

**Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron  
Bridge Member Reports for the Executive Meeting  
September 21, 2017**

**Communications / Scuttlebutt**

Scuttlebutt was circulated to the membership, and to District Exec members by first week in September. There have been a few favourable comments on the edition. I want to acknowledge with thanks, Bob Derksen's contribution by providing his critical eyes to correct my inevitable errors in spelling, syntax, grammar, and facts. He is vital to the quality of the newsletters. I am looking for contributions to include in the next edition, scheduled for end of October.

Communications Committee met several times since the last Exec meeting in June to develop a questionnaire to be circulated to the membership. The group has been helpful in submitting questions and all that remains is to finally organize the questions in such a way it will be easy to respond. Bert will be helping with the software to be used. The questionnaire should be ready to circulate within the next week or two.

Other: I will be attending the National CPS-ECP meeting in PEI end of October to do the photography again. It was good to see Lil' Gabe at venues this summer, and she was featured on a page in Scuttlebutt. Port Hole, the National CPS-ECP magazine published my article on Lil' Gabe in the current edition of Canadian Yachting, page 44. I circulated our Squadron members with the reference, and received a few replies.

Respectfully submitted  
Don Butt

**Public Relations Officer**

Public Relations activities for the summer primarily consisted of collaborating with Commander Mike Hoeinghaus to display L'il Gabe at various community events around the island including Oceans's Day, Concert on the Green, Annual Salmon BBQ and the Annual Theatre Festival. As always, L'il Gabe's presence was well received and appreciated by children and parents alike. Thanks to Commander Mike's suggestion, we also displayed one of our sandwich boards, announcing our fall courses. Additionally, we displayed our Sponsors' Board at the Theatre Festival.

I have continued with regular posts on Facebook to announce courses, Sponsors and the Weather Workshop in Nanaimo. With leaving Gabriola for a month in early September, Commander Mike offered to set up and retrieve our Sandwich boards announcing our Fall courses.

I also made a presentation on behalf of GIPSS to the Welcome Wagon event in early August. As a matter of interest, at the start of my presentation, I asked how many boaters or potential boaters were in the audience. Of the 10 or so couples who were there, not one person put their hand up so that may be one indication as to why our course numbers have been dwindling. I did get a bit of interest when speaking about paddling, which seems to support a previous thought that we had.

With regards to added value for members, I was able to negotiate a 15% members' discount on special orders of marine supplies through Island Home and Garden which is affiliated with a reputable marine supply company. They will be supplying us with a link to their website to give members a direct link to the catalogue. Hopefully this will be in place soon.

Respectfully submitted by  
George Myette  
Public Relations Officer

### **Financial Report (June to August 2017)**

June 2017 Opening Balance: \$5244.85

Expenses: (-)	
CPS-New Applicants dues	-\$13.00
CPS Foundation donation	<u>-\$65.00</u>
Total Expenses:(-)	-\$78.00

Deposits: (+)	
Advert for Lil Gabe	+\$50.00
CPS-External Deposit (from May/17-dues)	+\$6.00
Interest	<u>+\$0.04</u>
Total Deposits:(+)	+\$56.04

July 2017 Opening Balance: \$5222.89

Expenses: (-)	
CPS-Materials	-\$225.00
Gabriola Sounder-advert courses	<u>-\$69.83</u>
Total Expenses:(-)	-\$294.83

Deposits: (+)	
CPS -External Deposit- dues from June	+\$6.00
Interest	<u>+\$0.04</u>
Total Deposits:	+\$6.04

August 2017 Opening Balance: \$4934.10

Expenses: (-)

Bank Fee-lost cheque	<u>-\$10.00</u>
Total Expenses:(-)	-\$10.00
Deposits: (+)	
CPS –July membership renewals	+\$6.00
Interest	<u>+0.04</u>
Total Deposits:	+\$6.04

September 2017 Opening Balance: \$4930.14

Respectfully submitted by Jude  
Financial Officer

### **Webmaster Report**

The squadron's Fall 2017 courses were added to the squadron website, the CPS-ECP website and the [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca) website. Updates to the Minutes & Reports, Newsletters, Photo Galleries and Sponsors pages were also implemented.

An new webpage honouring "Our Life Members" was created and is currently accessible through a link on the Membership page. A new sub-menu on the Membership menu will be created to facilitate more direct access. Thank you to Bob Derksen for providing the text and photos for this page.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Kalbfleisch, Webmaster

### **Squadron Educational Officer**

Current student enrollment stands at:

1. Boating 1 (PCOC): 3
2. Boating 2 and 3 (Intro to Cruising): 2
3. Maritime Radio: 2

Workshops are scheduled for the following dates:

1. Anchoring: Oct 21 – 09:00 – 12:30
2. Docking: Oct 21 – 13:00-16:30
3. MOB: Oct 22 – 09:00 – 12:00
4. Sail Handling and Trim and Rig Tuning: Oct 22 – 13:00 – 17:00
5. Splicing: Oct 28 - 9:30 – 16:00
6. Weather: Oct 29 – 13:00 – 15:00

Note that the 1 – 4 above will arrive and depart from Page's Resort and Marina, 5 will be held at upstairs at Roberts and 6 will be held at Orlebar Point.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert terHart, SEO