

Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron

Combined Reports for May 19th Bridge Meeting

Commander's Report - May 16, 2023

Since the last Bridge Meeting, I have been busy helping with the very successful Boating Camp for Youth, organized and directed by Agathe Gaulin and Nigel Wells, with the help of several Bridge Members and others. This new tradition started by Agathe really is something to be continued in future years.

I put out the Sandwich Boards with Nigel at Page's marina, at Silva Bay and a poster at the Degnen Bay dock, advertising the Boat Safety Checks of May 5,6 and 7. Another Sandwich Board was installed at the ferry hill advertising the PCOC course. I also picked up the forms and the stickers for the RVCCs in Nanaimo.

I made arrangements at Bastion Trophies in Nanaimo for the Arthur Nielsen Award engravement of Denise Mitchell's name.

I have been making some preparations for the AGM and invitations for same.

I have continued Scheduling the volunteers for the Page's Dock light trap monitoring.

Respectfully submitted by Jean-Pierre van Praet, Commander.

Financial Report

For the May 2023 Executive Bridge Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Jude

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report – April 2023

<u>April 2023 Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$3728.54</u>
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Expenses: (-)

Sure Signs	-80.00
Agathe Gaulin-Course expenses	-379.86
Propel Electric-course additional costs	-30.00
Souder-ads_courses	-496.44

Gallery Press youth camp book	-221.76
Souder youth camp ad	-229.95
Sure Signs-course adverts	-114.00
Agathe-Course expense to Qualicum School District	-1000.00
<u>Total Expenses:(-)</u>	<u>-\$2552.01</u>
<u>Deposits: (+)</u>	
Pamphlet	+150.00
Pamphlet	+100.00
Boating Course donations	+128.00
Pamphlet	+50.00
Pamphlet	+50.00
Agathe Course reimbursement	+1000.00
Lions donation	+500.00
Pamphlet	+150.00
<u>Total Deposits:</u>	<u>+1993.00</u>
<u>May Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$3169.53</u>

Education Officer Report – May 2023

This past month has been extremely busy with the ongoing **series of Wednesday evening workshops and study sessions**. After a one-week break for Easter, we finished off the **Boating 2- Beyond PCOC course** facilitated by Agathe Gaulin, on April 12th. None of the participants wanted to write the Exam and get “CPS credit” for this course, save for one couple who joined late and who continue to be supported by Nigel Wells. **8 persons** attended the **April 12** session. On **April 19 & 26** Agathe lead the **Maritime Radio certification** study sessions for a full class of **18 persons**. All successfully wrote the Exam on April 26th. On **May 3 & 10** Agathe lead the **Boating Basics - PCOC certification** study sessions to another large class of **10 persons**. 8 of them successfully wrote the Exam on May 10th. From the sale of Boating Basics manuals and exam fees, we collected \$495. The final Wednesday evening session was on Weather, with John Bullas & Agathe Gaulin presenting. Only 2 persons attended and they came over to Gabriola from the Comox Valley so we ensured they got the full, individualized presentations!

Our partnership with the Gabriola Recreation Society (GRS) has worked out well with the promotion on this Boating workshops series on their website and the use of their Office/classroom in the Village. Being able to store the Smart TV in that space and the ease of setting up and taking down the tables and chairs (which we rarely have to do!) is a great support. I recommend we renew this collaboration in the Fall for a similar series of Workshops and Courses.

Advertising this series in the "Sounder Events Calendar" (when this was done), the paid advertisements for the Roc-M & PCOC courses, and using our sandwich boards, *Scuttlebutt*, and our *Facebook* page has been successful. I am very satisfied with the numbers of attendees. I continue to receive email requests for certification and refer them to the Self-study option with in-person exams. Obviously, our course offering answers a need in the Community. However, I suggest we remove our Sandwich boards from the roadsides and not promote our course offerings this summer as I will not be available to support students till the end of September.

Another project I have worked on this month is organizing the **Youth Boating Camp** which was held again at the Gabriola Community Hall on South Road. This Camp, held on **May 11th & 12th** only attracted 11 registrations this year. Having recruited several volunteers who wished to support the participants but not lead a Workshop, we were able to have an adult "Crew Chief" for each youth team of 4; an improvement from last year which was greatly appreciated by the Workshop leaders! Having these adult team leaders ensured better discipline in the participants moving from one workshop to another AND, we were able to give individualized attention to the participants who needed it. We only collected \$86.75 of donations during the Camp. We will be holding a debrief session next week for all volunteers to evaluate the Camp proceedings and make suggestions for the next Camp.

As mentioned last month, I have been invited to sit on the **Marketing committee** of the **National CPS-ECP** and have decided to participate as much as I am able. A meeting was held on May 4th and I feel I was able to represent well the interests of the Western Squadrons.

Respectfully submitted,
Agathe Gaulin

PRO Report

Renewal of sponsorships was conducted in April and May by email.

Several sponsors were contacted in person, by telephone with a formal letter following

Two sponsors declined to renew due to financial constraints.

Two new sponsors were approached, Simon Styles at the Sail Loft in Silva Bay and Island Home and Gardens. That concludes the sponsorship rally for 2023

Many thanks to Jude Briscoe for her assistance.

There are two issues I would like to raise at the next Bridge Meeting

1) Is the AGM exclusively for Bridge Members and the membership at large, or is it also open to the community? I appreciate the Bridge session itself should probably be exclusive but could the latter part be open to interested people. This would possibly be an opportunity to encourage new members.

2) I have been donated several books and charts by a retired mariner, and several books and charts by the wife of an expired mariner, alas. They both wish these books and charts fall into the hands of mariners, experienced or aspiring. I would like to recommend to the Bridge that a table be set up at the AGM, the books and charts will be free, but I would like to set up a donation box. I look forward to the Bridge discussion on this matter.

Respectfully submitted by Li Small, P R O, Gabriola Squadron

Membership Report

There are currently 47 members in the Gabriola Squadron. This represents no change from the last meeting. There are two lifetime members and 45 regular members.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Pearce, Membership Officer, Gabriola Squadron