

Commander's Report June 11, 2012

It has been a busy month.

May 11,12 & 13 Don Butt, Cec Ashley & myself attended the Annual VIND AGM in Parksville. A report will be presented at the June 11 Bridge meeting.

On May 26 I attended the SBYC Sail Past and raised the flag as the Squadron's representative. May 27 saw many of you join Paddy and myself for the Commander's Bar-B-Q. It was great to meet you and your "better halves" with good food, good wine and good company.

May 30 I chaired a Rendezvous Committee meeting and will present a report at the upcoming Bridge meeting.

May 31 I attended a Training Committee meeting at STO Ralph Hagen's home. Ralph will report on the meeting.

June 2 I attended the Nanaimo Boat Show as a volunteer for Georgia Strait Alliance. It was an interesting day as I met and spoke to boaters who shared the "green" concern and boaters who felt it was all a big inconvenience.

June 3 I spent an hour with Cec Ashley and Bob Wood at Ocean's Day in Descanso Bay.

On behalf of Gabriola Island Power & Sail Squadron I wrote a letter of condolence to RCM-SAR Station 12, Halfmoon Bay on the tragic loss of two of their members.

June 7 I attended a Communications Committee meeting at Don Butt's home. Don will report on that meeting.

June 9 I had the pleasure of enjoying a lunch at Silva Bay Pub and helping celebrate our boating class graduates.

Thank you to all of you who attended the meetings and the various events over the past month.

Respectfully submitted

Ian Waymark
Commander
Gabriola Island Power & Sail Squadron

TRAINING 11 June 2012

RADIO The RADIO course finished classes June 6 with ten students and one exam challenge. The exam will be tomorrow night June 12.

SPLICING The rope splicing workshop was well received by eight students on June 7. The workshop was led by instructors Don Hutton on double weave and Digby Jones on three strand. Having switched from Saturday June 9 to the evening on June 7 there was only two hours and we have concluded that it would be much better with three hours. This should be done again doing it with three hours and no more than ten students.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Commander Ian requested that we form a Training Committee and referred the matter of BOATING courses, their fees and terms. I asked the ATOs Bob Weenk and Digby Jones to the committee and I asked Bill Kalbfleish, Bert Terhart, Don Hutton and Douglass Legg who all agreed to come on board. We had our first meeting of the committee on 31 May 2012.

The Committee recommended respecting the Boating courses:

- **BOATING BASICS** If the student does not have a PCOC that the student enrol for BASICS, the fee for the course be \$80.00. If the student has a PCOC from a source other than CPS that they could audit the BASICS course with a fee of \$20.00 or retake the course at the regular fee and rewrite the exam to obtain the CPS issued PCOC.
- **BOATING ESSENTIALS** The fee for the course be \$200.00, the minimum enrolment for the course be ten students, that there be a registration session two weeks before course commencement at which students are to register and pay an advance fee of \$100.00.

The Committee otherwise reviewed course available from CPS and other matters previously offered by Gabriola Squadron. The Committee recommended that the

Squadron marketing seek expressions of interest in the Seamanship course at a fee in the range of \$135.00/\$175.00.

Douglass Legg undertook to enquire as to what fees are charged by other squadrons. He subsequently reported that he found eleven squadrons charging from \$100.00 to \$200.00 with a median and average of \$145.00.

2012 FALL PROGRAM We plan to offer the combined BOATING courses with the first class September 5 for BASICS and with ESSENTIALS commencing October 3. We intend to offer a RADIO course later in the fall for which the dates have not yet been set.

We are endeavouring to put together a WEATHER course that would be in the range of 3-4 sessions. This would not be the (old) CPS WEATHER FUNDEMENTALS. We expect to be working with Bert Terhart to put together and Bert to present the course.

Ralph Hagen STO

Treasurer's Report
Bridge Meeting, June 11, 2012

Balance April 30, 2012
\$ 2172.04

Income \$ 20.00
Expenses \$ 237.03
\$ 217.03

Balance May 31, 2012
\$ 1955.01

**Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron
Supply Officer's Report, June 11, 2012**

1. Current supplies on hand consist of:
 - 4 only Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons Pennants Cost: \$48
 - 3 only CPS Presentation Plaques Cost: \$90

Total Value of Squadron Stores: \$138

2. Squadron pennants update:

- 36 pennants have been paid for and delivered
- 12 pennants have been paid for but not delivered
- 2 pennants were awarded by the Squadron

Respectfully submitted,
Douglass Legg, Supply Officer

Safety Officer: Bridge Report

For Safety week Gab P. S. set up Li'l Gabe on Friday, 25th May at the Village. We made our presence known and signed up a membership transfer and some interested in courses. On site were myself, Dougless Legg and David Andrews, others stopped by.

On Saturday Gab P.S. set up Li'l Gabe at Page's Marina for the SBYC Sailpast and BBQ. The Coast Guard Aux was invited to join the SBYC Sailpast at my invitation. We signed up 5 boats to undergo a Boat Safety Check for Monday and Tues. On site were Don Hutton, myself and others.

Sunday we had a very good "Meet and Great" at Silva Bay. Dougless knew a lot of the attending squadron and yacht club members from the lower mainland. Some were amazed that Gabriola would have its' own Power Squadron. Rick Shultz helped me take down the display.

Li'l Gabe was present at the "Oceans Day" at Descano Park on June 3rd. It was staffed by Cec Ashley and Ian Waymark. My wife and I attended for a short time.

The number of "Boat Checks" to date are:

Ian Waymark; 1.

Douglass Legg; 2.

Don Hutton; 2.

Bob Wood; 9.

