

Gabriola Island Squadron Officers' Reports

August 20, 2015

Commanders Report

For the Bridge Meeting of August 20th, 2015

The summer has busy with "Lil Gabe", RVCC's and a mid-summer survey for National.

Lil Gabe attended four events this summer: Oceans Day on June 7th, Concert on the Green on August 6th, Salmon Barbeque on August 8th, and the Street Art/Theatre Festival on August 16th. She was enthusiastically received at all events especially by the children. At the Street Art at least 10 pamphlets were taken which hopefully will increase our course enrolments this fall.

In July, the Squadron was tasked with completing a survey from the National "Boundaries" committee concerning the current and future benefit of the "Districts" in the administration of the organization. As no Bridge meeting was to be held, I sent the survey to the Bridge members by email and asked for input. Once I had these back, I collated the answers and used the "majority" answer to each question as our Squadron answer. Where there was on majority, I biased our answer towards the answers from the most experienced Bridge Officers (who were mostly always in agreement). This survey went in on July 30th to the Committee Chair. The committee will collate the reports from all the Squadrons in the District and present the findings to the National Bridge to be discussed at the National meeting in October. So we could see some changes to the overall structure of CPS-ECP coming in the next year.

Judy and I will be attending the VIND Rendezvous in Parksville on August 29th – 31st, taking our trailer up to Rath Trevor Beach for the event. I will report on the event for our next Bridge meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hoeinghaus

EO Report, August 20, 2015

Scheduled fall courses are subject to enrollment. To date, we have no students enrolled in any classes. We have secured classroom space in the Rollo Center and all classes for the 2015-2016 calendar year will be held there.

This year's Boating course will include a practical plotting exercise to be conducted at Drumbeg Park. Don Butt has taken the initiative to produce this very worthwhile and valuable exercise.

Agathe Gaulin and I are planning a series of workshops focused on helping squadron members with practical seamanship skills. Depending on interest, we're considering practical on-the-water exercises focused on electronic and radar navigation, low light and low visibility navigation, maritime radio procedures, anchoring, docking and man-overboard procedures and drills.

Bert terHart
Educational Officer

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Ed. August 20, 2015

Scuttlebutt is nearly ready to publish as of this writing. I've made a few changes to the cover to simplify it, including the contact information on the first page inside. Because of the special events highlighted at the last AGM more space than usual was dedicated to it. The newsletter will continue to be published bimonthly except for summer. I would welcome any articles from members.

Communications Committee will set parameters soon, in order to develop a strategy to encourage registration. This means a meeting of those involved. Discussion at the Exec meeting.

Privacy – nothing to report

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt

Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report

August 20, 2015

As of this date there are 73 members.

Details of Membership Report

Regular	41 members
Regular Family Head	10 members
Regular Family Members	10 members
Regular Lifetime	2 members
Associate	10 members

Since the previous Bridge Meeting there is a decrease of 15 members. The reasons for not renewing membership vary.

Elaine Pearce

Membership Officer

Webmasters Report

August 20, 2015

The web site was updated with the information from the June 2 meeting regarding courses offered and course fees, our summer community activities and the RVCC programme.

We met to examine the state of the web site and decided that it needed a new look and feel. The last major revision of the web site occurred five years ago. Fashion changes and trends in web site design are a regular feature of the Internet. Often there are technological reasons for change, such as the mobile platforms that have developed and changes in monitor resolution. We decided that Bob would take the lead on the Squadron site and that Bill would go through a similar process with the Gabriola Lions web site and that both of us would assist and support the other. The result of our efforts with the Squadron site went online, after about 30 hours of work, in early August.

Given current trends, the refurbished site is low on text and high on graphics, especially on the home page. The emphasis is similar to that of the older site though, namely, to advertise and promote our courses and workshops, to persuade visitors to the site of the value of a CPS membership, to provide those interested in either or both with the means of contacting us, and to convey to the public a sense of who we are as an organization.

A few points to note. Some work remains to be done on the aesthetics of some of the pages, but the information is all there. The name of the Squadron is not what we have on the web site, we realize that. However, the name Gabriola Island Squadron falls foul of CPS's *Board Regulations*, Article 9.1.3. We anticipate that this issue will be resolved at some point and we wanted to avoid doing the work twice.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kalbfleisch
Bob Derksen

Boat Checks Report-August 2015

We had another great time providing Boat Checks to local and visiting boaters on July 4 2015. Volunteers Bill Kalbfleisch, Mike Hoeinghaus, Don Butt (and visiting grandson), Rob Derkson,, Bob Wood, and myself conducted the safety checks at Pages Marina, Silva Bay and Boatelle Marinas, and Degnen Bay to include both private and public docks. Despite cooperative weather, some wind, and ample advertising at docks, newspaper, bulletin boards, and social media, response was limited by boaters. However, 15 completed boat checks were submitted to Barry Ensign with one boat check not passing from Pages Marina. This boater was pleased that he was able to review the necessary requirements and was committed to fulfilling safety requirements. A very special thank you to the volunteers, Bob Wood, and Douglass Legg (who supplied additional forms for checks).

As a team, it was thought that our date was late for boaters and coincided with a planned boat excursion by the Silva Bay Yacht Club consequently there were not a lot of boaters on the docks. Next year, boat checks will be before the Silva Bay Yacht Club Sailpast in mid May which may help us to target local boaters as they prepare for the boating season. Our planning meeting will be in April as we prepare to provide information to our boating community.

Submitted by Jude