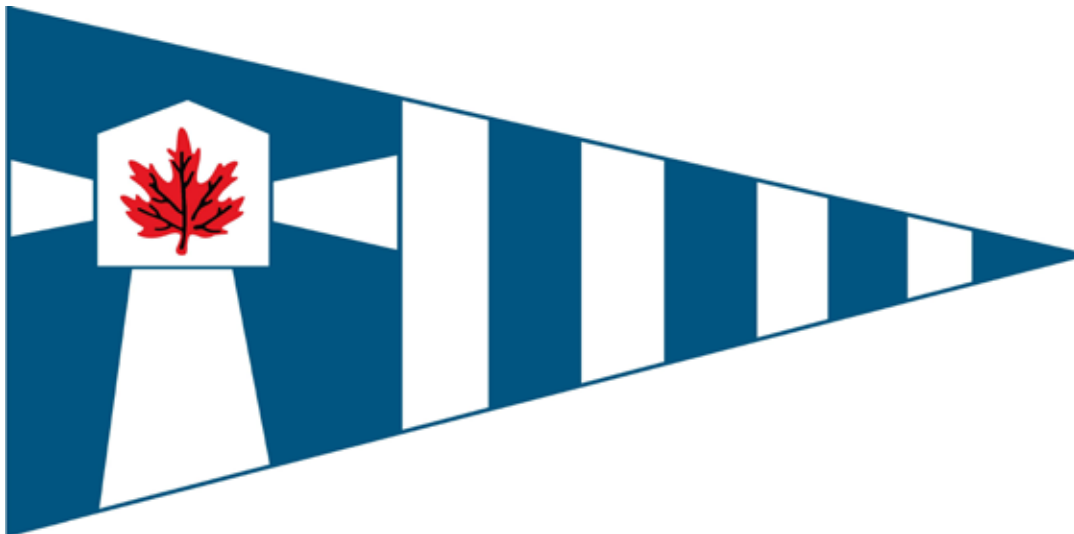


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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

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 Workshops

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.

<http://www.powersquadron.gabriola.org/courses.html>

email: Bert terHart bert.terhart@gmail.com

Gabriola Power Squadron will be conducting a series of Seamanship Refresher Workshops running the week of May 9 -13, 2016.

These workshops are intended as practical, on-the-water exercises to help mariners brush up on at least some of the skills necessary to kick-off the boating season with confidence. Except for the Weather workshop, the maximum number of workshop participants is 8. We're planning:

1. May 9 – MOB: (Man OverBoard) We'll be reviewing the skills, drills and procedures you need to know to safely recover (heaven forbid) someone who falls overboard. We'll review and practice a number of different ways to maneuver a power or sail-driven vessel in order to effectively return and/or search for a MOB as well as the different methods that can be employed to get them back on board.
2. May 10 – Docking: We'll be practicing the essential skills necessary to safely leave and return to a slip. We'll be warping the boat onto and off the dock, how to use wind and current to your advantage, how best to deploy crew and when, if ever, you should use dock-side help.
3. May 11 – Anchoring: We'll review anchoring in general, including a gear inspection, followed by a practical demonstration of single, tandem and double-anchoring, Bahamian mooring, setting a drudging anchor, setting a stern anchor, using a counter-balanced trip line, choosing and setting snubber, using a kettel and using an anchor bridle. We'll discuss retrieving a fouled anchor and lastly, anchor etiquette.
4. May 12 – Sail Handling: We'll review mast and rig tuning, sail controls, sail inspection and repair and then head out onto the water to hoist, set, trim and reef the main, genoa, jib, staysail, Code Zero, drifter, asymmetrical spinnaker and symmetrical spinnaker. We'll review trim characteristics of each and how to get the most out of each sail.
5. May 13 – Weather: A practical review of what to look for and how to interpret what's going on in the skies and with the wind and barometer so that you can form a very good idea of what the next 2-24 hours is going to bring. Note that MOB, Docking, Anchoring and Sail Handling are limited to eight persons for each session. For these workshops, we'll be leaving from and returning to Page's Marina each day. Workshops will start at 2pm. The weather workshop is not limited to eight and we will be starting and finishing at Orlebar Point.

A Special AGM

Come celebrate our 20th Anniversary!

Enjoy supper, coffee, tea and social time. We honour the students who have completed the courses during the year, and present the trophies and awards.

Honour our founders and early members.

