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Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron

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Bert terHart is safely back home

You can still see Bert's voyage at:
https://www.sailblogs.com/member/seaburban/

November–December 2020

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ISSUE

Thank you to those who have managed to renew your membership. Apparently there have been difficulties renewing Family Members in the new website system. Our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce will help you so that you can renew via snail mail. Please call Elaine if you are having any difficulties with renewal of your membership - she is ready to help.
Elaine Pearce 250 247-7538

Courses

Always check the website for details - "Courses and Upcoming Events"

The National website has undergone a major update and is ready to accept course registrations. One should go to the Squadron web site where there is information about the courses and links on the Courses and Workshops page to the National registration pages.

Email or phone Squadron XO: Nigel Wells, nigelwells@shaw.ca or 250 325-0052; or Squadron Educational Officer: Agathe Gaulin, agathe@freespiritsailing.ca or 250 247-9714

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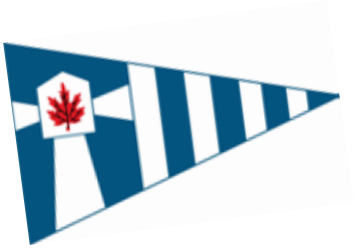
COVID-19

The Squadron is following the guidelines set by CPS-ECP, no meetings or courses are to be held in person. Meetings are held via Zoom or similar method, as are courses. Read the reports from Cdr. Jean Van Praet and SEO Agathe Gaulin for details, and of course, the website. No one knows when the pandemic restrictions will be eased and normalcy will again prevail. It is worth noting that any breach of the CPS-ECP restrictions will not be covered by the insurance policy.



They're available! The new Squadron pennants to adorn your boat! They do tend to fade like all flags so why not spruce up the appearance of your boat with a new pennant - they look good. Really good! Spruce up your boat for spring. Call Jude Briscoe, 250 247-8600. Reduced price!

Call any one of the Bridge/Exec members: phone numbers listed on page 2, "Your Squadron Bridge".

Only $15 each, we've kept the price as low as possible. Spruce up your boat for spring!

News

Our New Squadron website at CPS-ECP.
https://www.cps-ecp.ca/contact/squadron-locations/gabriola-island/

CPS-ECP has made space available for Squadrons to have their own website within the new National website. Bob Derksen has prepared our Gabriola Squadron site at this location as well. National has made available to each Squadron a microsite of their own, which although does not have the capacity as our former site does, it contains the necessary information about the Squadron - contact information, newsletter, courses, meetings and minutes, etc. It does not have the capacity to store other historical information and photos. This information has been preserved and we are looking at options to make it available for posterity, and to updated it from time to time.

This is now the Squadron website. The former website is no longer. We extend heartfelt thanks to André Lemieux for free hosting our website for so many years on his domain. It has been a reliable site and was easy to access. Huge appreciation to you André!

Our Squadron is one of the two that has photos of local scenes on each page. Information about our Executive, our Courses and announcements are posted there. This site does not require special coding so that information can easily be posted.

Bob Derksen, who had set up our website in the domain 'Gabriola.org', has retired from the position of webmaster and Andy Hunter has agreed to manage the new site. Yours truly will assist as needed. Bob had retired several years ago when Bill Kalbfleisch took over as webmaster, having been taught html5 and CSS coding by Bob. Bob resumed managing the site for a year when Bill moved and retired from the position.

We owe Bob and Bill a huge debt of gratitude for the many, many hours they spent making the website as good as any.

CPS-ECP National AGM

Several members of our Squadron attended virtually the National AGM. A key special motion was voted on to increase fees. A fee increase can only be authorized at a general meeting of the membership and must have a 2/3 majority to pass. The fee increase proposed was from $38 to $50 annually. There had not been a fee increase in many years, and CPS-ECP finds itself in dire need of income. This shortfall is due to normal increase in cost of living, and now the pandemic imposed restrictions with loss of income from courses. There has also been a decrease in membership caused, in part by the challenges on the new system in renewing memberships. This is largely being resolved now.

