, as William James suggests, just for exercise. I will not show anyone my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt, but today I will not show it.
7. I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be generous with appreciation, criticize not one bit or write of her family's part in finding fault with anything, and try not to regulate nor improve anyone.
8. I will have a program. I will write down just what I expect to do every hour. I may not follow it exactly, but I'll have it. It will save me from two pests: Hurry and indecision.
9. I will have a quiet half-hour, all by myself, and relax. Some time in this half hour, I will think of God, so as to get a little more perspective to my life.
10. I will be unafraid; especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

Gretchen Hall
SALTWATER CHESS

I don't know whether we're ready to challenge the mainland yet, but Peaks Island has more than its share of chessplayers. We even have a chess club, which meets with what I can describe as an irregular constancy, some players one week, some the next, in a pattern as unpredictable as Maine weather. So far the members have been Bob Bernstein, Kathy Carter, Steve Roberts, Jack and Ken Porter, Judy Ball, Al Kendall, and Bud Lester, but we all know of others hidden out there in the nooks and crannies of the island.

We'd like to set up a ladder, organize some tournaments. We meet every Wednesday night from 7:00pm on at the Peaks Island Branch Library on Welch Street. If you're interested, call Bob Bernstein (2816), Bud Lester (3353), or Steve Roberts (5523). No dues, no rules, and if you can only be a sometimes member, we still want you. Strength is unimportant—beginners on up are welcome.

One of New England's largest chess libraries is on the island, and the books are available for loan to any islander. If you know any shut-ins who would appreciate some chess, or if you need chess lessons, to sharpen your play, call Bud Lester, who just can't seem to get enough chess to satisfy him.

Chess has an undeserved reputation for difficulty. It is not a game for brainy types, and although it's hard to attain a master's rating, it can be enjoyed by everyone. Not many of us can play tennis like Perry Rockafellow, but duffers enjoy games as much as strong players. They may even enjoy themselves more—strong players worry about their reputations.

So join us—you have nothing to lose but a game now and then!

Here's a chess problem, to test your skills. White is to play and mate in two moves, no matter what Black does. (Remember, Black pawns are moving down the board.) If you solve it in the first few minutes you have just been elected president of the Peaks Island Chess Club!

BUD LESTER

(Answer is in this issue—look for it.)
Monday evenings, Friday evenings have been "y" night (Mudcrack Y, that is) with Craig and Irene Schensted as library volunteers.

Organizations and committees wishing to hold special meetings at the library are asked to consult both the Legion "House" Committee, Jimmy Brown, chairman and the library staff for permission to use the facility.

Children's films are shown on Saturday mornings from 10-12. Although up to now the very youngest have been the main audience, there are films for older children as well. Watch for announcements.

The library staff has many plans for total community service—a community bulletin board, a "Needs and Services" listing, a summer rainy day program, a pattern exchange, a summer reading program, film programs for adults, etc. Do you have a need or interest that this resource center can fill? Let us know—we will try.

CREDITS

We would like to thank our volunteers and those who helped the Peaks Island Branch Library get its start: the Calends Club, the Island Citizens Association, the American Legion, especially Shawn O'Dane. Volunteers: Sue and Greg Scandlen, Irene and Craig Schensted, Angie Kelso, Bud Lester, Joan Conley, Cherry Gormham, Denise Daniels, Lorraine Spear, Carl and Gretchen Hall, Eileen Herrick. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Avis Mahoney for the beautiful cake for Open House day, to Bill Hoadley for the chairs, to Clem and Loretta Voyer for the pen and many other things, and to all the library contributors. Gail Laughlin, Connie Dennison, Cindy Roberts and Renee Watson have also been most helpful Junior volunteers.

THE FUTURE

We are encouraged that the City of Portland and its Building Committee now planning the new Community Building is considering a permanent home for the Island Library and that we soon shall see it as a reality and a permanent, useful part of the Peaks Island Community.

Submitted by Marianna Rowe (The staff wishes to commend Marianna Rowe for her efforts in bringing the library to Peaks Island. It was she who spent almost one year writing proposals, appearing before the City Council, acquiring CETA positions, and never giving up in the face of resistance. Thank you, Marianna!)
there a boat available and a Captain agreeable and willing to make a trip; 2. Facilities available, (dock or float); 3. Condition of the tide (very low is no encouragement); 4. Weather conditions (gale blowing, snow, ice); 5. Age of individuals; 6. Size of boat (enclosure and comfort available). These factors along with the limited conditions (gale blowing, snow, ice) and the probability of CBL having completed its schedule for the day doesn't indicate the possibility of any substantial siphoning off of passengers to the detriment of CBL fiscal integrity.

