

# Officer Reports – Bridge Meeting: Mar 29, 2021

## Commander:

The last few weeks have been relatively non-eventful for me as a Squadron Commander. The **blended boating courses B2+3 and B4** are now over.

**The Nominating Committee completed its work** and is proposing a slate of Bridge Officers for the Squadron Year 2021-2022 that will be presented at our AGM on Sunday April 18.

**An article and advertisement about the Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron appeared in the Sounder of March 17.** The article focuses on the fact that our Squadron was created by Gabriola people and continues to be here for the Gabriola people, to help people enjoy boating while staying safe. It highlights the educational role that is our *raison d'être* and encouraged people new to boating as well as experienced boaters to take a Squadron course or seminar to upgrade their skills. It provides information on how to register for a course and whom to contact. It reviewed our participation in public events and outlined the benefits to be had by Squadron membership. Thank you to several Bridge and Squadron members for your input when this article – and advertisement- were put together.

**Beach Clean-Up Day with the Lions.** Doug Cavill of the Lions advised that the Beach Clean-Up is covered by the Gabriola Island Shore Keepers Assoc (20+) Gabriola Island Shore Keepers Association | Facebook Doug advised that they are constantly on the lookout for Styrofoam pieces on the beaches and clean up anything else at the same time. They are also working with the government to get old boats removed. **Doug is of the opinion that we should look for another initiative** and this one seems to be covered. We will discuss this at the coming Bridge Meeting.

There is a VIND meeting this Sunday March 28. I have requested that the possibility of RVCCs be put onto the agenda of this meeting, in case CPS National or VIND have guidelines for this year. Three of our Bridge Members ( Bob Wood, John Bullas and Ivan Bullic) have had discussions about the RVCC during the past weeks, have found out some information and did come to some conclusions. We will review these and decide on how to proceed at our Bridge Meeting of March 29.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Van Praet, Cdr.

## Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor:

Scuttlebutt: Edition March-April was published and circulated February 24, ahead of schedule and thanks to Andy for getting this on the website so quickly. I also send the email notice to VIND people and Peter Bolton each time. Next edition is for May-June before the summer break.

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Communications: I helped Cdr John with the graphics for the ad and article in The Sounder. Excellent article, John!

The AGM official notice and Nominating Committee report will be circulated to the Squadron members at least two weeks ahead of the AGM.

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Privacy: Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt

## Membership:

We are holding steady at 65 members again for this bridge meeting. We had two new members join us, but two members became delinquent so we remain constant. Two members are life timers and 63 are regular members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Pearce

Membership Officer

# Education:

With the completion of the Boating 2-3 and 4 courses offered online and with weekly check-in sessions via Go-To-Meeting, the Gabriola squadron Educational department slowed down its activities for the Spring. As no in-person courses and seminars can be offered, our micro-site on the national CPS-ECP website only lists the Roc-M course as being open for registrations.

On March 20th I participated, as your SEO, in the National Education Committee quarterly meeting using the Teams app which I have finally installed on my laptop. However, I have NOT mastered this program yet, which explains the use of the GoToMeeting app for this Bridge meeting.

Course work this month:

- **Maritime radio (Roc-M):** I held one Exam session for 1 Gabriola student on March 8th and she passed with high marks. 2 more students have signed up, are studying for their Exam, but have not yet requested an Exam date.
- **Boating 4** course: This month I've supported the one student in re-writing Part 1 of his final exam, which he passed with a high mark this time. I then entered marks in the national database.

One task that our Educational department will have to do in the "near future" is to go back online and enter marks for courses as percentages and not as raw scores. This is a new quirk of our continually improving web database.

In closing, I'm pleased to report that I have received a few requests for courses following the publication of the article and ad in the Sounder. I very much appreciate the use of the dedicated email address: [seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org](mailto:seo-gabriolaisland@cps-ecp.org). It allows me to keep all communications with Students and national office in one email file. Our discussion now must turn to choosing the courses we plan on offering this Fall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Agathe Gaulin  
Education Officer

## Financial:

### **Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report - February 2021**

**February 2021 Opening Balance \$3687.32**

**Expenses: (-)**

**Total Expenses:(-) -\$0.00**

**Deposits: (+)**

**Total Deposits:(+) +\$0.00**

**March 2021 Opening Balance: \$3687.32**

Respectfully submitted,

Jude

## Webmaster:

We had an incident with the microsite in the past week where I was unable to log-in. Thinking this was possibly a mistake I had inadvertently made with the Gabriola site, I advised my IT contacts at national. A few hours later, they advised me that they were also unable to log-in! Gremlins at work again? Fortunately, all seems to be working again now! Other than trying to keep the website up to date, nothing else to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Hunter