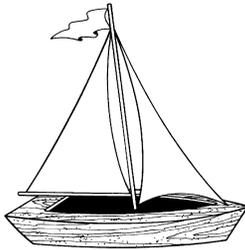


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*Commander's Report October 2011*

Our Fall Boating class is well underway under the capable guidance of our Training staff and particularly Gary who has done an excellent job setting things up. I have attended a couple of sessions and our 19 students are a receptive and interested group. Unfortunately we seem unable to get any new volunteers so once again the "old guard" is shouldering the work involved. I am concerned that this can easily lead to burn out and stress problems so once again I appeal to all members to consider coming out and giving us a hand in this..... our prime objective as a Squadron.

The response to questionnaires re elective courses and activities has shown little feed back so the exec will be discussing possible actions regarding future courses in the Spring.

After discussions with those involved I would like to especially thank P/Cdr Ion Barnes for his work on planning Advanced and Elective courses in addition to his responsibilities as ATO Marine Radio and ATO Boat Pro.

P/Cdr Jim Peakman has been assisting at the boating classes and has agreed to act as ATO for this boating course .....thank you Jim.

We urgently need Proctors in the next few weeks and I urge any members to step up to the plate and help Gary with this.

I am pleased to report that the missing Plaque award has been located and that I will be returning it to VIND at the District meeting next weekend.

On Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Judy and I along with Pat Thompson met with Commander James at the MBYC and duly signed the MOU pertaining to our agreement. Thanks go to Pat for a job well done in compiling the MOU and orchestrating this event.

Other reports will cover the Thanksgiving Rendezvous and plans for upcoming events. I shall be attending the VIND Council meeting at the Ballenas Squadron this weekend.

Respectfully Submitted .....

Cdr Derek Fiddes JN



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## Pot Luck Dinner & Members Night

All members welcome

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

Cocktails 1800hrs – No Host Bar

Dinner - 1830hrs

### Pot luck Dinner

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**Guest Speakers from the Cowichan Valley Amateur Radio Society**

Dale Jones & Tim Miller

Short Meeting to follow

## Membership/Communications Report October 2011

**Total Membership 240**

Regular	177
Family Member	33
Junior Members	0
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Regular Associates	9
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### ***Ian de Verteuil***

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*Cowichan Power and Sail Squadron*



*Christmas  
Potluck Dinner/Dance*

*Saturday, November 26, 2011*

*at*

*Glenora Hall*

*3660 Glenora Road (corner of Glenora and Indian)*

*1730 Cocktails*

*1830 Turkey Dinner*

*Potluck Veggies, Salads and Desserts*

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## Calendar of Events

VHF

November 7,8,14 — 19:00 hrs  
Cowichan Exhibition Scout Hall

November 9

Potluck Dinner and Members Night  
Guest Speaker  
Cowichan Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Bridge Meeting to Follow — 18:00 hours  
Maple Bay Rowing Club

November 11,12,13

Remembrance Day Rendezvous  
Musgrave Landing

November 26

Christmas Dinner and Dance  
Glenora Hall — 17:30

December 14 — 19:00 hrs

Bridge Meeting at Maple Bay Yacht Club

December 25th

Merry Christmas

January 1st

Happy New Year

January 3rd — 19:00 hrs

Boating preregistration  
Cowichan Exhibition Hall

January 5th Boating Starts

Cowichan Exhibition Hall - 1900 hrs

January 11 — 18:00

Boating Graduation and Bridge Meeting  
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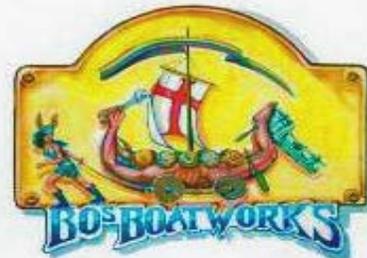
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For many years electrical adapters have been available for RV and Marine users to allow use of differing amperage shore power to be used with the boat (or RV) power cord. For example, an adapter to go from a 15 amp plug-in as normally used in household wiring, to a 30 amp connection on the end of your power cord. There are also 15A to 20A; 15A to 30A; 20A to 15A; 30A to 15A; 30A to 50A; 50A to 30A and then you start mixing voltages too, 125/250V to 125V. The adapters are available as single units or as wired pigtails, some simple and others in a wye configuration.

Not anymore folks!

CSA sets the standards of electrical appliances in Canada and NONE of these adapters have ever had a CSA approval nor is there a standard even written for them to comply with the Canadian Electrical Code. These appliances are made in the US of A and other places, imported into Canada and work there way to the end user. Recently the authorities have stopped allowing the sale of these in Canada till a standard is written and met.

