SQUADRON LOG

BY THE STOWAWAY



Uncle Sam's boogy man for boatsmen is about and, borrowing the similar of the little girl of the nursery rhyme, 'when the boatman is nice the boogy man is very, very nice, but when said boatman is bad he is horrid.' And how!

Uncle Sam's boogy man is the inspector of water craft of the United States Department of Commerce, and he will catch you sure if you violate the rules of the road as laid down by the Department of Commerce.

So many new boats are in service this year that the inspection has been increased and is more rigid than ever before. Not many days ago, the inspectors were at Betterton, and they may appear at any time in the Chester, the Sassafras, the Bay or where ever a boat may be.

The inspectors and their crew are in swift motor boats in uniform. The flag they fly is the Department of Navigation flag, blue with a red spot on which is a white, full-rigged ship. The boatman in trouble, or the chap who knows he has conformed to the requirements will find the meeting a pleasant interlude, even though he has to stop ad he inspected, but if all is not what it should be he may as well start thinking about where he is going to raise the cash for the fines about to be imposed, ranging anywhere from $10 to $600 or more.

Every motor boat has specified requirements and it is no use to try to beat your Uncle Sammy. When boat papers giving permission to own and operate a motor driven boat are issued to the owner, two copies of the Pilot Rules, and a circular giving the needed information are presented to the owner. Uncle Sam expects these to be read and the directions to be followed and does not allow a plea of ignorance of the law for he has taken a great deal of trouble to inform the boat owner of the law. To assure that everyone operating the boat, whether owner or otherwise, understands these rules, two copies of Pilot Rules must be on the boat while the boat is underway. Failure in this respect will draw a fine of $200, and possibly a personal fine for the chap on the keel of $50.

A word to visitors on motor boats. Be sure your host has 2 copies of Pilot Rules aboard if you take a turn at the wheel.

A boat may be entirely equipped as required but horn or whistle or lights may be out of order. There is no excuse accepted by the Department of Commerce. You should have tested out the required equipment before leaving the anchorage.

As a good Samaritan, you pick up a fellow yachtsman or a fisherman in distress some evening, let us suppose. His batter is dead and no lights will light. Unless some way to rig up temporary lights can be found you may not tow the boat in the dark, for if the inspectators are about it will cost you $100, the same amount if your own lights are out of order or too large or too small. Regulations say thus and so, and thus and so it Must be.

It is not only motor driven boats, both inboard and out board motors, that must carry lights properly, but row boats, canoes and all such little pleasure craft. A canoe without the proper light will drag down a fine of $250. That is reasonable, too. Even without lights a larger boat has a chance of being seen and a collision avoided, but it is almost impossible to distinguish a small thing close to the water like a canoe or row boat or tiny sail boat in time to avoid a smash.

Improper lights, not enough life preservers for every one on board to have one, lack of a fire extinguisher or one that does not work, are the most serious offenses a boatman can commit.

Should you get back safely to port, do not be too quick to congratulate yourself on having beaten Uncle. You haven't. A boat known to have been underway may be boarded and inspected in port. Only boats out of commission, and proven out of commission, are free from inspection.

Raymond Sparks and his gang who have built a beautiful speed boat, equipped with a Gray motor will go overboard soon. The boat was built at Fairlee and is a handsome job, a model for all home boat builders to envy.

Buddy, the Bartley boat, went astray Sunday night in the sudden blow. Caught off Hail point, Buddy forgot her manners and behaved as no self respecting boat should do. It was well toward morning before the crew reached the Chester River Yacht Club pier.

At the beginning of the blow, the motor stalled and control of the steering outfit was temporarily out. The boat turned around and around until all sense of direction was lost. Things were bad for a time, but finally familiar landmarks were seen, the motor fixed, and the trip home completed. The awning was torn up and other superficial damages sustained, but the men set to work on Monday to repair them.

SWIMMING MEET AT BETTERTON

SECOND OF SERIES TO BE HELD JULY 28TH

The first of a series of swimming meets to be held at Betterton every two weeks until Labor Day, was held last Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the Betterton Beach Club.

Winners in each of the meets will be awarded points and on Labor Day the ones who have secured the highest number of points in the various events will receive trophies.

The scoring for each meet will be: 1st place, 3 points, 2nd place, 2 points, 3rd place, 1 point. Entrants may sign up on the day of the meet.

The winners of last Saturday's events were as follows:

Boys' Class (12 Years And Under)

25 YARD FREE STYLE—1. Skeezix O'Brian. 2. J. Robinson. 3. A. Newsome, Jr.

DOGGIE RACE—1. A. Newsome. 2. J. Robinson. 3. Skeezix O'Brian.

TUB RACE—1. Skeezix O'Brian. 2. J. Robinson. 3. Chas. Shadle.

GIRLS' CLASS (15 Years And Under)

25 YARD FREE STYLE—1. E. McDorman. 2. D. O'Hara. 3. M. Thomas.

25 YARD SIDE STROKE—1. D. O'Hara. 2. M. Thomas. 3. Emily Brice.

PAJAMA RACE—1. D. O'Hara.

Boys' Class (12 Years To 16 Years)

25 YARD FREE STYLE—1. Budd O'Hara. 2. C. Darning. 3. W. O'Brain

UNDER WATER SWIM FOR DISTANCE—1. Budd O'Hara. 2. A. Dell. 3. W. O'Brian.

DIVING—1. C. Durning. 2. W. O'Brian.

