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## *Commanders Report*



### **Commander's Report to the Bridge and Members - October 12, 2016**

Phil Devitt, Russ Jenkins and I attended the VIND Council meeting in Nanaimo on September 18. Although all items were of interest, there were two items of special interest:



1. Updated information on the simulator: Gary Scott, CPS Member, presented information that was encouraging in that the simulator has several programs that would be useful as training aids in the classroom. The Simulator is more than a pretty toy to entertain children at boat shows!! At the next council meeting – November 13 in Nanaimo, Gary Scott will conduct a hands-on session to demonstrate how students will benefit from using this system.

2. We are concerned with the number of squadrons that are unable to form an Executive or a Bridge. It would seem that regardless of how many members a squadron has, volunteers are not stepping up to involve themselves in the “running” of the squadron. Ballenas Squadron is the latest to announce that it will turn in its warrant. However, there is lemonade in this lemon. Discussion resulted in the distinct possibility of Ballenas joining Nanoose rather than shutting down. Discussions continue.

Discussions like this make me so grateful for Cowichan Squadron volunteers. Thank you all for keeping us active and vibrant. Keep up the excellent work!

Congratulations to Colin and Colin's wonderful family and network for a successful Thanksgiving Rendezvous at Genoa Bay. The venue was perfect. The weather cooperated. The food was bountiful and delicious. The live music was a bonus. The company was, as usual, awesome.

A reminder: the next VIND Council meeting will be on Sunday, November 13 in Nanaimo. It is described as a Council/Training meeting and all interested are invited to attend.

CPS National Conference will be held in October, from the 27th to the 30th, in Vancouver. I will report in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Vogel, Commander  
Cowichan Squadron



## Administrative Officer Report



### Thanksgiving Rendezvous 2016 Genoa Bay Marina



On October 7, 8, 9, 10, I attended the Cowichan Power and Sail Squadrons Thanksgiving Rendezvous at Genoa Bay Marina. I would like to thank all of the members who participated in making this event a huge success. The meal was fantastic and we had many hands in the kitchen to make it all come together in time for all to enjoy.

I would also like to send out a huge thank you to my son Jordan and his band for the pre-dinner entertainment. They put on an awesome show from 1400-1700 hours and enjoyed by all. The donations for their play were greatly appreciated by the band. Thank You! After dinner we had our annual pumpkin carving contest and I can assure you the last minute handout of the pumpkins was a great choice. We had some outstanding carvings from all who participated. Watch for pictures to be posted on our website. The last note on Thanksgiving is our appreciation for the venue at Genoa Bay Marina. Ben and staff were very accommodating in making this event comfortable and welcoming. Thank you for your hospitality.

### Special Member's Night Wednesday November 9th 2016

Our venue has been confirmed for our special members night November 09/2016. Liquor has been arranged. This will be a great evening with our guest speaker Francis Morgan giving our squadron a presentation on the Whiskey Golf, along with all our great food supplied for our pot-luck dinner. If you haven't already confirmed your attendance, please do so as soon as possible.

### Christmas Dinner and Dance, November 26/2016

The squadron has now made the deposit at the Cowichan Golf and Country Club, ticket will soon be available once received from printers. Ticket price is confirmed at \$32.00 per person and our guest band for this year will be *Shinannigans*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colin Hall, Administration Officer





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## October 12, 2016 Membership/Communications Report

Our current membership is:

Regular	160
Regular Family	27
Regular Life	11
Regular Lady	6
Associates	<u>4</u>
	208

Our membership remains pretty stable at this time. Hopefully the fall and spring courses will help to increase our numbers.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian de Verteuil, Membership/Communications

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## Public Relations Officer Report



### Aids to Navigation

I am pleased to report that this long running saga has finally reached an end. Thursday afternoon I will be picking up the finished models from Morris Wadds. I will then store them for the Squadron. Anybody who has need of them for teaching or display purposes let me know and I will get them to you. No they are not computerized or lit, that all got waaaay too complicated. They are simple, effective, non tech, visual aids.

Very many thanks to Morris Wadds who dealt with all the wooden model refurbishment and replacement and who painted all the models, he has generously donated all materials to the squadron so we now have paint and decals to touch up any scars incurred. Also thanks to Bruce Allward who repaired the Cardinal buoys.

That's all for October

Roger Morgan, PRO

### Congratulations to Historian Ted Giles (P/Cdr)



Commander Vogel took the opportunity to present Ted with a CPS heirloom ashtray for safekeeping and display at squadron events. The item was donated by Peggy McLelland, a CPS and MBYC member and proud owner of a boat named Time Thief. It is labelled with the old Canadian Power Squadron logo and name. Incorporated in 1947 as the Canadian Power Squadron, in 1985 the organization changed its name to Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. At that time, the French name, Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance was also formally adopted.



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## Greg's Safety Report

Autumn is the time many put their boat away for the off-season. Putting them into winterization isn't enough. Take this time and the winter down time to go over the entire boat. Review systems on the boat to make sure everything is still in tip top shape. The boat was once new but things, including substantial systems, deteriorate with time and use. They deteriorate due to lack of use too. Which is it with your boat?

