

U.F.O. Over Bowen Island

Bowen Island, B.C., June 28, 1957

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July 8, 1957,
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Dear Sir;

I was interested to read an article on Unidentified Flying Objects in the Vancouver Sun newspaper of July 6th, 1957. In it the author gives your name for information to be forwarded to by anybody who has sighted a U.F.O. or so called "Flying Saucer".

On June 28th, 1957 at 12.05 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time the following incident took place;

While proceeding in my 21 foot motorboat the "Harcliff S" northwest in Hove Sound when we came within about 150 yards of Hood Point (the north-east point of Bowen Island which lies about 10 miles north-west from Vancouver, B.C.) my wife sighted an U.F.O. hovering above the trees and summer homes located back of Hood Point. On the chart, the distance would be about 1/2 mile from our boat. My wife asked me what was that "funny looking object"? When I looked and saw it, the U.F.O. was about one mile away proceeding West at a fast rate away from us. A hill back of Hood Point is shown as 1390 feet high, the object went around behind it at about the 1200 foot level to emerge in view going southerly at about

300 miles per hour (about ½ the speed of the jet aircraft we see overhead each trip). We called our daughter (age 16 years) out of the boat cabin and she saw the U.F.O. at about 1 ¼ to 1 ½ miles distance. All three of us watched as the object went approximately South–West by South in such a manner as to appear to pass a mile or so West of the community of Snug Cove on Bowen Island and the summer residences at Cowan's Point. It disappeared from view owing to the height of the island interfering with our vision. As my wife pointed out it seemed to be stationary, hovering over the cabins until she first saw it, when she fixed her gaze on it the occupants of the U.F.O. seemed to realize that she was looking at them and they went into fast retreat. The course it followed would tend to bear this thought out, as it went away from us it hugged the terrain in such a manner that I thought it was going to hit the hill. Possibly it could be called an evasive action for the route it followed was such that there would be no one around to see it as Bowen Island is only sparsely populated.

We describe it as being round, dome shaped, flat on the bottom, no windows or openings were visible, very shiny silver in color, definitely not aluminum. Size would be 20 to 30 feet across and about 8 to 10 feet in height. Flight was very steady and level while my wife saw it hovering then go straight up still maintaining its level position in the air, then it moved along horizontally until I saw it, and heretofore described. There were no protuberances out of it, nor did it appear to be spinning. No ordinary type aircraft would fly as low and close to the terrain as did this U.F.O. especially as it was a windy day. The wind was westerly 25 to 30 miles causing all small craft to stay out of the Gulf of Georgia owing to the heavy seas. The U.F.O. wasn't bothered at all in its level smooth flight against the wind which must have been bouncing off the trees and hills which it passed over.

Regarding sound, we heard none. Ordinarily in our boat when underway we hear jet aircraft 4 to 5 miles away, single engine airplanes can easily be heard several miles away. Our boat speed was about 6 knots with our engine coupled to a Maxim Exhaust Silencer. Although it was windy there must have 20 to 30 residences occupied at this time, we neither saw anyone come out nor have we heard of anybody else seeing a U.F.O., so quite possibly it is quite silent.

Upon arriving at Gibson's Landing, I phoned Air Search reversing the charges and reported the incident, time was about 2.20 P. M. Pacific Daylight. The reply I received was that he didn't know what it was.

We didn't report it to the newspapers nor are we anxious for publicity in this regard. We hope that while this report is lengthy that it will contain enough to answer any question coming up.

Enclosed you will find a descriptive folder of Bowen Island including a small rough map which we have marked.

Yours sincerely,

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