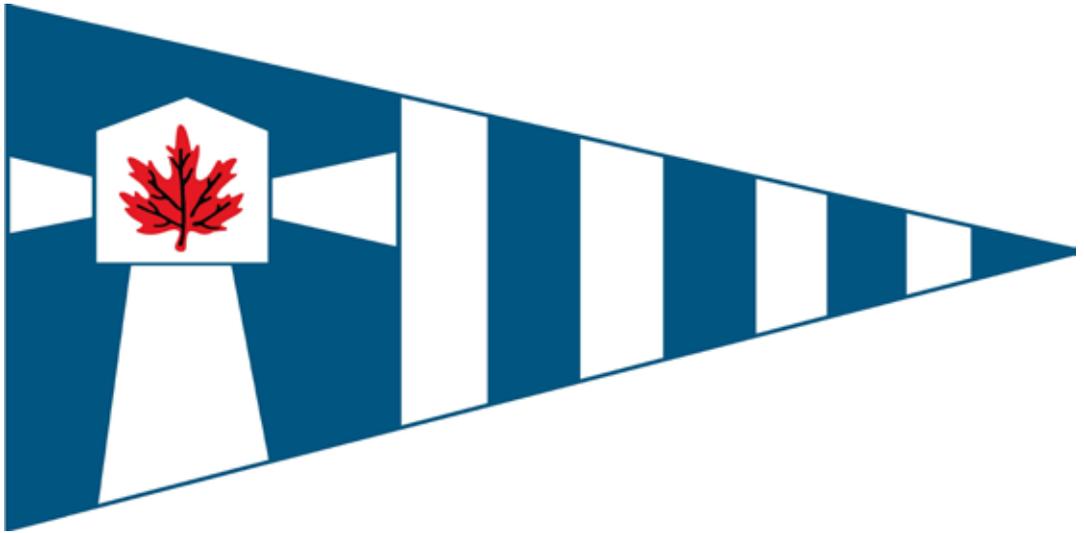


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# Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron

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*Special Edition*

July - August, 2019



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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** 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

### Editor's Note:

Normally Scuttlebutt is not published in June, however this year there are some significant issues that I felt needed to be passed on before summer is fully upon us, hence this once-off June-July edition of Scuttlebutt.

Now, a challenge - anyone who would like to submit a short story about anything nautical and hopefully a photo or two for publication in Scuttlebutt in the first fall edition, I'd love to hear from you. donbutt@shaw.ca

## **Courses and Events**

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

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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.

## *Important Information on Membership*

You may know that CPS-ECP has been undergoing a major upgrade to their website system. There were significant problems with the existing site, to the constant frustration of those needing to use the site for administration purposes in particular. Oft witnessed were hands in the air and cries for help, not a situation kindly to volunteers with limited time, no matter what the level of dedication.

We have been promised a whole new system, user-friendly and one that looks good, promising only three clicks to any information. Only problem has been that it was promised more than two years ago. Apparently there have been gargantuan complications with the transfer of data, the details of which need no explanation here. As a result there have been countless hours of volunteer and professional labour that are about to come to fruition. Now the time draws nigh for the big changeover.

What we as members will be asked to do is verify our personal data when the change takes place. This entails going to our personal data on the CPS-ECP site and checking that all is as it is supposed to be and verifying it. Detailed instructions will be given at the time, and if assistance is needed our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce and others on the Executive are here to assist.

YouTube instructions here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwpVhsZkFxE&feature=youtu.be>

The big question: what happens if I don't verify my personal data? Will it be gone from the data base? The answer: NO, your personal information will still be in the system, However you won't be receiving the notices and other information from CPS-ECP if you don't update your information. As such everyone is encouraged to update their personal information and verify it is correct.



## *The VIND and VISD Annual General Meetings*

It has been recent tradition that both Vancouver Island North and Vancouver Island South Districts hold their Annual General Meetings on the same date in the same location, usually in the Duncan area. This year the meetings were held at the Cowichan Valley Best Western, Saturday, June 1. P/D/C ion Barnes invited a guest speaker to address us, a departure from prior meetings.

The speaker was Willi Jansen, one of three new employees of Oceans and Fisheries based in Victoria. Her work will center on marine mammals. She explained the details of the new regulations regarding required boat distances from whales. Not long ago minimum distance was 100 meters, then it went to 200 meters, but recent regulations make the minimum distance to approach a whale is 400 meters. Special permission may be granted to commercial whale watching craft on application to approach to 200 meters. If a whale approaches your boat, just remain idle and quiet. General guidelines are put the engine in neutral and idle, keep noise to a minimum and turn off the depth sounder.

Should obvious harassment of whales be observed, if possible, she advised, take a video and send a copy to her at Oceans and Fisheries. In cases where legal action is taken, evidence is strong when there is a video. She related to being in court where prosecution of horrendous events harassing whales were taking place.

Fishing is also affected and the brochure with detailed information can be viewed at:  
<https://sportfishing.bc.ca/p-content/uploads/2017/12/Whale-Handout-2019.pdf>.

