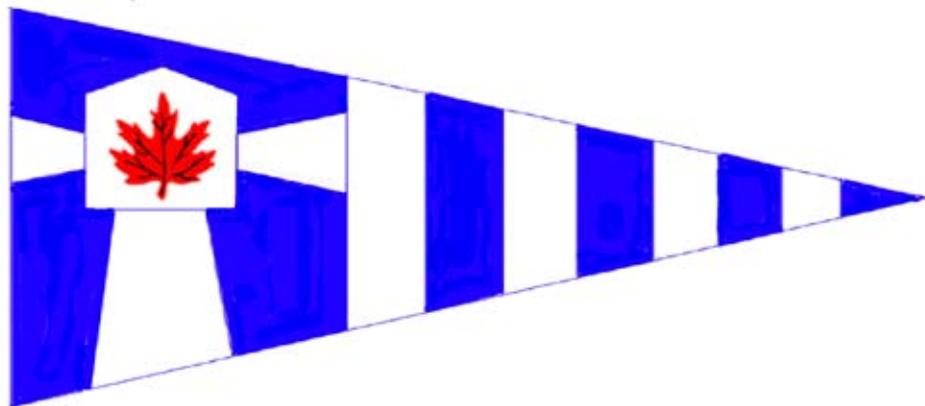


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Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

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March - April 2006



DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!
Notices are coming soon

The Squadron Bridge - 2005 - 2006

Commander (acting)	Russell Pearce P	247-7538
Past Commander	Don Butt <u>AP</u>	247-7804
Executive Officer	Russell Pearce P	247-7538
Training Officer	Ralph Hagen <u>AP</u>	247-8491
ATO	Rufus Churcher <u>AP</u>	247-8779
ATO	Leonard Sutherland	247-8301
Treasurer	Ian Waymark	247-7381
Secretary	Carole Lemieux P	247-9889
Membership	Elaine Pearce	247-7538
Supply	Patrick Griffin	247-8897
Public Relations	Bud Curtis	247-7671
Cruisemaster	Russell Pearce P	247-7538
MAREP/Port Capt.	Boswell Malcolm	247-9199
Webmaster	Robert Derksen	247-9792
Historian	Eileen Nichols	247-8930
Social Officer	Florence Sutherland	247-8301
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For sale:

Blue and silver navigator/bazooka folding bike with big wheels, excellent condition, ideal for storing on your boat. Asking \$325.00 or best offer. Call Paddy or Ian Waymark 247-7883.

Wanted:

I'm looking for a port hole, not for my boat as I don't have a boat as yet, but for my home.

I have a nautical theme in my living room, and would like to extend the same theme into my kitchen. The port hole would be mounted in the door.

Much appreciated, Carol Martin



Members Night Feb 18



The Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron hosted a presentation on identifying Cetaceans and Sea Turtles at the Haven on Saturday evening. About 40 members and guests were in attendance. The Topic, From flippers to flukes: whales, dolphins, porpoises, and sea turtles in BC, was presented by **Nadine Pinnell from the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre**. It was a very informative session on exploring the wonderful world of B.C. cetaceans (whales, dolphins, and porpoises) and sea turtles. She gave us tips on identifying common whale and sea turtle species. We learned about the threats they face, and discovered how to get involved in their conservation through the *B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network*. Following the session there was time for questions from the audience and some sharing of information.



Acting Cdr Russ saying "thanks" to Nadine for an excellent presentation

And just what is Andre and Carole Lemieux's little secret?



Rufus Churcher and Nadine no doubt sharing scientific information

Acting Cdr Russ presenting new member, Ken Robertson with membership certificate



photos by Florence Sutherland

The Spring Boating Class

.. record number of 17 students attentive to STO Ralph Hagen's instructions



TRAINING PROGRAM 2006 Spring

The following courses are scheduled:

Boating	11 January - 13 weeks	\$165
Weather	TBA	\$125

Enquiries about training call: Training Officer Ralph Hagen 247 8491 or Assistant Training Officer Len Sutherland 247 8301

Squadron Members Oliver Woolcock and Don Butt are immersed in the CPS Celestial Navigation Course, presented by the Nanaimo Squadron. You may see them at dusk on some lonely beach gazing skyward with that remarkable instrument, the sextant! No, the "old ways" are not dead - there are more sextants being sold now, than in years.

