

Red Cross stats show

Many of the nearly 1,000 Canadians who drowned last year would be alive today if they had used common sense and practiced basic safety skills.

Stop and think - before you get into trouble. That's the message of National Water Safety Week - June 2-9.

Pleasure boaters in particular should prepare themselves before heading out for the first time. Now is the best time to do a safety check on your boat and boating equipment.

The Red Cross recommends that all pleasure boats have: 1. a bailer; 2. extra paddles; 3. a government DOT approved lifejacket or Personal Flotation Device PFD for every passenger; 4. one extra lifejacket; 5. a signalling device.

Red Cross offers a four-hour Small Craft Safety Survival course for adults and children who really want to be safe on the water. Qualified instructors teach survival and rescue techniques and the course is for both swimmers and non-swimmers.

"A course such as the Red Cross Small Craft Safety Survival Course is ideal for families, especially cottagers. We teach through a 'what if?' approach whereby we give an explanation of what should be done. Then we often give a practical demonstration."

"And finally we offer participants a chance to try it themselves," says Jim O'Brien spokesman for the Small Craft Safety Programme.

"We first emphasize safety and then move on to survival skills - a good approach for the beginning of the summer boating season."

May 25
Spring dance in the Penetanguishene Legion hall, sponsored by Penetanguishene Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 68. Music by Marcel Maurice, \$8 a couple, lunch and prizes.

May 30
Lloyd Cook, former president of the Canadian Trappers Association, and founder and former president of the Ontario Trappers Association, will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in the Wye Marsh Wildlife Interpretation Centre. Admission \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for students and seniors, and \$4 maximum for a family. Free to members of the Friends of Wye Marsh.

North Simcoe Superannuated Teachers annual luncheon at noon at Inn at Bay Moorings, Fox Street, Penetanguishene.



'Land Ho!', aboard the schooner 'Bee'

The 50 foot historical reconstruction of the two masted cargo schooner "Bee," based at Penetanguishene's Historic Naval and Military Establishments, is intended to develop new adventurous educational

programs. Descending from an adventure up the starboard foremast ratlines, while under sail on Friday afternoon, is Bee Brigade sailor Alex Neess.



The 'bubbly' goes overboard

The champagne was even more bubbly than expected, but recently re-elected Simcoe East MPP Al McLean managed to give Ste. Marie I a good dousing across the bows, in the best nautical christening tradition. The

Thursday afternoon ceremony, at Ste. Marie Dock in the Wye River, officially welcomed the new 80 passenger ship to PMCL's tour boat fleet.

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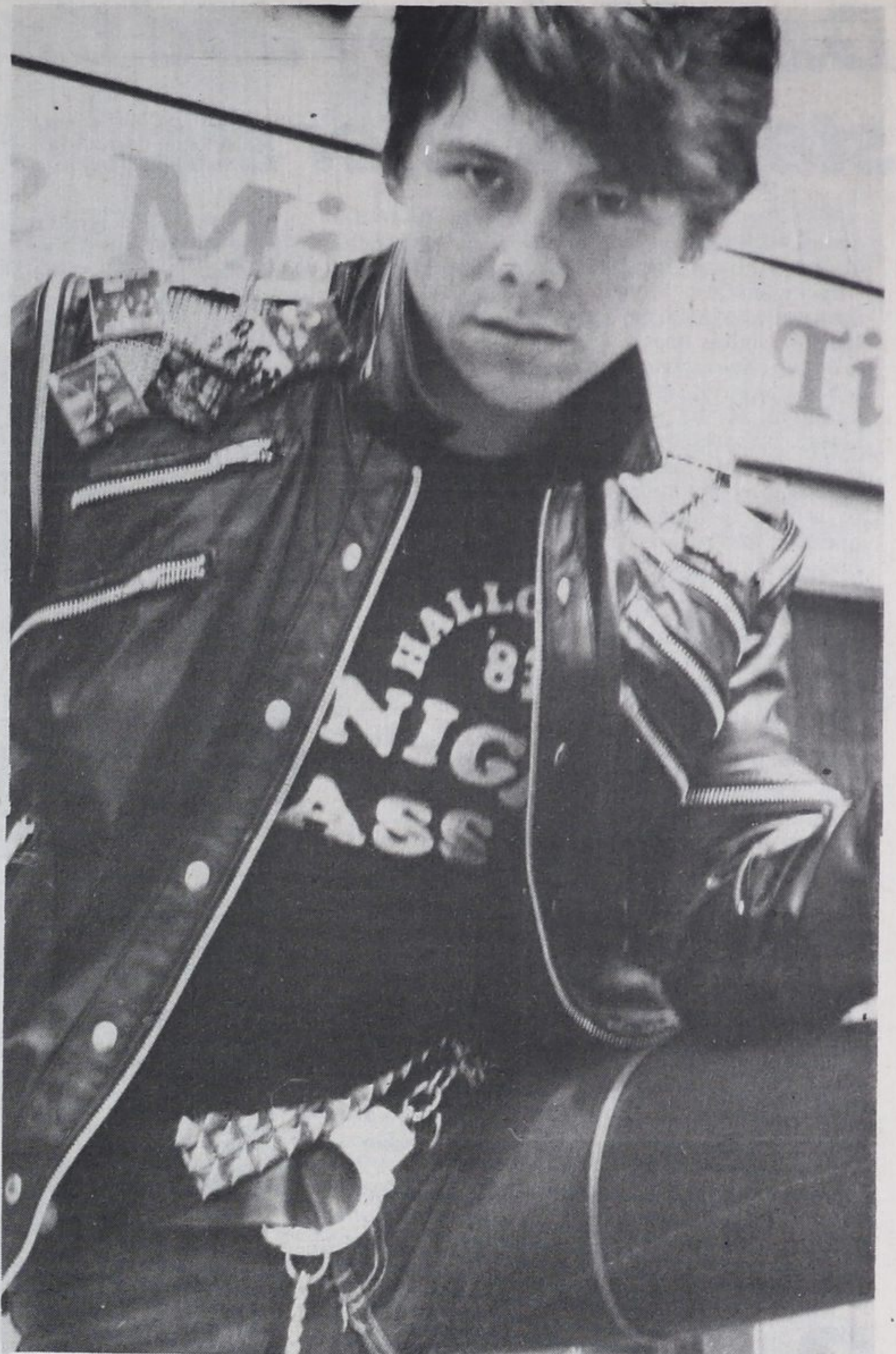
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