

## **Officers Reports for the Gabriola Island Executive Meeting**

to be held on January 30, 2014

COMMANDER'S REPORT      29 January 2014

### Christmas Dinner

An enjoyable event with a good opportunity to socialize. Our District Commander Peter Bolton and His wife Diane, District Secretary were our guests as well as our long time friend District Assistant Training Officer Betty Pearson from Ladysmith and Freda Bohm.

### Sunday Series

We have launched our Sunday Series with the hosting of Doug Harrison's Tall timbers Tall Tales - his story of railroad logging on the BC coast based on his first hand acquaintance with that. We undertook to host this event with the proceeds going to the Royal Canadian Marine Search And Rescue Station (RCM SAR) 29 - Ladysmith. As recreational boaters we are fortunate to have these dedicated people there to come to our assistance when it is needed. Ladysmith station is in the heart of the southern Gulf Islands boating area where much of our boating activity takes place and they are most likely to be the unit called upon by JRCC.

Our coming presentations should be equally as interesting. Our member Paul Giffin will make a presentation to us on 9 February about the organization and operation of Coast Emergency Communications Association which is a group of amateur radio operators (HAMS) who have trained and equipped to provide full emergency communications for Vancouver Island for all vital services including internet connections.

### Training

Squadron Training Officer Oliver Woolcock's report has been provided. I am pleased with the interest in our courses for this spring.

### District

I was not able to attend the VIND Council meeting 19 January. Don Butt, who attended as a district officer, kindly undertook to make a report on that meeting which has been provided.

Ralph Hagen

Commander

## **MAREP & SAFETY Report**

30 January 2014

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

SAFETY. There have been no safety issues raised since the last report on 3 Oct 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Kalbfleisch, MAREP & SAFETY Office

## Training Officer Report

The scheduled course, Boating Basics, commenced Jan 15 with Ralph Hagen and Bob Weenk as instructors. In contrast to the response generated for this course in the fall of 2013 there were a total of twelve students at the first session with at least four wishing to carry on with Boating Essentials. Many of these mentioned that the sign displayed on the ferry hill resulted in their enrolment. Approximately fifty percent of students used the online registration.

With the disparity between these latter two Boating Basics courses and declining enrolment in general I would recommend that consideration be given to only running one course starting around this time of the year. I feel that boating interest is higher at that time due to such things as Boat Shows and the closer proximity of the boating season.

A radio course is scheduled for Mar 15 has five students already enrolled. Of note is the fact that most of these are from off island and I feel this is a reflection of the decision to offer this as a one day course with some pre-study.

Respectfully submitted

Oliver Woolcock

### **Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Ed. Report to Bridge January 30, 2014**

Scuttlebutt was published on time. I was unable to get the information on “meet your training team” in time for Scuttlebutt due to conflicting schedules, holidays, etc. However plans are for a later edition and to be included in the flyer. Next Scuttlebutt, March-April and will need to include notice of the AGM and the Nominating Committee report.

Regarding Communications, nothing new.

Nothing in Privacy.

Respectfully submitted  
Don Butt

## **Report of VIND Council Meeting**

**Sunday January 19, 2014 1009-1530**

**Beban Center, Nanaimo**

The morning part of the meeting dwelt on topics of Membership and Training, chaired by Douglass Legg and Nick Fortin respectively. Both resulted in lively discussion.

### **Membership**

Total membership in VIND, stands at 1564, 80% of which are regular members, and increase of 2% since May 1 (represents the boost due to first year complimentary membership. Only approx 70% have renewed – a total of 403 are not paid up as of the first of January. Discussion evolved as to how loss of membership can be remedied. Points & ideas raised:

Are we a “school” or a “social club”?

Social evenings with sailors/boaters as speakers are well received

On water experience/teaching considered attractive

Maintenance courses useful

Joint projects with Yacht Clubs, eg winter holiday cruise in the south, boating coops.

Financial issues beyond our control mandate other priorities, especially young boaters, no jobs

Personal contact with Squadron members deemed essential

Avoid cliques, make new members feel welcome and important

Exec must not group together at social events, mix with others

Form partnerships with other organization, eg. Clubs, SARS, etc

More seminars on boating safety, updates on education

Newsletters

Mindful of communication methods with different age groups, Gen X, Y etc. Value for membership, ask new members what would interest them.

