

## GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

### Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003 At Don Butt's Residence

**Call to order:** 09:35 with Cdr. Don Butt presiding.

**Present:** Don Butt, Bud Pennington, Keith Sim, Bos Malcolm, Carole Lemieux.

**Absent:** Russell Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Ingrid Hales, Bud Curtis, Keith Poulton, Rufus Churcher, Richard de Lissa, Ian Waymark.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Bos** noted that MAREP was not on the agenda and requested that it be included.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** **Bud** stated that reference to 'NOTAMS' should have been 'Notice to Shipping'. A change was made and the Minutes were approved.

**Commander's Comments:** **Don** attended the Council meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> and there was discussion regarding the VHF programme. CPS took over the programme about two years ago and provides all the material to the regional examiner. **Keith Sim** is taking on the VHF role within the squadron and the material will come from the National level.

**Keith** raised the subject of funding through education and public service. This is to be put on the agenda when **Richard** is present. Meanwhile discussion took place regarding having a Multi-Media Officer and/or a committee to collate squadron presentations. It was suggested the two volunteers should be the Training Officer and the Treasurer, and that there was a need for a budget and ways to raise specific funds.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Don** reiterated that there would be an article in the next *Scuttlebutt* about MAREP and would **Bos** write something about 'Flag a Snag'.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Training:** none

**Weather:** none

**Tides & Currents:** none as discs are misplaced so may have to start again from scratch.

**Fall Boating:** 2004 Training Cruise. Discussion regarding possibility of a B.C. Ferries bridge cruise with Captain Poole. It was suggested that the Harbour Lynx might also allow the students to be on the bridge and **Don** to speak to Don McCollum. It was noted that 3 students had dropped out of the Fall Boating course so there are now 15 students.

**Advanced Courses:** none

**SUPPLIES:**

No report.

**PRO:**

**Don** stated how pleased he was with the success of 'Float that Boat'; **Keith** suggested a special thank-you should be extended to the school and **Bos** said that **Keith Poulton** was also deserving of a special thank-you for all his work.

**CRUISEMASTER:**

No report.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Keith** wanted to know how many members there were as he is having trouble opening the disc. **Don** has a hard copy indicating 51 members and **Bud** has a list of those who renewed their membership.

**SOCIAL:**

Capt. McKillop of M.V. Quinsam will give a presentation on the 18<sup>th</sup> possibly entitled 'A View from the Bridge'. It will include his experience with recreational boaters. 7:00 for 7:30 at the Haven, a loonie per person and **Don** will bring nibblies. **Bos** enquired about turnout – so far 18 confirmed. **Don** spoke to Doug and Eddie Harrison who expressed interest on behalf of the yacht club. Minimal business will be discussed at the event – **Bud Pennington** on balance of funds; **Keith Sim** on membership; **Ingrid** to bring caps to be sold for \$10.00.

**SCUTTLEBUTT:**

**Don** asked for ideas. **Bos** to write half a page on MAREP.

**WEBMASTER:**

No report.

**TREASURER:**

Since last report \$2,068.27 has been received of which course income is \$1,932.00. Spent \$1,419.72, mostly on materials. Net surplus to date is \$652.40. There are no liabilities and net worth is \$4,611.47.

There was discussion on value of inventory which includes VHF manuals which are not up to date. However, the amendments can be downloaded and included from CPS site 'Members' Moorings' to make them useable. **Bud** queried whether Nathan Clark should be invoiced \$5.00 for stopping payment on his cheque without contacting anyone for a refund and **Don** agreed.

**ARCHIVES:**

No report.

**MAREP:**

**Bos** reported that info on 'flag a snag' is very difficult to come by. He visited Burrard Civic Marina and Coast Guard Auxiliary #6. He brought in a sample stick with Esso Marine written on it who do 'flag a snag' with the Coast Guard. Discussion ensued on the importance of this for boating safety and **Don** suggested **Bos** talk to Bill Fletcher, the District MAREP officer, for action at the District level. **Bos** pointed out that it was more important on the District level than the National level due to the unique West Coast boating. **Keith** wondered what Americans do and **Don** said Bill Fletcher would have connections.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Don** asked that everyone think about how they see themselves on the Bridge for next year. He stated he would not take on a 6<sup>th</sup> year.

**FUTURE MEETING:**

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 09:30 a.m. at Don Butt's residence.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.