

COMMANDER'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2012

It has not been a tradition to issue Commander's reports over the summer months. However, I think most of you would appreciate being kept up to date on your Squadron activities.

To start, I wish all of you a great Canada Day and hope you have time to reflect on just how fortunate we are to live in this wonderful Country.

The first Squadron event was our Graduation Cruise. The cruise was planned for Dinghy Dock Pub, but with high winds in the forecast we were forced to cancel the "cruise" and move the Graduation Celebration to Silva Bay. It was a great event with over 20 members and graduates attending. Thank you to Tanya at Silva Bay Pub for preparing for us on such short notice.

Our next event was the monthly breakfast at Robert's Place. Only 5 members turned up but it was a great breakfast, nobody went home hungry and we all enjoyed giving our waitress, Angie, a hard time. ☺

The big event in June was the week of Courtesy Boat checks. We checked a large number of boats and I can say the boats we did check reaped us numerous benefits:

As of June 30, the Boat Checks gave us 3 new Squadron members, 3 potential Maritime Radio students and 1 potential Boating Basics/Boating Essentials student. As I write this report we also have 3 potential Seamanship students.

We will continue with our Courtesy Boat checks with the goal of doing a check on every boat in the Squadron. If your boat has not been checked, please call me at 250 247 7883 and I'll get the crew down to your boat.

Today, July 1, saw Li'l Gabe, Douglass Legg, Don Hutton, Ted Johnson and David Andrew and myself at the Village, celebrating Canada Day and promoting our Squadron and our upcoming fall courses. We had 4 people sign up as potential Boating Basic/Boating Essential students and 3 indicate they would take the Maritime Radio Course.

July sees the Practical Radio Course on the 11th at 1900-2100 for a small fee of \$10. Check this site for details:

<http://powersquadron.gabriola.org/courses.html>

July 19 is the next Squadron Breakfast at 0930.

Our BIG event for July is the Annual Rendezvous at Pages Marina with Gabriola Squadron as the host Squadron. The Rendezvous takes place on July 27,28 & 29.

If you plan to attend any or all of the Rendezvous events, please register online so that the VIND committee can have the required supplies for the Bar-B-Q and for the pancake breakfast. Here is the link for online information and registration http://nicolasfortin.ca/vind/?page_id=5

Finally, sneaking a peak at August, we have a cruise to the Celebration of Light Fireworks at False Creek, Vancouver on July 31 and return home on Aug. 2. Please go to

<http://www.powersquadron.gabriola.org/upcoming.html>

for more information.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these coming events!

Sincerely,

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