The members who voted in favour of the increase fell just short of the 2/3 majority required. It is now going to be a huge challenge to meet the resulting deficit, so watch for changes to come.

Seaburban Around Alone
The Lure of the Distant and Difficult

"On July 18 2020 Bert terHart arrived back in Victoria after having spent 265 days at sea alone becoming the first North American to sail, non-stop around the world using only traditional navigational tools.

What does a mind-bending, near suicidal attempt at the very nearly impossible have to do with anything other than crazy?

Discover what it takes, and means, to adventure into the most remote, extreme, and hostile marine environment on the planet.

Mark your calendar - Saturday, November 7th at 3-5 PM PST.

Here's the link for the event. ***http://bit.ly/PS-SBYC-Nov 7***

You need to have Zoom on your computer, which can be downloaded free.
https://zoom.us/download

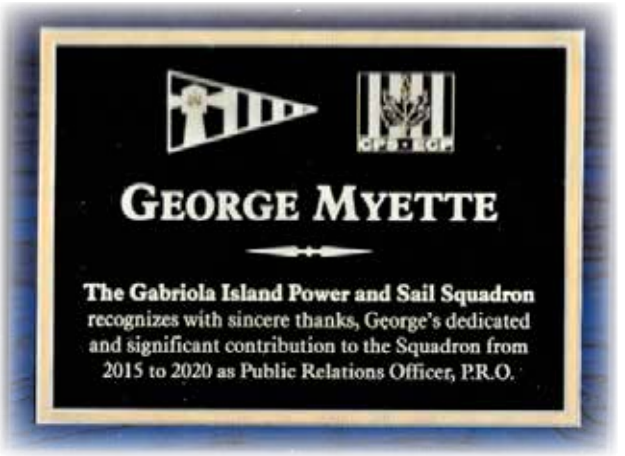
However Zoom will also start the download automatically when you click on the link for Bert's session. Anyone can join."

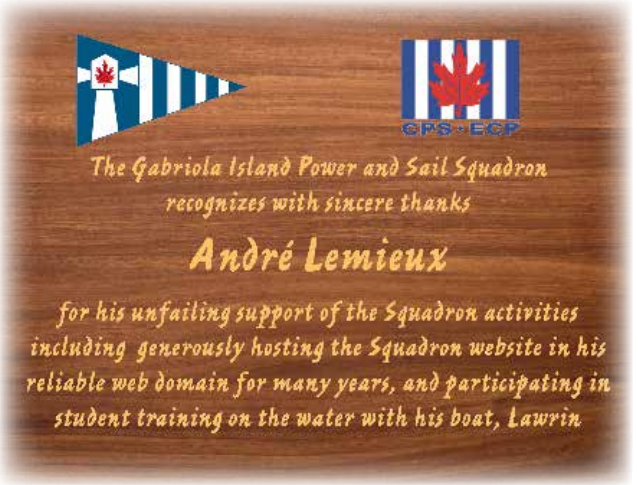
Squadron Annual General Meeting

Notice had been sent to all Squadron members within the time frame required by our bylaws. In order to manage the Go-To-Meeting capacity a reply was requested from those who would be attending. We received sufficient numbers to constitute a quorum, The meeting was short, less than 45 minutes. D/C Wayne Smiley attended a special guest and pledged in the Commander and new Bridge. See the Bridge names and phone numbers, first page.

Retiring members were recognized for their amazing work for the Squadron, Bob Derksen (for the second time) and PRO/Marketing Officer, George Myette were presented with a Citation and plaque respectively.

André Lemieux was presented with a special plaque recognizing his many years of hosting our website on his domain, "gabriola.org"





From the Educational Department

Agathe Gaulin - Educational Officer

Though I joined the Bridge of the Gabriola Squadron at the April 28th, 2019 AGM, I was not able to commence my duties until the Summer. First steps were to familiarize myself with the WBAS website to understand the Educational Functions to register new Instructors and Examiners, understand the progression of courses, register Students for courses, and purchase educational materials for our Squadron. Alexa Stochmal, Vancouver Island North District Educational officer was most helpful in understanding the intricacies of the CPS-ECP programs and without her support I would not have been able to launch the Gabriola educational program.

