It’s spring again!

March – April, 2013
Upcoming Events

- Squadron AGM - Sat. April 27 - Golf Club, 1800 for 1900 Potluck dinner, AGM about 2000
- Graduation Cruise, probably June 9
- Half-way to Christmas cruise with Nanaimo Squadron June 23
- Squadron picnic at Pages July 27
- Corn & Strawberry Cruise Aug. 17-18
- Dracula cruise to Chemainus Oct. 24

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

TAKE NOTICE that the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON will be held at the Gabriola Golf and Country Club - 825 South Road, Gabriola, BC on SATURDAY, April 27, 2013 at 2000, immediately following the Pot Luck Supper at 1900 for the purpose of:

(a) receiving a report from the Officers of this Squadron;

(b) receiving a report of the Squadron Treasurer on the financial position of this Squadron that has been reviewed by the Squadron internal audit review committee;

(c) electing the elective Officers referred to in Section 9.1 including such First Lieutenants as in the opinion of the Squadron Executive Committee are necessary for the administration of the affairs of this Squadron during the 2013-2014 Squadron Year.

(d) appointing a Squadron internal audit review committee for the Squadron Year then current;

(e) considering such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

The Report or the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a written petition signed by no less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this twenty-eighth day of March, 2013

(Original on file duly signed by the secretary)
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – 2013**

To: The Members of the GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON.

1. The Squadron Nominating committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2013/2014. Past Commander’s position, Robert Derksen is non-elected and will serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee.

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<td>Ralph Hagen, AP 1185 McGillvary Ave, Gabriola BC  V0R 1X2</td>
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<td>Past Commander</td>
<td>Robert Derksen 1150 Berry Point Rd, Gabriola BC V0R 1X1</td>
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<td>Oliver Woolcock 1380 Cresta Roca, Gabriola BC  V0R 1X7</td>
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<td>Walter Berry 1810 Sea Urchin End, Gabriola BC  V0R 1X7</td>
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<td>Christine Purfield 340 Larch Rd. Gabriola BC  V0R 1X1</td>
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<td>Elaine Pearce 3465 South Rd. Gabriola BC  V0R 1X7</td>
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<td>PRO</td>
<td>Rufus Churcher 2230 Windecker Dr. Gabriola BC V0R 1X7</td>
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<td>MAREP</td>
<td>Bill Kalbfleisch 1560 Wild Cherry Terrace, Gabriola BC  V0R 1X5</td>
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**RENEWING MEMBERSHIP**

Many of you have been notified by Headquarters regarding your membership renewals. It is easy to renew on-line. Just go to www.cps-ecp.ca and click on membership. On-line renewal is a great way to go. It is so quick and easy.

Problems? Call our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce.
2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers, with the rank of First Lieutenant who if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 6.2.1(d):

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| Assistant Training Officer | Bob Weenk  
|                    | Box 242, Gabriola BC V0R 1X0        | 250 247-0267 |
| Assistant Training Officer | Bert Terhart  
|                    | 1637 Perry Road, Gabriola BC V0R 1X0 | 250 247-9301 |
| Assistant Training Officer | Mike Hoeinghaus  
|                    | 685 Crestwood Rd, Gabriola BC V0R 1X4 | 250 247-8799 |
| Webmaster          | Robert Derksen  
|                    | 1150 Berry Point Rd, Gabriola BC V0R 1X1 | 250 247-9792 |
| Environment Officer | Madeleine Ani  
|                    | #9-510 North Road, Box #229 Gabriola B.C. V0R 1X0 | 250 247-7894 |
| Social Officer     | To be confirmed                    |         |
| Cruise Master      |                                    |         |
| Communications Officer | Don Butt, AP  
|                      | 1160 Ritchie Rd, Gabriola BC V0R 1X3 | 250 247-7804 |
| Scuttlebutt Editor | Don Butt, AP  
|                    | 1160 Ritchie Rd, Gabriola BC V0R 1X3 | 250 247-7804 |
| Privacy Officer    | Don Butt, AP  
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News From the Bridge

On Saturday, March 23, Commander Ian Waymark tendered his resignation effective immediately. At an emergency Bridge meeting on Wednesday, March 27, Ian’s resignation was reviewed and it was concluded by a unanimous vote that the proper resignation procedures had been followed. The Bridge then duly nominated and appointed our webmaster, Bob Derksen, as Commander, to serve out the remaining term of the current Bridge, which ends with our Squadron AGM on April 27, 2013.
More View from a Past Commander
Submitted by P/C Bob Weenk