Recognitions and Awards,

Supper provided at 5.30 PM

Maybe a surprise or two!

Free to all.



**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 6.30 PM, or immediately after supper** 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 31th day of March, 2016

(Original on file duly signed by the secretary)

Nominating Committee Report

To the Members of the Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron: The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2016-2017.

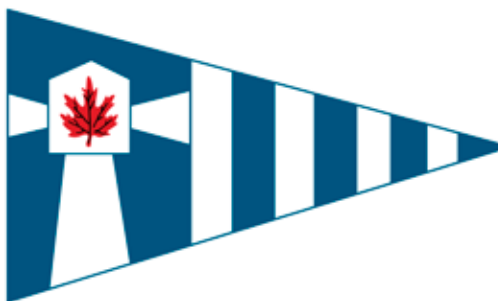
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Past Commander is a non-elected position:

Past Commander	Ralph Hagen, <u>AP</u>	250 247-8491
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Burgee (Squadron flag) orders needed. We have a deal if we order a minimum number and so far we have 13 spoken for. Our minimum is 35. Let's hear from you if you'd like one at the great price of only \$20. The flag is 30 inches in length. Contact Don Butt
250 247-7804
donbutt@shaw.ca

The flag was designed to represent the light at Entrance Island. The red leaf is that of CPS-ECP and the rays represent the knowledge we share in our educational activities, emanating out to the boaters over the waves (stripes)



TOP HEAVY!

What an interesting and informative evening once again, this time with Sean Lewis March 20 at the Rollo Seniors Center. Sean's reputation as an informative speaker with a wry sense of humour was evident to all. We saw pictures of unbelievably terrible tragedies resulting from ships that were not balanced for ballast and cargo, including passengers. Sean is highly knowledgeable and a superb teacher of the principles of boat ballast and loads. As he presented the disastrous events we groaned and sometimes even chuckled. His major line of interest however, is in marine fires and we saw what water on the top decks can do. Fires no longer exist when the boat topples over.

Thanks again to Elaine Pearce and Jude Briscoe for arranging everything!

An exercise to demonstrate balance. Happy to report not one single capsized.



Someone had a bad day!

Some of Sean's slides -



Really top heavy!



Investigation ongoing.

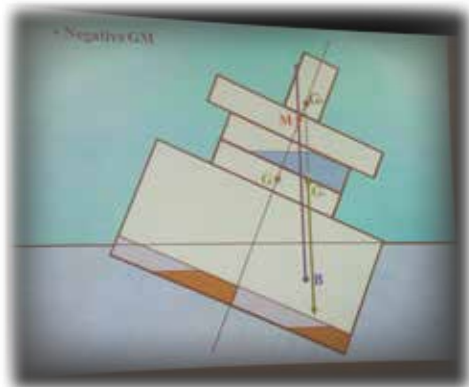


Don't flood the upper decks in a fire!



The consequence - but at least the fire is out!

Sean's Instructional Tools..



Silva Bay Yacht Club Events

Details at <http://silvabayyachtclub.com>



Commodore's Ball

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

Silva Bay Restaurant & Pub; Happy Hour - 5:00

Sail Past

Saturday May 28

From the Educational Department Bert terHart

The Squadron's Boating Basics, Essentials and Maritime Radio courses will have graduated 18 students during the fall 2015 and spring 2016 training calendar. We have also conducted live distress signaling, low-light and low-visibility navigation, and electronic navigation workshops that were well attended and enthusiastically supported.



Still to come are the Squadron's Seamanship Refresher workshops to be held this coming May. These practical on-the-water workshops include man overboard, docking, anchoring, sail handling and weather. Experience would suggest that these workshops will also be popular.

This coming fall will see the introduction of CPS-ECP's new Boating 1, 2 and 3 courses. These courses are intended to replace the Boating Basics and Boating Essentials courses. As these are new courses, we can expect some growing pains with course materials, administration and management. I also expect to be mixing and matching some of Boating 1, 2 and 3 to meet the tidal, open-water boating that is particular to Canada's west coast. To these ends, I will be recommending to the upcoming Bridge that our fall calendar of boating courses begin Wednesday, September 14 2016 with Boating Basics.

Despite this past year's successes and initiatives, I believe there are significant challenges ahead: road signage, dwindling student enrollments, on-line course offerings and Gabriola Island demographics to name a few. This past year we have tried to address some of these issues and I know that moving forward, the Bridge will need to be pro-actively engaged in finding solutions to the Squadron's appetite for students. This is vital firstly to continue to meet our mandated role as leaders in safe boating education and secondly to survive.