A crucial task to complete at the beginning of my mandate, was to register at least two Roc-M and PCOC Examiners for Gabriola Squadron. Somehow, all previous Examiners had not renewed their "contract" with CPS-ECP and we had none listed in the Registry. I signed on and later registered Nigel Wells. I also saw to it, in February of 2020, to name Nigel as Assistant EO to ensure his access to the Education resources and functions on the CPS website. Nigel has been very supportive in this role. Another Examiner joined our team in 2020; a sailing instructor from Saskatchewan who joined our Squadron in the Spring and requested to become a Roc-M and PCOC Examiner and provider under the auspices of our Squadron.

Under our Commander's leadership, we formed an Education committee last Fall comprised of: Jean-Pierre, Myself, Nigel Wells, Sean Lewis and Gary Small. Our purpose was to choose, promote and instruct the set of courses that would interest our two main clientele groups: the new boaters and the "experienced but wanting to upgrade skills" boaters. Three key courses were identified: the Radio Operator's certification, Boating 1 or the Pleasure Craft Operator certification, and the Boating 2, 3 and 4 courses.

The Summer-Fall session of 2019, we held the following courses:
Private tutoring of 4 Students in August '19, 2 of whom wrote and passed the Roc-M Exam and 3 wrote and passed the PCOC Exam.
Radio Operator Courses were held on:
October 5th with 7 students. All but one student passed.
November 23rd with 2 students plus one CPS member attending to review the material. Both students passed.
December 15th with 2 students. Both students passed with high marks.
• Boating 2-3 Course, offered from October 16th to December 11th on Wednesday evenings

with 3 registered students. Instructors included: Agathe Gaulin, Don Butt, John Bullas, and Nigel Wells. Commander Jean-Pierre Van Praet attended most sessions to review material and support the instructors. All students persevered to the end of the course and passed the Exam.

In October 2019 I participated in the CPS-ECP National Conference in Victoria and sought out maximum information on new versions of Boating courses and seminars; on promoting membership, and the roll-out of the new IT system. This conference was an excellent occasion to network with other EO's and absorb some of the CPS-ECP culture of learning and instruction. I also had occasion to try out the Boating Simulator and made arrangements for it to be brought to Gabriola in late November.

Two weeks after the national conference, on Saturday the 2nd of November, I led a team of four Instructors from Gabriola attending an "Instructor Tools" workshop in Nanaimo. This day long workshop was facilitated by our national Online learning specialist. Principles of adult learning and teaching using highly interactive methods were covered and for all of us, this was a most informative review of approaches to teaching using IT.

The CPS Boating Simulator, a most useful navigation teaching tool, was set up and operational for use by members and the general public, the weekend of our Christmas party, at the Rollo Centre. An advertisement was paid for in the Sounder but the turnout was minimal. Half-expecting this turnout and having received requests for a Roc-M review session and Exam, I facilitated this course while supervising the Boating simulator on Sunday, December 15th.

January 15th, I participated in a Western region Webinar to review the workings of the new CPS website. We worked through setting up a course, registering students, ordering materials and entering marks in the Student database. Though there remain several bugs in this new System, this training was crucial in understanding the operations Officers such as myself need to understand to properly document students' progress through the CPS-ECP educational program.

The first course posted on our "new" website was a Radio Operator course held on February 29th, with 9 Students registered and participating; two of which were members auditing the course to review the material. All 7 students wrote and passed the Exam.

