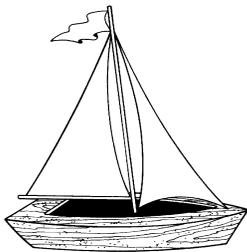


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## *Commander's Report February 2011*

This is our 51<sup>st</sup> year of service to our community.

Our focus, commitment and service has been to teach "Safe Boating through education" and to that end we continue to offer a wide range of training to 250 – 300 participants a year.

Further we are committed to supporting our membership with opportunities for training and also fellowship.

All of this activity is possible as a direct commitment and support of volunteers like you in our Squadron. It is you that we thank for the difference you make.

On behalf of your Executive and Bridge, I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and assistance.

Your nominating committee is working hard at addressing the vacancies on your Bridge. We are seriously in need of someone to step forward as Commander. While this is a challenging position it isn't without a good deal of experienced support including the presence of a number of Past Commanders on the Executive and Bridge.

Please consider this an opportunity and a challenge to help maintain a strong and healthy squadron.

This past month we have celebrated our volunteer support by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Reception at the Royal Canadian Legion in Duncan. The twenty five volunteers who joined us enjoyed fabulous appetizers, sweets and an enjoyable social event. I would like to acknowledge President Claudia Parker and her volunteers for their support in offering the facility and the goodies. Thanks Claudia, please accept our sincere appreciation and thanks for your groups support.

A Note has gone out from Ian advising of an update in our web site. This change has given us a 100 times more space and an opportunity to expand information available on our site. This service is intended to offer information to you that is accessible, stored and recoverable when you need it. Please review this site and refer to it often to maintain up to date information on the programs we are planning and offering. We would welcome feedback with ideas about what you would like to see on the site that might be of interest to you. For example; Bridge minutes could be added to this site rather than sending them via e-mail. Our newsletter is already on this site for those of you that have computer access. We also still produce about 50 copies for distribution for those who prefer a hard copy.

We could have a site with the "flyer" we produce for advertizing our courses. These could be printed by you and handed out to friends and family members you would like to advise of our training. Remember, the best advertizing for our courses is "word of mouth". You are our best referral.

Please note up-coming events and plan to join us.

Thanks to each of you for your continued support and assistance.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Cmd. Jim Peakman*

**Calendar of Events**

*Bridge meeting /Potluck — 1800 hrs  
Wednesday Mar 9, 2011  
Maple Bay Rowing Club*

***Special Speaker Coastal Marine Watch***

*Bridge meeting /Mustang Presentation —  
19:00 hrs  
Wednesday April 13, 2011 at TBA*

*Cowichan AGM — 1900 hrs  
Wednesday April 27th at MBYC*

*PCOC  
May 2, 3, 5  
Shawnigan Lake Community Center*

*Mother's Day Rendezvous & Pig Roast  
May 6, 7, 8  
See website for updated details*

*Bridge meeting — 19:00 hrs  
Wednesday May 11, 2011 at MBYC*

*VHF  
May 10, 11, 17  
Shawnigan Lake Community Center*

*PCOC  
June 6, 7, 9  
Shawnigan Lake Community Center*

*Bridge meeting — 19:00 hrs  
Wednesday June 8, 2011 at MBYC*

*VHF  
June 14, 15, 17  
Shawnigan Lake Community Center*

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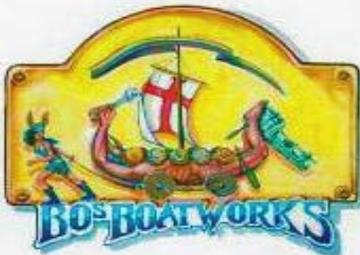
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## **A Cowichan Squadron Ferry Tale**

“I don’t know what they are thinking. They’re like people who race trains at railway crossings. They know they shouldn’t do it but they do it anyway.” Trevor Clayton, BC Ferries Captain, was musing as he watched a power boat cross close to the bow of the Coastal Renaissance. “They say, ‘Oh yeah, I can make it’ but I don’t think they ever think of what would happen if their engine conks right about now.”

