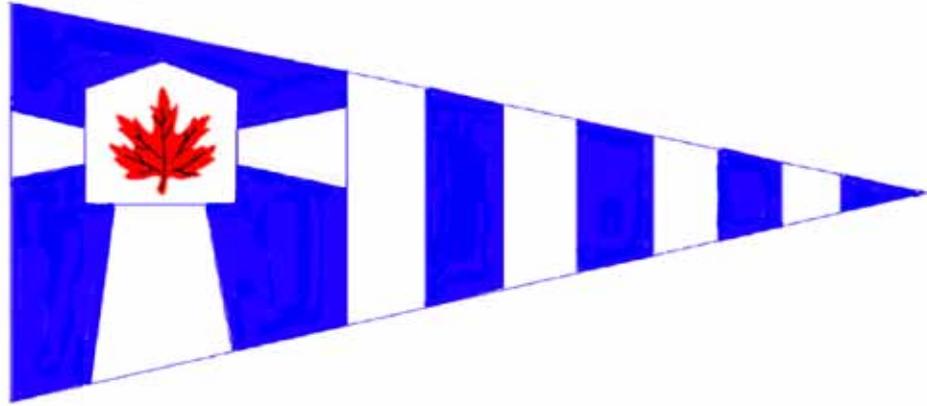


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March - April 2009



The Squadron Bridge 2008 - 2009

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Past Commander	Leonard Sutherland	247-8301
Commander	Bob Weenk	247-0267
Executive Officer	Walter Berry	247-8651
Training Officer	Ralph Hagen, <u>AP</u>	247-8491
Secretary	Carole Lemieux, P	247-9889
Treasurer	Judy Weenk	247-0267
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce	247-7538
Public Relations Officer	Rufus Churcher, <u>AP</u>	247-8779
MAREP/Weather	Russell Pearce, P	247-7538
Assistant Training Officer	Digby Jones	247-9150
Environment Officer	Mike Richards	247-8938
Cruisemaster	Ian Waymark	247-7883
Port Captain	Russell Pearce, P	247-7538
Supply Officer	Patrick Griffin	247-8897
Webmaster	Robert Derksen	247-9792
Social Officer	Walter Berry	247-8651
Historian/Archives Officer	Lawerence Spero	247-0261
Communications Officer	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	247-7804
Scuttlebutt Editor	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	247-7804
Privacy Officer	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	247-7804



SQUADRON EVENT CALENDAR

- Training - VHF, GPS, and PCOC watch for dates
- Student Cruise in local waters - March 21 - Contact Ian Waymark
- Graduation Social Cruise to Dinghy Dock - April 26 - Ian
- Overnight to Cowichan Bay with wine tour and lunch - June 20 wknd - Ian
- Cruise to Newcastle Is. Site 1 - July 4 - Ian
- AGM & potluck dinner - May 2 at 1800 for 1900, Gabriola Golf Club

The Boating Class, Spring 2009



The Bridge, 2008 - 2009



Missing - Bob Derksen, Rufus Churcher, Ralph Hagen, Walter Berry, & Don Butt
(someone had to take the picture)

Annual CPS National AGM and Convention

October 2010
Nanaimo

Hello to all members of Vancouver Island North District. As you can see, VIND will be the host of the National AGM and Convention in October 2010. We will be hosting this event for about 350-400 delegates from across Canada, at the Nanaimo Conference Center. This is your chance to attend seminars and also the AGM at no cost to you. You can get to meet the National Bridge and all the people that you deal with thought out the duties of your jobs in CPS.

As this is a huge undertaking. Your conference Committee has been hard at work for the past year getting a start on what is required. Anyone whom would like to become involved please let us know and we will welcome you with open arms. We will need a great deal of volunteers during the week of the conference.

With every National convention comes competitions. Clifford Miller is looking after this section of the event, and has given me a overview of what goes on. He says that during the conference one of the exciting areas, the "Competitions Room" is open to all of us to enter or to view. He also says that each of us have hobbies that we excel at, so take the time to fill out the entry forms when they come out in the Port Hole. We may surprise ourselves.

There are certain rules for each division and they will be explained on the entry form. The competitions are judged by an independent panel, separate and apart from the conference. The divisions that are available are Training aids, Navigational Aids, Crafts, Scrapbooks, Publications, (Section 1 Newsletters, and Section 2 Personal stories poems and narratives). In Division 6 there is (section 1 Photography, section 2 Paintings and drawings and section 3 sculptures.) Division 7 has (section 1 Best of the web, section 2 computer graphic art, section 3 digital presentations and section 4 digital photography) There are special rules pertaining to Division 7.

All of the above information regarding competitions with a more detailed description will be put on our district Web page, VIND.ORG

If you have any further questions, please contact me via email.
'til next time

Sue Loveless
Chairman,
2010 Conference Committee
loveless@shaw.ca

The Eagle Eye notices that -

**Vancouver Island North District (VIND) 2009 Rendezvous is at .
Maple Bay Marina, Vancouver Island**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 22, 23, & 24, 2009

Come by land or sea

Watch for registration forms, next issue, or at <http://www.vind.org/>



**Report of the Nominations Committee
for the 2009-2010 Bridge Positions**

Position	Name
Past Commander	Leonard Sutherland
Commander	Bob Weenk
Executive Officer	OPPORTUNITY
Training	Ralph Hagen
Secretary	Carole Lemieux
Treasurer	Judy Weenk
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce
Public Relations/Marketing	Rufus Churcher
MAREP/Weather	Russell Pearce
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A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him.

