

## Training Report

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We have concluded what has been a busy year for the Squadron in training, to my knowledge the busiest in the sixteen years of its existence. A summary of this year's offerings is appended to this report. It has been a noble effort made with almost every resource we have and I must reluctantly conclude it to be a failure. It was not a failure in the context of the offerings or of the delivery but in the response.

This was the first year in which the previous BOATING course was divided into two parts, the first being what is called BOATING BASICS which constitutes the Transport Canada approved PCOC course and the second being BOATING ESSENTIALS which constitutes the remainder of the former BOATING course. We made two presentations of BOATING BASICS, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013. We did not present BOATING ESSENTIALS for Spring 2013 as we had no response to the offering which, in my view, was as a consequence of the lack of the pre-Christmas promotion as had been originally contemplated. The last minute endeavours by the Communications Committee to step in did not achieve any results. The Communications Committee has met to consider its mandate, the promotion and marketing of the training program, and has made a report to the Bridge with recommendations as to the training program and their promotion thereof.

The program of the past year was comprised of the CPS courses of BASICS (2), ESSENTIALS, SEAMANSHIP and RADIO (2), six workshop sessions and a four session WEATHER course. The enrollment in these, except for the first RADIO course, did not meet the initial level but went ahead as a consequence of the Bridge reducing the required enrollment. The workshops were conducted without pre-set minimum enrollment. The subjects for these workshops were valid and the response, or lack thereof, is not understood. We did 55 classes in all and additionally we did three nights in Nanaimo on a contract to instruct Maritime Radio to twelve members of the Coast Emergency Communications Association.

We had the SEAMANSHIP students complete an evaluation survey at the conclusion of the instruction of the course which indicated a high level of satisfaction in the delivery of the course.

In the eight years I have held the position of Squadron Training Officer we have attained good results. Although I do not strive for the highest scores by the students I view those results as a measure of achievement in our instruction and of delivering a good quantum of knowledge for recreational boaters. We have been fortunate to have had instructors continue with us which has enabled us to achieve these results.

I write this report in the belief that it will be my last report as Squadron Training Officer. I have enjoyed the challenge of this position and the opportunity to innovate and to use the experience of many years of commercial and recreational boating on this coast. There will be a new

Training Officer elected soon who I expect will bring a fresh perspective to the Squadron and its mandate of education. I will be fully supportive of him and provide him with such assistance as he may request of me.

In conclusion I must here express my thanks to Bob Weenk as Assistant Training Officer from whom I have learned much.

Ralph Hagen STO

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	<b>Gabriola Island Squadron</b>							
2	<b>Training Activity Summary Apr 2012-Mar 2013</b>							
3			enrollment	event days				
4					fees	net		
5	Core Courses		40	43	\$4,380	\$426		
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7	Workshops		54	15	\$1,065	\$805		
8						<u>\$1,231</u>		
9	The above does not include the Nanaimo contract							
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11	The preceding years below are core courses							
12	2011-12		29		\$5,545	\$1,645		
13	2010-11		43		\$6,175	\$2,355		
14	2009-10		24		\$4,350	\$1,390		
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17				The 2012-13 enrollement reflects separate numbers for				
18				BASICS & ESSENTIALS whereas in prior years these were				
19				taught as one course BOATING. 2012-13 had 11 in Basics				
20				and 7 in Essentials				

**The Environmental Officer basic plan for 2013 is:**

1. to participate in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup in September
2. to plan and execute an informal rotating beach clean-up every month May-Sept

Respectfully submitted,

**Madeleine Lona Ani**

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**Report of Communications/Scuttlebutt Editor**

Bridge meeting, April 10, 2013

Scuttlebutt was somewhat delayed in the past edition because of the delay in finalizing the Nominating Ctte work. The Nominating Ctte report accompanies the official notice of the AGM but it was distributed within the time required by the regulations. The May-June edition will publish in time. I will be asking for a summary of the Council proceedings of interest to our membership, reports from the newly elected Commander, and Training Officer, and a brief outline of ideas for other officers for the coming year – sort of what they would like to see happen in their departments.

As a reminder, I would like all officers' reports for the AGM handout in good time so I can collate, print, and assemble them; deadline for this is Saturday, April 20.

