

Officer Reports – 2022-02-21

Commander:

MERIT MARKS 2022 (= hours volunteered in 2021)

These merit marks relate to volunteer hours of Squadron Members during the **calendar year 2021**. (i.e., from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021). So far, I have received volunteer hours from two Bridge members only (Elaine and Carole, thank you!) Thank you for sending me the hours that you volunteered in the calendar year 2021 to me ASAP.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Squadron's Nominating Committee has done more work during the last several weeks. The Committee contacts Bridge members with a view to propose a slate of Bridge Members for the Squadron year starting after the 2022 AGM. The committee consists of Mike Hoeninghaus, Past Commander, Chair, Elaine Pearce, and me.

EDUCATIONAL

The fall-winter B2&3 and B4 **blended courses** have now come to an end. Thank you Agathe and Nigel and assistant educators for a seamless course series!

Work at a programme of boating **education to the Gabriola children of ages 11 & 12 in May and June of 2022** is continuing.

GABRIOLA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON SPONSORS

A meeting took place with Li Decosas, our PRO, Jude Briscoe – who had kept some contact with our sponsors during COVID 19 prior to Li taking on PRO responsibilities- and me. Previous sponsors and potential sponsors were identified. A plan was developed for our PRO to contact all our previous sponsors and potential sponsors. Li has now started this work.

BOATERS GUIDE TO SERVICES

Work on this has continued by Don Butt, with input from Agathe. A second draft of the Boaters' Guide was prepared by Don. The (first) draft was also looked at during the meeting with Li, Jude and me about the Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron Sponsors (see above). Ideas and suggestions were made about the format, room for the logos of our sponsors on the Boaters' guide, etc. This will be discussed further during our Bridge Meeting.

A SQUADRON SOCIAL GATHERING

Elaine called a meeting that Jude and I attended. At this meeting, ideas were exchanged, and an initial plan developed for a social gathering for Gabriola Squadron members in the Spring. This will be further discussed at the Bridge Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Cdr.

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor:

Scuttlebutt: Next edition will be for March-April, 2022 Last edition went out on time. Thanks to all who helped make it a good edition. As usual, I'm always ready to receive interesting notes, articles, etc.

Communications: I'll report on the Communications meeting to be held by Zoom, Saturday, Jan 22. We will be finalizing the Squadron members' boating services flyer.

I wonder if it's time to think of asking for an assistant in Scuttlebutt, etc. – in a year I'll be 90 years old and maybe time to think mentoring. It has been more than 22 years on the job. (Just a reminder #3)

Privacy: Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Butt, AP

Membership:

There are currently 46 members in the Gabriola Squadron. However, five names are simply missing from the list I secured from National. I will look for them. Of the 46, two are life timers and 44 are regular members.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Pearce

Public Relations:

I attended a meeting with John Van Praet and Jude Briscoe to discuss local business and commerce sponsorship for our squadron. We agreed that it was time to set this project in motion.

I am in the process of contacting previous sponsors. We have also identified several new prospective options to explore.

This will be an ongoing process; so far, I have contacted seven of the fifteen previous sponsors and received very favourable results. After the initial contact and of course positive responses, this will be followed by our sponsorship letter, and on receipt of funds, a thank you letter.

In our meeting we also discussed the new pamphlet, we agreed that this should go to the Bridge for further discussion. This pamphlet has the potential ability to raise the profile of our squadron immeasurably.

I spoke with the Commodore of SBYC, Mark Titteron regarding sponsorship and mentioned the pamphlet. He was very enthusiastic and indeed said the members of SBYC could benefit enormously from the information produced. Particularly the list of Boat Maintenance and Repairs. He also mentioned one very needed service not listed on our pamphlet, UPHOLSTERY! I have taken it upon myself to locate an upholsterer, if not on the island; services in Nanaimo, to add to our pamphlet.

It seems this pamphlet will provide an invaluable resource foundation for the entire Gabriola Boating Community, and raise the profile of our squadron significantly.