Falling Enrollments; A Perspective

This year has been a difficult one from the perspective of getting our message of Boating Safety out to the residents of Gabriola. Our numbers were down in all our courses, and there was little expressed interest in the workshops offered (particularly and oddly on the part of the members of SBYC). In my interaction with squadron members and non members, a number of possible reasons for this have been postulated. The first (mostly put forward by a few members of the Bridge) is that the low numbers are a reflection of the quality of instruction and management style of the Training Officer. If that is true, there is certainly no evidence of that coming in on the post instruction evaluations, or in the enthusiasm and application of the students. They appear to be overwhelmingly satisfied with and involved in the courses. From a subjective point of view, my 40 years in the classroom have given me some insight here and it is my opinion that our instruction ranges from good to excellent, and that the preparation and delivery by the Training Officer is beyond reproach. He is constantly refining his material, roster of instructors, educational aids and teaching environment. He and I are in the process of attending a radio course presented by another squadron in VIND in order to see how we can better serve our clients. One must remember also, that the subject matter (over which we have no control) is a little uneven in quality. The latest rejigging of the Boating Course into two parts is an example of this.

The second reason postulated regards lack of advertising. This has many facets. For years, the squadron struggled to find a way to get our message out to prospective students. We tried many things, with varying results. The appearance of the sandwich boards and Lil’ Gabe (both, by the way, largely planned and constructed by the Training Officer, with significant effort by Cec Ashley and Hans Andrun) gave us a lift, which seems to have proven temporary. During my tenure as Commander, a Communications Committee was established to take the responsibility of the advertising out of the hands of the Training Officer, as the bridge felt he was overloaded. In past two years this committee has done good work, purchasing a tent for shelter and taking Lil’ Gabe to the Village Mall on recruiting missions. Later this fall, there was little activity from the committee. They were largely absent from the mall, due to crummy weather and Lil’ Gabe put in fewer appearances. The sandwich boards were still in evidence, and were placed in areas where they could not be missed by those on the roads. (Good work by those responsible).

The third possible reason is that we have simply saturated our market. Gabriola is a pretty small island with a limited population. We have offered Boating and other CPS courses to over 10% of the residents as well as to a group of Grade 7’s (stay tuned for more on a locally developed youth program). We may have simply run out of prospective students. The boating demographic appears to be changing. CPS recently conducted a national survey that produced some surprising results. Many experienced boaters have little interest in getting a PCOC, and amongst committed and casual boaters, the CPS message has a surprisingly small footprint. We, here on the island, have, to an extent, bucked the trend. However, numbers are falling across VIND, (and, I expect, in our neighbouring District). We will inevitably be caught up in the changing demographic, and indeed may already be.

Ed. note: The Gabriola Island Squadron’s membership has remained high, in contrast to the National trend, thanks to the “above and beyond” efforts of our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce.
March 16, at the Haven, Mike Perkins from Harbour Chandler presented the new state of the art technology for navigation. The topics included chart plotters, depth imaging, AIS, and marine radio. There were few of us attending, but it was an excellent evening of questions and learning new material. Some of us were surprised at what was now available.

Thanks Mike, for an evening of learning and entertainment. Your knowledge is amazing. Two and a half hours went by in a blink!

The group (below), small, but lively.

Here’s an image from of a tugboat wreck at the bottom of Departure Bay, saved on Mike’s equipment.
“Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life,”
-- Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign

“I’ve never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,”
--Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,”
--Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.

“That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I’m just the one to do it,”
--A congressional candidate in Texas.

“Half this game is ninety percent mental.”
--Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark

“It isn’t pollution that’s harming the environment. It’s the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.”
--Al Gore, Vice President

“I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix ...”
--Dan Quayle

“The word “genius” isn’t applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.”
--Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

“Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.”
--Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

“Traditionally, most of Australia’s imports come from overseas.”
--Keppel Enderbery

“If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there’ll be a record.”
--Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman
Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The AGM is more than just a meeting. It’s purpose is also to chat, socialize, and dine on the finest gourmet dishes the Island’s home chef’s have to offer (that’s us). So put it in your calendars ..

**Saturday April 27 at the Gabriola Golf Club**

*Gather at 1800*  
*Dine at 1900*  
*The rest at 2000.*  

Bring your favourite dish - potluck.  
Village Foods will be providing the turkey, ham, and trimmings.