That's a total 14 as of June 7th. We need more! See my "rant"

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY Has Changed its name to: Royal Canadian Marine Search And Rescue for B.C. It can be reached on VHF radio under RCMSAR 27

NANAIMO for the Gabriola area. Other names are not to be used; such as Aux ##, SAR ## or AUXILIARY ##; although there will be period of adjustment.

BOB WOOD

Here is my "rant" for this year:

How come we can't make it "highly recommended" that all members of the Gab P.S. that have a boat have a Boat safety check? That's at least 80-90 out of 120 members. I ordered 50 stickers for this year. As you can see we have only inspected less than 20 boats so far. Should an Email go out to all members (not just the web site) "suggesting" one to have a boat check? If someone would like to make a motion on my behalf, I would appreciate it.

Bob Wood

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June 7, 2012, Don Butt's home
Notes of meeting: began 0910, ended 1100

Present – Ian Waymark, Ralph Hagen, Bob Derksen, Douglass Legg, Rufus Churcher, Don Butt (chaired meeting)

First part of the meeting was to clarify what courses and activities the Squadron was working to offer in the fall, 2012.

- Boating (in two parts), till week of Dec 2 with exam.
- Maritime Radio - Current course oversubscribed for material available – Port Alberni has extra material for us to request.
- Weather - A telescoped version – Bert Terhart to be asked to consider instructing, designed to be practical for local conditions, but with a view to covering material for the CPS exam.
- Practical Boater – Insufficient students for last – partly because of insufficient marketing
- Other courses not yet specified.
- Courtesy Boat Safety Checks
- Social programs focusing on boating topics, for members and at times extending to the public.

Second part focused on important aspects to consider and methods of marketing,

- Brand – the CPS flag, and our Squadron flag, and Google the Squadron
- Messages should be brief in boards, etc, and direct people to our website for details
- All documents and information should prominently feature Google Gabriola Power Squadron (in colour as in the letterhead, above).
- Sandwich boards – very important and must be maintained. Add a large permanent appendage on top saying Google Gabriola Power Squadron
- Lil' Gabe – with banners and flags timely, at events and Village.
- Flyers with specific information – to be revised by Douglass and Don “Why we need to take these courses”

- Publicize our events – social events consider Bridge members phoning membership
- Scuttlebutt – front page more prominent with listed events. Move Bridge members table to the back page. Details of upcoming events publicized in order, in subsequent pages. Continue reports and pictures of events. Include the “wider picture”, National and District information.
- Articles about boating to media, and Courtesy Boat Safety Checks
- Consider a regular (free) entry in the papers about community events – again Google (you guessed it)
- Safety Boating Check handouts should include flyers about our Squadron
- Profile our website on related sites, acknowledging in a “PBS” style (eg “fueled by..”) with recognition on our site. Consider realtors, Chamber of Commerce, Page’s, Robert’s Place, Village Market, Harbour Chandler (they apparently have discontinued their website) This would result in mutual benefit.
- Prepare and insert a “QR” figure wherever practical.
- Go to the National website to the ePromoto area to be aware of the many ideas of promoting and marketing.

Lastly consider some ways to evaluate our efforts, and solicit suggestions, such as online survey (surveymonkey) or to the membership by email. Student feedback and evaluation from the classes is also valuable.

Every member of the Bridge and extending to general membership is encouraged to promote activities of the Squadron.

Don Butt

Rendezvous Committee Meeting

Attending: Cec Ashley, Don Butt, Doug Cunnian, Douglass Legg, Elaine Pearce & Ian Waymark as Chairperson.

It was agreed VIND was responsible for the Saturday Bar-B-Q, the Sunday morning pancake breakfast, organization of Bocce Ball and basic expenses of the Rendezvous. Gabriola Squadron would

organize the Meet & Greet , the inter squadron games and the Sail Past.

The following items will be needed for “The Meet & Greet” pot luck on Friday:

- tables, squadron tables to be arranged
- table cloth Elaine
- Tents Village Foods. Coast Realty Ian
- Name tags, napkins, cutlery, paper cups, garbage cans,
Welcome sign,

Discuss with Madeleine recycling and green disposal.

Contact Barry Ensign with regards to inviting VISD and PMD.
Cec would contact Valley Squadron and invite their members as they head out on a squadron cruise.

Games:

Mystery Cruise: Russ Pearce is to lay the plot for the Mystery Cruise. Ian Waymark to check the plot with Russ. Ian and Russ excluded from the event.

Knot Relay: Suggested Digby Jones and Don Hutton, yet to be confirmed.

Sail Past: Doug and Ian to discuss with Gloria.

Lifeline toss: Volunteers needed

Tug-O-War: Rick Schultze to organize and supervise.

Bocce: organized by VIND.

A schedule of events will be available for each person attending.
Ian to organize.

Douglass will obtain Chamber of Commerce packages to hand out to Island visitors.

We will also obtain information on B& B's and camping at Descanso Bay Park.

Bob Wood will work with a shuttle service for any foot passengers requiring transport to Pages.

Parking to be discussed with Ken & Gloria.

Cec Ashley to provide a generator if needed.

Barry Ensign to notify CPS of the event for purposes of liability insurance.

The Rendezvous Committee will meet again in late June.

Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report - June 11, 2012

As of this date there are 108 Members

Details of Membership Roster:

Regular Lifetime:	2 Members
Regular:	93 Members
Associate:	4 Members
Junior Associate:	9 Members

This list contains the five graduating students from the Spring Class. I have identified 15 Regular Members who have not yet renewed their membership and who will be reminded of this oversight.

Elaine Pearce
Membership Officer