Also, in January, we held a lunch meeting of the Education committee where we discussed organizing a series of workshop style study sessions in March and April. Topics were to include: Review of knots and use of lines; Splicing braided line; Boat maintenance, check lists and troubleshooting issues (one for Power boats, one for Sailboats); Navigation using charts & electronics; Weather; Emergency procedures (including MOB); Planning for Tides & Currents; Provisioning; and Maneuvering (docking & anchoring). All these workshops were to be offered by one or two "subject experts" and would have been promoted as "Review and renew skills and knowledge". But then, the COVID-19 pandemic hit and all plans for "in person" courses were shelved.

During the "lock-down" of March and into the Summer of 2020, we promoted the Self- study and Online versions of the Maritime radio (Roc-M) and PCOC (Boating essentials) courses and I administered Exams following the "COVID protocol" approved by national CPS-ECP. We accepted registrations on an ongoing basis throughout the Summer, which allowed a variety of boaters, from on and off Gabriola, a chance to receive their certifications during the COVID pandemic. By the end of August 2020, fourteen learners had signed up either using the online option through the national website or by paying cash when picking up a manual (no contact transfers – respecting COVID protocols). Exams were supervised "in person" (outdoor spaces) for Gabriolans and via Zoom videoconferencing for off-Islanders. All students passed their exams with one "acing" his Roc-M. This service was greatly appreciated by all Students and other Squadrons have modeled our way of administering these courses and exams on an ongoing basis.

Respectfully submitted

Agathe Gaulin
Gabriola Squadron Educational Officer

From the Wheelhouse*

It has been quite a year! THANKS!

I would like to start with thanking all the people on the Bridge and of the membership who have put in great efforts to make this "year" a success.

Thanks first to our Bert terHart who not only circumnavigated the world and rounded the 5 capes solo, using only traditional navigational instruments, but also found time to document it all by his great writing and pictures, thank you Bert!

Thank you, Mike Hoeinghaus, for your ongoing support as Past Commander.

Thank you Agathe Gaulin for your very dedicated commitment as Educational Officer, you made it easy for the Squadron to switch from classroom classes to self-study online Radio and PCOC courses, as well as blended online Boating 2+3 and Boating 4 courses. Merci!

Thank you to Nigel Wells or your dedicated commitment as Executive Officer and as Assistant Educational Officer. You took on quite a load and we couldn't do it without you. Thanks!

Thank you, Elaine Pearce, for your non-relenting work as our Membership Officer, and Social event organizer. You have been struggling with the new CPS National IT system and kept working at solving problems.

Thank you, Jude Briscoe, for your ongoing work as our Financial Officer, your work at our socials and your assistance with all sorts of problem solving.

Thank you, Carole Lemieux, for all the clear and precise minutes of meetings that always appear on time!

Thank you, Ivan Bulic, for your work and knowledgeable input at various times, with the Recreational Vessels Courtesy Checks, with Our Socials and at various other times.

Thank you, John Bullas, for your tremendous work on Bert terHart's shore team, specifically your daily work in getting the best meteorological information to Bert, and for your role as an instructor weather for the Squadron's classes.

Thank you, Don Butt, Communications and Privacy Officer, for your energy and work whenever needed, communications to the Squadron members, publishing Scuttlebutt always on time, communications with VIND and National whenever needed, and for your role as a tutor on our blended online courses.

Thank you, Bob Wood for your leading our team for the Recreational Vessels Courtesy Checks.
Thank you, Andy Hunter, for your work assisting the Educational team and the Public Relations Team.

Thanks to Don Butt, Gary Small and Sean Lewis for their role as tutors in the blended on-line classes.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Bob Derksen, who came to help our Squadron out as webmaster after Bill Kalbfleisch' retirement in early 2020. You kept our Website in great shape and you also set up our new and functional micro-site on the CPS National website. Thank you Bob!
Thanks to Andy Hunter who has recently agreed to take over the Webmaster responsibilities after Bob Derksen will retire after our AGM.

Thanks to Don Butt, who has agreed to be the Assistant Webmaster after the AGM.

Special thanks to George Myette, for his six years as Public Relations Officer for our Squadron. George has put in tremendous continuous effort, thank you George! George will be retiring from the Bridge after the November 1 AGM.

