

**Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron  
Bridge Member Reports for the Executive Meeting  
February 15, 2018**

**Executive Officer**

I attended the VIND Council meeting on January 21 in Nanaimo, together with Don Butt, representing the Gabriola Squadron.

Highlights were as follows:

1. Presentation of the Squadron Challenge Trophy by D/C Ion Barnes to Don Butt as the representative of the Gabriola Squadron. It was to have been presented at the AGM last June. It was awarded to our Squadron recognizing the **incredible work our Educational Officer, Bert terHart** has done with the workshops.
2. Peter Bolton, National Educational Officer, reported on:
  - The new national IT system, which hopefully will be up and running “within a few weeks”.
  - CPS 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in March 2018.
  - Various changes to the courses, and inclusion in the new IT system.
  - Squadron funds: “many squadrons still have excess funds and are requested to reduce them by spending them in an appropriate manner which will benefit CPS.”
3. Report by the VIND Educational Officer, Alexa Stochmal: The Boating One/PCOC exams. These are now open book and the time limit has been increased to one hour and fifteen minutes. This applies only if the applicant has attended a minimum of 4 hours of instruction.
4. Membership Status: 1206, of which 124 new ones in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean-Pierre Van Praet  
Executive Officer

**Nominating Committee Report  
for the February 15, 2018 Squadron Executive Meeting**

For the Committee’s work and mandate, please see sections 3.17 and 3.18 of the *Squadron Policy Manual*. This year’s committee is made up of Past Commander Bob Derksen, Commander Mike Hoeinghaus and immediate Past Commander and Chair of the Committee, Ralph Hagen. The Committee has for the most part completed its work

and mandate in guiding the nomination process for the establishment of the 2018-19 Squadron Executive.

Commander Mike Hoeinghaus agreed last fall to let his name stand for a fourth 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 the roster is complete. It would especially like to note the hard work that Commander Hoeinghaus has contributed to the success of the process. In spite of having a complete roster, in the interest of inclusiveness, the Committee would be glad to accept, over the next month or so, questions and inquiries from those Squadron members who might be interested in serving.

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  
Gabriola Island Squadron Nominating Committee

### **Squadron Educational Officer**

Current student enrollment for courses stands at:

1. Boating 2 and 3 (Intro to Cruising): 1 student registered.

We had 6 students successfully complete the ROC-M radio course: Five of these students were enrolled this year and 1 student had enrolled in 2017 but was unable to attend last year due to scheduling conflicts.

After some discussion with the Communications Officer, it was agreed that in the best interests of the Squadron the Intro To Cruising course would go ahead even though only a single student had registered. To ensure that there would not be a deficit resulting from classroom rental, venues will range from the student's own home, to the docks at Silva Bay, to Drumbeg Park.

I am once again planning on a full suite of Workshops for the start of the boating season. Workshops and dates as follows:

Anchoring – Saturday, April 21  
Docking – Sunday, April 22

Sail Handling and Rig Tune – Saturday, April 28

MOB – Sunday, April 29

Weather – Saturday, May 5

Splicing – Sunday, May 6

Sheila Malcolmson, MP, has agreed to speak to Gabriolans with respect to abandoned vessels and Bill C352 on April 7th, 1300 hrs at the Gabriola Community Hall. This talk is being put on in conjunction with the Silva Bay Yacht Club who have agreed in principal to share costs, including advertising. The Islands Trust has also agreed to speak briefly about their initiatives and advocacy regarding derelict vessels. The Chamber of Commerce, the Rate Payers Association and GAFA will be invited to attend. Representative of those organizations invited to attend will be formally introduced.

The Marine Insurance and Salvage talk will go ahead some time this coming fall depending on the availability of the speaker.

John Bullas and I are working together to put on a joint Power Squadron and SBYC Climate Change Science and Impacts talk mid-May. SBYC has agreed in principal to help fund and arouse interest in this talk as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert terHart, SEO

### **Public Relations Officer**

Sandwich Board panels were revised for course advertisement to provide more specific information on courses as they come up. We now have 3 panels instead of 2 for the main section on the board and consist of : **Boating Licence + date, Navigation & Seamanship + date, Maritime Radio + date.** The cost for additional panels for 1 sandwich board was \$70. We have only done 1 board for now and will do the additional 2 boards after Mike returns in March.

With help form Don Butt and the Communications Committee, we put up a number of posters around the village and Silva Bay for the current round of courses to better advertise in our local community in addition to the Facebook posts. Hopefully this had a positive effect on registration.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Myette  
Public Relations Officer

## **Scuttlebutt / Communications Officer**

**Scuttlebutt** to be published by end of February. I'm always hungry for anything to publish, in addition to the usual Educational and Commander reports.

**Communications Committee** Not much to report. It has been on the agenda to discuss concrete recommendations from the Survey. It would be good to have Cdr Mike present for this.

**Privacy:** Mercifully nothing here.

Respectfully submitted  
Don Butt

## **Membership Officer**

Currently there are 66 members in our squadron, no change from last month. Headquarters purged the final Junior Associate, but a gentleman, new to the island, joined, hence no change in the bottom line. There are 63 Regular Members and three Lifers.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elaine Pearce  
Membership Officer

## **Financial Officer**

**January Opening Balance: \$3803.56**

### **Expenses: (-)**

Gabriola Golf Club-Xmas party rental	-\$315.00
Gabriola Senior Citizens Assoc.-storage locker	-\$250.00
Sure Signs-Course signs	-\$70.00
<b><u>Total Expenses:(-)</u></b>	<b><u>-\$635.00</u></b>

### **Deposits: (+)**

Xmas Party Door and 50/50	+200.00
Boating1-2 course fee	+150.00
Burgees sales	+247.00
Interest	+\$0.03
<b><u>Total Deposits:(+)</u></b>	<b><u>+597.03</u></b>

**February Opening Balance: \$3765.59**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jude Briscoe  
Financial Officer