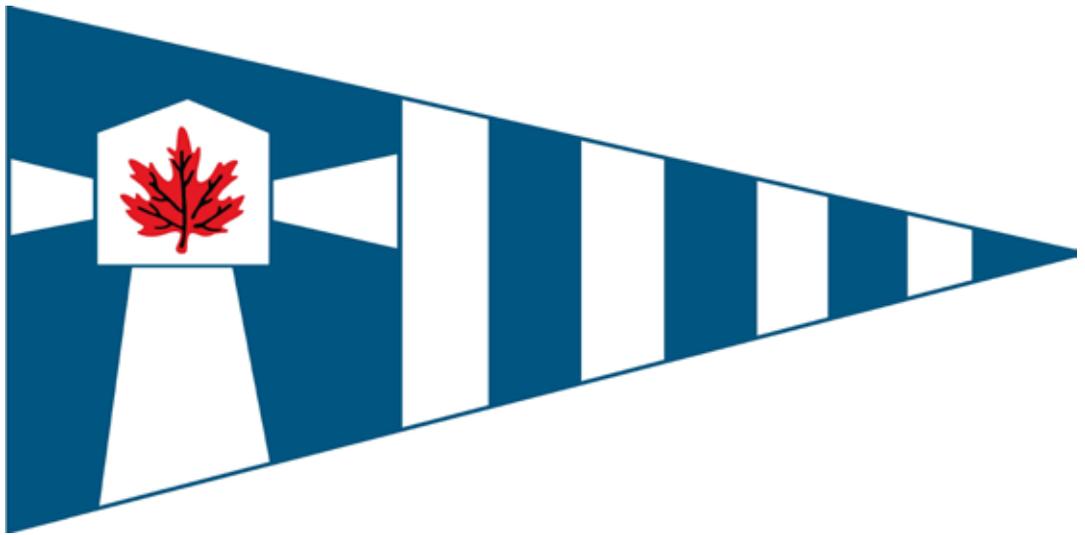


S
C
U
T
T
L
E
B
U
T
T



Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron

Google Gabriola Power Squadron

*Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
Happy Holidays*

November - December 2016



Your Squadron Bridge 2016 – 2017

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Commander	Mike Hoeinghaus, <u>AP</u>	250 247-8799
Past Commander	Ralph Hagen, <u>AP</u>	250 247-8491
Executive Officer	Jean-Pierre van Praet	250 247-3064
Educational Officer	Bert terHart, S	250 247-9301
Secretary	Carole Lemieux	250 247-9889
Financial Officer	Jude Briscoe	250 247-8600
Membership Officer	Elaine Pearce	250 247-7538
PRO/Marketing	George Myette	250 247-7123
Webmaster	Bill Kalbfleisch	250 247-8027
Communications Officer & Scuttlebutt Editor	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	250 247-7804
Member at Large	John Bullas	250 739-3295
Member at Large	John Woods	250 247-8033
Privacy Officer	Don Butt, <u>AP</u>	250 247-7804

Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron

PO Box 71

Gabriola BC V0R 1X0

<http://powersquadron.gabriola.org/>

***We are a Squadron of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS-ECP) in
Vancouver Island North District***

<http://www.cps-ecp.ca>

<http://www.vind.ca>

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.

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

Upcoming Events

Check the website for details - Courses and Upcoming Events

Saturday Nov 19, 2016, 9am to 4:30 pm

Practical hands-on workshop for anyone interested in learning how to splice 3-strand, double-braid and hi-tech lines. We'll be covering rope-to-chain splices for 3-strand and plait, eye splices in 3-strand, double-braid, plait and hi-tech lines, end-to-end splices in 3-strand and double-braid, finally hi-tech shackles and grommets. Once we're done, you'll be making anchor rodes, bridles, sheets, halyards and strops!

We will provide rope and line (please feel free to bring your own of course), coffee, tea and snacks.

Cost for the workshop is \$69 per person, \$89 for couples/partners.

To register, email or phone Bert terHart. bert.terhart@gmail.com or 250 247-9301. Bert will tell you the location.

