

**Gabriola Island Squadron  
Officer and Committee Reports**

January 21, 2016

**Commanders' Report**

The Holidays have come and gone and I hope all is well with everyone. The Christmas Party was another success at the golf club with lots of good food, drinks and bonhomie.

A new year of courses starts on January 13<sup>th</sup> with PCOC/Essentials. The sandwich board was put up on ferry hill by George Myette and he and I took Lil Gabe down to the market and set it up for additional publicity. We will be utilizing the Rollo Center small room again this Winter as it worked out very well for the Fall courses.

I am still working on the Nominating Committee Report.

I will be available by email and will be checking it every couple of days during my trip.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hoeinghaus

**Educational Officer's Report**

The 2015 training calendar finished up with 3 students graduating with flying colours from the Boating Essentials Course. Heather Nicholas, Teresa Rittemann and John Bullas were more than up to the challenge and their enthusiasm was infectious. My thanks to them for coming to class ready, willing and able. My thanks as well Don Butt, Ralph Hagen and of course, Mike Hoeinghaus who helped make the course a success.

Essentials also saw a first ever live Charting Exercise. Thanks to Don Butt, our students got some very real, very useful hands-on experience at plotting, conning and DR work. Don managed to arrange for some great weather to boot! The students came away with a new-found appreciation for the challenges any navigator faces aboard a small vessel.

The Squadron's fall series of Workshops also saw good turnouts for both the Low-Light, Low Visibility and Flare Exercises. Once again, we had great weather for the Low-Light exercise and despite the chilly temperatures, clear skies, calm seas and a nearly full-moon made for a beautiful late afternoon and early evening. My thanks to Bob and Mary-Jane Derksen for helping iron out the bugs and to Jude Briscoe for supplying coffee, cake and cookies!

With 2016 already here, I'm looking forward to the next round of courses and workshops. To date, we have 4 students registered for Boating Essentials, 1 for Boating Basics and 1 for Maritime Radio. One of the Boating Essential students is taking the course remotely via Skype.

As per last fall's Maritime Radio course, the Radio course scheduled for Feb 6 may be audited by any active Squadron member.

Similarly, the MOB, Docking, Anchoring and Sail Handling Workshops to be conducted this spring are available, space permitting, to any active Squadron member. Dates for these Workshops are as of yet undetermined.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Squadron executive in supporting our training efforts. I think I've got the easy job as there is much more work that goes on behind the scenes! Thank you on and all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert terHart, Squadron Educational Officer

### **PRO Report**

Most of my efforts over the past 2 months have been focused on setting up a Facebook page for Gabriola Power Squadron and doing regular postings on the Gabriola Community Bulletin Board Facebook page to publicize the Squadron and our course offerings. Mike Hoeinghaus and I also put the sandwich board up on North Road in early January along with moving Little Gabe to the parking spot by Folk Life Village for added exposure.

Mike was contacted by Wayne Smiley of VIND regarding a digital version of the VIND Roster to replace the printed version this year. Wayne asked for someone to sit on a committee to share ideas and I offered to take this on. Don, Mike, Bert and I met to discuss the ramifications of this change and Don pointed out that this could present some privacy issues as our personal information would be on the internet even though it is password protected. It also turns out that the publication actually cost more than the advertising raised so all things being equal, it may be just as well to dispense with the roster and share information through the Bridge in order to contact members. We agreed that it was best to discuss this at our next Bridge meeting and I have asked Bob to put this item on the agenda. At this meeting. I also commented, that as a new Squadron member, I had found it helpful to receive the Roster as it did give me a better sense of who comprised the squadron, thus enhancing my association as a member and we agreed to look at developing a short information package to hand out to new members, specifically for Gabriola Island.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Myette- PRO

## **Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Ed.**

**Scuttlebutt** was published again in early January. I would like to feature another Bridge member in the next edition, and meanwhile if anyone has a burning desire to share an experience about some event on the water, a pearl about navigation, or a lesson learned I'd like to hear from you.

**Communications Committee** nothing current to report

**Privacy** – nothing to report pertaining directly to the Squadron. I was involved as the District Privacy Officer in clarifying the rules for privacy vis-à-vis the roster. I expressed my concerns about privacy with regards the District Roster at the VIND Council meeting, January 17. There will be no more printed VIND Rosters. National is preparing a program which will provide individual information but not yet developed. Council's decision was to defer any action until National had completed their project. More details will be provided by our representative at the meeting, Executive Officer. Jean-Pierre van Praet.

Respectfully submitted  
Don Butt

## **Webmasters Report**

Since the last Executive meeting on November 19, we have added a record of our workshops and social events in the Photo Galleries, posted the January edition of *Scuttlebutt*, updated the Upcoming Events page, and did a complete rewrite of the Courses and Workshops page in anticipation of the 2016 winter offerings. As seems to be becoming routine, the web site played a crucial and essential role in attracting and registering students for our 2016 courses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Kalbfleisch, Bob Derksen

## **Social Committee Report**

With wonderful support from the Committee members as well as George Myette and Don Butt, there were two successful events held recently. On November 22, the social evening was held at the Rollo Centre featuring local painter Doug Harrison as he shared his paintings and stories of the working west coast. The audience of approximately 15, were delighted and well entertained.

On December 5, despite the stormy weather, the annual Christmas Party was held at the Golf Club with approximately 30 people attending including special guests. The pot luck dinner was also supported with Village Foods' donation of a fresh turkey and fixings for the dressing. Door Prizes were provided by Silva Bay Shipyard, Jude Briscoe, Surf Pub and Arbutus. Under Don Butt's leadership and Hiromi's accompaniment, a good time was had by all as the night ended in singing.

The January social evening was cancelled due to our speaker taking a step back to take care of health issues. With holidays and such it was better to cancel than to scurry about looking to secure a speaker.

We are still trying to firm up a speaker for February's social evening and if any one has any suggestions please let Jude know.

Respectfully submitted by Jude

### **Treasurer's Report Bridge Meeting January 21, 2016**

#### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL:

\$240.00 REVENUE FROM THE DOOR

\$82.50 REVENUE FROM 50/50 DRAW (\$165.00/2)

\$282.50 TOTAL RECEIVED

-\$40.00 GRATUITY TO STAFF

-\$262.50 EXPENSE OF RENTING FACILITY (\$20.00 PROFIT)

#### **Bank Balance December 31, 2016- \$4301.96**

DECEMBER: Income \$ 696.04                      Expenses \$ 653.33

NOVEMBER: Income \$205.04                      Expenses \$415.00

SEPTEMBER: Income \$338.03                      Expenses \$471.17

Respectfully submitted by Jude

## **Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report**

As of January 21, 2016 there are 78 members.

Details:	Regular	66 members
	Regular Lifetime	2 members
	Associate	10 members

Since the previous Bridge meeting there is an increase of one member.

Elain Pearce,  
Membership Officer