

Commander's Report for Bridge Meeting of April 11, 2022

AGM of April 24, 2022

The venue of the AGM is still the Community Hall, but it will take place downstairs and not upstairs. Jude has arranged the change of location. The reason for the change is that very good video/audio and screen facility is permanently installed downstairs, and we can use it.

I have sent out several invitations to CPS National, VIND and SBYC officials, as well as Harry and Astrid Bohm to attend our AGM meeting. CPS Chief Commander has graciously accepted our invitation and will attend. Harry Bohm advised that his sister and he are unfortunately unable to attend and sent us a \$100.00 cheque for the Frieda and Rudi Bohm Award to be used as we require for the Squadron activities.

Insert in the SOUNDER

Thanks to great work by Agathe, the insert in the SOUNDER appeared on March 30th. The one side is a description of the Boating Camp for Youngsters (May 5 and 6); on the reverse is information about the review sessions and seminars that we are offering. We will hear- from Agathe and Li- at the coming Bridge Meeting how Gabriolans' response has been to this insert. I think it was a pretty good response.

Pamphlet with Boaters' Guide and Sponsors communications

During the last several weeks, a lot of work has gone into the pamphlet with Boaters' Guide, by Agathe, Don and Li. The pamphlet is now much closer to becoming a reality.

Li has been contacting many existing sponsors and potential sponsors personally and repeatedly, with great success.

Thank you very much all three for your tremendous commitment.

Educational- ROC(M) Revision and Exam evenings

Agathe has started her ambitious Course and Seminar series on April 6, when 12 students attended the first evening of a ROC(M) review course. Elaine brought handouts for students, about the benefits of Squadron membership. Don had provided further colourful handouts about our AGM and the presentation by Ivan Bulic. It was quite an evening, considering that it had been so long ago that we had had so many students attending a ROC(M) course in person.

Flare Disposal Confirmation

The Nanaimo Squadron Disposal Day is confirmed for April 30th at Cabela's in Nanaimo. This is for individuals only. Not for groups.

Simulator

Nigel picked up the CPS Simulator and brought it to Gabriola. For use during the 2 day "Boating Camp" for youngsters on May 5 and 6.

Hakai Light Trap Project

Don Butt, Gary Small, Ivan Bulic and I attended the training meeting at Page's dock on Friday April 8, at 5 pm. There were roughly 15 other people. Gabriola will have 2 light traps, one at Descanco Bay, and one at Page's dock. Our Squadron will be the lead for the light trap readings at Page's dock, if there are enough Gabriola volunteers (all Gabriolans are welcome) to help us. This project is scheduled to start on April 15 and will last until September 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Jean-Pierre (John) Van Praet, Cdr.

Public Relations Officer's Report for Bridge Meeting of April 11, 2022

The Pamphlet

Research and verification of marine services, telephone numbers etc. is now concluded. An additional category has been added under the title of marine clothing, footwear etc. The wooden Hanger, North Road Sports & Clothing and Colleens have been included. They also have agreed to sponsor our Squadron.

Sponsors

23 sponsors have paid and or promised sponsorship. there are an additional 5 more sponsors I am negotiating with, including Ground Up the owner operators of Roberts Place.

Promotion and Advertising for Seminars, Workshops, Youth Camp.

- 1) The Sandwich Board is active. Three new inserts were purchased for advertising the seminars, and three new small inserts were purchased for telephone numbers.
- 2) The Sounder insert has been well received and the insert placed in strategic places around the Island: Mailbox notice boards, the ferry, and Nesters.
- 3) The Sounder Events Calendar is being utilized to announce all workshops, seminars, Youth Camp and Boat Checks. The Sounder has agreed to give us a \$5.00 discount on every four inserts.
- 4) Response to advertising has been quite positive. I am currently registering participants for The Weather Seminar, The Knots and Hitches Seminar, and The Planning for Cruising Seminar.

Respectfully submitted, Li Small, Public Relations Officer.

Officers and Committee Reports

For the April 11, 2022 Executive Bridge Meeting - Respectfully submitted by Jude

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report –March 2022

March 2022 Opening Balance **\$5854.39**

Expenses: (-)

Sure Signs (adv. Courses)	-\$260.00
CPS-ROCM app fee	-\$75.00
CPS-PCOC app fee	-\$20.00
CPS-Boating Basics, Maritime Radio manuals	-\$525.00
CPS-ROCM app fee	-\$75.00
CPS-PCOC app fee	-\$20.00
CPS-ROCM App fee	-\$75.00
Calgary Power Squadron-replace ch 793 (wrong date)	(70.00)
Jude Briscoe-Post Office fee paid with cash	-\$185.85

Total Expenses:(-) **-\$1160.85**

Deposits: (+)

Promotion Donations	+\$400.00
CPS	+\$78.80

Total Deposits: **+\$478.80**

April 2022 Opening Balance **\$5172.34**

Education Officer Report – April 11, 2022 - Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron

- **Boating 2-3** and **Boating 4** students who have completed the course have had their marks entered in the CPS database... not an easy task considering the complexity of our national database!
- Supervised a **Maritime radio (Roc-M) exam on April 5th** using GoTo meeting platform and both students successfully passed. Neither were from Gabriola – one from Tofino, other from Duncan but they chose the Gabriola online course as it is one of the only ongoing ones available.
- **Boating Tips column for the Sounder**: After the last meeting, and seeing as the *Sounder* never published the last set of 4 articles I sent them in mid-February, we discontinued this activity. The *Sounder* will now be used to advertise our Workshops and courses.
- The series of **Wednesday evening workshops are well received** by Gabriolans. Registrations for the Roc-M course started coming in as soon as the sandwich boards went up on Ferry Hill and the Village. Then when the two-sided insert in the *Sounder* came out, there was a steady stream of emails to the seo-[gabriolaisland](mailto:seo-gabriolaisland) email address and phone calls to both Li's and Agathe's phone numbers.
 - Sold \$415 worth of Radio Operator's and Boating Basics manuals to students seeking certification (Roc-M & PCOC) & purchased \$690 more Manuals to ensure we have enough for all Students requesting one and for youth who will write the PCOC during the Boating Camp.
 - VHF radio operator's certification: 12 students attended the April 6th course and another dozen either attending the April 13th study session or awaiting a future course and Exam date.
 - Registrations are coming in for all other Wednesday evening workshops;
 - John Bullas' West Coast Weather Basics
 - Sean Lewis' Knots & Hitches for securing your boat
 - Planning for Extended Cruising – Agathe will facilitate and 4 persons are confirmed to present during the "Show and Tell"; 3 topics to cover: Preparing your boat, Provisioning, Route planning
 - Nigel's PCOC course
 - Women on Boats – strategies to minimize stress & find enjoyment in boating
- Planning for the **Youth Boating Camp** is ongoing. 7 youth (9 to 12) are signed up. I need to finalize a formal registration form, the program of "activity stations" and who is available to work, when.

- I continue to work with Li, Don & Deb Erdos to develop a **Boating Services Guide** leaflet that will serve as both a promotional leaflet for Gabriola Squadron and a guide to Boating services for Gabriolans. This has become more complex as “Sponsors” (advertisers?) are recruited by Li and they have specific needs and preferences. Plans are to finalize the content and formatting shortly after Easter and to go to print (Gallery Press) just in time for the launch at the AGM.

Respectfully submitted,
Agathe Gaulin