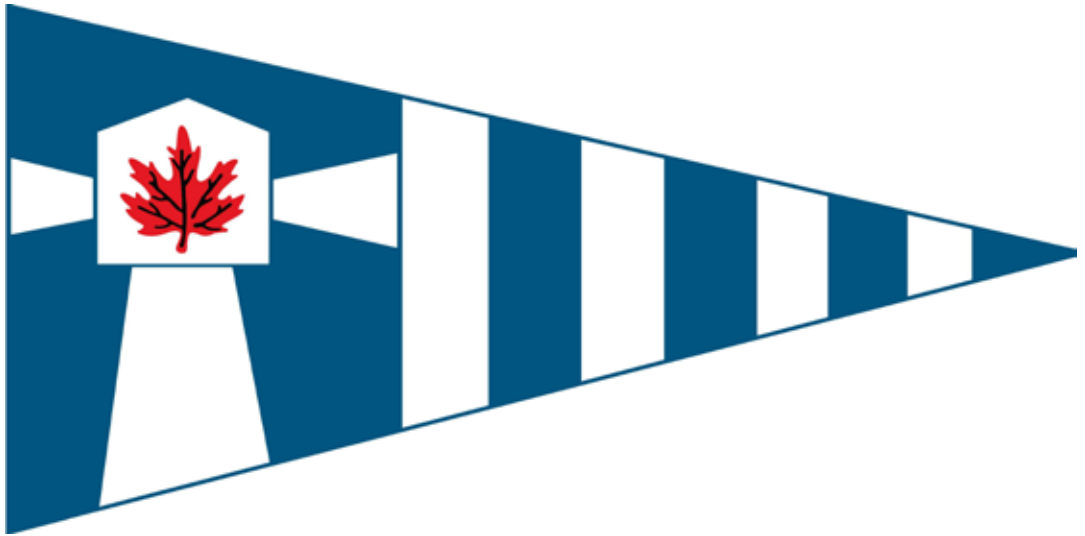


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# Gabriola Island Squadron

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*Have a great summer*

May – June 2015



## Your Squadron Bridge 2014 – 2015

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Commander	Ralph Hagen, <u>AP</u>	250 247-8491
Past Commander	Robert Derksen	250 247-9792
Executive Officer	Mike Hoeninghaus, <u>AP</u>	250 247-8799
Education Officer	Bob Weenk	250 247-0267
Secretary	Robert Derksen	250 247-9792
Financial Officer	Jude Briscoe	250 247-8600
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce	250 247-7538
PRO	Bert terHart	250 247-9301
MAREP	Bill Kalbfleisch	250 247-8027
Webmasters	Robert Derksen Bill Kalbfleisch	250 247-9792 250 247-8027
Communications Officer & Scuttlebutt Editor	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	250 247-7804
Member at Large	Jean-Pierre van Praet	250 2473064
Privacy Officer	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	250 247-7804

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Many of you have been notified by Headquarters regarding your membership renewals. It is easy to renew on-line. Just go to [CPS-ECP](#) and click on membership. On-line renewal and rejoin is a great way to go. It is so quick and easy. And have a look at the [CPS benefits](#) of being a member.

For more info call our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce 247-7538

**To the members, GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON  
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TAKE NOTICE that the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON will be held at the Rollo Senior Centre, 685 North Road, May 31, 2015 at 2 PM.

- (a) receiving a report from the Officers of this Squadron;
- (b) receiving a report of the Squadron Treasurer on the financial position of this Squadron that has been reviewed by the Squadron internal audit review committee;
- (c) electing the Squadron Officers for the 2015-2016 Squadron Year;
- (d) appointing a Squadron internal audit review committee for the Squadron Year then current;
- (e) considering such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.



The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Any further nominations must be made by way of a written petition signed by no less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this twenty-seventh day of April, 2015 (Original on file duly signed by the secretary)

***Annual General Meeting 2015***  
May 31 at the Rollo Center - at 2.30 PM

The business part is promised to be short - really short. As a special feature we are honoring the students, and recognizing the contributions of the charter members of the Squadron. Maybe an interesting story? Promised to be short as well. All are welcome.

