

Officers and Committee Reports
for the March 24, 2016 Executive Meeting

Commander's Report to the Bridge Meeting of March 24th, 2016

Having just returned from two months away, I have been working to get caught up with what has transpired in my absence. The Squadron Bridge has been taking good care of everything that needed to be done. A grateful "Thank You" to all of the Bridge Officers for your dedication.

The Nominating Committee carried on with the task of creating a slate of Officers for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. All required positions now have candidates and we can look forward to an excellent Bridge for the upcoming year.

The Social Committee has again done a great job arranging social evenings and arranging for the AGM on April 24th. Thanks to Chairperson Jude Briscoe and committee members Elaine Pearce and Jean van Praet for putting all these events together. As usual Russ Pearce also helped with set-up for the events. I attended the social on Sunday, March 20th at which Jean Lewis presented a talk on "Stability" which was well attended by Squadron members as well as several members of the Silva Bay Yacht Club. During the social prior to the presentation, SBYC Commodore Ian Waymark put forward the idea of joint Squadron/Yacht Club social meetings to share venue costs and speakers. This idea has been put on the agenda for the upcoming Bridge meeting.

Bert terHart, our Squadron Education Officer, has again done an excellent job with the PCOC and Essentials courses. Our Public Relations Officer, George Myette, and our Communications Officer, Don Butt, have gotten the word out and as a result, we have four students nearing completion of the Essentials course. In addition, Bert taught the Maritime Radio Operators course in February. Well done to you all.

Our Secretary, Bob Derksen, has kept track of all the goings on and ensured everyone on the Bridge was kept well informed. Bob will be retiring this year and his oversight and experience will be sorely missed. Thank you, Bob.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hoeinghaus

PRO Report
March 24, 2016

Activities since the last Bridge meeting consisted of regular postings to the Community Facebook pages to advertise the Social Evenings, Boating Essentials and Restricted Radio Operator's courses until the actual start date of the courses. Feedback on the Facebook posting indicate that people are noticing them. I also left the sandwich board signs and banner out at Ferry Hill, Ferry turn around (thanks to Bob Rooks) and Silva Bay until the courses had started. Also left Little Gabe at the Village Centre until early February, after which time all were returned to the storage hut at the Ambulance centre.

I attended the Islands Trust meeting regarding the sign by-law issue on Jan. 28th on behalf of GIPSS and presented a written submission (attached) as well as participating in the workshop which was held to explore the various aspects of signage on the island. It was generally decided to keep the status quo for signs at present as those in attendance felt that there weren't any glaring issues other than a need for a wider shoulder on Ferry Hill where most sandwich boards are currently placed. Apparently MOTI has indicated that they are favorable to undertaking an upgrade in this area. There was also discussion about the possibility of erecting a large information and directional sign somewhere between the ferry dock and the village centre.

Following the last Bridge meeting, Education Officer Bert ter Hart and I met to discuss community educational/public relations events for GIPSS and felt that an activity with the school that might involve students and parents would be a good idea as well as a feature event prior to Christmas which might involve a boat Santa Claus parade down at Silva Bay. This would be a way to engage the community and possibly attract sponsors now that we no longer have the roster for advertising. We also discussed some hands on boating safety training down at Silva Bay, possibly coordinated with the Gabriola Recreation Society. I have followed up with the school and the Recreation Society but have not been able to convene a meeting with them yet. I would suggest that these activities might require the need for a committee to ensure a successful outcome and welcome feedback from the Bridge in this regard.

Finally, after handling the sandwich boards and hauling them back and forth to storage, I would like to recommend that we consider building/buying new signs that are lighter and easier to revise the dates of events. The existing signs have certainly served their purpose well but I believe it is time for an upgrade.

Respectfully submitted,
George Myette - PRO

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January 28, 2016

Submission to Islands Trust Regarding Signage on Gabriola

On behalf of Mike Hoeinghaus – Commander, Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron I would like to make the following submission on behalf of the Squadron regarding the discussion of road signage on Gabriola.

