

Gabriola Island Squadron Bridge Meeting Officers' and Committee Reports
June 5, 2013

Treasurer's Report:

CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

As of MAY 31, 2013

GABRIOLA	Squadron	VIND	District
CURRENT ASSETS		Current Year	Previous Year*
		\$	\$
A. CASH & INVESTMENTS (Totals from Journal columns)			
- on hand and in bank accounts (from 6.0)	A.1	2,349.69	2,527.45
- funds at HO (if any)	A.2	0.00	0.00
- investments (at cost) with Banks, Trust, etc. (from 8.0)	A.3	0.00	0.00
Total - Cash & Investments (add A.1 + A.2 + A.3)	A.	2,349.69	2,527.45
B. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (amounts owing to you)	B.	0.00	737.00
C. INVENTORIES (course materials)	C.	0.00	0.00
D. TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS (add A. + B. + C.)	D.	2,349.69	3,264.45
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (owed by you)			
- amounts owed by you, other than to HO	E.1	0.00	957.04
- account at HO (if any)	E.2	0.00	0.00
Total - Accounts payable	E.	0.00	957.04
NET ASSETS			
F. NET ASSETS (subtract E. from D.)	F.	2,349.69	2,307.41
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		2,349.69	3,264.45

Approved:

Treasurer :

Commander :

Name

Signature

Date

Notice to Professional Accountants: this form does not include any fixed assets or accruals.

* Copy figures from last year's Statement to this column

** Adjustment made to previous year's A/R & A/P per VIND
(Dr. A/P \$957.04; Cr. A/R \$737; Cr. Equity \$220.04)

From April 1st, 2013 to March 31st, 2014

<u>GABRIOLA</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>VIND</u>	<u>District</u>
	Current Year	Previous Year*	
	\$	\$	
1.0 RECEIPTS (Totals for year)			
1.1 Courses	0.00	6,602.91	
1.2 Meetings & Events	283.00	891.00	
1.3 Regalia	0.00	880.00	
1.4 Interest	0.04	0.32	
1.5 Dues or Contributions	198.00	934.00	
1.6 Other	957.04	616.36	
1.0 TOTAL RECEIPTS for YEAR	1,438.08	9,924.59	
2.0 DISBURSEMENTS (Totals for year, including GST/HST and QST)			
2.1 Course Materials	0.00	6,282.87	
2.2 Meetings & Events	513.80	1,170.96	
2.3 Regalia	0.00	1,039.23	
2.4 Newsletters	0.00	0.00	
2.5 National Dues	60.00	43.00	
2.6 District Contribution	0.00	357.50	
2.7 Public Relations & Donations	0.00	120.00	
2.8 Office, Postage & Stationery	0.00	0.00	
2.9 Telephone & Communications	0.00	0.00	
2.10 Training Aids & Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	
2.11 Other	822.00	758.05	
2.0 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS for YEAR (including GST/HST and QST)	1,395.80	9,771.61	
3.0 SURPLUS or (DEFICIT) (subtract line 2.0 from 1.0)	42.28	152.98	
4.0 Net Change in From (out To) Investment Accounts (+/-)	0.00	0.00	
5.0 CASH in Bank - Beginning of Fiscal Year	2,527.45	2,374.47	
6.0 CASH in Bank - End of Fiscal Year (Add line 3.0, 4.0 & 5.0)	2,349.69	2,527.45	
<small>Crosscheck: 6.0 CASH in Bank should be the same as reconciled balance "A.1" on the Statement of Net Assets</small>			
7.0 TOTAL TAXES PAID (included in total disbursements)			
7.1 Total GST/HST paid	24.26	423.63	
	24.26	0.00	

Approved :

Treasurer : _____
Name Signature Date

Commander : _____
Name Signature Date

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Webmaster Report

June 5, 2013

Minor updates were made to the web site:

- 1) Kurt Kukla trophy award announcement with accompanying photo
- 2) Scuttlebutt, May-June 2013 posted
- 3) Minutes and reports of the last Executive meeting
- 4) VIND t-shirt and sweater advertisement
- 5) Squadron Contacts on the home page
- 6) Bridge committees on the Squadron Bridge page
- 7) Contact information on the Contact Us page
- 8) Photos of the April 27 AGM
- 9) Oceans Day on the home page and Upcoming Events 2013 page
- 10) Nanaimo's Half Way to Christmas Rendezvous information

I'd like to make special mention of two of the above items, namely, the VIND advertisement and the Nanaimo cruise. As both GIS and VIND webmaster, I'm very aware of the isolation in which squadrons even in the same district find themselves. To overcome that, we need to focus on any event that might bring us closer together. The two mentioned here are examples of what can be accomplished. There are also many missed opportunities now and in the past upon I will not dwell in this written report.