I welcome any and all suggestions to improve upon our educational and training programs that anyone, member or otherwise, might have as we move forward.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has worked with and helped out myself and the Squadron as a whole meet it's training objectives.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert terHart, Educational Officer

From the Wheelhouse Mike Hoeinghaus, AP - Commander



Having just returned from two months away, I have been working to get caught up with what has transpired in my absence. The Squadron Bridge has been taking good care of everything that needed to be done. A grateful “Thank You” to all of the Bridge Officers for their dedication.

This past year has been busy and enjoyable. With a lot of new members on the Bridge, thankfully supported by past officers, we had a lot to learn. We made it through the year with very few “hiccups” and look forward to a busy new year. Bert and our instructors expect to complete the year with 100% of the students passing. Since boating education is our primary mandate, they have done an outstanding job.

The Nominating Committee carried on with the task of creating a slate of Officers for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. All required positions now have candidates and we can look forward to an excellent Bridge for the upcoming year.

The Social Committee has again done a great job arranging social evenings and arranging for the AGM on April 24th. Thanks to Chairperson Jude Briscoe and committee members Elaine Pearce and Jean Pierre van Praet for putting all these events together. As usual, Russ Pearce also helped with set-up for the events. I attended the social on Sunday, March 20th at which Jean Lewis presented a talk on “Stability” which was well attended by Squadron members as well as several members of the Silva Bay Yacht Club.

Bert terHart, our Squadron Education Officer, has again done an excellent job with the PCOC and Essentials courses. The winter courses started on January 13th with PCOC followed by Essentials. Our Public Relations Officer, George Myette, and our Communications Officer, Don Butt, have gotten the word out and as a result, we have four students nearing completion of the Essentials course. The Essentials exam will be on April 13th. In addition, Bert taught the Maritime Radio Operators course in February. Well done to you all.

Our Secretary, Bob Derksen, has kept track of all of the goings on and ensured everyone on the Bridge was kept well informed. Bob will be retiring this year and his oversight and experience will be sorely missed. Thank you, Bob.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hoeinghaus

Update on Boat Launch Sites

Submitted by Squadron Member-at-Large, John Woods

Last summer the Gabriola Power Squadron Bridge agreed to revisit an earlier project of identifying a location and assisting in the creation of a public boat Ramp. Work on this had begun the previous year. Bridge member John Woods toured the Island and viewed 11 different sites after discussions with and on suggestions received from Corporal Muneter of the RCMP, Fire Chief Rick Jackson, and Randi Young, who heads a local group of neighbours in the Whalebone area, and of course for his own general knowledge.

John also contacted Howard Houle, our RDN representative, after Mr. Houle indicated interest in exploring a boat ramp in Descanso Regional Park. This location was not included given the staff feed back Mr. Houle received and shared with Mr. Woods.

The 11 potential sites were visited and notes made with photos where the site showed some potential. All the notes and the photos were then uploaded to a site call Trello on the Internet. Here the Gabriola Power Squadron Officers where invited to view and comment on the different sites offering their own perspectives.

After several months all were asked to go back to the Trello site and vote on their preferred site based on their own knowledge and the discussions which had transpired regarding a site. Through this process the list of 11 was reduced down to 2 locations of equal interest.

The next step of the process will be to reach out to the broader community to see who may have some interest in this project as well as to those government agencies who have jurisdiction. This will allow a plan to be put together by a broad coalition to address the fact that on an Island with both a large local boating community and a significant tourist population there is no adequate public boat ramp.

If you are interested in becoming involved please contact John Woods at 250-247-8033.



Mirth



Dr. Seuss Explains Why Old Computers Sometimes Crashed!

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,
And the bus is interrupted at a very last resort,
And the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort,
Then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,
And the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,
And your data is corrupted cause the index doesn't hash,
Then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house,
Says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,
But your packets want to tunnel to another protocol,
That's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall,

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss,
So your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse;
Then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,
'Cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!

When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk,
And the macro code instructions cause unnecessary risk,
Then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM,
And turn off that computer and be sure to tell your Mom!

WELL! That certainly cleared things up for ME!

OK, anyone who can recite this by memory at our upcoming AGM gets a special prize (hint - it's not an old computer)