Thanks to Nigel Wells, who has accepted to take over the Squadron's FaceBook page administrative role from George after the AGM.

Thanks to Jude Briscoe, who has accepted to take over the task of contacting our Sponsors from George after the AGM.

And special thanks to John Bullas, Nigel and George himself, who have indicated they will help with the Sandwich Boards and Lil' Gabe whenever needed, after the AGM.

SUMMARY OF SQUADRON ACTIVITIES FROM MAY 2019 TO OCTOBER 28 2020

After the AGM of April 2019, the rest of the Squadron's activities during the 2019 calendar year continued in habitual ways, with Public Event Participation, classroom courses, and social events. In addition, Bert terHart started his solo circumnavigation and we all, through our website and Scuttlebutt, could follow him and encourage him. Then at the end of 2019, CPS National started with a new IT system. This resulted in many problems with registering into the new website, and with obtaining the correct information from the National website. The situation today has improved a lot over what it was in December of last year, and CPS National continues solving the problems with it.

A few months later, we all were hit by COVID 19, which resulted in cancellation of all in person classes, elimination of Public Events in large numbers and our participation in them, and elimination of socials. The Squadron has been able to switch to self-study online courses for Radio and PCOC and blended online Boating courses, with many students from Calgary to Vancouver to Cowichan to Nanoose. However, we still can have no social activities and there are no large number public events.

Education

Classroom courses in 2019

At various times during the autumn, Agathe offered the ROC(M) radio
course, attended by very many students.

Agathe, with help from Nigel, Gary and Jean-Pierre, also offered the Boating 2+3 course. Boating Simulator on Gabriola

Agathe and Nigel brought and did set up CPS' boating simulator to Gabriola in late 2019. Students and members were given a chance to practice on it. A remarkable tool!

Workshop in Nanaimo:

Agathe, Nigel, John and Jean-Pierre participated in a "More Effective Teaching" workshop in Nanaimo, organized by our district, the VIND. We all learned something and it was fun. Online courses in 2020

Agathe had been planning to offer classroom PCOC classes. Then everything changed due to COVID19, and classroom classes were discontinued. The educational team quickly adapted, first by offering PCOC (Boating 1) and also ROC(M) Radio courses as online self-study courses. These have been very successful and are ongoing, as the students and start at any time they want, and Agathe can take their exams at any time, individually if she wants to.

Later in 2020 we became much more aware of the possibilities of offering B2, B3, B2+3 , B4 courses on line. CPS National had been working for years on such online courses. They included text material, videos, power point presentations, homework and so on and are very well built. These courses can be hosted by any squadron. Students can be from the same area as the hosting squadron, but can also be from other areas in Canada. These courses are called "Blended Online" courses.

Our Squadron is now offering a B2+3 blended online course and a B4 blended online course with many students. Most of the students are from other Squadrons. Some are from out of province.

CPS National free webinars

CPS National has been offering a series of free online boating seminars,
series which has been very successful. We have advertised this series on our website and FaceBook.

Membership

Our current membership is 65

CPS National IT system

The new IT system was started up by CPS in late 2019. There have been many problems with the system from day 1. The problems have also been gradually solved, so the situation is getting better and will hopefully lead to a seamless system soon.

CPS has advised at the October 2020 CPS Conference that it has purchased Microsoft 365, based in the cloud. This includes TEAMS for online meetings. We are now in a transition period from web-based information to cloud information.

Membership Officer, Financial Officer, Educational Officer and Commander are to receive new e-mail addresses for direct access.

Squadron website and micro-site on CPS National website

Our Squadron now has a microsite on the CPS National website.

Bob Derksen, our webmaster has set it up. If you google "gabriola power squadron" then the first link that pops up is our microsite! Thanks, Bob, for arranging that!

Our microsite is the site that we will be using exclusively from now on, meaning that our website (see below) has been taken down recently by ourselves.

You will find all our courses advertised on our microsite, as well the information about our Bridge, Minutes of meetings and reports starting in 2020, upcoming events, Scuttlebutt.