I have started a way to make it easier for squadrons to share information about their activities by posting all events where the organizers of these events have specifically invited all members of VIND's squadrons to their event. See the VIND website: <http://www.vind.ca>

An even more important initiative in inter-squadron co-operation is the joint advertising for courses that VIND is planning to undertake this year under the leadership of District Commander Peter Bolton. The District and squadron web sites will play a central role in this. The first step was a series of reports for VIND by me as VIND webmaster over the last year. The main focus was how we could be more supportive of each other in promoting our course offerings. As a result, at District Council we examined the efforts of two districts in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), East and West York. Through their combined efforts they were able to show a substantial increase in course enrolments. Of course we cannot duplicate their efforts since we have very little in common with the GTA with a population larger than all of British Columbia. However, there are ideas which we can pick up on, such as a joint effort to provide information on all our courses on the VIND web site and closer co-operation with VISD. I have started an initial effort by posting a summary chart of all courses to be offered in VIND in the fall and winter of 2013-14. Go to <http://www.vind.ca> to find out more.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Derksen, webmaster

Report of the Mission Committee

June 5, 2013

INTRODUCTION

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to formulate a mission statement for the Gabriola Power Squadron was held on May 14, 2013. Present were committee members Bob Derksen, Bill Kalbfleisch and Bob Weenk.

To open our discussions, we looked at the Mission Statement of CPS/ECP as stated on its web site:

To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.

The members of the committee noted that, of the three stated goals, the first was the advancement of safe boating awareness and knowledge through training and education. We were unanimous in our belief that this goal is our *Prime Directive* and that the other two goals will be achieved as a result of our focus on number one.

After a wide ranging discussion of the various aspects of the emphasis of the teaching of safe boating, we came to a number of conclusions unanimously.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

1. **We are an educational organization** committed to the teaching of safe boating. We are not a boating organization. The distinction becomes relevant when we examine the nature of our membership. Many members do not own boats and are not presently engaged in boating as an activity. However, our members do believe that the promotion of safe boating is a worthwhile goal.
2. Since training and education are what we do, **all activities** outside our course and workshop offerings **should support the “Prime Directive.”**
3. The specific **nature of the Gabriola Squadron** (surrounded by water) presents challenges and opportunities different from those of other squadrons in VIND. To this end, we should be opening communication with the only other two island squadrons on the West Coast.
4. **The educational core** of our teaching curriculum should be a youth program, Boating Basics and Essentials, ROC(M), Seamanship and the new course in Electronic Navigation. All of the above courses should be offered at as little cost as possible and as often as sufficient numbers of students can be recruited. The specifics and details of offerings and costs are of course the province of the Training Department with the agreement of the Bridge.
5. **Marketing** is an ongoing priority. If we are to fulfil our mandate, we must get our message out to the citizens of Gabriola. A strong marketing presence is absolutely necessary ASAP.

FELLOWSHIP

1. Traditionally, we have promoted fellowship through four yearly events. We believe that these events should continue. However, we believe that **our social events should reflect our focus.** There are many topics that might fall into line with our focus and meet the shared interests of our members. In a brief brainstorming session, the following were suggested:

Tours:

Nanoose or Esquimalt military bases
Comox SAR division
B.C. Ferry
Victoria Coast Guard station

Demonstrations and Speakers:

Seaspan
Snowbirds (they're in Comox every spring)
SAR (again)
B.C. Ferry Captain

2. We believe that **our social events should be self supporting.** We would rather see our squadron's resources put to sponsoring programs. As well, donations to the squadron should go to serving our clients. For example, we believe that our Christmas Party should pay for itself. Instead of food being donated, we would rather see that donation going to T shirts for the youth program or to offset the cost of materials for our students. An example of a donation that directly supported program was Arbutus Lumber's donation of materials for L'il Gabe.
3. Given that many of our members do not have boats, **we do not see cruises as a priority.** In fact, cruises may serve to informally set up two levels of membership, boaters and non boaters. Cruising is an activity better left to a yacht club.

PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES

1. Partnerships and alliances **should reflect our focus on the teaching of safe boating.** Historically, we have frequently overlooked potential partnerships within our own organization, and more particularly with other squadrons in VIND (or VISD, where there are other island squadrons.) Since

these squadrons share our focus and our goals, nothing should be more natural than seeking closer relations with them.

2. Any community project that we take on beyond our basic mandate should have the support of local partners. ***We may initiate projects beyond our mandate, but should be prepared to step back*** and let other organizations take the lead.

NOTES:

None of the above is new or revolutionary. Our observations are only designed to sharpen our focus and remind us of why we exist.

This is a set of recommendations to be presented for discussion at the June 5, 2013 meeting of the Gabriola Island Squadron Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Derksen
Bill Kalbfleisch
Bob Weenk*

TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 25, 2013

Present: O. Woolcock, R. Derksen, R. Weenk, M. Hoeinghaus.

