YOU CAN'T HATE US FOR THAT!
by
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When the Lamp of Knowledge is raised aloft to illuminate the subject, it will hopefully be held by a more experienced hand than mine. Meanwhile, you might like to know that your CBL crew does think about it quite often and you can't hate us for that! After all, we're all in the same boat together.

Whoever tossed off that sangfrodiian flip "accidents are bound to happen" ought to have bitten his tongue. Safety begins with serious thoughts followed by actions designed to prevent accidents from happening. Mass passenger handling on a ferry can lead to some very sober reflections indeed.

To begin with, kids scare us to death. If looks could kill I wouldn't be here after the many times I've had to lower the pilothouse window and holler "Hey, kid, get offa that seat." I can read lips, too.

"Who does he think he is?"
"Whata way to talk to a child"
"That grouch oughta be reported. Poor Junior"

In case he was your child, bear in mind that standing on a seat, braced against a rail, makes Junior particularly vulnerable to being thrown over the side, especially during docking and undocking. A good bump could do it. Persuade him not to stand on the seat. (cont. on page 2)

CBIDA PLANS BOLERO MINI-CRUISE
(The new and larger Ferry)

Friday, June 29th is the date chosen for an early summer event for island residents. Reservations will be welcomed from anyone on any island to join the Islanders Mini-Cruise. If twenty or more sign up the group rate is $39.50 per person including round trip, cabin, and two meal tickets. (Breakfast and Smorgasbord) The trip starts at night from Portland to Nova Scotia. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Winthrop K. Deane, Peaks Island, 766-4428. Cut-off date is May 20.

WHY NOT PLAN NOW TO GET ON BOARD.

(Ed. Note:) Genial Captain Bill who joined CBL last summer, returns to the Bay after 30 years of distinguished career activities. As a radio-gunner in dive-bombers of the First Marine Aircraft Wing he won the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars. Following the war he graduated from Stone and Wells Flight School in Jacksonville, Fla. and has been a commercial pilot for 21 years on transatlantic flights. He holds both U.S. and Republic of Ireland commercial licenses.

In addition, Capt. Bill has been a radio announcer, and writer for national magazines. He once sold a humorous story about the old Peaks Island Ferry, Nancy Helen which appeared in Motor Boating.

A native of Portland, and former summer resident of Peaks, Captain Bill's welcome return home is a mutually happy landing for us all.

Another fine opportunity to get Junior wet lies in the immediate vicinity of the gangplank. Most parents board and disembark with children under firm control. Some don't. And a heedless youngster can trip or be jostled if left to his own devices. Help us keep him safe.

Adults should also be careful not to be careless around gangplanks. Then too, all of us should be especially considerate of our older folks. They can't push back. The required vigilance should be an every trip habit with us.

THE BOAT UNDERNEATH OUR FEET BOASTS NO FEWER THAN FOUR WATERTIGHT COMPARTMENTS AUGMENTED BY A COLISION BULKHEAD FORWARD. DON'T LET THE GAY COLORS FOOL YOU. THERE'S A REAL TOUGH GAL UNDERNEATH THAT PAINT JOB. SHE'S READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO GIVE A SAFE RIDE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES LIKELY EXCEPT...what if Joe Blow falls overboard?

With a series of actions pretty well standardized, I know what I'm going to do but--begging your pardon--I'm not too sure about what you are going to do.

Assuming that Joe is now seconds away from recovery, his teen-aged son decides ole Dad is lonesome down there and in he goes! This is too much for Uncle George and--splash! Are you going to help, too? Please don't. Seriously, similar events have actually taken place. A simple rescue operation can be turned into an almost impossible situation by well-intentioned would-be rescuers. Wait for instructions.

On the brighter side of the ledger the cussed and much discussed Casco Bay Lines has never lost a passenger in over 140 years of continuous service. With a little cooperation, we'll try to keep the slate clean for you. And, well, you can't hate us for that!

NOTES FROM AROUND THE BAY

Mrs. Paul "Dodo" Stevens, Little Diamond; Robert Laughlin and Milton Smith, Great Diamond -- are the central committee named by CBIDA president Rus Edwards, to plan a chartered Historic Tour of Casco Bay Islands on Sunday, August 19. Greater Portland Landmarks will provide technical assistance. Purpose of the tour with visits to historic sites on each island, is to raise funds which can be matched with federal money via Greater Portland Landmarks, and U.S. Parks Service to carry out an inventory of island historic structures. Volunteers will be needed from all islands for this worthwhile project. If you are willing to help please notify the Committee.

CLIFF ISLAND'S SEAGULL, and CHEBEAGUE ISLAND'S Annual Newsletter are both packed with interesting reading and signs of real progress in the Bay.

Wagon Wheel Stables, is a "first" for Chebeague and for the Bay. Marshall Bowen and Harold Todd have built a barn and acquired five registered horses that will be for hire this spring. Riding instructions will be available under the experienced guidance of Kitty Mayer.

The town of Cumberland which has jurisdiction over Chebeague, has changed from Selectman form of government, to the Council-Manager form. The new system provides for seven council members including one from Chebeague. Ken Hamilton was elected to that position. "However," says the Newsletter, "not all nostalgia is lost for the town has retained, believe it or not, the positions of Fence Viewer, and Surveyor of Wood and Bark."

An Intra-Island wedding is coming up in June when Long Island's teacher Judith Ann Kimball of Gorham becomes the bride of Earl MacVane of Cliff Island, also a teacher in Portland, Judith plans to continue teaching on Long, and the newlyweds homestead will be a log cabin under construction on Cliff.

Captain and Mrs. Norman R. Hutchinson who lived in Panama for many years, have taken up year round residence on Long Island, their summer habitat. Welcome home!