Respectfully submitted

Don

**Treasurer's Report**

Bridge Meeting April 10, 2013

Balance February 28, 2013	\$ 2984.76
Income \$ 81.03	
<u>Expenses \$ 577.79</u>	
- \$ 496.76	
<u>Balance March 31, 2013</u>	<u>\$ 2488.00</u>

## **Cruisemaster Report**

April, 2013

The joint Squadron/SBYC cruise to Chemainus and the Buddy Holly Show on April 3 was a success. All 10 Squadron tickets were used along with 16 for SBYC.

Doug Cunnian

Squadron Cruisemaster

### **Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron Supply Officer's Report, April 10, 2013**

1. Current supplies on hand consist of:

3 only Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons Pennants	Cost: \$36
3 only CPS Presentation Plaques	Cost: \$90
3 only blank Name Tags	Cost: \$30

Total Value of Squadron Stores: \$156

Respectfully submitted,

Douglass Legg, Supply Officer

## **Webmaster Report**

April 10, 2013

The Minutes and Reports page now goes back to 2002 with lots of gaps. Many will be filled since I have not as yet completed the work. This initiative is made possible by the help of Ralph Hagen, who had copies of many of the minutes and some other documents, and Carole Lemieux, who generously sent me her computer files covering many of those years. The purpose of this effort is to throw some light on past practices, decisions and policies and to help us identify who we are as an organization. Once this project is complete, I plan to take a look at the Squadron historians' records.

With the changes on the Bridge, I have eliminated the From the Commander web page. The page existed to welcome visitors to the site and describe briefly what we are all about. The page will not be back. Most other squadrons on the West Coast have dispensed with it as well. Any worthwhile information from that page will be placed on the About Us page.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Derksen, webmaster

## Commander's Report

April 10, 2013

Since March 27 I have been working on preparations for the AGM in association with Don Butt, Ralph Hagen and Bob Weenk. Walter Berry has been his usual, capable and efficient self working on his own. The results of our joint efforts will come up for the Bridge's review under New Business. Without the dedication of these people I would have been completely lost.

On April 7 I represented the Squadron at the VIND Council meeting and reported on our doings since the January 20, 2013 Council meeting. I covered our course and workshop offerings, our membership and financial states, changes to the Bridge, our Spring Social and preparations for our AGM, all in the broadest terms.

More interesting from my perspective was a presentation that the VIND website committee, made up completely of Gabriola Squadron members, Cec Ashley (chair), Don Butt and myself. For over an hour Council and committee discussed fundamental changes to how VIND can do business using Internet modes of communication, and especially the VIND and squadron websites. Much of what we presented we have learned from our experiences with the Gabriola Island Squadron web site and ways of doing things. It was very gratifying to see the committee's recommendations accepted unanimously by Council. You will be able to find the Council's minutes and documentation regarding our committee presentation on the VIND website shortly under Minutes and Reports.

In addition to the Gabriola members mentioned above, the meeting was attended by Rufus Churcher, VIND Marep officer, Ian Waymark, who will be Administrative Officer on the next Council, and Ralph Hagen, Gabriola STO. As is happening more and more, our Gabriola group was the large and influential.

Finally, I am counting the days when I can return to the relative quiet of being webmaster.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Derksen

## Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report

April 10, 2013

As of this date there are 116 members.

### Details of Membership Roster:

Regular	75 Members
Family	20 Members
Junior Regular	1 Member
Regular Lifetime	2 Members
Associate	8 Members
Junior Associate	10 Members

Elaine Pearce, Membership Officer

## **Gabriola Power Squadron Social Officer's annual report 2012/13**

April 10, 2013

Social activities for this year followed the squadron's tradition with two socials and two talks. The agm in the Spring of 2012 was well attended and started our cycle. The Fall Talk was held in conjunction with the Silva Bay Yacht Club and featured a couple that publishes a cruising guide of our waters. It was one of our rare instances of remunerating speakers and given our budget, I would advise against paying speakers. Our Christmas social was one of our best attended and is clearly a favorite event for squadron members. The Spring Talk featured Mike Perkins from the Harbour Chandler speaking on the latest gps and radio technologies. I would like to bring him back for another session as he is knowledgeable and well spoken.

Sincerely,

Walter Berry,

Social Officer