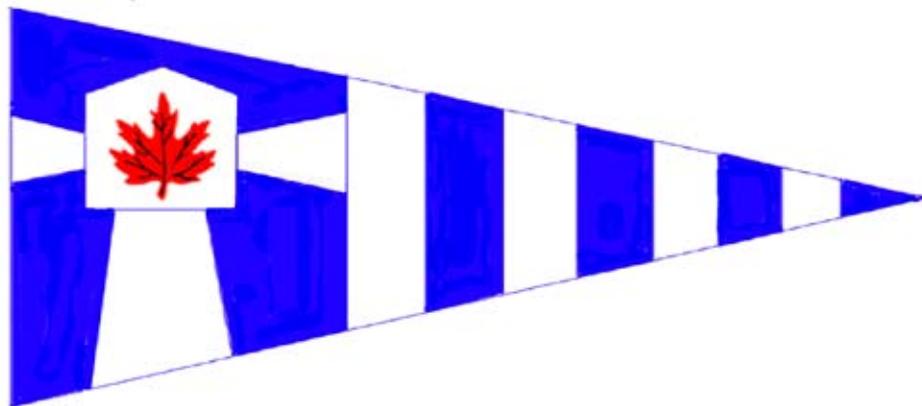


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SQUADRON EVENT CALENDAR

Fall Boating class - first session Wed Sept 13, 1900.
at Gabriola United Church

Fall social with speaker - Oct 14, at the Haven,
Christmas party, potluck and carol singing, Sat, Dec 2. 1800 for
1900 - Details later

New Regulations for Local Waters

There are new and stringent Transport Canada regulations coming for boaters in the local waters. Up to now, provincial regulations pertaining to sewage discharge overboard have been much more permissive than those in force for many years on the Great Lakes. At present there are some designated areas on the coast where pumping the head overboard is not permitted, such as Montague Harbour (Galiano) and Pilot Bay (Gabriola), with many others nominated.

See http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/mpp/boat_sewage.html

An excellent article in Pacific Yachting by a past Chief Commander of CPS-ECP, Norm Dyck is well worth reading. In case you missed it, it's on line at <http://www.pacificyachting.com/article.php?sid=356>

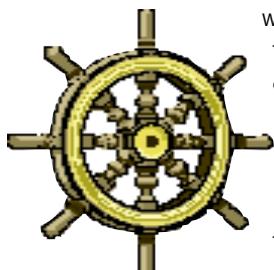
Some of the features of these regulations:

1. No discharging of raw sewage less than 3 nautical miles from nearest land
2. All discharges must be logged as to quantity, date, time, boat speed, or if into a pump-out land station, the details, including a receipt must be kept on file. etc.
3. A boat with a toilet on board must have a holding tank of other "approved marine sanitation device".
4. Boat speed must be at least 4 knots during discharge.

What the regulations don't say is that there must be available pump-out stations reasonably accessible to boaters.

The regulations are now published in the Canada Gazette Part 1. For anyone inclined to get immersed in the jargon of the laws of our fair land, go to: <http://72.14.203.104/search?q=cache:4EFY7eeu34EJ:canadagazette.gc.ca/part1/2006/20060617/html/regle10-e.html+division+4+sewage+canada+marine>

As far as I can see, we have five years from the time this is declared into law to become compliant, but I admit to some confusion as to when these regulations take effect. I have been unsuccessful in contacting government authorities to determine the time line. The deadline for comments is September 17, 2006. Contact person is Mr. Tom Morris at Transport Canada (morrist@tc.gc.ca)



From District AGM, June 2-3 Cowichan Bay



Four of the many volunteers in the Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron who help instruct in safe boating. L to R: Training Officer, Ralph Hagen & Digby Jones with the Jens Oster Memorial Award; Commander Leonard Sutherland & Past Commander Russ Pearce with the Kurt Kukla Award.

For the second year in a row Gabriola Island Squadron was awarded the trophy for the top average mark in the Boating Exams, the Kurt Kukla Award. And in addition, Gabriola Squadron also was the recipient for the second consecutive year, of the Jens Oster Memorial Award, for the top average mark in all courses taught during the previous five years – a heady accomplishment! Congratulations to all the students, three of whom achieved 100%, to the instructors and proctors, and the entire team of volunteers in the Squadron under the 2005-6 leadership of Training Officer Ralph Hagen, Chief Proctor Leonard Sutherland, and Acting Commander Russ Pearce.



Commander Leonard Sutherland receiving the awards from District Training Officer, Clifford Miller at the VIND AGM at Cowichan Bay in June.

Everyone Loves a Parade



Thanks to the Gabriola Boat School

Gabriola Day, the Squadron entry in the parade...



the Vancouver Island North District trailer



Thanks to Doug and Edie Harrison

Photos by Bos Malcolm

TO OTTER BAY AND BACK: AUGUST 11-13, 2006 VISD RENDEZVOUS

Over the years I have done quite a bit of destination and non-destination cruising. What's the difference? In simplistic terms, destination cruising is cruising to a pre-chosen destination, while non-destination cruising is when you leave your home mooring, sail for a given period and return to the home mooring (usually without pre-selected stops along the way).



