

Combined Reports for Bridge Meeting of April 4th, 2023

Commander's Report

Hakai Light Trap at Silva Bay – 2023

A training session by Heather Earle took place on March 11.

The Light Trap project at Page's dock at Silva Bay is almost ready to start on April 15, when Nigel will install the light trap. The first monitoring will take place the next day on April 16. After that, monitoring will take place four times a week, on Saturday, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, every week until September 1st. We now do have about 15 volunteers.

Youth Boat Camp Preliminary Meeting

I attended the preliminary meeting organized by Agathe, with Nigel, Jude and others, to start the planning of the Youth Boat Camp on May 11 and 12. More work needs to be done and more volunteers to help out with Boat Camp are very welcome!

SOUNDER STORY about the 2022 and 2023 Youth Boat Camps

The Sounder has asked whether we are interested in a Story in the Sounder, probably on April 12th, about the Youth Boat Camp. By the time of this Bridge Meeting, Agathe, Jude and I will have attended a meeting with Derek of the Sounder on April 3rd, to provide him with all the information he wants, and answers his questions. Don Butt has already forwarded pictures of last year's boat camp to Derek.

Nominating Committee

The nominating Committee is continuing its work for the 2023-2024 year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Van Praet, Cdr.

Education Officer Report

March 2023 - Gabriola Power & Sail Squadron

This past month has been extremely busy with the start of our **series of Wednesday evening workshops**. The first one, **Electronic Navigation**, presented by **Nigel Wells**, was held on **March 1st** with **8 persons** participating. The second session was **Knots, Bends & Hitches for tying up your Boat** presented by **Sean Lewis** on **March 8th** with another **8 persons** attending. Third session was the **Marine Electrical Maintenance** presented by **Chris Flynn** on **March 15th** with **14 persons** attending. The next 3 Wednesday evening sessions are presented by **Agathe Gaulin** and offer the **Boating 2- Beyond PCOC course** content in workshop format. **10 persons** attended the **March 23rd** session and **8 attended** the **March 30th** session; including a couple from Ladysmith who are signed up for the Boating 2 certification and who will be tutored by Nigel Wells. Our partnership with the Gabriola Recreation Society (GRS) is working out well with the promotion on this Boating workshops series on their website and the use of their Office/classroom in the Village. Being able to store the Smart TV in that space and the ease of setting up and taking down the tables and chairs is a great support.

Advertising this series in the “Sounder Events Calendar” (in spite of timing issues) and using our sandwich boards, *Scuttlebutt*, and our *Facebook* page has been successful. I am very satisfied with numbers of attendees. I continue to receive email requests to sign up for the upcoming Roc-M and PCOC Study and Exam sessions including from off-Island participants! Obviously, our course offering answers a need in the Community.

Another project I have worked on this month is organizing the **Youth Boating Camp** to be held again at the Gabriola Community Hall on South Road. This Camp will be held on **May 11th & 12th**. Jude Briscoe has reserved both the downstairs space and available time slots for the upstairs space at the Hall. Six volunteers (organizing committee) met on March 20th on my back deck to share ideas and propose improvements to last year’s offering. I participated in an interview with Derrick of the Sounder this past Monday to ensure we have a very informative article in the April 12th Sounder. I’m also reviewing the promotional page which will be printed by Gallery Press and posted at Post Office Box locations and have started reviewing the registration form for parents.

I have been invited to sit on the Marketing committee of the **National CPS-ECP**.
Am still thinking whether I have the time to devote to that committee, or not.

Respectfully submitted,
Agathe Gaulin

Officers and Committee Reports

For the April 4th, 2023 Bridge Meeting --Respectfully submitted by Jude

Gabriola Power Squadron Financial Report – February 2023

<u>February 2023 Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$4523.60</u>
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Expenses: (-)

Gabriola Community Hall Deposit Youth Camp	-\$100.00
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Gabriola Recreation Society-facility rental courses	-\$220.00
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<u>Total Expenses:(-)</u>	<u>-\$320.00</u>
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Deposits: (+)

Harry Bohm Family Bohm Award donation	+\$100.00
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<u>Total Deposits: (+)</u>	<u>+\$100.00</u>
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<u>March 2023 Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$4303.60</u>
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Webmaster's Report

Management of the microsite encountered a significant problem in early March, when the Minutes and Reports page disappeared, along with the burgee image

from the Home page. With timely help from **Donna Lankin** at National everything has now been recovered and restored, and the site is functioning as required.

Minutes from the Bridge Meeting of March 2nd have been posted, as have those reports received prior to the April 4th Bridge Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nigel Wells, Webmaster