

POWER SQUADRON OFFERS BOATING COURSES

The Nipigon - North Shore Power Squadron will be offering courses in (a) Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling and (b) Advanced piloting starting Monday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Angels School, Schreiber. Classes will be held weekly for approximately a 15 week period.

The Canadian Power Squadron is a volunteer organization dedicated to the promotion of boating safety through education. Courses and membership are open to persons of any age. It is not necessary to own a boat - only to have an interest in boating whether it be power or sail.

For further information and registration contact Father Meyer at 824-2010.

FIRE SEASON 1973

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Although the 131 unit fire crews of Ontario have already breathed a sigh of relief, the Fire Season will not be officially over for another two weeks. The Fire Season in the Province of Ontario is that period from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of October of each year. The work load on fires during this season was very minimal for the three crews within the Terrace Bay District.

In all, eighteen fires were detected and reported. All of these fires were reported by the public. Initial action was taken by Ministry of Natural Resources personnel on ten fires. Organized Municipalities took action on three fires. Canadian Pacific Railway employees took action on two and Indian Reserve volunteers and the Sisters of St. Joseph, Schreiber took action on one each. No action was taken on one fire. The latter occurred during the night in early April. This fire consumed ten acres of grass and died a natural death.

With the exception of two fires, no control problems were initially experienced. One was "slash" fire north of Manitouwadge which was finally contained at five acres with prompt action by MNR unit crews working in conjunction with water bombing aircraft. The other fire was located at Mileage 106, C.P.R., east of Terrace Bay. Fortunately this blaze burned itself out at the edge of a little lake.

The Terrace Bay District also carried out a prescribed burn operation on the American Can Limits, twenty-five miles northwest of Manitouwadge. This was a joint effort between the Geraldton and Terrace Bay Districts with 1,121 acres being burned within a 1,500 acre cutover.

The following is a comparison of fire occur-

rences, cause, discovery agency, area burned (Private or Crown), and costs for the fire season of 1972 and 1973. The comparison does not show any significant difference due to the very light fire season and favourable weather (fire wise). However, the new Terrace Bay District encompasses a much larger area than the former Terrace Bay Chief Ranger Division. As such, we can expect a heavier fire workload in years to come.

FIRE SEASON 1972

(Old Terrace Bay Chief Ranger Division)

No. of Fires	Discovery Cause Agency	Area-Burned Private-Crown	Total Costs
8	Railway		
4	Recreation		
1	Resident		
1	Industrial (other)		
		10 Public 4 MNR Personnel	
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