Come and enjoy some camaraderie, and good eats. No charge. Meet the new Bridge.

More details at the [Squadron website](#).

## Nominating Committee Report – April 27, 2015

To: The Members of the GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON.

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2015/2016:

POSITION	NAME, ADDRESS	PHONE
Commander	Mike Hoeinghaus 685 Crestwood Rd Gabriola BC V0R 1X4	250 247-8799
Executive Officer	Jean-Pierre van Praet 150 Rosislös Blvd Gabriola BC V0R 1X1	250 325-3064
Training Officer	Bert terHart 1637 Perry Road Gabriola BC V0R 1X0	250 247-9301
Secretary	Robert Derksen 1150 Berry Point Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X1	250 247-9792
Treasurer	Jude Briscoe 3121 Coast Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X7	250 247-8600
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce 3465 South Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X7	250 247-7538
Webmasters	Robert Derksen 1150 Berry Point Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X1	250 247-9792
	Bill Kalbfleisch 1560 Wild Cherry Terrace, Gabriola BC V0R 1X5	250 247-8027
Communications Officer (Scuttlebutt Ed. Privacy)	Don Butt, <u>AP</u> 1160 Ritchie Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X3	250 247-7804
Member at Large	Fred Kaarsemaker 1420 Fisher Rd. Gabriola BC V0R 1X6	250 247-9569
Member at Large	John Woods 855 Carmen Cres. Gabriola BC V0R 1X2	250 247-8033
Past Commander is a non-elected position:		
Past Commander	Ralph Hagen, <u>AP</u> 1185 McGillvary Ave, Gabriola BC V0R 1X2	250 247-8491

2. The following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2015/2016

P/Cdr Ralph Hagen, Chair  
P/Cdr Bob Derksen  
Cdr Mike Hoeinghaus

# Radio



Radio class, in the Rollo Center. They came from Gabriola and off island because of the course information online at our website and the information at National's website. There's some hands-on experience with the demonstration equipment.

Ralph says it's his last class. We'll see about that!

## **Courtesy Safety Checks**

Spring is on the Sprung and its time to think about getting the boat ready for summer cruising. Prepare for your boating season by getting a FREE COURTESY SAFETY BOAT CHECK verifying that you have all the required safety equipment on board. The Gabriola Power Squadron has a great group of volunteers that look forward to providing your Free Courtesy Safety Boat Check. To book an appointment call Jude Briscoe at 250 247 8600 or email [judebriscoe@shaw.ca](mailto:judebriscoe@shaw.ca).

*Some updated information from District, as reported by D/C Peter Bolton via Cdr Ralph Hagen:*

Gabriola's membership increased 1.3%, the highest in the district! Good on Gabriola!

MAREP reports are to be discontinued.

BOATING course BETA testing is completed.

Boating 2 which is the PCOC part

Boating 3 is intro to navigation with elective sections that are not examinable.

Elective sections include locks, tides & currents, collision regulations (!) and possibly navigation aids (!!)

(..not sure what or where Boating 1 is though)

E-text for courses was resoundingly rejected by students in the survey. They prefer the paper editions.

AP course – e-book version is updated with some of the corrections. Published material contains multiple errors – in the order of 150. Instructor manual is out of sync with student material. CPS is dumping bad material.

Boating simulator – those who have tried it report “mal de mer” when using it. The horizon moves to simulate the wave action, but your chair remains stationary as expected. It doesn't simulate a real boat's action like a flight simulator does. ‘Wups!’



# Congratulations!

..to the entire class of Boating Essentials - all passed with an average of 91.25%.  
Special congratulations to our 11-year-old student, and to our top mark student Tobi Elliott who joins the club who have achieved the rare score of 100%.

Well done!!



