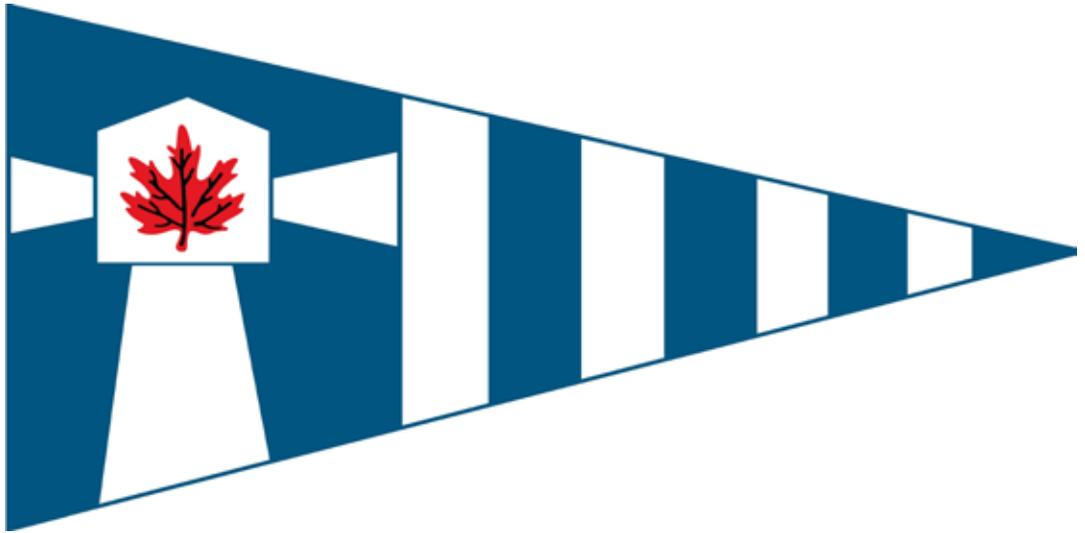


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# Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron

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*Winter cometh, but still boating!*

November - December 2018



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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.

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

## **Courses and Events**

Always check the [website](#) for details - "Courses and Upcoming Events"

**Registration for all courses and workshops, and information at:  
<http://powersquadron.gabriola.org/courses.html>  
or email Bert terHart: [bert.terhart@gmail.com](mailto:bert.terhart@gmail.com)**

## **Christmas Party and Carol Sing-a-long**

**Saturday December 1**



- Doors open at 5 PM. Dinner at 6 PM
  - New location: DRAGON'S LODGE \$5.00 or by donation.
  - We will provide a turkey and a ham, with all the fixings. Bring potluck appys, salads, vegetables or desserts.
  - Please contact Elaine Pearce at 247-7538 or Jude Briscoe at 247-8600.
- Many door prizes. If you can contribute a door prize, we will be happy to accept it.
  - a box for non-perishable foods or cash / cheque donation made payable to PHC.
  - a 50/50 draw.

**Carol singing to cap off the evening**

**And huge thanks to Dragon's Lodge for donating use of their premises!**



They're available! The new Squadron pennants to adorn your boat! They do tend to fade like all flags so why not spruce up the appearance of your boat with a new pennant - they look good. Really good! Bring cash to the Christmas Party and buy one for a stocking stuffer!

Call any one of the Bridge/Exec members: phone numbers listed on page 2, "Your Squadron Bridge".

Only \$15 each, we've kept the price as low as possible.

## *The PCOC - Boating One*



Just two for the PCOC, both passed with good marks, Congratulations!

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## *The Boating 2-3 Class*



Beyond the basics - Boating 2-3 is underway with a serious and bright group of students.

# *The Marine Radio Class*



The Marine Radio class - well attended and with 100% successful results. Congratulations!



## *CPS-ECP Annual Conference, Ottawa 2018*

CPS-ECP annually holds a conference and AGM hosted by Squadrons, or Districts in different areas of Canada, and this year it was Ottawa's turn. About 250 to 300 people attend, from all parts of the country. The meetings are packed with updated information on courses, plans for future, and with plenty of time to air opinions, beefs, and suggestions. Best of all is the camaraderie sharing the fun yet focusing on the purpose of what we're all about.

Next year the Conference will take place in October near our own backyard - Victoria. By then I am assured the new web program will be up and running and it's goodbye to the present one. While fraught with delays and glitches the new program has shown great promise with ease of use.

My role at National is the official photographer, and at this writing there are more than 100,000 views on the pictures.

[www.dbutt.smugmug.com/CPS-ECP-Ottawa-2018/](http://www.dbutt.smugmug.com/CPS-ECP-Ottawa-2018/)



# *More from the Ottawa Conference*

## *100 Years - Happy Birthday!*



This is **Lucille Ellins**, mother of Squadron member, **Jerry Ellins** and retiring National Board member, **Charles Ellins** being presented with flowers and a huge birthday card at the AGM by Chief Commander, Chuck Beale. A resounding “Happy Birthday” echoed throughout the room.

Would that we all could preserve the youth this amazing woman has! She remains active in her Squadron!

## *Past VIND District Commander, Peter Bolton*

Vancouver Island North District Past District Commander, **Peter Bolton** from Comox was elected Executive Officer, and all going well, will assume the highest office of Chief Commander in a couple of years.

Congratulations Peter, and we wish you well.