While living in the small Nova Scotian community of LaHave, non-destination cruising was a way of life. With Port Medway 18NM and Lockport 25NM to the SW; and Lunenburg, Mahone Bay and Halifax 20, 26 and 55NM respectively to the NE, we had little choice. From time to time my wife and I sailed for 6 to 10 hours on our Watkins 27' sloop 'Little Bear', We'd leave our mooring mid-morning and 15 minutes later we'd be in the Atlantic, returning early evening. We'd eat on the go, enjoy the breeze, sights and sounds (or lack thereof) and the relaxation. Often in June and July we would be in and out of fog. (I do digress).

Since moving to BC approximately 11 years ago, we have been without a boat. Thanks to District Executive officer and Past Gabriola Squadron Commander Don Butt, I have enjoyed many destination cruises in 'A Cappella', his Ontario 32' sloop. We have done at least 2 Thetis Island training cruises, gone twice to Galiano, Newcastle, Bowen and Pender Islands, once to Maple Bay and Salt Spring Island. Several very lively and interesting trips to and from Hub City Boat Yard in Nanaimo have rounded out our adventures.

The cruise this past weekend, August 11, 12 & 13 was a highlight for me. Not only did the weather cooperate, but the event itself was well organized. We traveled to Otter Bay on Pender Island for the Vancouver Island South District's 2006 Rendezvous. Don and I represented the Gabriola Squadron and the Vancouver Island North District. We were 1st in the Scavenger Hunt (bonus points were earned as we sang happy 25th birthday to the Pender Island Squadron in harmony) and 2nd in the games portion of the program. We managed to obtain the most points in the placing of the buoys game. Helping to set up the BBQ and the Sunday morning breakfast was fun. Everyone had a great time. Hats off to both VISD and our Pender Island Squadron hosts for a job well done. It was a great weekend - one that I will remember and cherish well into the cold winter months.

If you are looking for a clean and friendly place to go, we recommend a visit to Otter Bay on Pender Island. During the summer it would be wise to call ahead for a reservation at the marina. The obliging staff can rent motor scooters, and there is a shuttle to the restaurants and golf course. The marina is animal friendly. Depending upon tide, current, wind and the speed and power of your vessel, Otter Bay can be reached in 3 to 5 hours. Should you wish to make a cruise of it, you can make additional stops at Thetis Island, Fulford Harbour or Montague Harbour. However, if you haven't visited Otter Bay, may I suggest that you add it to one of your future cruise destinations? You won't be sorry!

J. P. Hugh Sproule, AP
Past Gabriola Island Squadron Commander

Hot News!!

As of October 27, expect to hear:

1. "Strong Wind Warning": in the Marine forecasts rather than "Small Craft Warning". (20-33 knots)
2. Forecasts for "48 hours", rather than "next 24 with outlook for the following 24 hours"..

From the Wheelhouse Leonard Sutherland - Commander

Greetings!

Those of you who attended the Gabriola Days Parade saw two boats and the VIND trailer as part of our contribution. The emphasis, as usual, was on SAFE BOATING.

A big thank you to Doug Harrison from the Silva Bay Yacht Club, Bos Malcolm and Digby Jones who drove the tow vehicles. A thank you also to Val Spears and Edie Harrison who rode with the display. Don Spears and I passed out the squadron flags which were created by Don Butt. The flags were well received by the children. Next year we will need a few hundred more.

The Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron is all about Safe Boating and just in case you haven't heard, Ralph Hagen and his teaching staff have received two awards this past year - The Kukla award for the top marks in the Boating Exam 2005/2006, and the Jens Oster award for the best overall average marks in all training over the past five years.

I hope you all have enjoyed good sailing this past summer.



From the Training Department STO Ralph Hagen, AP

Training Program Fall 2006

The Gabriola Island Squadron is geared up again to present the popular boating courses.

The primary boating course offered is the well known CPS Boating Course which will commence 13 September and run for 13 weeks at a cost of \$165. This course teaches the basics of charting and navigation and boating safety. The course includes the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card which now required by most people operating a powered boat of any size and will be absolutely required by all in 2009.

The Squadron is also offering the VHF Marine Radio course which provides the Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime) required to operate pleasure craft marine radio. This course takes two evenings plus a third evening for a short review and the exam. This course will be presented in October.

The squadron is also offering the GPS course which includes the basics of the operation of a chart plotter. This course is a must if you want to understand what your GPS or your chart plotter can do for you. This course takes three evenings plus the examination. This course will be presented in November.

The squadron is also offering the Piloting Course which the next step up from the Boating Course teaching the finer points of charting and navigating. This course will take 13 weeks at a cost of \$175 and will start September 19.

For registration for any of these course call : Don Spears 247 9556 or Leonard Sutherland 247 8301

From the Yacht Club Commodore Ralph Hagen, AP

The SBYC has had an exciting year with its cruise program and the inception of a reciprocal moorage program.