On July 11, 2009, Don Paget arranged for a number of Cowichan Squadron members to enjoy a view of recreational boating that few experience: a view from the bridge of the Coastal Renaissance – one of BC Ferries’ new ships -- on a return trip from Departure Bay to Horseshoe Bay. The new ships are the largest double-ended ferries in the world, carrying 370 vehicles and 1650 passengers across the Strait of Georgia. They are fast and it takes them a long time to change direction, never mind stop.

It was inspiring to see the navigation technology on the Bridge.



We were allowed to sample some technology.

With the exception of when we were leaving the terminal or approaching it, we were invited to ask questions of the Captain and his Crew.



We were entertained by some of the Bridge jargon: Sail boats are referred to as Stick Boats; water craft of any kind that are within view of the bridge's binoculars are referred to as Targets. Leaving Horseshoe Bay, fifteen targets were identified.

We left the Coastal Renaissance with greater respect for the challenge that pleasure boaters can present to commercial shipping.

The aim of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron is to increase boating safety and enjoyment by providing instruction and education in all phases of seamanship and navigation, both power and sail. The Cowichan Squadron offers a full sleight of courses to ensure that our students are knowledgeable, considerate and safety-conscious boaters.

The BC Ferries Cruise illustrates yet another facet of boating. We hope that this will again become a regular learning opportunity for CPS students and members.

We thank Captain Clayton and his Crew for their willingness to expand our safe boating horizons.

## Cowichan Power and Sail Squadron

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Period Ended January 31, 2011

As of January 31, 2011, we had cash in our current account of \$12,301.30 and a GIC of \$5,933.05 for a total of \$18,234.35.

The gain for the year to January 31, 2011 was \$6,736.66.

Course revenues will continue to create revenue with courses in boating, VHF and PCOC. The squadron remains in excellent financial status.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lerch

### COWICHAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

For the Month of JANUARY 2011

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
<b>1.0 DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
1.1 Courses	\$ 152.11	\$ 10,956.91
1.2 Meetings & Events	112.88	4,538.19
1.3 Regalia	-	-
1.4 Newsletters	22.60	22.60
1.5 National Dues (Includes Transfers in National Acc.)	-	-
1.6 District Contribution	-	561.00
1.7 Public Relations	-	-
1.8 Other	110.52	1,383.23
<b>1.9 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (including HST)</b>	<b>\$ 398.11</b>	<b>\$ 17,461.93</b>
<b>1.1 TOTAL HST PAID</b>	<b>\$ 31.79</b>	<b>\$ 743.65</b>
<b>2.0 RECEIPTS</b>		
2.1 Courses	\$ 3,535.00	\$ 17,712.00
2.2 Meetings & events	-	3,797.00
2.3 Regalia	-	141.50
2.4 Interest & other	163.40	1,012.36
2.5 Dues or Contribution	-	1,535.73
<b>2.6 TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,698.40</b>	<b>\$ 24,198.59</b>
<b>3.0 SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)</b>	\$ 3,300.29	\$ 6,736.66
<b>4.0 CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS (Beginning of Period)</b>	14,934.06	11,497.69
<b>5 CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS ( End of Period )</b>	<b>\$ 18,234.35</b>	<b>\$ 18,234.35</b>

## Membership/Communications Report February 2011

<b><u>Total Membership</u></b>	296
Regular	203
Family Member	43
Junior Members	0
Life Members	7
Lady Associates	7
Regular Associates	28
Family Associates	7
Junior Associates	1

### *Ian de Verteuil*

Membership/Communications Officer      250-748-6506

## **Cowichan Squadron**

### **Pot Luck Dinner & Members Meeting**

All members welcome

**Maple Bay Rowing Club Wednesday March 9, 2011**

Cocktails 1800hrs – No Host Bar  
Dinner - 1830hrs

#### **Pot luck Dinner**

Delicious Roast Beef and Taters supplied  
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**Guest Speaker from Marine Coast Watch**

## **Squadron Training Report**

2011!! A brand new year where we can look forward to welcoming students to our "Safe Boating" courses.

The Boating class graduation on 12 January at the Maple Bay Rowing Club was a huge success. Gary Cline spoke on behalf of the graduating class – our new members. Thank you, Gary. Phil Devitt shared his knowledge and experience as a submariner. We came away from his presentation with a small idea of the complexities of submarines and the challenges of working under the sea. Phil left us wanting to hear more.