We understand that a by-law exists which prohibits temporary signs (sandwich boards, banners) from being placed on road shoulders and public right of ways but has in fact, not been enforced in the past. This has resulted in many signs being placed alongside roadways by a variety of organizations and businesses, giving directions or advertising upcoming events. The Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron has regularly participated in this activity as it has proven to be a very effective way of advertising and announcing our upcoming Power Squadron courses on boating safety and certification for Pleasure Craft Operators and Maritime Radio Licences over the past 20 years.

We further understand that consideration is being given to enforcing the existing by-law and prohibiting the placement of signs on road shoulders and public right of ways by Islands Trust. We are concerned that this would seriously impact, in a negative sense, the ability of our organization to advertise our courses and raise our profile to the general public. The Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron is a non-profit organization established for the benefit of our members and the general public to educate and promote safe boating practises and have very little funding for advertising our courses. We have tried other means of advertising but the feedback has been that our signs are the most effective means of attracting students. Eliminating signs would greatly inhibit our ability to meet our objectives,

We therefore respectfully request that the Islands Trust give serious consideration to the value of allowing temporary signage to continue on Gabriola as long as it is done in a safe and responsible manner.

Sincerely,
George Myette Public Relations Officer
per: Commander Mike Hoeinghaus

SEO Report, Mar 24th 2016

This past winter we've had a successful run of courses. January saw 3 students obtain their PCOC cards, February saw 8 students obtain their ROC-M with DSC cards and currently, we have 4 students nearing the end of the Essentials Course.

Fall 2016 the Squadron will be introducing Boating (PCOC), Boating 2 – Beyond the PCOC and Boating 3 – Introduction to Navigation. Exactly how these courses will be taught will under consideration as I would wish to ensure that we are teaching material that is relevant for our particular locale. Future course offerings for Maritime Radio will remain unchanged.

I have provided spring Seamanship Refresher Workshops details to the Squadron Webmaster and the editor of Scuttlebutt. For convenience, I've included those details below. They are:

Gabriola Power Squadron will be conducting a series of Seamanship Refresher Workshops running the week of May 9 -13, 2016.

These workshops are intended as practical, on-the-water exercises to help mariners brush up on at least some of the skills necessary to kick-off the boating season with confidence. We're planning:

1. May 9 – MOB: We'll be reviewing the skills, drills and procedures you need to know to safely recover (heaven forbid) someone who falls overboard. We'll review and practice a number of different ways to maneuver a power or sail-driven vessel in order to effectively return and/or search for a MOB as well as the different methods that can be employed to get them back on board.
2. May 10 – Docking: We'll be practicing the essential skills necessary to safely leave and return to a slip. We'll be warping the boat onto and off the dock, how to use wind and current to your advantage, how best to deploy crew and when, if ever, you should use dock-side help.

3. May 11 – Anchoring: We'll review anchoring in general, including a gear inspection, followed by a practical demonstration of single, tandem and double-anchoring, Bahamian mooring, setting a drudging anchor, setting a stern anchor, using a counter- balanced trip line, choosing and setting snubber, using a kellet and using an anchor bridle. We'll discuss retrieving a fouled anchor and lastly, anchor etiquette.
4. May 12 – Sail Handling: We'll review mast and rig tuning, sail controls, sail inspection and repair and then head out onto the water to hoist, set, trim and reef the main, genoa, jib, staysail, Code Zero, drifter, asymmetrical spinnaker and symmetrical spinnaker. We'll review trim characteristics of each and how to get the most out of each sail.
5. May 13 – Weather: A practical review of what to look for and how to interpret what's going on in the skies and with the wind and barometer so that you can form a very good idea of what the next 2-24 hours is going to bring.

Note that MOB, Docking, Anchoring and Sail Handling are limited to 8 persons for each session. For these workshops, we'll be leaving from and returning to Page's Marina each day. Workshops will start at 2pm. The weather workshop is not limited to 8 and we will be starting and finishing at Orlebar Point.

Depending on interest on the above Workshops, it is possible that additional dates the following week could be added.