The club's cruising program for this year is found on their website www.silvabayyachtclub.com and most recently enjoyed a mystery cruise presented by Russ Pearce. The club's cruising program has been well received particularly by novice boaters who want to spread their wings and get some experience with the comfort of buddy boats and mentoring.

The club has entered into reciprocal mooring agreements with approximately 50 clubs in the Georgia Strait and Puget Sound area which enables our members to enjoy overnight moorage without cost. Our hosting has been well received with about 30 visits since inception June 1. The details of the hosting clubs can be found on the website or at our host facility located at Page's Resort & Marina.

Currently our membership stands at 71 families. We make membership in our club available to husband & wife as a unit of one member which means in reality that we have almost 140 members.

We have enjoyed entertaining and informative programs at our monthly general meetings which are held on the first Monday each month at the Silva Bay Resort at 1930. Our monthly meetings will resume in September after the summer recess. As well the monthly informal luncheons have been well attended on the second Wednesday of each month at the Silva Bay Pub. No program - just great times.

Any one interested in joining the Silva Bay Yacht Club can call membership chairman Fred Withey 247 7962.

Ralph Hagen, Commodore

*Times are
a-changin'*



It's blowin' in the wind

Here are the **questions** to the membership last spring, answers to which were required to assist in determining the future of CPS-ECP, relating to the Approved Planning Committee Report of 2005.

1. How do your squadron members feel about the possibility of a name change?
2. How do your squadron members feel about our logos?
3. How do your squadron members feel about the uniform issue?
 - i. Should we have any uniforms?
 - ii. Should we reduce the number from 9 to 4?
4. How do your squadron members feel about our use of ranks to designate officer's positions?

Should we move to more corporate identities for our governing board members?
5. How do your squadron members feel about restructuring our membership requirements to make our organization more accessible for training?
6. How do your squadron members feel about rewarding our volunteers with specialty items or discounts on our stores items?

What was the **response rate** of the Gabriola Island Squadron?

We were second in the Vancouver Island North District with 8.33 % of the members responding. Cape Lazo was first with 10%.

How did the **district** do?

Only 2.78% of the district members responded, but that's better than the national average of 2.18%

This is the percentage of membership that have had a "say" in the future of CPS-ECP based on the responses to the questionnaire.



For more complete information go to the CPS-ECP website:
<http://www2.cps-ecp.org/members/Strategic Plan/index.htm#6Questions>
Summary of the recommendations is printed in this edition of Scuttlebutt for convenience.

Summary of the recommendations... from the CPS website

Name change?

Keep CPS as part of the "official" name but operate the organization under a secondary name such as CPS Boat Canada, CPS Boating Canada, CPS Canadian Boating Association, or other similar name. CPS should drop the ECP reference - using only CPS as its official logo ID. Empower the Flag & Etiquette Committee to select three finalist from the responses and submit these to the October Governing Board for selection of the new name. The selection criteria would include, but not limited to, utilizing the acronym CPS and that the name should not use the words "squadron" or "power".

Logos?

Although the FLAT FLAG with the red Maple Leaf and Blue & White Stripes proved to be the most popular of the logos, and it is recommended that CPS use this as the official logo for the foreseeable future, the concept of holding a contest sometime in the future to select a NEW logo is warranted. In this case, CPS could consider using a College as facilitator to get three entries based on predetermined criteria as approved by Governing Board. NOTE: CPS should be kept as an integral part of the new logo with a positive indicator (tag name) representing "Boating" being included in the design. It is further recommended that the letters ECP be dropped from the logo and only the letters CPS be used.

Uniforms?

Reduce uniforms to three - Present uniform "A", present uniform "C", both for National and possibly District use - optional to all other members, Blues & Grays, and Casual - also as optional uniforms for our regular members. Blues & Grays or business suit would be sanctioned for formal membership functions. CPS Casual for all other venues.

Restructuring?

DROP the words "squadron" and "power" from our organization. Phase out most of the military ranks within squadrons, districts and national (1st Lt., Vice-Commander, Staff Commander, Rear Commander) and retain only those which are pertinent to the organization (C/C, S/C, D/C) to reflect "nautical" theme. Balance would relate to office held - such as National Training Officer, District Training Officer, Regional Training Officer.

Ranks?

Offer FREE one-year Associate Membership to those obtaining PCOC cards from accredited CPS providers to get them into the organization so they can be trained and upgraded to Regular (Full) members. Full membership would still require passing of the Basic Boating Course and Member benefits would accrue to Full Members only. While all courses would be open to all members and all members would be able to participate in all aspects of the squadrons, ONLY Full Members would be permitted to fly the CPS Flag and hold senior Bridge positions.

Rewards?

Although the majority of members polled feel that simple public "recognition" is the best reward, the recommendation would be to authorize the creation of an inexpensive reward system to volunteers for Instructing, Proctoring, Bridge Member status, based on members having first achieved a Merit Mark. These rewards could be in the form of a discount on ship's stores clothing (CPS Casual with Logo) for use in the performance of their duties. The reward would be based on criteria similar to the Merit Marks (i.e. numbers of hours worked as Instructor or Proctor) and be exercised by the squadrons at their discretion. Amount of discount to be determined.