

**Officers and Committee Reports
For the September 15, 2016 Executive Meeting**

Commander

Since our last meeting in June, I have attended several meetings of the Communications Committee to re-design our sandwich board signage, assisted with setting up Lil' Gabe at several events around the island, and built two of the frames for the new sign boards.

The Communications Committee met several times this summer to discuss and design a new set of "sandwich" board signs. We came up with a design using coroplast panels mounted on a 2 X 2 framework. After approval of the design and expenditure by the Bridge, we had the panels made by Jared Hooper at Sure Signs here on the island. The new signs allow us to change panels as needed to advertise different courses and different dates. A double sided sign was placed on Ferry Hill on September 4th and a single sided sign placed at the Village on September 9th. I still have three more frames to construct and plan to have them ready to put up for the maritime radio course we are running in October.

As usual, Lil' Gabe attended Oceans Day, the Concert on the Green, the Salmon Barbecue and the Street Art at the Theatre Festival. It was welcomed enthusiastically by both adults and especially kids at all events. At the Street Art, we also erected our new sponsor sign for the first time. It really adds to our presentation.

Fall Classes began on September 14th with Boating 1 (PCOC), followed by Boating 2 and 3, which we will combine into one long course resembling the old Essentials course. We will be offering a one day Maritime Radio course in October. The Squadron Education Officer, Bert terHart, has spent a lot of time putting the schedule together and getting the materials ready for the courses. Let's support him by getting the word out to friends and family considering taking any of our courses. Registration can be done online through our Squadron website.

If you haven't visited our website lately, there is a lot of new material posted. Our Webmaster Bill Kalbfleisch has done a great job and as usual, Don Butt, has submitted myriads of photographs of our events which Bill has posted. It is worth the time to check it out.

Our Social Committee, headed by Elaine Pearce and Jude Briscoe, have set up a series of Social Evenings for this fall. Each Social will have a guest speaker and will be held at the Rollo Center. The Christmas Party is also in the works for early December. More on these events will be sent out at a later date. Check the website and watch for the emails.

We are still looking for members to become involved in the Bridge and/or on some of our committees. Please come share your ideas to make the Squadron better.

Mike Hoeinghaus
Commander

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Ed.

Scuttlebutt was published early September, posted on the web, and circulated to the membership and District Bridge as usual. Many thanks to those who contributed. I have wished to include more articles of general interest related to boating and the water, and with the contributions this edition, accomplished this. I would like to include more articles in the future along this theme.

Nothing to report from Communications or Privacy.

I am "on deck" for my teaching sessions in the upcoming courses.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Butt

Webmaster

The website has been updated regularly since the AGM:

- Photos have been added to the Archives 2016 page from the AGM, RVCC boat checks and our new sponsor board;
- The Courses page has been updated with our fall course offerings;
- The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and Boatingcourses.ca websites have been updated with our fall course offerings and registration information;
- The Links/Sponsors page has been updated with our 2016-17 sponsors and a photo of our new sponsors board has been added; and
- The Newsletters page has been updated with the latest Scuttlebutt issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kalbfleisch

Membership

As of this date there are 68 members:

Regular	56 members
Regular Lifetime	2 members
Associate	10 members

This total has remained almost constant for six months. I have been assured by several members that they have every good intention of renewing, but require frequent reminders. I am working at becoming a good nag.

Elaine Pearce
Membership Officer

Educational Officer

To date, we have 6 students signed up for Boating 1, 1 for Intro To Cruising (Boating 2 and 3), and 1 for Maritime Radio.

The squadron has been approached by the local Scout troop and asked about the feasibility of offering a ROC-M course specifically for them. This would entail a separate course from the existing October 15th date and possibly a venue change.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert terHart Squadron Educational Officer