

## **Commander's Report for Bridge Meeting of October 25, 2022**

### **Thanksgiving Weekend at the Village with Lil' Gabe**

Our Squadron was present on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the village. It involved quite a bit of work by Jude (insurance documents), Bob, Li, Gary, Don and myself, but we were ready on time. The one-day presence permitted us to talk to many people at the village, advise them of our activities, answer their queries. About 7 people left their contact information hoping to take our Radio Course (Maritime) or PCOC course. This information was then shared with Agathe and Nigel.

### **New Location for Lil' Gabe**

Jude Briscoe offered to house Lil' Gabe on her property, using the new tent purchased by Nigel. I went to check out the location proposed by Jude, and it appears that it will work. At the upcoming Bridge Meeting, we will plan a work party to install the new tent at Jude's and then transfer Lil' Gabe over there.

### **Christmas Party and Social**

A few days ago, I attended a meeting with Elaine and Jude, planning for a Christmas party again and possibly a social event in February 2023. A possible date of December 14 was mentioned, and great ideas were brought forward. These will be discussed at the upcoming Bridge Meeting, then invitations will be sent out.

### **Educational and Public Relations**

We had a meeting with Agathe, Nigel and Li on October 14. This allowed me to get up to speed after having been abroad for more than a month. The dates of PCOC and ROC(M) courses were firmed up, and the timing for the boating 2 and 3 blended online course was discussed. It was tentatively agreed to start this course in early 2023. This will be reviewed with the Bridge at the upcoming Bridge Meeting.

The list of names (with contact information) of the people who – on October 8 (see above) - had expressed their interest in courses was passed on to Agathe and Nigel for contacting these people. Reservation dates for the Community Hall were reviewed.

### **Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron at CPS-ECP AGM at end of October**

CPS-ECP's AGM is on from October 24 to October 30 in Toronto. Agathe will attend the AGM and the conference and represent our Squadron and myself. Agathe will participate in as many meetings and seminars – useful for us to better understand CPS and its functioning- as possible.

### **Nomination of Agathe Gaulin for the HOWARD G. PECK Volunteer of the Year Award**

I have nominated Agathe Gaulin, our SEO, for the Howard G. Peck Volunteer of the Year award. Agathe has been putting in tremendous efforts, and large number of hours in offering courses and seminars and the Boat Camp for Youth. Agathe's efforts go way beyond her responsibilities as SEO in that she is also focused on increasing our visibility in the community in many ways.

### **Nomination of Gabriola Squadron for "Best Squadron of the Year"**

I have nominated our Squadron for recognition as "Best Squadron" of the year, and our VIND Commander Charles Hawkswell is supporting us. I realize that it may sound a little pretentious to nominate oneself-so to speak-, but, on the other hand, from time to time, we have to blow our horn, and I have to blow your horn, for being a great team as shown in all our activities over the year. I did mention that we are aware of our weaknesses and that we are going to try to improve in those areas.

### **Hakai Light Trap Project**

Our Squadron did take on responsibility for the Light Trap at Pages' marina at Silva Bay. The project itself ended at the end of August. The light trap and appendages have now been returned. This coming Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, hopefully most of the volunteers of our team will be present at the dock at Pages to receive a small token of appreciation by the Hakai team, i.e., a beautiful hat! Don Butt will take a group picture. Squadron members who were volunteers throughout the five months of operation include Don, Nigel, Ivan, and Nigel

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

**Officers and Committee Reports**

For the October 25, 2022 Executive Bridge Meeting --Respectfully submitted by Jude

**Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report –September 2022**

**September 2022 Opening Balance** **\$6101.44**

**Expenses: (-)**

**Nigel Wells\_tent lil gabe** **-\$447.99**

**Total Expenses:(-)** **-\$447.99**

**Deposits: (+)**

**Course Materials and membership** **+\$195.00**

**Total Deposits:** **+\$195.00**

**October 2022 Opening Balance** **\$5848.45**

**Communications, Privacy, Scuttlebutt Editor Report to Bridge**

**Scuttlebutt:** The Sept-Oct edition was circulated to the membership and some others at District.

Next edition will be the November-December edition. I will be featuring Agathe’s amazing National Volunteer of the Year Award, and Bert’s huge accomplishment in his coast to coast canoe and portage venture. I’m also looking for articles from people who have had some interesting boating times.

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**Communications:** Awaiting information on the courses and social events to include in Scuttlebutt and also in emails to the members.

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**Privacy:** Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted

Don Butt