Sunday evening, November 27th. Doors open 6 pm. Presentation at 7 pm

Ivan Bulic will talk to us at The Rollo Center about "Flags and Burgees" with a Powerpoint presentation. The door opens at 6:00 pm, refreshments (cake, cookies, tea and coffee) are available for an hour before the presentation which begins at 7:00 pm. Admission is by donation.

Saturday December 17, 6 for 7 PM at the Golf Club

Plan to attend the Squadron annual Christmas Party and Carol Sing-a-Long.

- Turkey with trimmings, and ham provided (Thank you, Village Foods!)
- Pot luck - bring appy, salad, veggies or desert
- Bring a donation for the food bank, PHC
- Cost - \$5 at the door per person
- This is a fun affair to connect, enjoy the best dining within 300 km.
- Old fashioned carol sing after dinner
- Bring your guests.

Please call Elaine Pearce 250 247-7538 or Mike Hoeinghaus 250 247-8799



Fall Storms Roar



It is a fall of storms - one after the other. Not a comfortable day for a boating trip!

The Fall Boating Class

Boating 2 - Beyond PCOC

Boating 3 - Intro to Navigation



An enthusiastic class! They are catching on quickly. Here they are practicing compass, but later in November will be off to Drumbeig for hands on real life practice in taking bearings, fixes, and time made good over a course.

Help Wanted

As many of you know the Squadron has for some time been advocating for a boat launching ramp somewhere on Gabriola Island. Several sites have been identified as having possible potential but the process is far from being complete. At present we ask for a volunteer with some experience or knowledge of parking layouts who could help with the process. Please contact Bridge member, John Woods, 250 247-8033. It's not a big job, but would help greatly. Consideration for neighbouring residents is important, and being kept in mind.



Highlights from CPS-ECP National AGM and Conference Vancouver, Oct 19 - 22



The Gabriola Squadron flag (under the light) among 140 others from Squadrons across Canada



Past VIND D/C Sheila Boucher dressed up for fun night - it really poured rain most of the time!



Past VIND D/C Peter Bolton concentrating on a weighty issue at the meetings. Peter has just assumed the Executive position Nationally as Admin. Officer.
Congratulations, Peter!

Sadly, Ballenas Squadron has given up its charter and no longer exists.

The National website is undergoing a major revisions but it's taking far longer and is much more complicated than originally thought since the process began. Stay tuned. I heard admission that the website indeed has major problems that urgently need a fix.

Renaming the courses.

PCOC, formerly BoatPro, now Boating 1, or Boating Basics

Boating Essentials, now Boating 2 and 3, or Beyond PCOC and Introduction to Navigation. We call Boating 2 and 3 "Introduction to Cruising".

Courses beyond the above are Boating 4 to 7, and include courses up to Junior Navigator and Global Navigator. This process appears to be an ongoing work in progress.

The "official" photos are at <https://dbutt.smugmug.com/A-Taste-of-CPS-ECP-in/>

Securing boats in a storm



It had been blowing over 40 knots. A good Samaritan and member of our Squadron was checking his own boat when he noticed some of the boats in Silva Bay secured by frayed or loose lines were becoming close to disaster, so he carefully secured them. Lesson learned - good idea to periodically check our boats during the storm seasons. It costs nothing, and prevents embarrassing situations that could be very expensive. Investing in a good line, suitable thickness, will reward you with peaceful sleeps.



Here is one of the submissions at the National Conference for a prize for teaching aid. This is a hands-on exercise of a model for students to gain expertise in the art of docking.

From a River Cruise in southern France



The river boat, 300 feet long has a high tech instrument for displaying the degree to which the boat lists. It's called a carpenter's level. Honestly!



Avalon Infinity -
LOA - 110 metres
Beam - 11.4 metres
Cruising speed - 10 knots
Clearance, sides of locks - a few cm.

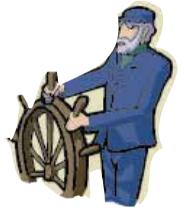


This is the part that became really interesting. In one of the many palaces along the way we visited there is a library that contains the original ship's logs of Captain Cook!