The statement by CBL management before the legislative transportation committee, to the effect that if the bill (L.D. 2107) was passed, it would mean the end of Casco Bay Lines, in my opinion, was a subtle form of intimidation. With the exception of Capt. E Elliot Winslow's commendable effort with the "Argonaut" during the winter in Jan. 1977, there is no source of conclusive facts or figures to determine or prove that it would mean disaster to CBL.

The question is now where is there a boat owner who would endeavor to operate a supplement boat service or water taxi for a living under the aforementioned circumstances and conditions, and we haven't yet considered the added burden of insurance coverage costs.

Casco Bay Lines fear that the passage of either L.D. 937 or L.D. 2107 would mean bankruptcy and demise of the company, I feel are unfounded.

Licensing of persons to operate a motorboat carrying passengers for hire started back in 1910, June 9, at which time no examination was necessary, all that was required was three letters, presented to the local board of inspectors, from reputable citizens testifying to the operators character. It was April 25, 1940 when this procedure ceased and was replaced by the Motor Boat Act of 1940, requiring an oral exam. On December 2, 1940 and in accordance with the Act a set of general rules and regulations relating to the Act of 1940 was adopted by the Board of Supervising Inspectors and approval by the Secretary of Commerce gave them full force of the law. It wasn't until April 24, 1941 that the new regulations pertaining to licensed operators of boats carrying passengers for hire took effect.

Since that date there have been numerous appeals and amendments made in the Motorboat Act of 1940.

There was one interesting exception in the Act and that was Section 7. It exempted the need for licensed operators of motorboats engaged in any fishing contest previously arranged and announced. As explained, "often large numbers of pleasure boats are used for just a few days in fishing tournaments and the legislators have thoughtfully made provision for those on whom the license requirement might otherwise work an unnecessary hardship."

To be found in the Maine Boat Law, Title 12, Chapter 308, revised statutes 1964, my copy is dated 1975, are definitions which I will quote for the benefit of any curious reader.

"Carrying a passenger for Hire" means the use of a motorboat for the purpose of the carriage of any person or persons as passengers for valuable considerations, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, agent or any other person interested in the watercraft."

"A passenger includes every person carried on board the watercraft other than the owner or his representative."

"The operator, bona fide member of the crew engaged in the business of the watercraft who have contributed no consideration for their carriage and who are paid for their services, and any guest on board a watercraft which is being used exclusively for pleasure purposes who do not contribute any consideration, directly or indirectly for his carriage."

Considering all that has been written and proclaimed (laws and statutes) and after attempting to absorb digest same, one can sit back and ponder, in who's best interests were certain of these laws written. Is it a good law if it deprives one of a right of choice? Is it a good law if it works an unnecessary hardship or burden on a boat operator who on occasion is called upon to come to the aid and assistance of a friend or friends with urgent or seriously pressing transportation problems, who require consideration and attention immediately, right now. Let not the legislators consider only those pleasing themselves, but also those with urgent transportation problems and who can be accommodated by a coast guard inspected motorboat right now, circumstances permitting, if not sooner.
NEW PLAYGROUND
For Day Care

The Peaks Island Child Development Center is planning to renovate our playground this summer. The Diocesan Relations Services District One office is providing the labor through a CETA project and the Center's Board of Directors is donating funds for materials. Possibly some much needed renovations can be done to the church hall itself if enough funds can be raised. Plans are being made for a dance and other activities to help carry out this project. We welcome your support.

The center staff has undergone a few changes recently. Tracey Butkus is the new director, Vicky Roberts, the new part-time secretary and Kathy Wilson, a new room helper. Other staff include: Alice Boyle, our talented cook, Dorothy Finley, and Kathy Caron, and Sally Green who work directly with the children, and Angie Kelso our family day care staff person who cares for five children under the age of three.

The children all twenty-two of them, have been very busy, too. In addition to the field trip to the children's museum which you read about in the last issue, they have gone to the Maine Mall and swimming at the Y.M.C.A. Those were all exciting adventures and amazingly, no one got lost. As part of our celebration of Spring, we hatched six chicks in an incubator on loan from the county extension service. Other fun activities were making stone soup, planting seeds, tapping and listening to our voices, having an Easter party, visiting each others families, seeing new puppies and kittens and going to the library for our weekly story hour. We hope to visit a real farm in the near future. The Center attempts to provide a stimulating, creative environment for the children in our care to arouse their curiosity and learning of the world in which we live.

We like to see new faces. Please drop in for a visit anytime whether or not you have children enrolled. We are located in the basement of the church hall, and are open from 7am to 6pm weekdays. If you would like information about enrolling your child for next fall, please call: 766-2854.

TRACEY BUTKUS

THERE WILL BE A CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AT FORT WILLIAMS JUNE 3-6 MORE IN FUTURE ISSUE.
PEAKS ISLAND WATER
QUALITY HINTS:

To avoid possible problems with cesspools and septic systems, care should be used in what materials or objects are flushed down drains and toilets.

