

## GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

### **Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 At Don Butt's Residence**

**Call to order:** 09:33 with Cdr. Don Butt presiding.

**Present:** Don Butt, Russell Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Bud Pennington, Ingrid Hales, Bud Curtis, Keith Poulton, Bos Malcolm, Rufus Churcher, Carole Lemieux.

**Regrets:** Ian Waymark, Keith Sim

Don Butt welcomed Keith Sim as Membership Officer and Carole Lemieux as Secretary.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Moved by **Don Butt** and seconded by **Bud Pennington** that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** None

#### **REPORTS:**

**Training:** none as Richard away.

**Weather:** Rufus stated that he had not yet seen the new global weather manuals and will report when he has.

**Tides and Currents:** Congratulations to Hugh (Sproule), Rufus and Richard on a job well done with some discussion about the CPS module being prepared also.

**GPS:** No discussion.

**Fall Boating:** 18 registered, 17 paid to date. Richard to check tides for the 2004 training cruise and find a suitable location and date.

**Advanced courses:** Keith questioned how they could be promoted and Don is to mention them in the *Scuttlebutt*.

#### **SUPPLIES:**

Ingrid has picked up all the supplies for the new course. There was discussion regarding the price of dividers and it was agreed to purchase 20 @ \$7.50 and sell them for \$10.00.

Russ believes compasses are as important as dividers but students to purchase them themselves. It was decided to take inventory to ensure sufficient materials available both new and in stock.

### **CRUISE:**

**Russ:** not a big turn out but everyone had a great time. Perhaps bigger turnout if not crossing the Strait. Discussed whether shorter cruises would attract larger numbers. The picnic at Page's was well attended and it was decided to continue to invite the yacht club. Next year's date could be June 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Russ to talk to Page's.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Keith Sim has taken over.

### **SOCIAL:**

Elaine: location the Haven but date changed from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> as 11<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving weekend. Still need a speaker – perhaps Captain Poole of Ferry corporation or RCMP officer on marine policing. Cost \$1:00. Also 50/50 draw. The Haven will have coffee and dessert available at a cost of \$4.00 for anyone.

### **SCUTTLEBUTT:**

Don: latest edition nearly ready – waiting for training info from Richard. Keith Poulton, as webmaster, will try and put the *Scuttlebutt* on CD. Meanwhile the current one will be circulated by snail mail

### **WEBMASTER:**

Keith Poulton: will take out past events and update.

### **TREASURER:**

Bud Pennington: current net worth is \$3,962.92 of which cash and investments total \$1,012.50, accounts receivable \$125.00 and inventories \$2,227.26. We are \$3.85 ahead of year to date.

**ARCHIVES:**

Ian is away.

**MAREP:**

Bos: discussion on including an article in the next *Scuttlebutt* on Marep activities and how to contact them. Bud Pennington questioned the timing of Marep sightings as once the Coastguard is notified, NOTAMS comes out immediately whereas Marep can take weeks. Ingrid asked whether deadheads are still flagged and Bos explained previous history of sponsorship and distribution of flags.

**PRO:**

Bud Curtis: 'Float that Boat': discussion regarding Richard's boat, Don's mast, vehicles suitable for towing, banners and signage. It was suggested that perhaps the Boat School had a suitable boat and Rufus, as Chairman of the school, will check. Bud Curtis will have his kids hand out flags and Don will play the piccolo. Bud Pennington said there were funds available for hats with crests. It was mentioned 5-Star Embroidery had been very good to the squadron and should be mentioned in *Scuttlebutt*. Don said a new banner would cost approx \$100.00. By consensus this is to be explored. Bud Curtis to e-mail members to participate.

**VIND:**

Next Council meeting October 5<sup>th</sup>. Don and Richard to attend, others welcome.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Share programme: is it still available? Don to find out at District meeting. Discussion of insurance discounts if advanced courses taken.

**FUTURE MEETING:**

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 09:30 at Don's house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.