Our spring 2011 Boating course began on January 6. We are in a new venue – the new Cowichan Exhibition facility on Highway 1 and Mays Road. It is an excellent venue for our classes and, in partnership with Cowichan Exhibition, we have a classroom that would be the envy of many. As can be expected, a new venue can present start-up challenges -- such as keys for admission to the grounds after hours (The Duncan Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was a most gracious host for our Boating Registration session). We have Cowichan Exhibition staff to thank for their assistance in providing a facility that makes learning and teaching a pleasure. And thank you, Derek Fiddes, Phil Devitt and Wayne MacDonald, for your time, your patience and your good will in getting us there.

It is very exciting to see a full table of Volunteer Proctors for this Boating Course – some of whom graduated from our 2010 Boating course. Dave Dame, our Chief Proctor, is to be commended for his continued organization of this very important function. Proctors are instrumental in providing yet another resource for students.

We all-too-often forget how many of our members volunteer to instruct our Boating classes. Without them, we cannot fulfill our mission. Here are the members who volunteered to instruct our Boating students in 2010 (in order of their first appearance – some instructed more than one session):

Ted Giles, Mat Gilliam, Holly Fowler, Gordon Austin, Wayne MacDonald, Bernie Dinter, Phil Devitt, Tom Hart, Paul Richards, Clifford Miller, Ion Barnes, Mike Tansley, Mike Butler, Ian de Verteuil, Betty Pearson.

This year, so far, three individuals have volunteered – on very short notice – to lecture in the place of instructors who had sudden schedule conflicts or who succumbed to the flu. Our thanks to Jim Peakman, Derek Fiddes and Don Paget.

Also, I want to thank the Assistant Training Officers for their time and expertise in 2010: Ion Barnes – Advanced and Electives; Hugh Lawrence – Boating South; and Derek Fiddes – Boating North.

Our Student Cruise is scheduled for Sunday, March 27. Thank you, Patrick Thomson, for continuing to be our Student Cruise Coordinator. This Cruise is the highlight of the Boating course. This is where theory meets practice. We always include fun in the itinerary.

The Marine Radio (ROC) course that is embedded in the Boating schedule has been cancelled due to lack of enrolment. A course will be offered later in the Spring. We will keep you informed.

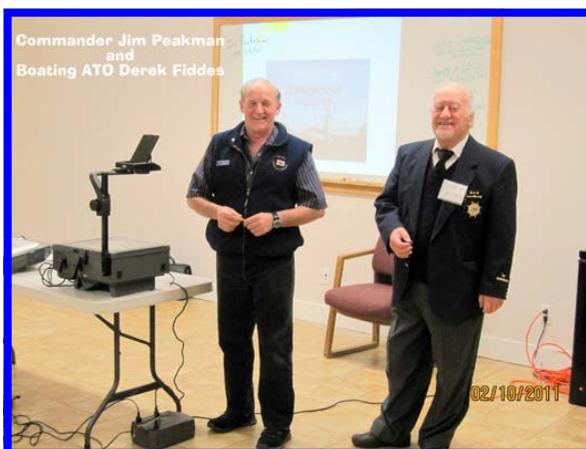
Our four-part Electronic Navigation course will conclude on February 21. The series began on October 4, 2010. There are many people to thank for the success of this course:

- to the Kinsmen for the use of Kin Hut;
- to Tom Hart for volunteering to teach the entire course;
- to Ion Barnes for doubling up as student and Assistant Training Officer;
- to Ted Giles for invigilating examinations;
- to Ian de Verteuil for assisting with grading of exams.

We are still planning to offer an "Instructor Development" course. Date and venue to be announced. We are able to accommodate a maximum of six students per course.

Thank you for all of your support. With your help we can look forward to another successful training year in 2011.

Marguerite Vogel  
Squadron Training Officer

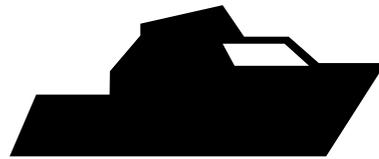


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