

Commander's Report for Bridge Meeting of October 16th, 2023 VIND AGM in Nanaimo - 10th September

This delayed AGM was followed by an encore presentation by Li and Gary of the film made about their attempt at passing through the Northwest Passage in their sloop Moloda.

Thanksgiving Weekend Swap and Sell – 7th October

This event was held at the Community Hall, and featured a Weather for Boaters presentation by John Bullas, and the Boating Simulator as well as several tables of boating equipment, books and charts. Thanks to Jude and Elaine for supplying food for the volunteers and participants, and to Agathe and Georgette for its organisation and preparation.

Relocation for Anderida and status of Li'l Gabe

Jude Briscoe has offered to temporarily house Anderida under cover on her property, in addition to Li'l Gabe in the tent. I cleaned Anderida, checked and fixed her trailer lights and brakes, fitted her cover and towed her over to Jude's.

At the upcoming Bridge Meeting, we need to discuss the future of both assets and their potential use in our training programmes.

Education

In my role as AEO/RE I supervised one ROC(M) exam during Agathe's sailing absence and attended a CPS-ECP webinar on the rollout of the new fully online course.

Bert terHart Talk

Bert terHart is planning to give a talk on 'Climate Change – A Paddler's Perspective' on Gabriola (venue TBA), November 21st. I am sure that members would find this an interesting perspective on a modern problem, and we will advertise as soon as the details are firmed up.

Remembrance Day

I will be representing the Squadron and laying a wreath on our behalf at the Gabriola Island Remembrance Day ceremony.

EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT TO OCTOBER 16TH BRIDGE MEETING

Main activity I worked on this month was organizing the Gabriola CPS Open House and Marine Swap Meet held in the Basement of the Gabriola Community Hall Saturday October 7th. First order of business was to get the event advertised in the Sounder and on our FaceBook page (with link to the Gabriola Community FaceBook page).

Ads in the SOUNDER for the THANKSGIVING EDITION were as follows:

- **CLASSIFIED ADS, GARAGE SALE** section:

MARINE SWAP MEET at Gabriola Community Hall (basement) Saturday Oct 7.
Sellers or donors: bring your wares at 10 am. Open to public from 11:00 till 15:00.
Info: Agathe at seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org

- **Posting in the SOUNDER EVENTS CALENDAR:**

- Sat. Oct.7 – **Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron Open House** - Community Hall (basement) 11 am - 3 pm. Activity stations, test your skills on the Boating Simulator. Tables of Marine Swap gear. Information & sign up for upcoming Boating workshops and courses. More info: Agathe at seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org
- Sat. Oct 7 - **MARINE SWAP MEET** - Community Hall (basement). Sellers: bring your excess marine gear for your table at 10 am. Tables of charts, books & other gear donated to CPS. Open to public 11 am - 3 pm. More info: Agathe at seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org

Cost for these ads came to: \$40.20.

Hall set-up started at 9 am with:

- Nigel setting up the Boating Simulator & the Smart TV on which we displayed CPS courses;
- Agathe & Georgette setting up Tables for the Swap meet and a display of Boating courses – mainly Navigation & Celestial Navigation;
- John Bullas setting up a table of Weather information;
- Jude & Elaine bringing snacks, sandwiches for lunch for the Volunteers and coffee, tea, water & juices for participants.

7 persons brought marine goods for sale, displayed on 4 tables + 1 floor display (2 very large anchors & a life raft). One table was set up outside, just outside the door, as Gary Switzer's articles were dusty – right out of his workshop! Other vendors: Liz & Gordon Nienaber, Maggi Slassor, Rob Krize and Agathe & Georgette. Agathe also brought donated Charts for the CPS sales table and Elaine brought books and other articles for sale or trade that were donated to us.

The Hall was opened to the public from 11 am to 3:30 pm. During the day, Agathe sent photos to post on the FaceBook page to attract participants. All vendors made a few sales; a few trades and exchanges occurred. The “out-of-date” life raft was donated to Liz who will bring it to the Quadrant Marine Trades School in Canoe Cove where she is an Instructor.

The Boating Simulator was occupied most of the day. Many thoughtful discussions were had amongst Bridge participants, visitors and vendors. Approximately 30 persons came to the Open House & Swap Meet. 3 persons indicated an interest in participating in an upcoming Boating 2 & 3 course, if it was held in November, on Wednesday evenings. 2 persons showed interest in participating in a Celestial Navigation course.

In my opinion this was a successful event! Several persons indicated we should repeat again at the end of Winter ... and with more advance notice so folks can get ready and plan on participating. This type of event included social, education, promotional and community service elements ... very good visibility for CPS Gabriola!

Report submitted by: **Agathe Gaulin**, Gabriola Education Officer

Officers and Committee Reports

For the October 16 , 2023 Executive Bridge Meeting --Respectfully submitted by **Jude**

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report – July-August 2023

<u>July 2023 Opening Balance</u>	\$3155.74
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Expenses: (-)

<u>Total July Expenses:(-)</u>	<u>-\$0.00</u>
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Deposits: (+)

<u>Total July Deposits:</u>	<u>+\$0.00</u>
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<u>August 2023 Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$3155.74</u>
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Expenses (-)

Payment to CPS for outstanding expenses	-\$1000.00
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Agathe Gaulin instalment for National AGM expenses	-\$1000.00
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Total August Expenses:	-\$2000.00
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Deposits: (+)

<u>Total July Deposits:</u>	<u>+\$0.00</u>
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<u>September Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$1155.74</u>
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**Communications, Privacy
Report to Bridge
Monday Oct 16 2023 @ 1500**

Debbi Erdos has taken over the position of editor of Scuttlebutt. I have provided her with some material for the first edition. It is important to support her by providing her with regular reports and articles about Squadron activities, particularly as she is not a member of the Bridge.

Communications: Bert terHart has asked for help with publicity about his presentation at the Haven Nov 21, 7:15pm "Climate Change: A Paddler's Perspective". This would be a topic of interest from a member of our Bridge, and I would like to keep our members informed of the event. Bert is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the 2022 Explorer in Residence for the BC Historical Society.

Privacy: Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted

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