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Harbor Lights

Dramatic Search In Fog Emphasizes Need For Common Sense In Boating

The noes had it Sunday when a 15' outboard left the harbor launching ramp at noon to go fishing out in the fog. The boat carried no compass, no charts, no flares, no horn, no bell, no radio, and only one six-gallon tank of gas. For the main part the Coast Guard Auxiliary safety patrol operated all day with depth finder, radio direction finder, compass and charts.

After dark following a good day's work in the labor-of-love department making assists, Ray Clay left for home and Les Long was about to put his So Long Darling away when he noticed a car in the parking lot with an empty trailer attached and two boys about ten years old in it. One was the son of the couple in the missing boat and the other his friend, alone and worried.

Les called Harry Wingrove, harbor master, Lloyd Nordberg of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, stopped cars of both sheriff's department and city police who were patrolling the area, and contacted the Coast Guard in Monterey. They sent out the 40460. Harry was more than willing to go out on the search but they asked him to stand by on the citizen's marine radio. The Coast Guard uses marine radio and the harbor the citizen's band. The So Long Darling has both so it can relay information both ways.

Les and Lloyd left the Santa Cruz wharf at 8 p.m. with so little visibility they were unable to see the end of their own Boston Whaler most of the time. The privately maintained fog horn on the wharf was left on and was a tremendous aid to navigation, together with the one on the west jetty and out on the buoy. Les said it was quite a jolt, however, when KSCO signed off. Boats equipped with radio direction finders here use it.

When the Coast Guard cutter Ewing joined the search at mid-

night, Les and Lloyd felt their boat might make interference in the radar so they came in. The Ewing found the lost boat at 3:30 a.m.

In dense fog you can only be sure of two directions — up and down. The wind does not blow a whistle to signal its changes. Sunday it swung around 180 degrees and upset the boater's calculations so that they were proceeding in the opposite direction from shore when they finally realized they were hopelessly lost and cut off their motor to save gas.

This is the sort of thing that inspires good-hearted men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary to use their time and talents giving free public instruction courses in small boat handling. Anyone is welcome and the classes are at 7:30 Thursday evenings in the Santa Cruz high school cafeteria. Jerry Freeman, training officer of Flotilla 47, is in charge of the course.

Last week's well-attended class, an extremely important and interesting one, was on the subject of Legal Responsibilities. Boaters do have them, you know. Beside the demands of just plain common sense, there actually are legal responsibilities and yachtsmen in all categories should acquaint themselves with these.

Tonight's class is titled "Marlinpike Seamanship," and will include a 28-minute movie "Safety on Water." Even before seeing it, it is safe to say this one should rate an Academy Award nomination around here.

In addition to the public instruction course, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting a course of several weeks' duration on Tuesday nights at their Harbor House for members for advance training in search and rescue, navigation, communications and other subjects.

Ray Clay, commander of Flotilla 47, was with Les Long Sunday when they made four assists that included helping two boats without power, one that had gone aground, and locating a rental skiff from the Santa Cruz wharf that was overdue in the fog.

Neil Smith, past commander, still very active in safety patrol and other activities of the flotilla, was out with Les on Saturday. Altogether, Les logged 29 hours on the weekend, which is lot of volunteer time!

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Jack Johnson, Doug Eudey, Cal Foster, and Dr. Marquinez are in Mazatlan for marlin. Jack is piloting the Cherokee 235

OFFICE BUILDING SOLD
 Sale of an office building at Water and Magnolia streets was closed last week through Title Insurance and Trust company. Former owner Robert Lindblad sold the building to Sam Miano. Tenants are Ed Winn Realty, Bay Mortgage company, George Dahl and Robert Dettle.

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they flew down in and they plan to be gone a week.

By Norma Nelson
 Guest Writer

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