Frances Barrett of Long, has visited Spain and her mother's native town of
Malaga. During her travels Frances took three hundred slides and has prepared a travel lecture. SHE IS WILLING TO GIVE THIS TO ANY GROUP ON ANY ISLAND LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM FOR A BENEFIT.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Burgess, Sr., are the contented custodians of Cushings Island. Now in their fifth year of year round residence, Mrs. Burgess enthuses about the way of life. They succeeded the late Edward Lathams, Sr. who served faithfully for many years. Mrs. Burgess says she gets to town about every two weeks by catching the Peaks Island boats after being water taxi ed over by her husband or a close friend on Peaks. They have ship to shore radio in case of telephone failure and if all communication failed they would build a fire on the beach as a signal to Peaks. The fireboat comes if needed but they've had few emergencies.

KEVIN CORBETT, of Peaks Island, was one of the first three students to graduate from UMPG with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He was a transfer student from the Law Enforcement Program at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, and has also studied at Bentley College in Boston.

THE SHORE ROAD on Peaks has been rebuilt and widened. After its many bumpy years, its almost unbelievable to have it the smoothest road on the island. Ansel Sterling, chairman of the road committee of CBIDA has worked closely with the City in this accomplishment. Also an added good fortune was the City's assignment of their highway inspector, Eddie Parker, who is a resident of Peaks to double check progress.

PEAKS ISLAND has been saddened by the sudden death in April of Roland Hoar, principal contractor. His skills in renovating and building have left a living memory throughout the island. Roland's business has been sold to Casey and Jackson Plumbing Company.

"THE INN ON PEAKS"
(Formerly Fisher Lodge)

After what seems to have been an endless winter of building, renovating, painting and paper hanging, Margaret and Howard Tunstill are ready to open The Inn On Peaks.

With ten double guest rooms, a newly winterized dining room seating 35, served by a modern kitchen, they will be able to offer full-service hospitality from May 15th through Nov. 15th.

The menu will feature a daily special, augmented by steak, lobster and steamers. A malt license has been obtained and cookouts will be a Saturday night feature. Buffet luncheons will be served. Dinner reservations are suggested.

Margaret (Maggie) and Howard were attracted to Peaks while looking for a place to pursue their hobby of sailing. In fact, they state that they bought a "deep water anchorage" and an Inn came with it. Being avid cruisers both Caribbean and New England, Casco Bay and its islands offer endless quiet anchorages and protected sailing. THE INN will feature guest moorings for cruising boats and provide the facilities to "get the cook out of the galley"... and the kinks out of sea-going legs.

They plan to offer their Seawind Ketch for bareboat charter while they are occupied with the INN.

Arriving at Peaks as year rounders last year, from Newton, Howard has been in printing paper sales to the Graphic Arts in Mass. and Maine for 25 years. Both are graduates of the University of Penna., with degrees in Economics and Nursing Education. Howard was with the 8th Air Force in England as a Bombadier-Navigator for 4 years. Four of their five children are with them on Peaks and, while engaged in the family business, are enjoying island living.

CLIFF ISLAND STORE will change hands again in May. Ed and Tusha Nicholson, who have served up food, gas, and oil since the late 1960's with a cheerful smile, have sold the business to Al and Dot Martelle. The Martelles have been "summering" on Cliff Island for over a decade and now move here permanently. Al will soon retire from
a long career at S.D. Warren. They welcome your business in the "boat cove" by land or sea, and we all welcome them as an integral part of the Cliff Island and Casco Bay community.

PEAKS CHILD CARE CENTER - A successful event was sponsored by the Advisory Committee on April 15 when the Designed Expressions, musical group from UMF gave a lively concert of song, dance and comedy. Many people helped. Social Service regulations about child care are looking somewhat more hopeful with the announcement that private funds will continue to be used for federal matching on a control basis. Continued interest in the Center will be much appreciated.

A THANK YOU - to Casco Bay Lines for two recent favors. Providing a special passenger boat for the large number of people attending Roland Hoar's funeral ... and giving complimentary transportation to the Designed Expressions.

DUES OVERDUE - CBIDA mistakenly did not send out membership bills this year but instead depended on Newsletter reminders which are not as effective as a bill. If you are among those who forgot to pay please RSVP.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. $5.00 couple. $3.00 single.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN
Portland's Chief of Police has informed the CBIDA that starting in June Peaks Island will have a Police cruiser and two policemen assigned to the Island. This is the result of a special meeting in February held by the Steering Committee with the Police Chief and two City Counselors, Harold Loring and Donald McWilliams. Chief McLaren was most receptive to the oft repeated complaints of Peaks Island residents and effectively recommended this direct action.

Announcing: (Advertisement)
A NEW BUSINESS ON CLIFF FOR ALL THE BAY

Are you confused, worried, concerned about sewage disposal, waste treatment and discharge into Casco Bay? The CBIDA has up-to-date clarification of the laws and circumstances that affect you as an Island homeowner, and just about everyone on the islands IS affected.

But FINESTKIND EXCAVATORS, E.P.D. based on Cliff Island may have the solution to your problems in "The Answer". We are Casco Bay Islands dealer for a series of individual home waste treatment units originated by Nayadio Sciences in Pennsylvania and now in use in many areas throughout the country.

"The Answer" is approved by the National Sanitation Foundation and tentatively (depending on your location) by Maine's Department of Environmental Protection. This is the only unit which bears these dual distinctions. With The Answer, which is reasonably priced, you will have approved discharge into the Bay and will automatically subscribe to a monthly maintenance service.

If you are interested in further information or an on-site estimate at no cost, please call us on Cliff Island.

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