It was a beautiful but cool and breezy day in the Capital City with tourists a-plenty speaking excitedly in languages world-wide. It was another significant day for some: Wednesday, October 17, the day marijuana became legal.

However I was able to spot one celebrant on the hill, obviously making a statement. But BTW, this was the only evidence of any such celebration.



From the Educational Department  
Bert terHart,  
Squadron Educational Officer



## The summer sailing and Ralph Hagen

I had been looking forward to this part of the trip north to Alaska for a while. This time, however, wasn't because we were in arguably some of the best cruising grounds in the world. This time it was because this was Ralph Hagen's old stomping grounds.

Open Bight is a spectacular anchorage that marks the seaward entrance to River's Inlet. I love this spot:

There are unlimited views north and east while a small, white-sand spit that protects the anchorage from the nearly constant westerly swell in Queen Charlotte Sound. Ralph knew these waters and knew them well. He fished here. He boated here. In some ways I suppose, I grew up here. Ralph Hagen was a mentor and inspiration to me. Going by this spot, this year, would be special. It turned out to be a spectacular day. Crystal clear, azure skies, flat calm and no swell. We stopped and drifted for an hour while I remembered, and then recounted story after story about my experiences and interaction with Ralph.

Unable to make Ralph's Celebration of Life memorial, I was asked and humbled by a request to write something that could be read to those who did attend. Here's what I wrote:

*Ralph was just about the first person I met when I moved to Gabriola some 11 years ago. At that time, I had decided that my son and I would take the Boating Course together. Ralph was the senior instructor and I recognized in him qualities that were common to other extraordinary individuals I had come to know well. People like the former Chief of Defense Staff and Deputy Minister of Veteran Affairs General (retired) Walt Natynczyk, CMM MSC CD, Canadian astronaut and author Col (retired) Chris Hadfield, OC OOnt MSC CD and last but certainly not least Nobel Laureate and MLA Dr. Andrew Weaver, OBC.*

*Like those others, Ralph was passionate, gave tirelessly of himself, and was extremely competent. There was, however, a small price to pay for all this. Like myself, and certainly like my other previously mentioned friends, he didn't suffer fools. I guess that's why we hit it off!*

*I vividly remember Ralph watching me attempt a cleat hitch for the first time. Having some prior boating experience, I figured I know something about tying a line to a cleat. Ralph took one look at the heap of rope I had managed onto the cleat and remarked "It looks some sailor from Saskatchewan did that! Look it up and do it right next time." Being a sailor, and in fact having been born and raised in Saskatchewan, I figured this wasn't a compliment. In the last decade or so, I've tied hundreds of cleat hitches and thanks to Ralph, every single one of them has been right.*

*Soon after learning how to tie a line onto a cleat like a sailor from BC, I got to know something else about Ralph. He liked to go fast. Now, as a sailor, fast is something in the order of 6 knots. To Ralph, 6 knots was more or less docking speed. Fast was something else entirely.*

*During that same Boating Course, I found myself on board Owikeno for some on-the-water practical experience. Heading out of Silva Bay between the Flat Top and Vance Islands Ralph declared conditions a little 'bumpy' after the deck chair that a fellow student was sitting in tore out of the deck and launched her some 5 or 6 feet aft. Before turning around and heading for Gabriola Pass and False Narrows I glimpsed at the speedometer. We were doing better than 16 knots...*

*In the years since, Ralph has been both a mentor and inspiration. My own involvement in the Gabriola Power Squadron is a direct result of the example that Ralph set and maintained. He has been and continues to be an inspiration for me as I explore, as Ralph did, all that this coast has to offer. Perhaps more importantly, I'm following his footsteps as I pass on my own love and passion for boating to others.*

*Lastly, and by way of tradition, there hasn't been a boating course that I have taught where I have not admonished someone for tying some kind of knot like a 'sailor from Saskatchewan'. I can well imagine Ralph smiling every single time I do.*

*To Ralph, where ever you might be: Fair winds and following seas.*

Bert terHart, MSc  
Squadron Educational Officer



# *Easy recipes for the boat, Cruising Sea*

## *BREAKFAST PIES*

- 3/4 pounds of sausage.
- 3 beaten eggs.
- 3 tablespoons of milk.
- 1/2 a cup of Colby-Monterey Jack cheese (shredded).
- 1/8 cup of minced onions.
- 1/8 cup of minced green bell pepper.
- 1 can of biscuit dough (refrigerated).

Mix the sausage, onion and green pepper in a large skillet and cook over medium set heat until the sausage gets an even brown hue. Drain the mixture then crumbles it and set it aside. Divide the dough into 10 separate biscuits. Then line the bottom and sides of 10 muffin cups after flattening the cookies out.

Place the sausage mixture evenly on all the muffin cups. Mix the milk and the beaten eggs and distribute the mixture between the cups. You can then sprinkle each top with the cheese. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit or 200 degrees Celsius.

## *NACHO CHEESE SAUCE*

- 2 tablespoons of all-purpose flour.
- 2 tablespoons of butter.
- 1 cup of milk.
- 7 slices of American cheese.
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt.

Stir in the flour after melting the butter in a pan over medium set to heat. Add the milk and stir until the mixture becomes thick.

Add the cheese and salt and stir continuously. Cook for an additional 15 minutes until all the ingredients blend well and the cheese melts.



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