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Share training ideas, eg. SkyDrive

### **Training**

DTO Nick noted the marked drop in course enrollment this year (Essentials last year, 77 and this year 56) but only up to Dec 31. Variance minus 107%. Considerable discussion about Basics vs Essentials and how to present the courses, some variance among Squadrons, but many are onboard with featuring Essentials (with PCOC) as Gabriola is doing. Nanaimo charges \$95 for Basics, \$175 for Essentials, and \$245 for both combined.

Nick pointed out auditing system mandated by Transport Canada – every Squadron will be monitored for PCOC exam every 3-4 years. Monitoring can be done with a checklist by DATO's or even other Squadrons (not likely with VIND). Alexa acknowledged she is nominated to stand as DTO at the AGM. She offered to coordinate auditing process.

Two major items and others are being considered at National.

Should there be allowance for “open book” exams. Discussion was lively and no agreement for recommendation but possibly allowing for some advanced courses to have at least a part as open book, but not Basics or Essentials

An Ontario D/C is strongly advocating removal of plotting and labeling from Essentials altogether – this was unanimously thumbs-downed by those in attendance. Keep plotting is necessary as the basis for understanding all other navigation methods.

Offer on-water training; up it comes again! Members were reminded of insurance/legal issues that have been addressed in the past.

More emphasis on wash/wake awareness. Not much comment here. Obviously all these issues are being promoted by the fresh water group who want their own needs advanced, such as locks and trailering being an important part of the teaching.

### Other

D/C Peter announced that each Squadron and District will need its own set of bylaws as required by the changes in the Societies Act federally. There is no need for approval beyond the Squadron level, but will be required by October. Templates of both District (Western Ontario) and Squadron (Windsor Squadron) have been circulated by Peter. This is an item our Squadron will need to address. Squadrons offered their own reports in turn.

### Notice of Motion

Treasurer Clifford presented a notice of motion that the Squadron assessment be increased from \$5 per member to \$6.50 per member. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Unfortunately debate began in earnest, and in spite of my plea of point of order, the debated persisted. Not many people were happy with this prospect.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Butt

### Treasurer's Reports

#### 2013 Christmas Party

Item:		2013		2012
Tickets sold	16 at \$15.	240.00	48 at \$7.50	360.00
50/50 revenue		-		90.50
Raffle proceeds		-		30.00
Less Expenses:				
Golf Club rental (including linens & dishes)		(315.00)		(280.00)
Extra kitchen help		(90.00)		(80.00)
Food		(128.70)		-
Table decorations		(23.99)		(57.21)
		<u>(317.69)</u>		<u>63.29</u>

**CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS**

From April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

	GABRIOLA Squadron	VIND District	
		Current Year \$	Previous Year* \$
<b>1.0 RECEIPTS</b> (Totals for year)			
1.1 Courses		2,505.00	6,602.91
1.2 Meetings & Events		463.00	891.00
1.3 Regalia		0.00	880.00
1.4 Interest		0.21	0.32
1.5 Dues or Contributions		300.00	934.00
1.6 Other		1,378.15	616.36
<b>1.0 TOTAL RECEIPTS for YEAR</b>		<b>4,646.36</b>	<b>9,924.59</b>
<b>2.0 DISBURSEMENTS</b> (Totals for year, including GST/HST and QST)			
2.1 Course Materials		1,020.25	6,282.87
2.2 Meetings & Events		1,132.19	1,170.96
2.3 Regalia		110.40	1,039.23
2.4 Newsletters		0.00	0.00
2.5 National Dues		0.00	43.00
2.6 District Contribution		0.00	357.50
2.7 Public Relations & Donations		313.28	120.00
2.8 Office, Postage & Stationery		219.78	0.00
2.9 Telephone & Communications		0.00	0.00
2.10 Training Aids & Equipment Purchases		0.00	0.00
2.11 Other		1,296.81	758.05
<b>2.0 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS for YEAR</b> (including GST/HST and QST)		<b>4,092.71</b>	<b>9,771.61</b>
<b>3.0 SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)</b> (subtract line 2.0 from 1.0)		<b>553.65</b>	<b>152.98</b>
<b>4.0 Net Change in From (out To) Investment Accounts (+/-)</b>		0.00	0.00
<b>5.0 CASH in Bank</b> - Beginning of Fiscal Year		2,527.45	2,374.47
<b>6.0 CASH in Bank</b> - End of Fiscal Year (Add line 3.0, 4.0 & 5.0)		<b>2,861.06</b>	<b>2,527.45</b>
Crosscheck: 6.0 CASH in Bank should be the same as reconciled balance "A.1" on the Statement of Net Assets			
<b>7.0 TOTAL TAXES PAID</b> (Included in total disbursements)			
7.1 Total GST/HST paid		91.10	423.63
		91.10	0.00

