

# Officer Reports – 2022-03-21

## Commander:

### **EDUCATIONAL-PUBLIC RELATIONS (Sandwich Boards, Sounder, Microsite)**

#### **Preparatory Meetings for PCOC-ROC(M) Review Meetings-Youth Camp- Four seminars**

I participated in a couple of meetings that involved Agathe, Li, and also Nigel and John B. These meetings dealt with the defining and subsequent fine-tuning of 1) a programme of PCOC and ROC(M) review meetings in person, 2) a 2 day “Boating Camp” for youngsters (ages 9+) at the Community Hall, and 3) a four seminars programme on Wednesday evenings, also at the Community Hall. All the above will be in person reviews, Camp and seminars.

The details of advertising the above were also discussed. Li already arranged for and put up the Sandwich Boards for the ROC (M) reviews, which start on April 6.

Work on an insert in the SOUNDER is underway. On the one side it is proposed to have a description of the Boating Camp for Youngsters (May 5 and 6), and on the reverse it will have information on the review sessions and seminars that we are offering. I had a meeting with Sarah and Derek of the Sounder. The insert is planned to be in the SOUNDER of March 30. An update of corresponding information on our microsite is planned by the end of March.

### **Communication to Principal of Gabriola Elementary School**

I communicated with the Principal of the GES by phone, and subsequently did send her all the information about the 2 day “Boating Camp” for youngsters (ages 9+), for inclusion in the school’s newsletter.

### **SOCIAL’S**

We had a meeting with Jude and Elaine about the Socials. It is planned to have a Social at our AGM on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Hall.

I also planned to have an informal social get together during the RVCC boat check weekend of May 27-28-29, at 4 pm at the Food Train at Page’s Inn.

### **COMMUNITY HALL RESERVATIONS**

Jude made Community Hall Reservations for our AGM on April 24<sup>th</sup> and I made reservations for our the PCOC and ROC(M) Review Sessions, the Boating Camp for youngsters and the four evening g Seminars at the Community Hall.

### **SOUNDER GABRIOLA SQUADRON SAFE BOATING ARTICLES**

I had a meeting with Sarah and Derek of the SOUNDER to discuss the irregularly in-SOUNDER appearing of our Squadron submitted articles and the cost of same. An agreement was reached whereby The SOUNDER would want us to submit 2 articles at the end of each month, for

publication in the next month (i.e., roughly one article every 2 weeks). This would be at a cost of \$ 100 tot the Squadron per month. To be on the agenda of our Meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Flare Disposal Confirmation**

I have obtained confirmation from Sheila Boutcher with the Nanaimo Squadron that their Flare Disposal Say is confirmed for April 30th at t Cabela's in Nanaimo.

### **Simulator**

Arrangements have been made for Nigel to pick up the CPS Simulator and bring it to Gabriola. For use during the 2 day "Boating Camp" for youngsters on May 5 and 6.

### **Hakai Light Trap Project**

I have been in touch with Heather Earle with regard to the above. Heather will make a presentation about the above project at 3 pm on Monday afternoon March 21<sup>st</sup>, before our Bridge meeting. Details of this programme on Gabriola will be discussed. Our Squadron will have be in charge of one trap (at Page's dock at Silva Bay) . I have also been in contact with Christie Wilson (DFO) who will also be attending the presentation on Monday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Cdr.

## **Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor:**

**Scuttlebutt:** Next edition will be for May-June, 2022 and included the official notice and Nominating Committee Report for the AGM. Thanks to all who helped make it a good edition. As usual, I'm always ready to receive interesting notes, articles, etc. Thanks to Li for the next chapter in their voyage. Bert will be on his way by the next edition and I'll try to include some news of his second epic journey

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**Communications:** The members' boating services flyer draft has been circulated. The sponsors and services are being updated from time to time. Thanks Li and others who are collecting the information.

I am still hoping it's time to think of asking for an assistant in Scuttlebutt, etc. – enddd of this year I'll be 90 years old and time to think of mentoring. It has been more than 22 years on the job. (Just a reminder #4)

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**Privacy:** Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Butt, AP

## Financial:

### Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report –February 2022

**February 2022 Opening Balance** **\$5156.28**

#### **Expenses: (-)**

Agathe –Postage for Educational materials - \$38.09

Silva Bay Yacht Club-Ad for their log book - \$250.00

**Total Expenses:(-)** **-\$289.09**

#### **Deposits: (+)**

Course Materials +\$500.00

CPS +\$163.20

CPS +\$324.00

**Total Deposits:** **+\$987.20**

**March 2022 Opening Balance** **\$5854.39**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jude Briscoe

## Public Relations:

This report will cover the three categories I have been working on.

- 1) Sponsorship
- 2) The Pamphlet
- 3) Education promotion: -

1) Sponsorship: I have approached 17 potential sponsors at this time and have received favourable responses. There was a glitch with our mailbox address, thankfully this has been remedied. I will now continue to canvass our previous sponsors and I am happy to introduce new sponsors willing to support the. squadron.

2) The boating informational Pamphlet.:

Response to the pamphlet has been very encouraging and indeed, a useful tool to promote sponsorship. I was tasked with confirming the approval of the list of businesses, services and repairs, etc. for inclusion in our brochure. I have yet to receive 4 more confirmations, however, we will have an additional category; industrial Paints Plastics, and Fiberglass. If I do not receive a swift response in the next couple of days, I recommend a swift move to print this pamphlet/ brochure. Let the graphics people work on it, I assume the educational, historical et al information is already approved. My recommendation is to get this pamphlet out to the community. ASAP  
Many thanks to Jean Pierre, Don Butt and Agathe for their input and guidance.