Training Report

We currently have seventeen students diligently pursuing the Boating Course and they are now more than half way through. We have been able this winter to deliver more of the course using PowerPoint aids and also now have the benefit of receiving a copy of the PowerPoint aids from Ripple Rock Squadron (Campbell River) which are a grand production, almost on a par with that of Don Butt's. We expect to have an additional three students rejoin the class which should make twenty students writing the exam. I expect to see twenty graduates at the annual meeting on 22 April.

On Sunday March 4 the class will be taking a round trip Duke Pt - Tsawwassen on the bridge of the Queen of Alberni. These trips have been found to be very informative and enjoyed by the students.

On 25 March we will be having our student cruise with a new and improved version plotted by Acting Commander Russ Pearce. This cruise takes us around the Flattops, through Gabriola Pass, False Narrows, Dodd Narrows, into Pirates Cove and to the Silva Bay pub for lunch.

We have just completed a GPS Navigation course with three students writing and passing.

If there is interest we could present another VHF radio course this spring (before the end of April) and also if there is interest in Pleasure Craft Operating Certificates we could do a one day course & exam. It must be recognized that everyone requires a PCOC to operate a powered boat under four metres in length. That means the dinghy. A certificate is not need to operate a larger vessel until 2009 (if you are older than sixteen) but the dinghy with an outboard needs a PCOC operator and also requires some safety equipment. The police are now empowered to issue tickets for deficiencies such as lack of a PCOC and safety equipment and have been doing so in the past year.

Again I wish to thank the ATOs and the proctors for their efforts in giving the various lessons.

Ralph Hagen
Squadron Training Officer

TRIVIA

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb".

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king in history:

- Spades - King David
- Hearts - Charlemagne
- Clubs -Alexander, the Great
- Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

From the Wheelhouse

Russ Pearce, P - Acting Commander

A few words from your acting commander

Hi all,

The Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron seems to be chugging along nicely from my viewpoint Our number one mission , training, is in good hands with Training officer Ralph Hagen and his crew.

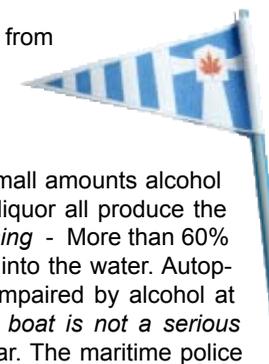
At last report, there were 17 students in the spring class absorbing all that information. With the approach of 2009, and the mandated certification, we expect a greater interest in the classes, and maybe a larger facility will be required.

It looks like all the classes in the not too distant future will be by Power Point, so can we expect even more 100% students??

The Student Training Cruise will happen on March 25. The course will be roughly the same as last with minor changes. For those of you who are interested, it is a 3 or 4 hour local cruise terminating at the Silva Bay Pub for lunch. Details will follow. Any members with boats who want to join us with or without students and instructors are certainly welcome. Note to Paddy Griffin.

Over in Silva Bay, the 55' wooden boat that sank in January, as of this writing is still on the bottom. I believe it went down on Jan. 28 and was attended to by Vessel Assist for pollution control. It has since been visited by the Coast Guard hovercraft (divers down), and The RCMP vessel Nadon (divers down). And there it sits, a hazard to navigation.

I have plagiarized below some info from



the Canadian Red Cross you might find interest-

Myths and Reality

A few beers can't hurt - Even in small amounts alcohol beer, a glass of wine or a drink of liquor all produce the *Most drownings result from swimming* - More than 60% falls off a dock, shoreline or vessel into the water. Autop- of such falls (mostly men) were impaired by alcohol at *Drinking alcohol while operating a boat is not a serious* just as dangerous as operating a car. The maritime police are positive, the police may lay charges.