Approved :

Treasurer : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Date

Commander : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Date

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

**CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

As of December 31st, 2013

<b>GABRIOLA</b>	<b>Squadron</b>	<b>VIND</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		Current Year	Previous Year*
		\$	\$
<b>A. CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b> (Totals from Journal columns)			
- on hand and in bank accounts (from 6.0)	<b>A.1</b>	2,861.06	2,527.45
- funds at HO (if any)	<b>A.2</b>	0.00	0.00
- investments (at cost) with Banks, Trust, etc. (from 8.0)	<b>A.3</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total - Cash &amp; Investments</b> (add A.1 + A.2 + A.3)	<b>A.</b>	2,861.06	2,527.45
<b>B. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b> (amounts owing to you)	<b>B.</b>	0.00	737.00
<b>C. INVENTORIES</b> (course materials)	<b>C.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>D. TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> (add A. + B. + C.)	<b>D.</b>	2,861.06	3,264.45
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b> (owed by you)			
- amounts owed by you, other than to HO	<b>E.1</b>	0.00	957.04
- account at HO (if any)	<b>E.2</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total - Accounts payable</b>	<b>E.</b>	0.00	957.04
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>F. NET ASSETS</b> (subtract E. from D.)	<b>F.</b>	2,861.06	2,307.41
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		2,861.06	3,264.45

Approved:

Treasurer :

Commander :

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Name

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Signature

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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)

## Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report - January 30, 2014

As of this date there are 92 members.

### Details of Membership Report

Regular -----	39 Members
Regular Family Head -----	16 Members
Regular Family Member -----	15 Members
Regular Junior -----	1 Member
Regular Lifetime -----	2 Members
Associate -----	8 Members
Associate Family Head -----	1 Member
Associate Family Member -----	1 Member
Associate Jr. Family Head -----	1 Member
Associate Junior -----	8 Members

Elaine Pearce

Membership Officer

### **Webmaster Report**

January 30, 2014

The web site is continuing to play a crucial role in our overall course promotion programme. As I outlined at the last Executive meeting, people generally become aware of our course offerings through our sandwich boards and Li'l Gabe at the Village and elsewhere. In addition, our current Sunday Social Programme is creating a greater awareness of our organization. Throughout these various avenues we make people aware of our course offerings and then direct them to the web site for further information and the two ways of registering, either in person or online. The web site provides potential students with the opportunities for either method. Of the 12 students in Basics currently, half registered online. Of the other 6, at least 5 made contact with us through using the Squadron email address, found only on the web site, or the online information request form found only on the home page. At least 3 of the 7 students who are currently registered for the upcoming Essentials part of the course also registered online and again, the others obtained information there. Of the five students registered so far for the March Radio course, all have registered online.

As for the other Squadron activities, the web site continues to reflect the life of the Squadron. I have posted photos of our classes, our socials, our activities and our accomplishments as well as keeping our course information current. I was able to promote our first Sunday Social of the winter on the Gabriola Museum web site as well as our own, given the fact that I am also webmaster for that organization and it was fully supportive of our efforts in promoting the West Coast's history through our Doug Harrison fundraiser. Finally, I have had great co-operation from SBYC webmaster Jordan Sorrenti, who continues to publish our course offerings and social programmes on the SBYC web site.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Derksen, webmaster

### **Nominating Committee Report**

We will have a full report and a completed nominations list ready for the next Executive meeting, likely by the end of February and ready for publication in the next Scuttlebutt. The deadline we face lies well beyond that. By March 29, that is, four weeks before the AGM on April 26, the Committee must submit its report to the Squadron Secretary according to regulation 9.15.4 (d).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Derksen, Nominating Committee Chair