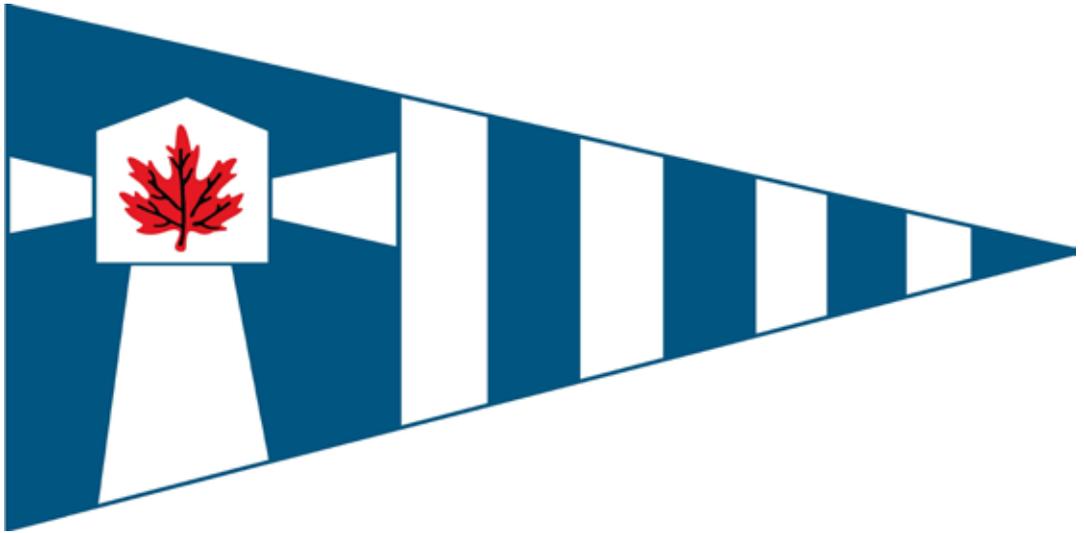


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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Many of you have been notified by Headquarters regarding your membership renewals. It is easy to renew on-line. Just go to [CPS-ECP](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) 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.

Questions? Call our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce 247-7538

Upcoming Events

Check the website for details - Courses and Upcoming Events
The Squadron website has the information about all courses in detail as well as easy registration.

Another social event upcoming you won't want to miss:

TOP HEAVY!

aka: “awareness of stability issues and free surface effect”.

Sunday, March 20, 7PM

Rollo Seniors Centre (685 North Rd, opposite the school)

Snacks, coffee, tea, followed by the presentation at 7.30

Hosted by Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron - free admission

An entertaining evening with Sean Lewis, who will present factors that have impact on a vessel's stability. A serious issue, but expect some chuckles - Sean has a great sense of humour. He is well qualified as a safety and risk management consultant. Come and hear some stories and see some pictures that say “thankfully I was not on that ship!”



Note that this edition is somewhat abbreviated, reasons being some key items normally included are delayed, partially because this edition is earlier than usual.

The information will be circulated later. The Nominating Committee report is usually presented to the membership with the official notice of the AGM. This report will be reviewed by the Bridge at their meeting March 24 and will be circulated before April 10.

A Special AGM

Celebrate the Twenty Year History of our Squadron

Come celebrate our 20th Anniversary! Enjoy snacks, coffee, tea and social time. We honour the students who have completed the courses during the year, and present the trophies and awards.

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

Dear Squadron members,

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Gabriola Island Squadron will be held at the Rollo Seniors Centre, 685 North Road, Gabriola, BC on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1730 for the purpose of:

- a) receiving the year-end reports of the Squadron's officers;
- b) receiving a report of the Squadron Financial Officer on the financial position of this Squadron that has been reviewed by the Squadron Internal Audit Review Committee;
- c) electing the Officers referred to in Section 9.4 of Board Regulations (2015) as well as any additional Officers to positions deemed necessary by the Squadron's Nominating Committee or through petition by the Squadron members gathered at this meeting, subject to sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2;
- d) appointing a Squadron Internal Audit Review Committee for the Squadron year 2016-17;
- 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. Under Regulation 9.6.6 of Board Regulations (2015), any further nominations must be by a petition in writing signed by not less than five (5) Members of the Squadron, who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination. The petition shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2016

(Original on file duly signed by the secretary)

*Nominating Committee report will be circulated before April 10, 2016.



