

Officers Reports for the April 23, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

COMMANDER'S REPORT

We have concluded our training activities for the year and I feel that they were great. The recent results are reported by SEO Bob Weenk. When I consider our student numbers relative to our community population compared to the other squadrons in VIND I feel that we do well.

Our three social activities were worthwhile and the results should give rise to the consideration by the future executive as to venues and times.

I attended the quarterly VIND meeting this past weekend and will comment on that in our meeting. This year the District Rendezvous will be held 28-30 August at Rathrevor Beach. There is capacity for RVs and this Rendezvous could be one of the best ever.

The VIND AGM will be held 30 May in Duncan with VISD AGM taking place there the same day. This has been arranged to accommodate the west coast visit of the CPS Chief Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hagen

Educational Officer's Report, April 23, 2015

On Saturday, April 11, the Essentials students wrote their exam at the Rollo Center. Eight wrote (including an 11 year old) and everyone passed. Our average mark was 91.25, which in my opinion is outstanding and a tribute to the quality of instruction and preparation by those who volunteered their time. Simultaneously, we had a radio course on the same site in the small room which allowed us to save some rent money. Four people wrote and all were successful.

This concludes the training regimen for the 2014-15 training year. We offered Seamanship for 4 people in the fall(with two writing the exam) and a Radio course. In the spring, we offered Basics for 8 people, followed by the aforementioned Essentials and two Radio courses, with 4 and 5 participants respectively. Everyone who wrote an exam passed.

In my final report for the AGM, I will expound at greater length on recommendations and so forth, but at this point, I feel I must inject a somber note. The attendance at our Radio courses over the past two years has been bolstered by off island participants, who come here because the date is convenient and we offer one day courses, a modification which seems to be catching on. Ominously, our advertising on Gabriola for the last two Radio courses (March and April) did not account for one participant. And, of course, the numbers are down. A Radio course for 4 or 5 people barely covers our costs.

We hold the Radio courses and write Saturday exams at the Rollo Center because our classroom at the school is not heated over the week ends or during holiday periods. I believe the new executive should give some consideration to moving all our events to the Rollo, if time can be reserved there.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Weenk

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor

Scuttlebutt was published on the web and to all our on schedule and was well received. Thanks to Bob Derksen for his second pair of eyes.

Next edition will be May-June, then off for the summer. First edition in the fall will be published end of August and hopefully will be rich in summer stories of boating. (meaning I'd love to get your summer stories) I would be very happy to have suggestions and submissions.

Communications Committee – I've sent out notices to the members about our social events as well as publicizing them in *Scuttlebutt*. I've tried to market the events in a way that people just could not stay home, but home many of them stayed. I'm not sure what else marketing can do in promoting these events. Suggestions anyone?

Privacy – nothing to report

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt

The Recreation Vessel Courtesy Check Committee

The Recreation Vessel Courtesy Check Committee have not met yet but a meeting will be arranged for the beginning of May (8-14) to plan and prepare for a weekend blitz at the various marinas. Bob Wood has kindly picked up the new stickers and registration papers. I will be in touch with the volunteers to organize our May blitz. In the meantime, I will start placing little posters at the various marinas and shipyard to inform the boating public

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Briscoe

Social Committee

The Social Committee, consisting of Elaine, John, Mike, and myself, organized three monthly talks for the boating community for February, March and April. A special thanks to Bert Tierhart, Don Mayrand, and Bon Van Hardenberg who voluntarily provided delightful, informative, well prepared presentations from foul weather strategies, spring safety for the boater, and a detailed account of being a scientist on the ice breakers in the Arctic. Two of the talks were on Tuesday evenings at the Haven and our last talk was at the Rollo Centre on a Sunday evening. Despite lower attendance than anticipated, the people that did attend were very appreciative and complimentary of the event. The Rollo was chosen as an alternative to the Haven due to the distracting noises at the Haven during the talks and the Rollo has the kitchen which encouraged people to have a beverage and goodie and a visit. There are three presenters willing for the future to include Sean, Karlis, and by request a follow up by Bon.

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Briscoe

Webmasters

We have revised all the course information to bring it up to date now that we are at the end of the instructional season for 2014-15. This means that there is no information on what courses will be offered when or the course fees. We trust that all that will be settled quickly by the new Executive after May 31.

With the end of our social activities, that information too has been deleted. Again, we expect that soon after May 31 the Squadron will have its summer activities in place on the web site.

Our web site's 2015 photo gallery is growing with each new activity, especially thanks to Don Butt.

Reports and minutes from the last Executive meeting are on the Reports and Minutes page.

Finally, it is gratifying to see that the web site has become an integral part of course advertising and student registration over the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kalbfleisch, Bob Derksen

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, made up of Bill Kalbfleisch, Ralph Hagen and Bob Derksen (chair) and through consultations with nominee for Commander, Mike Hoeinghaus, will present the Squadron with the following nominees at the AGM on May 31:

Commander	Mike Hoeinghaus
Executive Officer	Jean van Praet
Education Officer	Bert terHart
Secretary	Robert Derksen
Treasurer	Jude Briscoe
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce
Webmasters	Bill Kalbfleisch and Robert Derksen
Communications, Privacy	Don Butt
Member at large	Fred Kaarsemaker
Member at large	John Woods

Ralph Hagen becomes the Past Commander by virtue of being the current commander so there is no need for a nomination for this position.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,
Bob Derksen

Secretary

I received a letter of resignation from Steve Kitchen. I have replied expressing our regrets and wishing him the best.

I received the Nominating Committee Report from the chair of the Nominating Committee well

within the mandated time frame of four weeks before the AGM set out by CPS regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Derksen

Public Relations Officer's Report

1. I have returned all signboards, signage and banners to the shed off of Church Street.
2. I have contacted the majority of businesses and secured financial commitments similar to or the same as last year. I'll be following up the paperwork required to secure those commitments before the end of May.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert terHart, Public Relations Officer, Gabriola Squadron

Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron Accounting Overview for January 2015-April 23, 2015

Debits-Chequing

Rental: Gabriola Recreation Society	\$220.00
Gabriola Senior Citizens Association	\$220.00
Course materials-CPS	\$1020.20
Maritime Radio	
Boating Essentials	
Honourarium for Guest Speakers	\$120.00
Postage	\$29.66
Miscellaneous Supplies/PO Box Rental	\$290.73
Total:	<u>\$1900.59</u>

Credits-Chequing

CPS-External deposit fees for courses	\$2665.00
Direct Deposit for course fees	\$510.00
Bank Interest	\$00.12
Total:	<u>\$3187.12</u>

Bank Balance as of April 23, 2015 **\$5615.55**

Respectfully submitted by Jude Briscoe April 23, 2015