Respectfully submitted,
Li Small

Financial:

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report -January 31, 2021

December 2021 Opening Balance **\$5971.28**

Expenses: (-)

CPS-improvement projects -\$1000.00

Total Expenses:(-) **-\$1000.00**

Deposits: (+)

Course manuals-2 Roc manuals and 1 boating manual +\$185.00

Total Deposits: **+\$185.00**

February 2022 Opening Balance **\$5156.28**

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Briscoe

RVCC:

Decals and forms have been ordered from Barry Ensign.

The SBYC has their sail past on May 14th. In talking with Ivan, we thought our GPS should have the RVCC's on the May long weekend, or even start on the Thursday to catch those going away early. (The May long weekend is from May 21st - 23rd).

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Wood

Education:

- Both Nigel and I continue to deal with Students writing the **Boating 2-3** and **Boating 4** blended online courses. My Boating 4 course, some students are needing more time to write the online exam so I had to reactivate their access and seeing as we did not have local Tutors for the Montreal, Whitehorse and Gibsons students, I am needing to remotely assess their Marlinespike skills. 1 more student to go for that certificate. Once all Exams are passed, student marks will be entered in the CPS database.
- Supervised 2 **Maritime radio (Roc-M) exams** (successfully passed) and sold \$500 worth of Manuals and Exam fees (both **Roc-M & PCOC (Boating 1)** to Gabriola students and the new owners of *Free Spirit*.
- **Boating Tips column for the Sounder:** After Jude's checking in with Sarah in early February, I sent 4 more articles for publication. They are: Cardinal buoy, Clearing marks, Lateral buoys and Radio etiquette, all written by Sean Lewis last year and yet to be published. If and when these are published, this will clear our backlog so please continue writing and submitting these for future publication.
- Am working on my 2021 volunteer hours compilation for the Merit Marks. FYI: I have dealt with over 450 incoming emails addressed to the seo-gabriolaisland email address. Did not count the ones sent to my personal emails at telus.net and gmail.com!
- Things I am working on and would like support to implement:
 - Calling an **Education committee meeting** in the next 2 weeks to schedule some in-person (COVID protocol) study or skills review sessions to be held, one per month, in March-. These should be held at the Gabriola Hall basement as it is a large space, perfect for distancing, and has a good kitchen for snacks! Suggestions of **seminars to be offered:**
 - Radio operators
 - Repeat of Sean's Manoeuvring with Navigational Aids
 - Collision regulations and preventable "accidents"
 - Planning for an extended Cruise (Chartwork, provisioning, boat prep & maintenance)
 - **Need to approve funds for space rentals.**
 - Promoting our courses and workshops within the membership of the Yacht Club which has recruited many of Gabriola's new resident boaters; **purchase of a ¼ page ad/sponsorship in their Logbook @ \$250.** Promote Roc-M, PCOC & Navigation courses and Seminars (see above).

- Setting up a **Working committee** to move ahead with planning for a **non-profit Sailing-Boating school for Gabriola Island**. This would probably be in partnership with the *Silva Bay Yacht Club* and *Gabriola Recreation* and would necessitate a donation of waterfront land to the *Gabriola Island Stewards Society* for Community, recreational use. Anyone wanting to be part of this? Especially need folk with affiliations and skills to share as organizers, planners and instructors.

Webmaster:

There have been some improvements to the CPS site but some other setbacks as well.

Despite trying to renew my membership on two previous occasions, and having the site lock up on both occasions, I finally succeeded this past week. Hopefully other members have had a smoother time while trying to renew.

Unfortunately, I recently lost my Webmaster access which allows any additions/ edits/ updates to our microsite. I have sent off two requests for assistance but have not as yet had any response. John, is this something you could pursue? I will make updates to the site, especially with regard to Minutes & Reports as soon as this is restored.

In the meantime, I have already informed John that this will be my last term as webmaster. If you know of someone who can take over this position, especially if they have some background using HTML, please let the nominating committee know.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Hunter