Womens' Class (15 Years and Over)

25 YARD FREE STYLE—1. A. Crew Ducgle. 2. Rosemary O'Brain. 3. Rita O'Brian.

200 YARD FREE STYLE—1. Rosemary and Rita O'Brian tied.

FLAG RACE—1. A. Crew Duckloe. 2. Rita O'Brian. 3. E. Moore.

Mens' Class (16 Years And Over)

50 YARD FREE STYLE—1. C. Smith. 2. E. Leimkuhler. 3. P. Jendrek.

25 YARD BACK STROKE—1. S. Scott Beck, Jr., 2. E. F. Jendrek. 3. P. Jendrek.

200 YARD FREE STLEE—1. Reds Smith. 2. E. Leimkuhler. 3. J. P. Jendrek.

DIVING—1. 1st and second place tied—R. P. Kiker and D. Carroll. 3. F. Eder.

This is the first of a series of Swimming Meets to be held at Betterton every two weeks. The next Meet will be on July 28 and will continue until Labor Day, at which time, the final Meet will be held. High Points are awarded to all those who place in the various Meets. High point scorers in each class will receive trophies and prizes (to be awarded on Labor Day.)

New entrants may sign up on the day of a meet.

Scoring:—First Place, 3 points. Second Place, 2 points. Third Place, 1 Point.

RED TAPE FOREVER

Bandit: 'Hands up! Out with all the money you've got.'

Postoffice Offical: 'One mnute, please—kindly fill out this withdrawl form.'

HARVEST AND SAVE HAY

AGRONOMY SPECIALIST PREDICTS HEAVY DEMAND AND GOOD PRICE

Maryland farmers are likely to profit by saving just as much as possible of the unusually large hay crop in the State this year, in the opinion of F. W. Oldenburg, specialist n agronomy for the University of Maryland Extension Service. He states that instances have come to his attention in which farmers are considering leaving a portion of their hay crop unharvested due to the fact that all the facilities on their farms ordinarily used for storing hay are occupied.

Mr. Oldenburg points to the fact that the hay crop is exceptionally short in large sections of the country and the demand for feed to care for livestock is almost certain to be very great. Already, he says, hay is selling at high prices and he believes that the prices will increase.

It s the advice of this specialist that all the hay in Maryland this year that is fit for feed should be harvested and stored in the best manner that conditions on individual farms will permit. In his opinion there will be demand for it at attractive prices.

CATTLE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM UNDER WAY.

FEDERAL VOLUNTARY PLAN OFFERS DAIRY RELIEF

One step toward improvement in the dairy situation is getting under way as the result of very recent action by Congress. The Act provides funds for the completion of T. B. eradication and an attack on Bangs Disease as contagious abortion is technically known.

The tuberculosis situation in Kent is so well in hand that main interest in this county will be in the attack on Bang's disease.

Details of the plan will be available at the County Agent's office. In general the plan is simaliar to that for T. B. eradication: A blood test is used to classify cows into positive and negative groups. Positive reactors are destroyed as are tuberculosis reactors. Owners will receive indemities as in tuberculosis and in like amount $20, a head for grade animals and $50, for purebreds and whatever salvage value results from the slaughter of the animals, provided that the total of both indemnity and salvage may not exceed the appraised value of the individual animal. Herds that are clean or as they 'clean up' will be accredited as with tuberculosis.

Bang's disease is present in many Kent herds. It lowers production and profit very materially. Many farmers are "cow poor" since they have enlarged their herds due to the low price for cows on the market. Such farmers have cut down on feed so as to keep milk production at former level. The plan offers opportunity for farmers to clean up their herds, to remove the reacting cows at full value, to remove the source of loss, to reduce the cow population materially and to make it possible to produce milk more economically through better feeding and through increased production from the smaller number of cows kept. The plan is worthy of careful consideration as a health measure.

The plan is entirely voluntary. Doubtless it will appeal to many. The plan is very successful for those who will follow it carefully. Not every one will enroll nor will every one be 100 per cent efficient in following the plan. Cattle sold for nter-state trade are in many states required to have passedl the blood test before they can be shipped. or details see County Agent McVean.

OFF FOR CAMP RITCHIE TODAY

LOCAL MEDICAL DETACHMENT ENTRAINS FOR TWO WEEKS ENCAMPMENT AT CASCADE

The Medical Detachment, First Maryland Infantry, will leave Chestertown today, Saturday, for Camp Albert C. Ritchie, located at Cascade in the mountains of Western Maryland, for two weeks training July 21st to August 4th.

The local unit will be under the command of Major Frank B. Hines and Lieutenant Herman Blackway.

Those who will leave today for Camp Ritchie are:

Staff Sgt., Walter T. Morris.

Infirmary Sgt., Harvey G. Blyman.

Supply Sgt., Paul C. Starkey.

Mess Sgt., Garrett F. Chairs.

Corporal, Jos. W. Stary.

Pvts. 1st class—Wm. W. Elburn (Cook), Lloyd S. Mulford, Walter P. Robinson (Company Clerk,) Wilbur V. Seward, Stoughton J. Waller.

Privates—Francis Baker, Chas. H. Calaway, James E. Clark, Frederick W. Cornelius, Samuel L. Francis, Wm. H. Gsell, George V. Hendricks, John R. Jewell, George J. Massey, James B. Massey, Roland L. Perry, Carl W. Porter, Norman D. Sutton, Wendell H. Taylor, Bartus O. Vickers, Albert Williams.

GIVE HER A PEANUT

'Smile that way again.'

She blushed and dimpled.

'Just as I thought—you look like a chipmunk.'



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