

Commander's Report for Bridge Meeting of May 23, 2022

AGM of April 24, 2022

Our Squadron's AGM at the Community Hall went very well, with approximately 22 people present. We were honoured with the presence of Peter Bolton, Commander in Chief of CPS-ECP, and the presence of Ion Barnes, representing the VIND Commander.

Thanks, you to all Squadrons members who attended, and welcome to Paul O'Sullivan who has joined our Bridge as Member at Large.

Thank you, Elaine and Jude, for your successful efforts in organizing, decorating and feeding those present.

And thank you to Ivan Bulic, who presented us with an excellent interactive presentation about the law at sea.

For further details about the AGM, please refer to the minutes of the AGM, now on our CPS microsite.

Educational- Evening Seminars , ROC(M) course and exam and PCOC course and exam

Agathe continued her ambitious Course and Seminar series on Wednesday evenings. I had to miss the second evening for the ROC(M) instruction, as well as John Bullas much in demand "West Coast Weather basics"; but I did attend the "Knots and Hitches" evening with Sean, "Planning for extended cruising", and the first evening of the PCOC course. The second evening, last Wednesday, course for the PCOC was canceled due to the power failure that afternoon and evening on Gabriola. The course will end and the exam will take place coming Wednesday May 25th. I do thank Agathe and also the other Bridge members who have been helping to make this series possible! (John, Sean, Gary, Li, Elaine, Jude, Paul)

Educational-Boating Camp

Boating Camp on May 5 and 6 was a great success. 23 youngsters at the event, about half of whom did write the PCOC exam, and many passing, that for sure is a success. A lot of effort went into it, mostly by Agathe, our SEO and by Georgette

Duhaime. Educator roles were for Agathe, John Bullas, Don Butt, Michael Casling, Dave Corman, Sean Lewis, Gary Small, and Nigel Wells. Other necessary assistance was provided by Jude Briscoe, Ivan Bulic, Elaine Pearce, Li Small and me.

Hakai Light Trap Project

The Gabriola Squadron is in charge of the Hakai light trap project portion on Silva Bay. Four times a week, each week until September 1, 2022, the light trap is inspected, and the number of Dungeness Magalopae or Dungeness Instars, is counted and recorded. In total we have 13 volunteers, 5 of whom are Squadron members. I am organizing the schedule of the volunteers and helping with solving problems when they occur.

The project has proceeded well until May 20th, when I found the light trap broken at Pages' dock. The trap is not operational right now and will need repair or replacement. The cause of this equipment failure has not been determined yet. It is not clear yet when the monitoring at this location can continue. I will follow this up.

RVCC- Boating Checks 2022

I arranged for an ad to be put into the Gabriola Sounder, for the upcoming RVCC boat checks, which will take place under the leadership of Bob Wood. The ad will run twice.

Merit Marks

I have continued work on the requesting, receiving, and inputting in the CPS IT system of volunteer hours by Gabriola's Squadron members. Those are the hours volunteered in the calendar year 2021. They will count for a merit mark which volunteers will receive in the year 2022.

Microsite

Nigel Wells has started taking over as webmaster, and Andy Hunter has been graciously helping. Thanks to you both for your efforts, that is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean-Pierre (John) Van Praet, Cdr.

Officers and Committee Reports

For the May, 2022 Executive Bridge Meeting --Respectfully submitted by Jude

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report –May 2022

April 2022 Opening Balance **\$5172.34**

Expenses: (-)

Jude Briscoe-coasters for AGM	-\$260.00
Wild wood Ventures –Ground up Café-catering AGM	-\$304.50
CPS-Course Materials	-\$690.00
Souder-ad insert for upcoming events	-\$479.75

Total Expenses:(-) **-\$1734.25**

Deposits: (+)

Promotion Donations	+\$700.00
Sale of Manuals	+\$540.00
Bohm family donation for AGM award	+\$100.00
Course fees	+\$370.00
CPS-Course fees	+\$410.70
Weather Workshop-donations at door	+\$120.00

Total Deposits: **+\$2240.75**

May 2022 Opening Balance **\$5678.84**