Education Promotion

The sandwich boards are active in their usual locations. Colin from Sure Signs was cooperative and very prompt with the delivery of new signs for our workshops, seminars et al. I should inform the board that the actual frames for the signs are in very poor condition. Gary had quite a struggle to set them up. Anyone with a talent for woodwork and a little time would be appreciated.

The VHF seminar is currently posted on the Gabriola Community Bulletin Board and I am waiting clearance to post on GPSS face book board

Respectfully submitted,  
Li Small  
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## Education:

Instead of my regular Education Officer report, I have attached the listing of Wednesday Workshops we propose to offer starting April 6th AND the promotion for the Youth Camp (May 5&6).

The format used to present these two activities is what would appear on the 2-sided promo that will be inserted in the March 30th edition of the Sounder.

Of course, all this content is open to review and acceptance, or not, by the Bridge.

### **West Coast Weather basics**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**(7-9 pm)**

#### **With John Bullas, retired Meteorologist**

Understand the weather systems that have the most impact on our Boating enjoyment and safety; where to get reliable Marine weather forecasts ... before setting out and while out on the water; and how to interpret weather hazards:

- Wind & Waves
- Visibility (fog)
- Pressure systems - Lows and highs ... with a focus on low pressure!

### **KNOTS & HITCHES for Securing your Boat**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**(7-9 pm)**

#### **With Sean Lewis, Marlinespike Master**

Hands-on workshop to learn and practice everyday knots and hitches used in docking, tying lines together, securing stuff on your vessel, etc. You'll review tying the bowline, double sheet bend, round turn & 2 half-hitches and the heaving line knot; as well as belaying on a cleat, proper tossing of a line and use of spring lines to secure your boat to the dock.

### **PLANNING FOR EXTENDED CRUISING**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**(7-9 pm)**

#### **With seasoned sailors and power boaters from Gabriola**

2-hours packed with Tips and Advice for preparing your boat and your crew to set out for a week or more of Cruising: Boat maintenance checklists, Provisioning, Weather routing, Use of Tide & Current tables to plan a route; Inviting guests aboard, Safety drills with Crew; and sources of Local knowledge.

### **Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**(7-9 pm)**

**All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency.** To register for the course & Exam, contact the Squadron Education Officer at: [seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org](mailto:seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org) You should do some **pre-workshop study; online using the CPS Moodle platform or with a Manual** purchased from our SEO, Agathe Gaulin. **PCOC holders who want to review the material are welcome to join us to review the material.**



## **Women on Boats**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**(7-9 pm)**

2-hours of sharing strategies to feel safe, comfortable and “in control” on boats, whether sail or power.

**Open to all! No charge - Contributions to Hall rental cost appreciated!**

**For more information & to inform us of your intention to participate: 247-9884**

## BOATING CAMP for GABRIOLA YOUTH

May 5 & 6 at Gabriola Hall – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Ages: 9+ (separate groups for elementary school & teenagers)

No Previous Boating Experience required – No books!

Two days to learn all the skills needed to become a knowledgeable, safe Boater. Whether you go out kayaking, fishing, sailing or cruising with your family on a sail or power boat, you need these skills to guarantee a fun time, while staying safe on the water.

Participants will be separated into small groups and will learn practical skills in rotating 3/4 hour workshops (activity stations). Plans are in the works for:

- ☐ Ropework (knots and hitches)
- ☐ Rules of the “seaway”
- ☐ Navigational buoys and their meanings
- ☐ Safety gear in Emergency scenarios
- ☐ Navigating with Charts
- ☐ Understanding Tides & Currents
- ☐ Sailing basics
- ☐ Docking basics
- ☐ Weather watching - interpreting Clouds and Wind

AND we will have onsite, a boating SIMULATOR, to practice operation of a powerboat in coastal waters!

☒ All skills taught by qualified, experienced Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron volunteers, many of whom have teaching and Camp leadership backgrounds.

☒ Boating Camp is free for youth. If you can, donations of \$5 per day per child are appreciated to help pay for the Hall rental.

☒ Participants should arrive at “Camp” with a bottle of water and a lunch. Snacks and juice will be supplied by the Gabriola Squadron. Some activities will be held outside, some inside, so appropriate clothing should be worn based on the day’s weather.

☒ Parents are invited to attend with their children – only if they learn alongside!

REGISTRATION BEFORE APRIL 30 TH by contacting our Education Officer: seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org For more information: (250) 339-5654.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Agathe Gaulin

## Webmaster:

I have enjoyed being a Bridge member for the past four years and Webmaster for just over two. This will be my last report as I am not continuing with my position as of the end of March. We will be away in Europe for all of April and my boating days, at least for foreseeable future as we no longer have a boat, are now on hold.

The Webmaster position has definitely provided me with a valuable learning experience, especially as far as using HTML, but several headaches along the way as well. The most recent glitches have involved losing access as webmaster on the CPS site, and subsequently, not being able to make any additions or changes to the microsite.

I really hope that CPS staff will get the technological issues/changes dealt with soon as possible as they definitely act as a hindrance for both reliability and smooth communications. I understand that Nigel will be taking over my position, and I wish him the best of luck with it.

Looking forward to visiting with you at some upcoming social events in the future especially now that most Covid related issues seem to be behind us.

Best wishes for smooth sailing to you all!

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Hunter