Lastly, we did have an Boating Essentials with PCOC student attempt the course via Skype. This student eventually dropped both portions of the course due to technical difficulties. I suspect that we will have more students attempting or at least asking about taking courses remotely. I think this topic should be formally addressed prior to our Fall 2016 course offerings.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert terHart
Squadron Educational Officer

**Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Ed.
Report to Bridge
March 24, 2016**

Scuttlebutt was published a bit late. I had intended to include the Nominating Committee report with the announcement of the AGM. I will therefore publish another edition as soon as the Nominating Committee report is available, and will include reports from Commander and Educational Officer. I would also like to feature our upcoming courses with descriptions. A feature will be to highlight our 20th anniversary year: 1996-2016.

Communications Committee nothing current to report, other than notices have been sent to the Squadron membership about upcoming events.

Privacy – nothing to report

Respectfully submitted
Don Butt

Gabriola Island CPS Membership Report. March 24, 2016

As of this date there are 80 members.

Details of Membership Report

Regular	68 members
Regular Life.	2 members
Associate.	10 members

Since the previous Bridge Meeting there is an increase of one member

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Pearce
Membership Officer

Boat Launch Ramp Committee Report

Here is my report re the Boat Launch voting:

10 votes were placed with the following results.

- Stalker Road 3
- Bells Landing 3
- Brickyard 2
- Descanso (Easthom Road) 1
- Descanso (Descanso Bay Rd) 1

If the Bridge is in favour then we would move forward to examine both Bells Landing and Stalker Road as possible boat launch sights. This would involve identifying the approving authority, potential partners including both community and government bodies and hurdles to be over come. This may involve the formation of a committee of members made up from both Power Squadron and other community based organizations such as the Chamber, the Lions etc...

Respectfully submitted,
John Woods, Member at Large

Social Committee Report

March 24,2016

The Social Committee were thrilled to have two wonderful speakers for both February and March. The events were well attended with 15-25 guests from the community, Silva Bay Yacht Club, and our own power squadron members.

On February 21, Ivan Bullock did an incredible illustrated narrated history of light houses which provided a wealth of information on this topic.

Sean Lewis was the March 20 speaker. His humourous, hands on, and well illustrated presentation on stability issues provided good discussion.

Special thanks to the members of the Social Committee for their support and contributions to making both these events so successful. Special thanks, too, goes to George Myette , Don Butt, and Robert Derksen as they ensured the events were well advertised.

Respectfully submitted by Jude

Nominating Committee Report

To the Bridge meeting of March 24th, 2016

The Squadron Nominating Committee, made up of Ralph Hagen, Chair, and members Mike Hoeinghaus and Robert Derksen recommend the following nominees for positions on the 2016-17 Squadron Executive. The nominees have confirmed that they will stand for the officer positions shown:

Commander	Mike Hoeinghaus
Executive Officer	Jean van Praet
Educational Officer	Bert terHart
Secretary	Carole Lemieux
Financial Officer	Jude Briscoe
Web Master	Bill Kalbfleisch
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce
Public Relations Officer	George Myette
Communications/Privacy	Don Butt
Member-at-Large	John Woods
Member-at-Large	John Bullas

Ralph Hagen is the Past Commander. The Past Commander's position is not an elected one but held by virtue of being the immediate Past Commander of the Squadron.

Respectfully submitted,
P/C Ralph Hagen, Chair

Treasurer's Report

Bridge Meeting March 24, 2016

Bank Balance as of March 23, 2016: \$5234.41

MARCH:

Income : \$649.00 CPS Deposit

Expense: \$317.00 CPS materials and manual registration, Rollo Rent, Nanaimo
PS materials

FEBRUARY:

Income: \$1343.04 CPS deposit, manual registration fee, Interest

Expense: \$480 Nanaimo PS student materials, honourarium items for speakers

JANUARY:

Income: \$74.91 CPS deposit, interest

Expense: \$250.00 Rollo Centre storage yearly fee

Respectfully submitted by Jude