

Bridge Meeting. Officers' Reports: Nov. 23, 2020

Commander's Report

GENERAL

We finally did have our online AGM on November 1st, and the induction of the new Bridge by the Vancouver Island Northern District Commander Wayne Smiley. The Bridge members are the same as the previous year, except for George Myette and Bob Derksen, who retired from the Bridge. George's duties as Public Relation Officer have been taken over by a number of other Bridge Officers. Bob's duties as webmaster have been taken over by Andy Hunter.

APPRECIATION

Plaques of Recognition and Commander's Citation have been awarded to Andre Lemieux, Bob Derksen and George Myette for their services to the Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron over the years: Andre for providing and managing the server for our website, Bob for his services as webmaster and George for his six yearlong successful volunteering as our Public Relations Officer.

COURSES

Our Squadron continues doing well when it comes to our main purpose of being, i.e., boating education.

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Our SEO Agathe and ASEO Nigel continue managing their large number of students in B2+3, B4, and PCOC and Radio Courses

Webmaster

Andy Hunter is now our Webmaster and in control. For updates on our courses, please visit our website on the CPS National website.

Facebook

Nigel Wells is now our Facebook Administrator, in addition to being our XO and AEO.

Sandwich Boards

The Sandwich Boards are now stored again in the tent with L'ill

Gabe. One of them has suffered from the weather and from falling down and is in need of some repair.

Bert ter Hart's presentation on November 7, 2020

Bert's presentation about his solo circumnavigation was very interesting and compelling. Bert's audience was totally into it. Now it is waiting, with impatience, for Bert's two books to come out.

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I wish you all a smooth crossover into the New Year where lots of things will hopefully and probably change for the better!

Respectfully submitted
Jean Van Praet, Cdr.

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor

Scuttlebutt: Plans are to publish before the New Year, during the week of Christmas. I would love to have any reports – Agathe, Nigel, Jean-Pierre and anyone else who has inspiration to contribute. There is not much to report otherwise. I'm delighted that Bob Derksen is helping with his eyes to correct my inevitable spelling and grammar.

Communications Committee: I am getting a notice out to the members about updates to our courses. I took some photos of Bert's presentation to CPS-ECP – the Squadron burgee that flew at every one of the five capes is mounted in a frame at a time when it's safe again, will be presented to National so they can display it at events. That's our Gabriola Squadron burgee, a bit frayed.

Privacy: Nothing to report.
Respectfully submitted
Don Butt

Membership Report

There are currently 67 members in the Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron. One dropped out and three became new members since the last bridge meeting. There are 64 regular members and three life timers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Pearce

Financial Report

For the November 2020 Executive Bridge Meeting --Respectfully submitted by Jude
Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report -October 2020

<u>October 2020 Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$3216.41</u>
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Expenses: (-)

Agathe-postage for courses	-\$27.04
GoToMeetingSubscription-CRYA	-\$150.00
Sleep Deprived Computers-website advice	-\$70.88
<u>Total Expenses:(-)</u>	<u>-\$247.92</u>

Deposits: (+)

RocM_course_selfstudy	+\$95.00
RCOC Manuals_2	+\$50.00
Fees_CPS	+724.80
<u>Total Deposits:(+)</u>	<u>+\$869.80</u>

<u>November 2020 Opening Balance:</u>	<u>\$3838.29</u>
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Education Officer Report

Since the last Bridge meeting, a month ago, the following activities occurred in the context of the following courses offered by Gabriola Squadron:

- **Maritime radio (Roc-M):** I'm trying to administer exams to all the students who registered this Fall for this Self-study course. One student wrote, and passed, his Exam on Friday the 30th and 2 students wrote and passed the Exam on Saturday the 31st., all Exams administered online using my Zoom video-conferencing app. Next online Exam writing session to be held on Monday the 30th of November for 4 students. These are the last of the students registered this Fall.
- **Boating 1 – PCOC:** Four students registered for the Online self-study course this past month and I held an Exam session, preceded by a short Review of the Collision Regulations and Navigational Aids, on my back deck on Thursday the 22nd. All students passed the Exam.
- **Boating 4** course: All 6 students and their main instructor (Agathe) have settled into a routine of going online to read the Course notes and do the Homework exercises before the Wednesday evening **Go-to-Meeting** review session. November 11th we did not have a class as it was Remembrance Day. Review sessions will continue until December 16th at which time we will take a two-week break for the Christmas season. Meetings resume on January 6th and will continue until the course and all its Cruises and Exam are completed. John Bullis and Sean Lewis will be facilitating review sessions in December – Weather, Heavy weather sailing & Buoyancy. An Okanagan based Tutor is facilitating the Tides & Currents session on November 24th.
- **Boating 2-3** course: Nigel Wells is continuing to facilitate the Review sessions on Tuesdays for this class. He will report individually on how this class is going.

Respectfully submitted
Agathe Gaulin
Education Officer

Webmaster Report

I was finally given editing access to the microsite on November 10th and have to say that there have been several very frustrating times in getting things to work properly since then. I spent 7-8 hours making changes & updates to the site on the first weekend alone. Fortunately, things have improved somewhat since then and I have really appreciated the extra time Bob has spent looking over my shoulder in both helping to clear up any glitches and in providing advice.

The Minutes and Reports pages and the Newsletters page require conversion into HTML, which I compare with learning a new language. A simple character error or omission can cause pages to collapse suddenly. Once things have been saved onto the microsite, it is very difficult to make changes as even squadron webmasters are not able to delete or edit a number of items. It would be really nice if the site worked as easily as a regular document like Word, but that is not the case. At this point in time, as I am unable to make many changes, please ensure that what you submit is your absolute best and final copy.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Hunter