

**Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron
Bridge Member Reports for the Executive Meeting
February 16, 2017**

Nominating Committee

For the Committee's work and mandate, please see the progress report in the January 2017 issue of *Scuttlebutt* and sections 3.17 and 3.18 of the *Squadron Policy Manual*. The Committee has for the most part completed its work and mandate in guiding the nomination process for the establishment of the 2017-18 Squadron Executive.

Commander Mike Hoeinghaus agreed last fall to let his name stand for a third term. Following that, the Committee proceeded to put together a list of nominees for the officers' positions. The priority was to fill the essential positions as identified in the *Squadron's Policy Manual* section 3.2.1 followed by the additional officers listed in section 3.2.2.

The Committee is pleased to announce that, except for the Executive Officer's position, which is listed in section 3.2.2, the roster is complete. Nonetheless, the Committee would be glad to accept, over the next month or so, questions and inquiries from those Squadron members who might be interested to serve as XO or as a member-at-large.

The absolute deadline in this nominating process is four weeks prior to the Squadron's AGM, when the Committee's final report has to be in the hands of the Squadron's secretary. The Squadron membership needs to be notified of the Committee's report at least two weeks prior to the Squadron's AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

P.C. Ralph Hagen, Chair

Squadron Educational Officer Report

PCOC (Boating 1) cancelled due to no student enrollments. Intro to Navigation (Boating 3) cancelled due to no student enrollments

Maritime Radio cancelled due to weather; rescheduled for Feb 25th.

Student enrollments to date:

1. Maritime Radio: 12
2. Beyond the PCOC: 3
3. Boat and Engine Maintenance: 5
4. Intro to Celestial Navigation/Junior Navigator: 13

Workshops planned for Apr/May/June:

1. Splicing (Saturday Apr 15)
2. MOB (Thursday May 4)
3. Docking (Thursday May 11)
4. Anchoring (Thursday May 18)
5. Weather (Thursday May 25)
6. Sail Handling (Thursday June 1)
7. Intro to Boating Safety for Kayakers and Paddlers (Saturday June 24)

All workshops open to any members. Saturday workshops will take place between 9am—4pm, are out of doors at Page's Resort and Marina and will cost \$49 for Splicing (\$39 for couples) and \$89 for Introduction to Boating Safety for Kayakers and Paddlers (\$69 for couples). Thursday workshops are free and will take place between 1pm-6pm aboard Seaburban.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert terHart, SEO

Financial Report

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report (November 2016 to January 2017 -
Respectfully submitted by Jude

November Opening Balance: \$3444.04

Expenses: (-)

CPS-materials	-\$238.45
Gabriola Senior Citizens Assoc.-key deposit	-\$10.00
Elaine Pearce-advert for Sounder	-\$21.00
Total Expenses:(-)	<u>-269.45</u>

Deposits: (+)

Membership Dues-chq. Sarah Bullas	+\$17.50
CPS-External Deposit (Oct)	+\$481.00
Interest	+\$0.03
Total Deposits:(+)	<u>+\$498.53</u>

December Opening Balance: \$3673.12

Expenses: (-)

George Myette-Cover Replacement	-\$212.79
Gabriola Senior Citizens Assoc-Rental	-\$40.00
Total Expenses:	<u>-\$252.79</u>

Deposits: (+)

CPS -External Deposit- Nov	+\$15.00
Advert Donations for L'il Gabe-Robert's	+\$50.00
Interest	+\$0.03
<u>Total Deposits:</u>	<u>+\$65.03</u>

January Opening Balance: \$3485.36**Expenses: (-)**

Canada Post-Mailbox Rental	-\$163.80
CPS-Course Materials	-\$90.00
CPS-VHF/PCOC-processing fees	-\$180.00
<u>Total Expenses:(-)</u>	<u>-\$433.80</u>

Deposits: (+)

Advert donations for Lil Gabe-VillageFoods	+\$50.00
CPS-External Deposit (Dec)	+\$187.00
Course Fees-pd by chq	+\$450.00
Interest	+\$0.03
<u>Total Deposits:(+)</u>	<u>+\$687.03</u>

February Opening Balance: \$3738.59**Public Relations Officer**

Very little to report, subsequent to my report of January 2017 (see below). Sandwich boards were placed for the Maritime Radio Course and Boating 2 & 3, along with regular postings on Facebook.

Unfortunately, our sandwich board sign on Ferry Hill was extensively damaged by the snow plow on February 3 as I was out of town that day and never checked on it until the day after when I was back on Gabriola. All of the signs on the shoulder were knocked over and buried so obviously Emcon was not interested in preserving them when they plowed the road. I will work with Commander Mike when he is back to see if we can restore it. Our sign down by Silva Bay was knocked over as well but wasn't damaged.

Once the weather is milder, I hope to organize a work crew of Squadron members to replace the cover on the storage shed. I will work with Communications Officer Don Butt to canvass members for volunteers and try to make it a bit of a social event on a Saturday. Hopefully this will help to give members a better sense of ownership of our Squadron.

(PRO Report submitted for the January meeting that was cancelled)

Activities since the last Bridge meeting have consisted of regular Facebook posts to advertise winter boating courses and also posting our Sponsor sign on a monthly basis to give them recognition for their support.

