

Officer Reports – 2022-01-24

Commander:

Here is my report for the last 6 weeks. In short: We do have a new Squadron PRO in the person of Li Decosas – thank you Li! - ;our boating courses had a break over Christmas and continue to go well, thank you all who assist with the courses; the December Seminar on Collision Regulations and Buoying Systems (in person – COVID rules in place-) well attended and was a success, thank you Sean, Agathe, Elaine and Jude; Planning on a teaching series for 11-12 year old youngsters on Gabriola has progressed; and a further meeting on the “Guide to Boaters Services” was held. A little bit more detail:

EDUCATIONAL

B2&3 and B4 **blended courses** continue to proceed normally. (I helped with two more sessions of the B4 course). Agathe and Nigel are letting other Bridge members lead some of the review sessions and this is much appreciated by all. The exam period for both these courses is now coming up, in February.

The free **seminar** about **Collision Regulations and Buoying Systems** took place on Wednesday December 15 at the basement of the Community Hall. It was a great success. This was a practical exercise with ocean, islands, inlets, buoys and ships and boats of all sorts, all on the floor, and the students navigating their ships and boats and learning about Collision Regulations while doing so. The Seminar was organized by Agathe and Sean and was led by Sean. Jude and Elaine had arranged refreshments for the participants. Don took pictures. COVID 19 restrictions were adhered to during the seminar. Thanks to all.

Regarding the plan to provide some type of **boating education to the Gabriola children of ages 11 & 12 in May and June of 2022**. A Squadron Committee has done further work on this and will report to the Bridge on Monday January 4th. The committee includes Li Decosas, Nigel Wells and Agathe Gaulin. The idea so far is a series of four sessions that would lead to a PCOC. (Boating Certificate) for the students. More details later.

BOATERS GUIDE TO SERVICES

A further planning meeting took place on January 22. The pamphlet prepared by Don Butt was taken as a starting point. Don Butt will be working further on the pamphlet which will focus on three elements:

- A guide to boaters’ services
- Information on boating courses for Gabriolans (Agathe will draft this, and
- Gabriola Squadron membership information

CPS-ECP National

Serious problems with the CPS-ECP IT system persist on various levels, but one bright spot for me personally has been that on January 20, a number of CPS people including

Tom Beaver, Don Griffin and a programmer named Aakash-with Innovexa who are working with CPS- were able to restore my personal access to the Gabriola blended online courses B2+3 and B4.

This goes to show that as long as we keep working at it, improvements will be made.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Pierre Van Praet

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor:

Scuttlebutt: Next edition will be for March-April, 2022. The 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)

Respectfully submitted,
Don Butt, AP

Membership:

At this Bridge Meeting on January 24, 2022 there are 49 members in the Gabriola Power Squadron. This number represents an increase of two since our last meeting. Two members are life timers and 47 are regular members.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Pearce

Financial:

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report – December 31, 2021

December 2021 Opening Balance **\$5905.28**

Expenses: (-)

Gabriola Community Hall-rental for course - \$54.00

Total Expenses:(-) **-\$54.00**

Deposits: (+)

CPS + \$120.00

Total Deposits: **+\$120.00**

January 2022 Opening Balance **\$5971.28**

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Briscoe

Public Relations:

I have now met or spoken with all members of the Executive Committee and Members at Large. Thank you everyone for your time and thoughtfulness in helping to outline the PRO position.

First and foremost, with help from Gary, all the sandwich boards and sign materials are safely stowed away in our garage. To request new signs on boards, please allow one weeks notice to change the sign. Gary will deliver to the specified locations. The inventory of all signs and boards has been submitted to John. (Bullas)

I chaired a meeting with the Education Committee; Agathe and Nigel; regrets, Jean

Pierre and Sean; and they will outline their proposal to the Bridge. A special thanks to Nigel for obtaining the CPS training manual and workshop materials.

My discussion with Ivan regarding a proposed scientific marine endeavour in our waters of Silva Bay and possibly employing the kids from the safe boating program is very exciting. I will let Ivan discuss the various opportunities to the Bridge.

I am looking at “benefits” for our members, and how to make them more accessible: There are possibly some very good deals out there and we need to know how to access or subscribe to them. I tread very carefully in these waters.

From my point of view, there seems to be a systemic fault between communications from Gabriola Squadron and CPS headquarters. I will attend a zoom Communications committee to be held shortly. Hopefully some of these issues will be addressed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Li Small Decosas

Webmaster:

General changes/updates have been made to the microsite. If anyone has recent photos to update some of the current background photos on our site, please send them my way.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Hunter

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