Vanishing Beacons



What an interesting and informative evening it was! Saturday, February 22 at the Rollo Seniors Centre, guest speaker and Squadron member Ivan Bulic presented an illustrated talk on Lighthouses. Lighthouses began in ancient Greek and Roman times and proceeded through a sometimes stormy path to the modern structures. It was French physicist Augustin-Jean Fresnel (1788-1827) who invented the fresnel lens used in lights today.

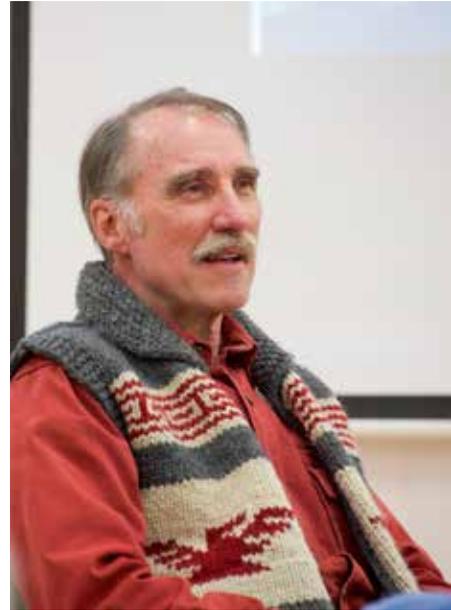
The light keepers were not always treated well - one light-keeper was supporting his family with six children when a new government decided to cut his salary in half. Somehow he made do, but with lots of sacrifice. At one time the light structures were set in mercury so the light would rotate, however the light-keepers had to service the units, and that meant plenty of cases of mercury poisoning. At the time symptoms were attributed to isolation, as effects of mercury poisoning were unknown. Mercury is absorbed through the skin and causes devastating effects.

Ivan held our attention through the hour-long presentation. Then during the discussion following the presentation, Richard Mann, a former light-keeper providing relief to the regular staff had a few stories to relate. It was a surprise for us to learn that Mary Jane Derksen's great-grandfather was the light-keeper at Point Atkinson. Ivan knew this. The discussion was followed by delicious eats provided by the organizers, Jude Briscoe and Elaine Pearce. In all, a memorable evening! Entrance Island Light is still being manned.

Historical Lighthouses, cont.



Mary Jane Derksen



Ivan Bulic



Some of the crowd listening to Ivan



Richard Mann

The Boating Basics Class



One person
missing in photo

The Boating Essentials Class



Squadron Educational Officer Bert illustrating a key point on the white board

Mirth, & Facts

- Why is it called a lighthouse when it weighs so much?
- If a cruise ship has a part time band conductor aboard, does that mean he's a semi-conductor?
- Ship's windows are called "port holes", but they are found on both sides?
- Is a leak in the back of a boat a stern warning?
- A friend once thought that only people from Poland could apply polish to a boat finish.
- If seafood is cured, why is it still dead?
- Why is it when you transport something by car its called shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?
- If it's zero degrees outside on watch, and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
- Tell a sailor that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you, tell him a deck has wet paint and he has to touch it.
- If white wine goes with fish, shouldn't white grapes go with sushi?

Q: How much does it cost for a pirate to pierce his ears?

A: A buccaneer



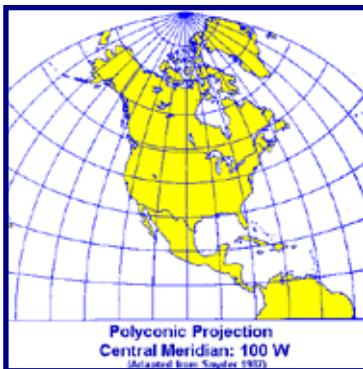
A few graphics about charts:



Rumb vs Great Circle on a Mercator chart



Earth chopped



Earth Mercator:
Canada appears
huge

Polyconic:
Canada is a lot smaller
relative to USA, eh?
This is reality!