A tentative schedule for courses for the 2013 – 2014 season was discussed and the recommendations were as follows:

Boating Basics	Sept 11, 18, 25 with the exam on either Sept 28 or Oct 2. Jan 15, 22, 29 with the exam on either Feb 1 or Feb 5
Boating Essentials	Oct 9 - Dec 11 with an option for the exam Dec 7. Feb 5 – Apr 9 with an option for the exam on Apr 5
Seamanship	Feb 4 – May 13
Radio	Jun 15 Oct 19 Mar 15
Electronic Charting	May 31
Weather	TBD

Other Workshops of a one day nature are envisaged but to be determined on an ad-hoc basis

Actions to be taken

Order 10 sets of student material for Radio Course O. Woolcock

Determine content and price of Electronic Charting course O. Woolcock

Update course material costs O. Woolcock

Investigate access to website for an ATO in the absence of the TO M. Hoeinghaus

Investigate procedure for becoming an approved radio instructor M. Hoeinghaus

Present proposal to Bridge Meeting in the absence of TO B. Weenk

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Ed.

June 5, 2013

A brief report:

Scuttlebutt was published a bit behind schedule, next one due for circulation at the end of August. I want to include another bio and the activities of the summer, but also the plans for the fall with motivation for the members to encourage others to get involved in our programs.

Nothing has transpired in Communications, or Privacy.

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt

Nominations Committee Report

June 5, 2013

As the Internet becomes ever more complex, there seem to be fewer amateur webmasters willing to take over the task of running a CPS web site, whether squadron or district. National's response has been to set up web sites for squadrons that have lost their webmasters. The new webmasters are told that they need not know coding and that they merely have to fill in templates. So far, the results have not been encouraging. Much of the information on the squadrons' web sites on the National site lack comprehensiveness, lack up-to-date information about squadron doings and generally lack conveying the "character" of a squadron. The aesthetics of these web sites is generally deplorable and ease-of-use is unsatisfactory. Unless squadrons cannot find a webmaster to set up a comprehensive, responsive, relevant, user-friendly and informative web site, they should not go this way.

I am acutely aware that I do not have a replacement waiting in the wings. I wish it were otherwise, and I believe it should be. Accordingly, I would like to see if we, as a Bridge and a Squadron, can find others from among us who are willing to step into the breach at some point in the future. I therefore propose that I am willing to train people, for free and on my own time, in the science and art of programming according to the international standards set out by the World Wide Web Consortium. The commitment I ask for in return is that they will dedicate themselves to administering the Gabriola web site once they have learned the essential fundamentals. Details can be negotiated. I am offering to provide an introduction to a valuable skill set that can be used both for career advancement and personal fulfillment. Nothing could please me more than to be able to nominate someone for next year's Bridge to be Squadron webmaster or Squadron co-webmaster in partnership with me or others.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Derksen, Chair, Nominations and Webmaster

MAREP Report

5 June 2013

There have been no new hazards to navigation reported through the Squadron MAREP to date this fiscal year.

To keep informed of changes to charts it is highly recommended that the weekly and monthly Notices to Mariners (NOTMAR) be monitored by all boaters for changes that would affect their specific areas of operation. One can sign up to receive these NOTMARs at no cost via email at: notmar.gc.ca. For example, the most recent monthly report can be seen at:

<http://www.notmar.gc.ca/eng/services/notmar/western-pdf/wes05e13.pdf>

For the weekly NOTMARs, you must identify which charts you would like to monitor. Then, if there is a change to the charts you have identified, you will be informed via the weekly email.

Receiving these NOTMARs will help ensure that you have the most up to date information when you set sail.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kalbfleisch, MAREP Officer

Safety Officer Report

5 June 2013

This year's CPS Safe Boating Awareness week was 18-24 May and it was hoped to launch a program of Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC) on 18 May. Unfortunately, no RVCC checkers were available to conduct the checks. To date, six RVCCs have been conducted.

Last year there were a total of nine RVCC checkers on the Squadron. This year we are down to five checkers for various reasons. Additional checkers are required if the Squadron's RVCC program is to succeed. Bob Wood has kindly volunteered to conduct a training class for new RVCC checkers (and refresher training for existing checkers if they desire) during the period 24-30 June. The training takes about 2.5 hours and will be conducted at Bob's house. Squadron members who would like to volunteer as an RVCC checker are asked to contact me at 250-247-8027 or via email at wk89493@shaw.ca as soon as possible so a date can be set for the training.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kalbfleisch, Safety Officer

Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report - June 5, 2013

As of this date there are 100 members.

Details of Membership Roster:

Regular	64 Members
Regular Family	15 Members
Junior Regular	1 Member
Regular Lifetime	2 Members
Associate	7 Members
Associate Family	1 Member
Junior Associate	10 Members

Elaine Pearce
Membership Officer