The Squadron's website has been taken down recently. This beautiful site was set up by Bob Derksen many years ago, maintained by Bob himself as webmaster, and subsequently by Bill Kalbfleisch as webmaster. Bob took over again after Bill Kalbfleisch retired. As the Squadron now also has a microsite on the CPS National website, contradictions between the website and the microsite had to be avoided at all cost. Unfortunately, recently a problem occurred with the website, something that had never happened in 15 years. The website could no longer be maintained. It was then decided to take it down. We do have copies of it, so all the Squadron's history is still there and will be kept. If desired at some time in the future, the website can be revived.

Andy Hunter has agreed to take on the role of webmaster (for the microsite) after the 2020 AGM, taking over from Bob Derksen. Don Butt has agreed to be Assistant webmaster.

Financial

The financial report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 is on the microsite.

Socials

2019 Socials- we still had two socials in 2019, at the Rollo Centre:

Willi Jansen and Jeff Quigley of Fisheries and Oceans, Whale Protection Team in Victoria, B.C. about Marine Mammals. (Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises).

The Law of the Sea by Ivan Bulic

And a great 2019 Christmas Party at the Rollo.

2019 Participation in Public Events

We participated in the following public events in 2019:

The boat show in Nanaimo with some of us manning the Nanaimo Squadron booth.

Concert on the Green, with Lil' Gabe o Ocean Day, with Lil' Gabe.

Salmon BBQ, also with Lil' Gabe

Bert's Return on Gabriola on August 1st, 2020 – an adjusted social

Due to COVID19, no proper reception could be organized for Bert's return to Gabriola on August 1st. A group of boats from the Silva Bay Yachting Club and the Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron formed an honorary guard for Seaburban on its approach to Silva Bay. The Shore crew was on the dock to welcome Bert. Don had prepared a song for Bert which was delivered CON BRIO by John and Don. A welcome banner and festive burgees had been prepared by Jude and undersigned. A small committee (observing pandemic restrictions) led by Peter Bolton welcomed Bert and his family on the platform above. It was really too bad that we could not mobilize a large part of the island to come and celebrate with us.

Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check

In 2019, under the direction of Bob Wood, our Squadron's RVCC team inspected the largest amount of boats of anu squadron in the VIND. Thank you! In 2020, no RVCCs were to be had because of COVID-19

Scuttlebutt

Don Butt has continued his great efforts in publishing Scuttlebutt, without fail, COVID or no COVID19, thank you Don!

Public Relations

George Myette has been our anchor when it comes to communications with the Public and with Sponsors for the last six years! Thank you, George!!
This involves informing the Public about our courses and activities via FaceBook, updating and installing Sandwich boards advertising courses at regular times, communicating with sponsors, arranging transport for L'il Gabe to public events, coordination with webmaster etc.

VIND meetings

Nigel Wells, XO, Don Butt (VIND Executive Member) and undersigned have attended various VIND meetings during 2019 (in person) and during 2020 (online after March 2020) CPS-ECP National conferences and AGM

Don Butt and Agathe Gaulin attended the 2019 CPS National Conference and AGM in Victoria.

Don Butt, Agathe Gaulin and undersigned did attend parts of the online 2020 CPS National Conference and AGM.

Bert terHart was the guest speaker at the 2020 Conference, talking about his 2019-2020 circumnavigation and answering questions. It was a great success!

Bert terHart's solo circumnavigation and shore team.

Bert's solo circumnavigation was without any doubt the single outstanding achievement by a Squadron member. It has been an incredible voyage for him and an incredible dream for us, just imagining what he was going through. Congratulations Bert!

Bert had a shore team of which Don Butt and John Bullas were members. Congratulations to both of you as well for your unwavering help!

Policy Manual

The review of our policy manual in 2018, and submitted in 2019 was accepted by CPS National in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Cdr.

A Screen Shot of attendees at the Squadrons AGM, when they weren't looking.

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