We also saw documents pertaining to Lapérouse, who visited the west coast of BC and Alaska in 1786 as part of scientific explorations of the Pacific

From the Wheelhouse

Mike Hoeinghaus, AP - Commander



This past month has been business as usual conducting our courses. It is also the time of year when the Nominating Committee, Past Commander Ralph Hagen, Robert Derksen and myself, start the process of putting together a slate of Officers for 2017 – 2018 which will start with their induction at the Annual General Meeting in late April, 2017. We would like to get more people involved in the Squadron administration. Contact anyone of the Nominating Committee members if you would like to join the Bridge or get involved in one of the committees which make the Squadron work.

The fall class of 5 students is continuing our combined Boating 2 and 3 courses and the students are doing well. Our Maritime Radio Course was well attended with 4 students all passing. Our Educational Officer, Bert terHart, will host an upcoming seminar, October 19 on “rope and line splicing” in the near future.

Our Social Committee, chaired by Elaine Pearce, is hosting a Social Evening at the Rollo Center on November 27th. Check our web site for details and come out for an enjoyable and informative evening. We would like to see everyone there.

Don Butt’s web site is stocked full of photos of the CPS-ECP Annual General Conference held in Vancouver late in October. Our Communications Officer Don Butt attended the entire event and brought back some great information. Unfortunately I was unable to get away to attend. See <https://dbutt.smugmug.com/A-Taste-of-CPS-ECP-in/>

As always, regularly check our web page for details of upcoming events. Our Web Master, Bill Kalbfleisch, does an excellent job keeping it up to date with the latest information about Squadron happenings.

Mike Hoeinghaus, Squadron Commander



From the Educational Department Bert terHart



With winter rain and winds mercilessly pounding away at the local marinas, it's worth remembering that more boats sink tied to a dock than out at sea. The next time you're down checking on your boat, take a few minutes to think what would happen when (not if, but when) a bow line breaks, or that spring line that takes all the load in a heavy south easter parts, or a fender goes walk-about on you. It's equally instructive to talk a walk down the dock and cast a critical eye on your neighbour's lines and gear.

Of course, just because winter is pretty much officially here doesn't mean that the boating season is over. It just becomes a little more serious. Winter means that you need to pay a little more attention to your backup mooring pendants, to your dock lines, to your snubbers not to mention having to try just a bit harder to stay warm and dry. I like this time of year. The days when the sun is shining are clear and crisp and chances are you'll have whatever water you're boating on all to yourself.

The boaters who are taking the Intro To Cruising course are marvelously keen and motivated. Winter, summer, spring or fall makes no difference to them! Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn new things is an inspiration not only to me, but also the other instructors as well. All of us can learn from and be inspired by their example. Here's the list of students taking the course: Sally Bullas, Chuck McMann, Carrie Raglan, Richard Dufour and Jeanne McNaughton. If you happen across one, some or all of this folks, give 'em a smile and a congratulatory pat on the back.

Lastly, we've got a splicing workshop coming up. Check the website or our Facebook page for details. It's going to be great fun and, if history is any indication, the snacks and goodies rustled up by the social committee simply cannot be missed!

Fair winds and following seas!

Bert TerHart, SEO
Bert terHart
Squadron Educational Officer

An Evening with Dr. Phillip Vannini

Elaine Pearce
Chair, Social Committee

On Sunday evening, September 25th, at the Rollo Center, the Gabriola Squadron Social Committee presented Dr. Phillip Vannini, a professor at Royal Roads University, who showed us a personal movie about float planes. This movie will be shown on the Knowledge Channel sometime this winter. In putting it together Phillip went up one side of Vancouver Island and down the other interviewing pilots and others in the float plane industry giving us an insight into flying "low and slow." The movie has a lot of Gabriola Island content. The social was not as well attended as we had hoped for and even expected. Jude and I had a lot of cake, cookies, tea and coffee in preparation. I must say, however, that everyone present was very social, and Dr. Vannini wanted to meet everyone there. He stayed for a question and answer session, and everyone there seemed to leave satisfied.



He says he's just a guy with an inquisitive mind and an expensive camera. Dr. Phillip Vannini is a professor at Royal Roads University as well as Chair of their Canada Research Department. Phillip has made a movie about oat planes. In putting it together he has interviewed oat plane pilots up one side of Vancouver Island and down the other as well as some of the Gulf Islands and the Sunshine Coast.

Elaine Pearce
Chair, Social Committee

