

Officer Reports – 2021-12-13

Commander:

Here is my report for the last three weeks. In short: our boating courses are going well, preparations for and advertisement of the upcoming Seminar on Collision Regulations and Buoying Systems have progressed, the Gabriola Elementary School Principal discussed our Squadron's proposed programme for the older students with me, and I have had conversations with some Bridge Members about the PRO position and about the further development of the "Guide to Boaters' Services". The problems with the CPS-ECP National website continue. A little bit more detail:

EDUCATIONAL

B2&3 and B4 **blended courses** are proceeding normally. (I helped with one session 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.

Agathe and Sean have organized a free **seminar** on Wednesday December 15 at the basement of the Community Hall. Sean will be leading this seminar which will deal with Collision Regulations and Buoying Systems. Several Bridge members have helped advertising this seminar, and Jude and Elaine have offered to take some refreshments to the participants. COVID 19 restrictions (number of participants, distancing, masks, hand washing) will be adhered to during the seminar, (I will ensure that this actually happens)

Regarding the plan to provide some type of **boating education to the Gabriola Elementary School older children in May and June of 2022**, the school principal and I have recently talked over the phone. The principal is quite enthused about our plan. She would like for our Squadron to submit our detailed plans to her during March of 2022. I asked her whether she would like one of her staff to participate in our preparations prior to March, and she responded that it will be OK for our Squadron to work on a proposal on our own, and then submit our proposal to her. After our submission to her in March, she will take it up with her staff and will advise us.

PRO Position and preparation of a Boaters' Guide to Services

Further to our last Bridge Meeting, I have had conversations with some Bridge members about both the above subjects. It needs to be stressed that the PRO is not expected to perform the PRO's responsibilities alone and the same goes for the preparation (and later distribution) of the Boaters' Guide to Services. The PRO must be able to delegate where or when needed and know that he/she can count on Bridge members help. The members of the Communication Committee,

of which the PRO is a member do have regular contact with the PRO. Regarding the further work on the development of the “Boaters’ Guide to Services”, ideally one person will take the lead, but success will require and can only be achieved through the efforts of several people, not just the leader.

CPS-ECP National

Problems with the CPS-ECP National Website continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Cdr.

Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor:

Scuttlebutt: Next edition will be for Jan-Feb, 2022 I can’t believe how quickly time passes. I would like to get it completed by first couple of days in the New Year, with plans for seminars, educational activities, etc.

Communications: I have prepared a draft of the flyer for the Squadron and will circulate it prior to the meeting on Monday.

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 #2)

Privacy: Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Butt, AP

Membership:

As of this date there are 50 paid up members on the Gabriola Squadron. I was not able to verify this number by going to the National website. However, Sheila Boutcher told me that we have 50 members. Two members are life-timers and 48 are regular members.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Pearce

Education Officers:

Not much to report this month. Boating 2-3 and 4 are continuing with a total of 20 students working through their online course work and attending weekly check-in and review sessions. Nigel continues to facilitate the Boating 2-3 course and I (Agathe) facilitate the Boating 4 course. Of course, we continue to have the support of Commander Jean-Pierre and subject-specific presenters: Sean Lewis and John Bullis. Both these courses continue to mid-December, take a break for the Holidays, then re-start in early January & exams will be held end of January.

- **IN-person workshop dealing with Collision Regulations, Navigational Aids and Maneuvering.** This 2-hour workshop is going ahead on Wednesday December 15th from 10 am till noon at the Gabriola Hall (basement). All CPS members were offered first right to register but there was no response from that group. However, Agathe's invitation to Gabriola boaters who had written her for some courses after having seen the ad in the Sounder or the sandwich board on Ferry hill, yielded 5 registrations! Sean Lewis will facilitate, supported by Gary Small, Agathe and Jean-Pierre V-P. Thanks to Don Butt for putting together the promotional poster and Jude Briscoe for getting it promoted on the Gabriola Community Facebook page.
- No requests for the **Maritime radio (Roc-M)** or **PCOC (Boating 1)** courses this month.
- **Boating Tips column for the Sounder:** After two publications in November, no more columns were published. I still have a few articles to send in for publication but am in need of more so please continue writing and submitting these for future publication.

Respectfully Submitted,
Agathe Gaulin

Webmaster:

Nothing new to report this month.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Hunter

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