Following the approval from the Bridge at our last meeting, I did pick up a replacement cover for our storage shed and will organize a work crew of squadron members once the weather has improved, to replace the old cover. The existing cover has not deteriorated any further and should last until spring if necessary.

I attended the Islands Trust signage meeting on January 9th on behalf of the Squadron as they were addressing the new by-law regarding temporary signs on Gabriola. As it turns out, it was only in reference to signs on private property and does not address MOTI right of ways such as the road shoulder on Ferry Hill. They have proposed a standard size for temporary sandwich boards to be .55 square metres (6 square feet) and signs must not be placed sooner than 21 days before an event and must be removed within 72 hours following the event. It specifically mentions educational courses in this regard. There is no indication from MOTI yet if they will follow these guidelines on their right of ways.

Commander Mike made arrangements with Jared Cooper for the new dates to be placed on our signage before he left for his winter vacation and I will be using these for the upcoming winter courses.

George Myette
Public Relations Officer

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor.

Scuttlebutt was published early in January – thanks to all who forwarded their reports. Next one goes out end of February, 2017. I am delighted to report the articles of both John Bullas (dock lines) and Bert terHart (CPS-ECP future) have been accepted together with some photos for publication in the next edition of the National Magazine, Port Hole. As well, a photo of Lil' Gabe caught the editor's eye and as a result I submitted an article with photos which will be published in the summer edition. I am always on the lookout for articles – feel free to submit. I would like to do one on snow, but I couldn't get out to take any photos around boats.

Communications – No meetings held.

Privacy – I attended District Council January 29 as the VIND Privacy Officer. Since I was the sole person from Gabriola I gave an “unofficial” Squadron report, highlighting our remarkable successes in the Educational Dept. I also spoke about our

membership, social program and plans for further events. We were assured a whole new National website will be online by October 2017.

A motion to publish an online roster was presented. I pointed out there were serious privacy issues that required addressing before that could be considered. There was animated debate. I read the reply to my enquiry to the National Law Officer, (which came to my iPad during the meeting) who stated such a plan was "illegal" and admonished us not to pursue it further. More animated debate. The compromise was passage of a motion "as a first step" to publish a password-protected online roster for only the names and contact info of Squadron and District Executive members, following receipt of their individual written permission.

Ballenas Squadron has turned in their warrant and members who remained have largely gone to Nanoose Squadron.

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt

Membership Report

As of this date there are 65* members.

Regular	63 members
Regular Lifetime	2 members

*This number is a 'best guess.' I will explain at the Bridge Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Pearce

Boat Launch Committee

I was contacted by Elain McCulloch just before I left on January 19 to submit a request that she could bring to the POSAC meeting on January 23rd. I left for Mexico on the same day. Below is my submission and her response:

I am on the board of the Gabriola Power Squadron and a year ago we took on the project of finding one or more sites on Gabriola which could accommodate a permanent and proper boat launch. The Board's instructions were one at the north end and one at the south end. In the summer of 2015 we identified 8 possible sites and then through the winter of 2015/2016 narrowed that down to 2 sites with a priority on Bells Landing. During this period of time I consulted with both Rick Jackson, the Gabriola Island Fire Chief and the RCMP. Both were very much in favor of such an initiative. And one of the sites Chief Jackson identified which warranted further investigation was Bell's Landing. I then contacted Randy Young who approached the Power Squadron in the spring of

2016 regarding this very same site and the need to do some work there to maintain and improve its accessibility for the locals that had been using it as a boat launch when tides were appropriate. Subsequently Mr. Young using his engineering background did a possible plan to show how the existing paved area could accommodate vehicle and trailer parking. The text of which is pasted below and the map attached.

I also spoke with Kerry Hobbs a former employee of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans where she specialized in shell fish. As a long time resident of Gabriola she was well aware of the foreshore environment adjacent to Bell's Landing and indicated that she saw no obvious concerns that DFO might find with the area.

We would now like to bring this proposal forward to the Regional District of Nanaimo as the lead government agency for such a project, which we envision as a community project involving several different organizations with the Gabriola Power Squadron simply taking the lead as an organizing body. I apologize not being able to make this presentation in person but I am out of the country at the time of your meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Woods
Board Member Gabriola Power Squadron

From Randy Young:

Attached is a map for eight 10ft. x 35ft. parking spaces at Bell's Landing, arranged at 45 degrees along the north paved edge, but leaving the trees along the north side. Two more spaces could be installed parallel to the south pavement edge, but I don't think they would be necessary. The south side has a ditch and a grass area space 20 to 30 ft. to the property boundary. The wider back of the property allows a 65ft. turn-around before the ramp to the beach. The park bench and garbage can hidden in the trees are still in good condition.

Thanks,
Randy Young



Here is the response I received from Elain McCulloch from the RDN after the POSAC meeting on Jan 23rd:

Thanks for the email John. It was included as a late agenda item at last evening's POSAC meeting. The committee passed a motion directing staff to look into the costs of doing a feasibility study which I will provide at the next meeting (scheduled for May 15th) and at that meeting the Committee will decide whether or not they support moving forward with the project. A heads up though, the 2017 work plan is already set so if the committee moves forward with the project the earliest the feasibility study could be started would be in 2018.