

Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron

Officer and Committee Reports for March 2nd. Bridge Meeting

Commander's Report for Bridge Meeting of March 2nd, 2023

Nominating Committee

The nominating Committee is continuing its work for the 2023-2024 year.

Hakai Light Trap at Silva Bay – 2023

At the January Bridge meeting, it was decided that our Squadron would lead the monitoring of the light trap at Page's at Silva Bay, like we did last year. I have advised Heather Earle accordingly and have start putting together a group of volunteers. Most of these are people who volunteered last year. So far, we have 12 volunteers. I can always use a few more volunteers, as several volunteers are limited in the number of times they can monitor the light trap, due to other obligations.

Merit Marks 2023

As we know, the Merit Marks that will be awarded in 2023 are based on the number of hours volunteered in 2022. I have been asked by the VIND to submit the number of hours volunteered in 2022 as soon as possible. If you have not done so yet, please do submit your volunteer hours for 2022. Thank you!

VIND Meeting of February 2, 2023

I attended the VIND meeting at Beban Park

Here are some interesting points:

- The VIND had 699 members on December 31st 2022.
- Barry indicated that Squadrons could contact him to get an RVCC training programme going.
- A new ROC(M) protocol is coming, but we do not know exactly when. Industry Canada has online teaching programme ready to go, including testing. It is on the way.
- BC Ferries lost a lot of staff, so there are a lot fewer ROC(M)s to be taught.

- Boating courses are changing. No more paper charts. Only electronic charts, and the Feds will not print on demand.

Financial Report for January 2023 for the March 2, 2023 Bridge Meeting -
Respectfully submitted by Jude

January 2023 Opening Balance **\$4523.60**

Expenses: (-)

Total Expenses:(-) **-\$0.00**

Deposits: (+)

Total Deposits: **+\$0.00**

March 2023 Opening Balance **\$4523.60**

Public Relations Officer Report

Promotion and Advertising

Many thanks to Nigel for upgrading the Sandwich Boards. These will be used to advertise the upcoming courses in March. In addition there will be a posting on the Gabriola Community Bulletin Board one week in advance of each course. Further suggestions for advertising can be explored at the Bridge Meeting.

Sponsors

A revised renewal sponsorship letter has been created to reflect and highlight last year's special events including the Youth Camp and the HAKAI Project. This letter will be emailed to our current sponsors. I have also drafted a list of new sponsors that I believe will be mutually beneficial.

Discounts for Members

In consultation with Elaine, John, Jude and Sheila Boutcher from the Nanaimo Squadron I have a list of potential businesses to approach regarding discounts for our members.

I would like to discuss this with the Bridge before proceeding.

Pamphlet

Updates and renewal for Bridge Discussion.

Respectfully submitted by **Li** to the Commander, Executive Officers, Members at Large of the Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron.

Education Officer Report – February 2023 - Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron

Since our last meeting in January, I have worked diligently to finalize the organizing of the **series of Wednesday evening workshops starting on March 1st and ending mid-May**. The full list with dates and who is presenting is available in the last edition of *Scuttlebutt*. This Winter-Spring series is being offered in partnership with the Gabriola Recreation Society (GRS). This partnership allows us to use their classroom space at 680 North Road for a nominal fee and store some of our equipment (especially the Smart TV) in the space. I, as the “PIC”, the person in charge of the program, had to submit to a Police records check (which I passed). I would suggest the Assistant EO also goes through this process so he can be back-up PIC.

All courses and seminars were set-up on the GRS website as “no-cost” sessions and participants can register directly with GRS. If we wish, we can promote our courses and seminars in whatever way we want. I suggest we do so using the “Sunder Events Calendar” (fee) and by all other no-fee means: our sandwich boards, *Scuttlebutt*, *Facebook* and our website. Participants can also register by sending me an email to my seo-gabrielaisland email address or by phone. Also, I have set up the courses (Boating 1 & 2, Roc-M) and some Seminars, on the CPS-ECP website. Participants who want the certification should register using this website and pay the CPS mandated fee. This fee includes a hard-copy manual or an e-manual to accompany the course or seminar. For those who cannot/will not register and pay the full fee, I plan to continue offering the courses (PCOC & Roc-M) as “study sessions” followed by the Exam session, collecting

only the Certification fee to send to National office.

Other projects/courses I worked on this month:

- Supervised 1 **Maritime radio (Roc-M) exam** (successfully passed!) for a learner from Ucluelet who had signed up for our online Self-study course posted for ongoing registrations on the CPS-ECP website.
- Continued planning the **Youth Boating Camp** to be held again at the Gabriola Community Hall on South Road. This Camp will be held on May 11th & 12th. Jude Briscoe has reserved both the downstairs space and available time slots for the upstairs space at the Hall. Four volunteers have stepped up to work on the Planning committee. More are needed. A planning meeting will be held mid-March.
- I continue to contribute my time and ideas to the **National CPS-ECP “re-branding” project**. I unfortunately missed the second video-conferencing Workshop on February 3rd as I was attending the Boating BC AGM at the Vancouver Boat Show then. I did meet with a Vancouver member of that committee at the CPS booth at the Boat Show and we had a good conversation about West Coast aspirations for CPS-ECP.
- I travelled to Qualicum Beach on February 21st for the first 3-hour teaching session, offering the **Maritime Radio course** in the context of their Outdoor Education course. This group of 24 students at the **Global ROAMS school** was a pleasure to teach to! Engaged, thoughtful and truly interested in the subject matter. The second study session followed by the Exam session was to be held February 24th but was re-scheduled to March 1st due to school busses being cancelled due to heavy snowfall on the roads.
- As a member of the *Silva Bay Yacht Club* Executive I continue to promote our Seminars and courses to that membership and am working in collaboration with the Rear Commodore on suggested Speakers for monthly “meetings” for Boaters. The plan is to open these presentations to all Gabriola Boaters.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

- Confirm Nigel Wells is the Assistant EO and will also submit to the Police check for Gabriola Recreation
- Approve the purchase of a few Manuals for Boating 2 and the 3 CPS seminars: Electronic navigation, Electrical Maintenance, Weather for Boating
- Nigel to again reserve and see to pick-up of Boating Simulator for Youth Boating Camp in May

Respectfully submitted by Agathe Gaulin