When question period came to an end I asked if there was any new information about the cape size bulk carriers' proposed anchorages off the eastern shore of Gabriola. She appeared to be unaware of the proposal so I filled in the details briefly. She was obviously concerned, took notes, and promised to contact me. She held true to her promise, saying she had inquired, and as far as she could determine, the proposal to establish anchorages for these bulk carriers was "not moving forward". I passed on the information to GAFA (Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages). I have no further information, but it was good to see Willi take the issue seriously.



## *More from the VIND Annual General Meeting*

The Annual General Meeting receives reports from officers and Squadrons, elects the incoming officers, and awards are presented. Our Squadron has been the recipient of a number of awards in the past. To my delight, the Kurt Kukla Award for highest average marks in Boating 2-3, the name "Gabriola Island Squadron" was announced. Wow - congratulations to former Educational Officer, Bert terHart, the instructors who helped, and of course to the students who worked so diligently. I accepted the trophy on behalf of the Squadron.

I sent the exciting news to Bert, sailing somewhere north of Vancouver Island at the time, and he asked that the following be forwarded to the Squadron members and others:

*VIND's recognition of the Educational Department's success' over the past year is a reflection on the large part played by many Squadron members and volunteers. I would like to make sure that those who have contributed to so many classes this past year get the recognition they deserve.*

*Thank you to Elaine Pierce and Jude Briscoe for fueling the workshops and day-long classes. Nothing breaks the ice and clears the air like a good muffin! Nothing shows you actually care more than a meal.*

*Thanks to Nani Browne for attending virtually every class and workshop I've taught for the past three years. Nani has helped in every way imaginable – from washing dishes to checking registrations to collecting exams to booking venues. She's always smiling and always willing to help.*

*Thanks to Don Butt for his continual support and effervescent presence. Don's enthusiasm rubs off on everyone and his capacity as a sounding-board knows no bound. He has been a constant source of inspiration for all my days as SEO.*

*Thanks to Sean Lewis for his incomparable renditions of Collision Regulations that every student has absolutely loved.*

*Last but not least, to Mike Hoeninghaus for attending so many classes and for bringing an absolute gold-mine of real-world experience to bear every-time.*

*Fair winds and following seas,  
Bert terHart*

VIND, cont.

Thanks was accorded to P/D/C Ion Barnes for his hard work over the years he was District Commander, and we welcomed the new D/C, former webmaster, Wayne Smiley of Co-wichan Squadron.

P/D/C Peter Bolton (Cape Lazo Squadron) was present as well and updated us on several National issues. Peter has been an Executive member at National and (yes, it was announced at the meeting) he is to be nominated Chief Commander, CPS-ECP and will stand for election at the National Meeting, to be held this year in Victoria, October 16-20, 2019. Several of our own Squadron officers will be attending.

### ***Where are Bert and Nani now?***

They are sailing to the Aleutian Islands, and plan to return by September, then Bert will embark on a single-handed circumnavigation of the planet, using no electronic navigation instruments, and sailing via all the capes - no canals. This all in a period of seven months.

Many of us know that Bert held the late Ralph Hagen, our former Training Officer and Commander in highest esteem. Ralph loved boating, and one of his favourite spots was Rivers Inlet. Bert and Nani scattered Ralph's ashes into the sea at Rivers Inlet, held a moment silence with the boat fully dressed, and flag at the half. What an incredible way to honour the memory of such an important person in the history of our Squadron.

I will be posting photos and messages of the journeys on a special web page - stay tuned.



Seaburban into Rivers inlet  
and then dressed to honour  
Ralph's memory



Teaching celestial navigation

## ***Boaters Entering USA Waters - important information***

A bit of news regarding pleasure craft from Canada entering USA waters: a radio **station** license is required. Such a license was formerly required for Canadian boats in Canadian waters, but is no longer a requirement as of several years ago. ( Still recall my number) This is not the Marine Operators Radio License which is required to operate a marine radio.

To clarify this further, here is some information from DEO, Alexa Stochmal:

Received a response from our Government Liaison that the rule is ALL VHF/MF/HF radios must have a Radio Station License no matter what type of vessel if entering US waters.

If you have more than one installed (non-removable) radio on board one Radio Station License is sufficient. If you have a dinghy with an installed radio there must be a second Station License for the dinghy. If you have a hand held radio used for a dinghy or kayak that radio must have its own Radio Station License.

That is the ruling I received.

Remember, don't shoot the messenger.

Alexa  
Nanaimo Power Squadron



The morning of the  
Summer Solstice,  
June 21

***The District Award for top average mark in Boating 2-3***



***Lil' Gabe at the Oceans Day Event, Descanso Bay***



# Chuckles

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with computers. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

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The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

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The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love.

Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you .

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Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

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Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs .

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Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

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Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

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At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic

will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

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The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility..

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Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

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The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

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This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

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Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM .

All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

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The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

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The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM.

The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.

Please use large double door at the side entrance.

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