Having talked to a major supplier of these units and trying to find an alternative, there appears to be no hope of a quick fix. Canadian standards of safety differ radically from US standards. For years various electrical appliances have been tagged at the border as unacceptable in Canada but many of them have been able to be re-wired to comply (lighting fixtures, heaters, electric ranges etc.).

It is known to be unsafe to go from a higher amperage plug-in to a lower amperage cord like 30A to a 15A cord. The breaker (30A in this case) is there simply to protect the wiring, not what you're powering on the far end of it. An Electrician friend tells me that in one application I was asking him about, you could have a dead short in the end of your cord and never trip the breaker. This would be the case if it was 100 feet of 10 gauge cord as used on a 30 amp system being fed from a 50 amp breaker. This it could very easily cause a fire or worse.

If you have one of these adapters, no inspector is likely to be prohibiting you from using it but they aren't allowed to be sold by wholesale or retail outlets in Canada.

What is likely to happen is a change in the design where the adapter will include a built in breaker of the lower amperage.

Prepared by Greg Sutfin  
Safety Officer  
Cowichan Power and Sail Squadron  
October 2011

## Marguerite Vogel is presented with the Hector Stone Award

Marguerite is a "Senior Member" of our Squadron and joined CPS after completing the Boating Course. She has since taken Piloting, Marine Radio & DSC, Fundamentals of Weather, Officers Training, and Instructors Training and has earned her Senior Members certificate offered through our National organization.

She has served as Proctor, ATO-Duncan, and as our Training Officer for the past two years. As our Training Officer, she has led us through a complete revision of the "up-dated" Boating Course, the "revised" Piloting now renamed Seamanship Course and instrumental in offering the newly developed "Electronic Navigation" Course.

She has attended many of the District events including District (VIND) meetings, training and Rendezvous. As a member of the Hospitality Committee she attended and assisted with the National CPS fall convention held in Nanaimo.

I share this with you as we acknowledge the commitment and support Marguerite has provided Cowichan Squadron in earning this prestigious award. (*Note: Marguerite received this award at the last AGM but the plaque and print were not available at the time.*)

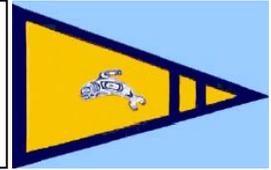
Marguerite was also presented with a print of Sue Colman's "Sampson Point Project" as a token of our appreciation for her support. Sue produced this beautiful painting and sold them as a fundraiser for The Land Conservancy. This helped raise some \$15,000. for this project.

Thank you Marguerite, from your past Executive, the Squadron and your Commander Jim Peakman.





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**Training Officer Report: Bridge Meeting, Wednesday, October 12 , 2011**

Our Fall Boating Course is well under way with 19 students and one student from the last Boating Course auditing the charting exercises that he missed. The VHF course being taught by Ion Barnes has about 8 students signed up and is going ahead on Nov. 7, 9, and 14 and the Cowichan Exhibition.

Jim Peakman is organizing the PCOC course in Crofton at the Crofton Community Center. There are eight students signed up and Jim has lined up instructors. We will have a few proctors there for marking and will be asking Ted Giles if he will oversee the students writing the exams.

**Jim Peakman** has agreed to be ATO North/Boating for this year even though he already has a heavy workload. We hope to encourage other members to help out with this position next year.

**Chief Proctor** position has not been filled so there are a few of us sharing this job, but if anyone other than the already existing officers etc. will step forward for this position that would be good.

**Ion Barnes**, who is already looking after VHF and PCOC in the south areas has agreed to take on organizing all Elective courses both south and north. Thank you very much to all of those who are helping out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Cline  
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## **Notes to Financial Statement – October 31st, 2011**

As at October 31st, 2011, we have cash on hand of \$ 8,728.07 plus an investment of \$ 6,011.71 for total cash of \$ 14,739.78

Our Year to Date Income Statement shows a small deficit of \$ 606.22. Two items factor into this figure:

1. 2010/2011 dues paid during this fiscal period of \$ 477.50. This portion of District dues was ( and still is ) under protest due to the structuring of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons membership categories.
2. 2010/2011 honorarium to Maple Bay Yacht Club of \$ 500.00. A Memorandum of Understanding was being prepared and has since been completed and accepted by both parties.

Add these figures to the loss and we actually have a Year to Date unexpended surplus of \$ 371.28. Right on budget!

The Bridge and members have approved an operating budget for 2011/2012. As with any budget, it is a guideline only and some categories happen all at once while others are spread throughout the year. An example of this is District Contributions. This payment is made on a yearly basis while the budget divides itself into 12 parts.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

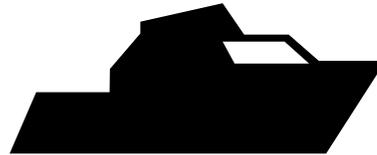
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