People who stand up in a boat rarely fall overboard - More than one half of boating accidents occur when occupants are standing. Given that alcohol affects balance, anyone who stands up in a boat after drinking is more likely to fall overboard.

On this happy note, I bid you good day.

Russ Pearce, P.
Acting Commander

MAREP alert

Lots of fishing boats out on the water in the herring season - it can be crowded out there!
Also note: Chart 3478 Cowichan West breakwater marker update in List of lights, buoys and fog signals

Nominating Committee Report - April 22, 2006

The following are nominated for the respective bridge positions, 2006 - 2007

POSITION	RANK	NAME	PHONE
Past (acting) Commander	P/C	Russell Pearce, P	247-7538
Commander	Cdr	Leonard Sutherland	247-8301
Executive Officer	Lt/C	Boswell Malcolm	247-9199
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MAREP/Weather	1st Lt	Russell Pearce, P	247-7538
Assistant Training Officer	1st Lt	Frank Croft	247-8210
Assistant Training Officer	1st Lt	Digby Jones	247-9150
Assistant Training Officer	1st Lt	Don Spears	247-9556
Assistant Training Officer	1st Lt	Bob Weenk	247-0267
Cruisemaster	1st Lt	Russell Pearce, P	247-7538
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Historian/Archives Officer	1st Lt	Opportunity	247-
Communications Officer	1st Lt	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	247-7804
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Sliva Bay Yacht Club Corner

March 18-19: St. Patrick's Day Cruise to Thetis Island Marina. Contact Jenny Ireland, Fleet Captain

Dues are "due".

Our condolences to the family of Dorothy Hudson, who passed away peacefully February 19. She was a gem!

Mark your calendars...

Annual District Rendezvous
Page's Marina
Friday - Sunday, August 25-27.
It's inexpensive, and a fun weekend. Bocce and other games, Saturday BBQ burgers, and Sunday pancake breakfast. Plan on attending.
Registration forms from Don Butt, or watch for next Scuttlebutt.

THE GABRIOLA SQUADRON AGM EVENT

At the Gabriola Golf Club, it's a potluck fun dinner, pledging in the new members, the new bridge, and presentation of the certificates of the successful Boating class students. Also the presentation of awards. The emphasis is on the gourmet food of the Squadron – superb cooking as attested to by anyone who has enjoyed it before!

April 22, 2006. 1800 for 1900. POTLUCK DINNER.

\$5 each to cover the "rent". No charge for those attending the AGM only. Door Prize and 50/50 draw
This is Graduation Night as well, with pledging in of the new members.

The following is the required notice to the members of the Gabriola Island Squadron:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - IMPORTANT, please read

The Annual General Meeting of the Gabriola Island Squadron will be held at the Gabriola Golf Club April 22, 2006 at approx. 2000 for the purpose of:

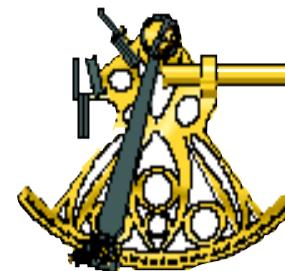
- receiving and if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron
- receiving and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2006, and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon
- electing the officers of the Squadron
- appointing the Squadron Auditor
- considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting

The report of the Squadron nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under the Squadron Regulation 12.1 any further nominations must be by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of the Meeting.

Dated this 1st day of March 2006

For those attending the AGM only, there is no charge.

Note this is for the SQUADRON AGM. The other AGM June 2-4 is the DISTRICT'S AGM and Conference, all part of the same family, but different events and times!



SQUADRON EVENT CALENDAR

Members Night - Saturday Feb 18 Special guest speaker,
Squadron AGM - Potluck supper - Saturday April 22
Student Instructional Cruise - March 25
Student Social Cruise - In the spring, TBA