So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to 'persuade' them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

VIND 2009 AGM and Conference
<http://www.vind.org/>

On behalf of the Vancouver Island North District and Mount Brenton Power & Sail Squadron we look forward to seeing you in Chemainus May 29th – 31st, 2009.

See the VIND website above.

Friday, May 29th, 2009

1800-2000 Registration – Royal Canadian Legion
900-2100 Meet & Greet (cash Bar)

Saturday, May 30th, 2009

0900-1200 AGM and Council Meeting
1000 Accompanying Person's Tour
1200-1330 Lunch (cash bar)
1330-1530 Regular meeting of Squadron Reps.
1800-1900 Dinner Reception (cash bar)
1900 Dinner (entertainment, dancing, and cash bar)

Sunday, May 31st, 2009

0900-1100 A working breakfast meeting for the new Bridge members

**RADAR REFLECTORS - Ever wondered
who sees you?**

Here is something reference in a report of the Standing Committee on Recreational Boating Apr 28 - May 1, 2008
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Friday Harbor, WA 98250

© 1995 by Jim Corenman, Chuck Hawley, Dick Honey and Stan Honey Radar Reflector Test provided by West Marine, for additional information dial (800)BOATING.

Conclusions: The first conclusion is that there is no substitute for size when it comes to radar reflectors. The devices that offer smaller size and lower windage simply don't work

as well. With regard to the Firdell Blipper, it is a well packaged and clever device, but the models tested were not large enough to have much real value aboard a vessel. Larger versions would accomplish what GEC Marconi claims, but are not practical on small vessels.

The Davis Echomaster (in the "Double Catch Rain" position) and the Lensref performed the best of all of the devices tested. The Lensref has no nulls, which is a tremendous advantage in terms of being seen, but the overall reflectance is marginal. If a Lensref is fitted on a sailing vessel, it should be gimballed or made adjustable. The Davis Echomaster had stronger peak reflectance, but also large holes, which means that a large target would not consistently be presented on a ship's radar.

None of the reflectors would be more than marginally useful in offshore situations where only S-band were being used, except perhaps in calm sea conditions.

The marginal performance of radar reflectors in general does not mean that they should not be carried. On the contrary, anything that improves a vessels radar visibility is worthwhile, particularly short-handed vessels and those without radar themselves.

Beyond that, it needs to be again pointed out that the best defense where shipping is concerned is a good offense. A ship's radar may only see a sailboat three or four miles away, but that same sailboat can typically see the ship 12 miles away by radar, and visually at least 8 miles away in clear weather. The small boat is both better equipped and more highly motivated to avoid

the potential collision.



From the Wheelhouse Bob Weenk- Commander

Of issues ago I mentioned that there was a preponderance of grey hair at a district meeting, meaning, of course, that the average age of the bridge members of VIND was, to put it delicately, advanced. Well, the same is true to a lesser extent of the Bridge of our squadron. This is not to impugn the abilities or the energy levels of our present bridge members, but, to put it bluntly, we need some new blood.

I have talked to a number of our senior members and the feeling was unanimous that we should be attempting to recruit one or two new bridge members every year.

As an instructor in the boating classes, I am very aware of the quality of our students, and there are many of you who would be admirable additions to our executive. So I'm putting out the call to any and all of you to examine your timetables and see if you have a few hours a month to donate to the education of boaters by serving on the bridge of the Gabriola Squadron. The 2009-10 Nominations Committee is presently engaged in the process of recruitment and would love to hear from you. Contact Russ Pearce or Len Sutherland or me if you would be interested in attending a bridge meeting to see what we do. We will be meeting next on April 16, upstairs at Suzy's at 7:00.

See you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Weenk



To the members, GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON will be held at the Gabriola Golf and Country Club - 825 South Road, Gabriola, BC on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 2000, immediately following the Pot Luck Supper at 1900 for the purpose of:

- (a) receiving a report from the Officers of this Squadron;
- (b) receiving a report of the Squadron Treasurer on the financial position of this Squadron that has been reviewed by the Squadron internal audit review committee;
- (c) electing the elective Officers referred to in Section 9.1 including such First Lieutenants as in the opinion of the Squadron Executive Committee are necessary for the administration of the affairs of this Squadron during the 2009-2010 Squadron Year.
- (d) appointing a Squadron internal audit review committee for the Squadron Year then current;
- (e) considering such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a written petition signed by no 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 two days prior to the date of this Meeting.

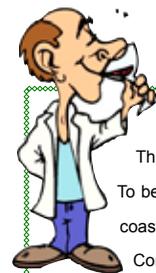
DATED this first day of March, 2009

(Original on file duly signed by the secretary)



An Evening with the Environment, Saturday Feb 28 at the Haven

About 16 people heard a first class presentation on the need to respect our local waters. Squadron Environment Officer, Mike Richards has a way of presenting that holds attention and gets the message across. A most enjoyable evening and thanks Mike.



Social Happenings

The annual meeting and pot luck supper and grad night.

To be held at the Golf Club, gathering at 1800 for meet and greet, followed by a potluck dinner by the greatest cooks on the west coast - Our own members! Now there's an event you can't miss. Come and see the awards, the latest members - the year's grads.

Contact Social Officer, Walter Berry