Cottage owners and other renters should advise tenants as to disposal of such things to prevent blockage of systems, and possible deterring of organic actions in their systems.

No-No's include: disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, paper products, and excessive detergent suds.

If in doubt, Use trash or garbage.

HARDY F. PERRY, Member
P.I. Water Quality Committee

CHURCH NEWS

Father Nee traveled to Ireland on April 10th for a two week stay—during this time the parish was served by the Jesuits who teach at Cheverus. Fr. Walter Kane S.J. came April 15-16th and Fr. James Walsh S.J. April 22-23.

It was interesting to note in the WE HEAR Column of the Portland Evening Express, Wednesday, April 12th of Fr. Nee's award for highest achievement in academic ability, sportsmanship and character in 1955 at St. Francis Xavier College in Antigonish.

On May 8—His Excellency, the Bishop of Portland, Edward C. O'Leary will come to St. Christopher's Church to confirm 20 children. They will be sponsored by their parents. This ceremony will take place at 7:30 in the evening during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All islanders are invited. The confirmandi are: Chris Alves, Regina Alves, Darren Brown, Philip Daigle, Beth Falkner, Sherry Falkner, Joseph Falconieri, Joseph Galope, John Gorham, Donald Groeger, Missy Groeger, Margaret McTigue, Norman O'Brien, Holly Polk, Karen Tuttle, Sherry Tuttle, Renee Watson, Ennie Willard, Margaret Willard.

A reception for the Bishop and the newly confirmed will follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited.

Staurday, May 13th at St. Christopher's 9 youngsters will receive their First Holy Communion at the 7 P.M. Mass. All islanders are invited to come. The First Communicants are: Joseph Alves, Joan Bemis, Ronald Benner, John Falkner, Padraic Keane, Dorothy Kirby, William McIntyre, Ray Stoddard, and Elizabeth Willard.

On Saturday May 27th the Trading Post will open with a new line of gifts— it will be opened daily 1 - 5. There will be an attractive corner for the children this year.

On Sunday, May 28th after the 9 o'clock Mass the children will process from the church to Our Lady's outdoor shrine where Mary will be crowned, Queen of Our Lives. All are invited to join the children in this celebration. This ceremony will close the Religious Education classes for the year.

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I Vaguely remember a rumor that’s spread every year about this time about spring turning a young man’s fancy…Where that fancy is turned is no longer a big secret.

Witness the 30 or more young at hearts who show up at the Peaks Island Softball field every Sunday. None are there to pick daisies. They want the thrill of a base hit, the applause for a seemingly impossible catch and above all, they want to win.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the increasing number of women (I’m afraid to use the term girls) who are taking up Peaks Island #1 sport.

If you are interested in playing, here’s how the Sunday routine usually goes:

The first 20 people to show up play a regular seven inning game.

Towards the afternoon, there are usually enough players to field 3 teams. So those teams play rotationally, four innings to a game, for the remainder of the day or until enough players dropout to leave just enough for two teams.

On a day when the Peaks Island All-Stars play a visiting team, the first seven inning game mentioned above is replaced by the visitors game.

The All-Star team consists of those regular players who claim to have the most ability. It is my opinion that a position on the All-Star team can be challenged with the toss of a coin if the challenged player commits an error. This opinion may not be accepted by the All-Stars so it should not be misconstrued as a rule.

As I am writing, plans are underway for the All-Stars to play the Casco Bay Lines team. It’s heard through the grapevine that Peter McLoughlin is considering signing Reggie Jackson on as a temporary deckhand. Red Son manager Don Zimmer will not be sending a scout to Sunday’s game as had been previously been anticipated. More on those stories later.

Hopefully, by the next edition of the Times, we will have photos and box scores for the game slated for Sunday, April 30.

Volleyball

John Coyne says that the volleyball season is not over yet. If you’re feeling sluggish from the long winter, this is a good opportunity to work out the kinks without getting hurt. Games start at 7 PM on Mondays at the Peaks Island School. Any adult with non-slip footwear can play.

If there is a sports item you would like to have reported in the Times, please send to P.I. Times, P.O. Box 53, P.I.

Dan Hogan
MAINLAND SHOPPERS
FREE DELIVERY TO
CASCO BAY LINES

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DID YOU KNOW.... PAUL'S DELIVERS ORDERS TO THE 2:30 PM BOAT DAILY?

PAUL'S Food center delivers grocery orders to the 2:30 pm boat every day. All groceries are packed to ensure product arrives in good condition. Call Paul's if you wish us to pick up your telephone order. Credit arranged in advance, please.

1) Full supermarket variety 4) Quality (nobody beats ours) meats
2) Low everyday competitive prices 5) Fresh fruits and vegetables
3) Taxi service at our front door 6) Food stamps cheerfully redeemed

- WO N'T YOU LET US SERVE YOU -