

**Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor - Report to Bridge**  
**Thursday, Nov 24, 2022**

**Scuttlebutt:** The Nov-Dec edition was circulated to the membership and some others at District.

I'm also looking for articles from people who have had some interesting boating times.

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**Communications:** Courses were highlighted in Scuttlebutt thanks to Agathe

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**Privacy:** Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt

**PRO Report** respectfully submitted by Li Small Decosas on November 23, 2022.

**October - December 2022**

Promotion and Advertising of courses offered during the fall months, 2022

Sandwich boards are currently active advertising our ROC(M) VHF course. In October they advertised the PCOC course and the Exam, which is on November 23rd.

In the meantime, events have also been promoted in The Sounder under Events Calendar on a weekly basis for both courses.

Fortunately, I had adequate time to change the location in The Sounder for PCOC final study period and exam, now relocated at the North End Firehall. A notice has been posted on the Community Hall basement door to reflect the new location.

My thanks to Gary Small for his help on the Sandwich Boards.

I hope to have a meeting with Nigel shortly to discuss the promotion and advertising of Session 2&3 in the coming new year.

Sincerely, Li Small

## **Officers and Committee Reports**

For the November 24, 2022 Bridge Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Jude  
Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report – October 2022

<b><u>October 2022 Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$5848.45</u></b>
<b><u>Expenses: (-)</u></b>	
Agathe Gaulin-National AGM expenses	-\$500.00
<b><u>Total Expenses:(-)</u></b>	<b><u>-\$500.00</u></b>
<b><u>Deposits: (+)</u></b>	
Donations re: Li'l Gabe at Nesters and Concert of the Green	+\$12.00
<b><u>Total Deposits:</u></b>	<b><u>+\$12.00</u></b>
<b><u>November 2022 Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$5360.45</u></b>

## **Membership Report**

November 24, 2022 Bridge Meeting, respectfully submitted by Elaine

There are currently 50 members in the Gabriola squadron. Two are life members and 48 are regular members.

## **Commander's Report for Bridge Meeting of November 24th, 2022**

### **New Location and housing for Li'l Gabe**

Thanks to Nigel Wells, Gary Small, and Sean for two half days of work. They did set up a new tent at Jude's place and moved Li'l Gabe and a few other Squadron belongings into the new tent. The old area behind the ambulance has been cleaned up.

### **Remembrance Day**

I did represent our Squadron at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph at the RCMP's office. There were a large number of people present.

## **Christmas Party and Social**

In consultation with Squadron Bridge Members, I decided to cancel the Christmas party which we had started to plan. The reason is the ongoing pandemic, flu, and RSV risk. This is in consideration for keeping members safe from exposure. Plans are to have the party in the spring when hopefully more favourable and safe conditions will prevail.

## **CPS-ECP AGM and Awards**

- **The HOWARD G. PECK Volunteer of the Year Award**

Agathe Gaulin, our SEO, has won the CPS-ECP Howard G. Peck Volunteer of the Year award. Agathe has been putting in tremendous efforts, and substantial number of hours in offering courses and seminars and the Boat Camp for Youth. Agathe's efforts go way beyond her responsibilities as SEO in that she is also focused on increasing our visibility in the community in many ways.

- **"Best Squadron of the Year"**

The Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron, jointly with the North Shore Squadron, has been awarded the CPS-ECP "Squadron of the year". The award, by CPS-ECP Chief Commander Peter Bolton mentions: "Gabriola, for their all-round contribution of boating education, community, scientific volunteer fish stock monitoring, workshops, Boating Camps for Youth and cooperation with other Gabriola Island boating groups".

- **CPS Chief Commander's Commendation**

An updated version of the CPS -ECP Chief Commander's Commendation awarded in 2020 to SV Seaburban Support Team (John Bullas - Don Butt - Nani ter Hart and Leah ter Hart) was handed over to Agathe Gaulin at the CPS AGM. I delivered it to John Bullas, considering that during Bert's 267 days around the world, John's role was of primary importance, and non-stop.

## **PCOC and ROC(M) courses**

The PCOC and ROC(M) courses are now underway. There have been some problems with the location of these courses. Reservations had been made at the

Community Hall, and these reservations were later cancelled by the Community Hall, in two steps. As a result, we had to look for another location, which we found at the Fire Hall on Church Street. The cancellations also interfered with the ads that we were running in the Sounder to promote these courses, as I could not correct the ads in time to show the correct locations.

**Nominating Committee**

The nominating Committee will now start its work for the 2023-2024 year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Van Praet, Cdr.