

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on September 5th, 2007 At Don Butt's Residence

Call to order: 17:08 with Commander **Leonard Sutherland** presiding.

Present: Leonard Sutherland, Don Butt, Ian Waymark, Ralph Hagen, Elaine Pearce, Digby Jones, Lawrence Spero, Walter Berry, Judy Weenk, Bob Weenk, Paddy Griffin, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Russ Pearce, Rufus Churcher, Rob Derkson, Bos Malcolm

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Correspondence: **Leonard** stated that he had received a report from **Russ** regarding GPS manual settings, and from **Ralph** on increasing the cost of the Boating course.

Secretary: **Carole** – nothing to report.

Treasurer: **Judy** stated that the bank balance as of September 5th was \$2,205.47 but with an outstanding bill for course materials of \$2,450.00.

Membership: **Elaine** said that as of April 30th there were 82 members. Gabriola was awarded the Mike Cartlidge Memorial Trophy for the greatest increase in membership. **Don** stated that this was due to **Elaine's** efforts to sign up new members and encourage renewals. Membership currently stands at 76.

Social: **Walter** stated the next social is on October 20th at the Haven starting @ 19:00. Discussion on small gift for the presenters. The Christmas party is scheduled for December 1st at the golf club and will be a pot-luck,

Cruisemaster: **Ian** has no planned cruises at the moment but will talk to Walter about a social on the water. Fall and Spring cruises to be set up.

Training: **Ralph** stated that the Boating course starts next week, probably on Wednesday, and he would like to do a GPS Chart Plotting course and a radio course. Discussion on specialized course for dragon boaters. The Boating course has 9 confirmed students and 3 possibles. Discussion on venue and cost of Boating course and that Boating course includes first year membership for successful students.

MOTION: proposed by **Ralph**, seconded by **Don** that the charge for the Boating course starting next week be \$175.00 and \$195.00 for the course starting in January. Approved.

PRO: Rufus not present. **Don** mentioned that the float was in the parade but that there was no boat. He also stated that the trailer would not be available next year as the parade date on Gabriola conflicts with the VIND Rendezvous (the trailer belongs to VIND) and so a boat and trailer will have to be arranged for next year. **Digby** volunteered his boat for the 2008 Gabriola Day parade

Port Captain/MAREP: Russ not present.

Webmaster: Rob not present, however, **Don** read his report to the Bridge.

MOTION: proposed by **Don**, seconded by **Ian** that all information items in printed form (e.g. flyers, newspaper articles, reports of interviews, etc.) should include the squadron's web site address. Approved.

Scuttlebutt: Don stated that it was ready except for the date and location of the Boating course starting next week.

Archives: Lawrence requested identification of people in photographs and for any photos from last year. **Don** gave him copies of the Squadron Warrant and **Lawrence** gave one copy to **Carole**.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15th, 2007, @ 19:00 at the Sutherland's residence.

Meeting adjourned @ 18:20.