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Nomination Committee

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Good evening Bridge members,

On Monday March 11, I received a Skype call from Don Butt, Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Don requested I not stand for the position of Commander next year.

Over the past year I had five objectives:

1. Continue promoting the enthusiasm Commander Cec Ashley brought to the Squadron when he was Commander.
2. Promote greater interaction between the Squadron and the Gabriola community at large.
3. Offer advanced courses to our members.
4. Promote inter-Squadron activities
5. Work towards harmony and co-operation on the Bridge. I set this objective only because the past two to three years had seen far too much discourse between the STO and the Commander at the time.

Meeting my first four objectives was not too difficult. However, the constant "angst" at each Bridge meeting between the Commander and the STO slowly whittled qualified and enthusiastic members from the Bridge. Along with the loss of Bridge members was the loss of enthusiasm and co-operation to move the Squadron forward.

Given the request for me to step down as Commander and given the ongoing problems on the Bridge I feel I should effectively and immediately resign my commission as Squadron Commander.

To resign immediately was a difficult decision. I have been a Bridge member for ten years, working for the betterment of the Squadron and the promotion of safe boating through education. Together, with other Bridge members I have experienced many successes during my time as Squadron Archivist, Squadron Treasurer, Squadron Cruise Master, Squadron Executive Officer and last year, Squadron Commander. I am proud of what the Squadron has accomplished and I wish the Squadron every success in the coming year.

I want to thank all Bridge members who contributed so much to last year's activities.

Last fall I was offered and accepted a position on the Bridge of VIND. My acceptance of a position on the VIND Bridge has no bearing on my immediate resignation as Commander of the Squadron. I look forward to working with the members of VIND Bridge and continuing to support CPS-ECP and its mandate to promote safe boating through education.

In conclusion, I will not be attending the April 10 Bridge meeting nor the April 27 AGM.

Sincerely,

Ian Waymark  
Past Commander  
Gabriola Island Power & Sail Squadron