Lv Gabriola		Lv Nanaimo	
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7.35 AM	4.20 PM	8.10 AM	5.00 PM
8.50 AM	5.35 PM	9.25 AM	6.10 PM
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11.20 AM	8.25 PM	11.55 AM	9.00 PM
12.35 PM	9.30 PM	1.10 PM	10.00 PM
1.50 PM	10.30 PM	2.25 PM	11.00PM
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Nanaimo 250 753-9344 Departure B 250 753-1261

Another *congratulations* - the Seamanship Class achieved marks about as high as they can get - good on you. Education is alive and well in the Squadron!







## From the Wheelhouse Ralph Hagen, AP - Commander



This will be my last report for the Scuttlebutt as Commander.

We have concluded what believe has been another good year. Our primary purpose is the instruction of recreational boaters in safe boating and in that I believe we have been successful. When we consider our community population contrasted to that of other squadrons we find that per capita we have a larger membership and larger boating classes. The results for this past year are reported on by our Educational Officer Bob Weenk in his annual report elsewhere herein.

We were able again to host some social evenings with topical speakers. This was achieved by Jude Briscoe acting as our social coordinator assisted by our membership officer Elaine Peirce. This is an area in which we could provide great value to our members and I hope that this will continue and expand.

Last summer we conducted the CPS Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check program led by Jude Briscoe. I believe this to be a valuable program in that it brings into focus those matters that are vital to safe boating.

CPS is facing challenges in these changing times. Technology has not only changed how we present our courses and conduct instruction but has changed boating. We need be mindful however that as much as technology has changed and continues to change we will continue to be confronted with weather and hazards and human failing and these matters will continue to require education and training. However CPS weathers this storm I feel that we, as a squadron, should focus on providing education and training in pleasure craft safe boating employing whatever is available to us for this purpose. As Bert terHart told us 'plan, prepare and practise' is what one must do to cope with what the sea can do.

I believe that our greatest achievement as a squadron has been bringing together to the executive of this squadron a group of informed and experienced people that I am confident has the ability to, and will, guide this squadron in the pursuit of its mandate.

I have enjoyed many years of instruction and association with those who have provided leadership for our squadron. I gladly step back and I look forward to seeing those who step forward take this squadron on to greater achievements.

Ralph Hagen, Commander



## From the Educational Department Bob Weenk



On Saturday, April 11, the Essentials students wrote their exam at the Rollo Center. Eight wrote (including an 11 year old) and everyone passed. Our average mark was 91.25, which in my opinion is outstanding and a tribute to the quality of instruction and preparation by those who volunteered their time. Simultaneously, we had a radio course on the same site in the small room which allowed us to save some rent money. Four people wrote and all were successful.

This concludes the training regimen for the 2014-15 training year. We offered Seamanship for 4 people in the fall( with two writing the exam) and a Radio course. In the spring, we offered Basics for 8 people, followed by the aforementioned Essentials and two Radio courses, with 4 and 5 participants respectively. Everyone who wrote an exam passed. In my final report for the AGM, I will expound at greater length on recommendations and so forth, but at this point, I feel I must inject a somber note. The attendance at our Radio courses over the past two years has been bolstered by off island participants, who come here because the date is convenient and we offer one day courses, a modification which seems to be catching on. Ominously, our advertising on Gabriola for the last two Radio courses (March and April) did not account for one participant. And, of course, the numbers are down. A Radio course for 4 or 5 people barely covers our costs.



We hold the Radio courses and write Saturday exams at the Rollo Center because our classroom at the school is not heated over the week ends or during holiday periods. I believe the new executive should give some consideration to moving all our events to the Rollo, if time can be reserved there.

Bob Weenk, Educational Officer



A famously attributed exchange supposedly between Churchill and Lady Nancy Astor may have originally appeared as a joke from a 1899 New York newspaper. As it goes, Astor tells Churchill: 'If I were your wife I'd put poison in your coffee,' to which he replies, 'If I were your husband, I would drink it.'

Is this Entrance Island in 40 years as a result of global warming?  
I admit I like that palm tree!



Mary and I were in French Polynesia in March. They use cardinal buoys, and the lateral nav aids are Europe's system "green right returning". Note the shape of the top of the red nav aid below. Water temperature was a consistent 84 F.