A little over a week ago a friend had a fire on his 40 foot steel ketch. The insurance said it is a write off, more money to rebuild the interior than the value of the boat. He has since sold the remains to a fellow who is going to install a new interior, wiring, plumbing and other internal systems. The hull, deck, rigging and exterior are all fine, not even any scorched paint. What caused the fire? They had been sailing the day before, put the boat away in her berth and battened her down 'til next time. In the middle of the night a neighbour awoke to the smell of smoke. The fire department extinguished the internal fire but not before some foam insulation had burnt, leaving a stinky black residue over the entire interior. That combined with the water damage - well, as I said, "Write off!" The investigation determined the refrigerator had started the fire; part of the electrical system that hadn't been turned on, nor had it been turned on while they were sailing the previous day.

When bedding your boat down for the winter, check all the systems. Be safe. Check them again when you are prepping for the new boating season too.

Recall, from a US Coast Guard website:

Some Steering actuators in affected Mercury Verado 250/300, serial number range 2B022645 and above, may be missing two screws. These screws are meant to hold a sensor magnet in place. The absence of these screws permits the magnet to unintentionally move resulting in a false position. It could lead to loss of steering control for the engine.

Mercury Marine 4.5L Mercruiser. Potential fuel leak in two instances, first from unintended contact between two engine components, and second from potential crack in water fuel separator. Recall begun 9/2/15

This concludes the safety report this month.

Respectfully submitted;  
Greg Sutfin  
Safety Officer, Assistant Education Officer: Radio



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## Educational Officer Report



We ended our Boating Basics Course on the 22nd of September with the 8 students all passing the course.

Beyond the PCOC was scheduled to start on the 29th of September; however due to student withdrawals from the course we only had 2 students and had to cancel the course. The two original students agreed to transfer their registration fees to the next course.

Seamanship began the 19th of September with 7 students.

Maritime Radio is scheduled to start on the 7th of November and to date 6 candidates have registered online, an additional 2 candidates have indicated an interest.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Wheadon, SEO

**For answers to any course questions, please contact our Education Officer**

**Bob Wheadon at 250-597-0810**

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## Calendar of Events

**Bridge Meeting & Special Member's Night**  
**Kin Hut, Wednesday, November 9th**  
**Lt. Morgan Francis and his Area—Whiskey**  
**Golf Seminar**

**Christmas Dinner & Dance**  
**Cowichan Golf & Country Club**  
**Saturday, November 26th**

**Bridge and Members Meeting**  
**Maple Bay Yacht Club**  
**Wednesday, December 14th**

**Bridge and Members Meeting**  
**Maple Bay Yacht Club**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

***All Members are Welcome to these events***

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**



For the month ended Sept 30, 2016, revenues exceeded disbursements by \$2817.92

Year to date disbursements exceed revenues by \$3185.62

As at Sept 30, we have cash on hand of \$9223.38 plus an investment account of \$9731.33 resulting in total available cash resources of \$18954.71

Respectfully submitted

PCdr. W MacDonal N  
Financial Officer



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## Environmental Officer's Report



**Under the international "Basel Convention"**, Canada is part of the group of countries that prevents the transport of hazardous wastes from developed countries to less developed countries. Too bad that doesn't apply here in the Cowichan Valley with our government allowing toxic wastes in the way of contaminated soil being transported to our valley, potentially harming our water supplies.

Italy also belongs to that group, so as one writer in the "Western Mariner" magazine, September, 2014, pg. 51, notes, maybe that's why the Concordia was sent back to Italy for deconstruction after its meeting with the rocks. The cost to build this ship was about 570 million dollars US. To raise the Concordia, dismantle, and to recycle, was estimated to cost more than 2 billion dollars US. BBC reported that the actual final cost of the salvage operation came to approximately 1.2 billion dollars US, but the operation contributed to about 731,400,000.00 dollars US to the Italian economy.

### **Burial at Sea in Canada Regulations.**

Disposal of human remains at sea is regulated under the Canadian Environmental Act, Part V1. A permit must be secured, plus a \$2500 permit application fee paid. Some funeral homes may have a permit, but individuals usually don't, as it is costly on top of all the other funeral expenses.

The burial must take place in at least 200 meters of water, be in non-trawling grounds, and be three nautical miles from land.

I could find no laws pertaining to scattering cremated remains. There are guidelines though. Permission is supposed to be granted but hard to enforce.

Scattering cremated remains is permitted on any Crown land, including in water. No licence is needed for tidal waters of B.C. There was no mention about non-tidal waters in the article. This information was acquired from [www.bclaws.cabcfunerals.com](http://www.bclaws.cabcfunerals.com).

### **Cowichan River Low levels**

Twenty high volume pumps are now in position at the weir, to pump water from Cowichan Lake into the Cowichan River if needed due to extremely low water levels. As of Wednesday, October 5, as reported in 'The Citizen' by James Goldie, pg. 3, there is enough water north of the weir to sustain the Cowichan river for at least two weeks. Pumping will have to start approximately October 12, barring any significant rainfalls before that. Seventy percent of the water to be pumped will be to protect the fish, the river and water for other users. Thirty percent of the flow will be for the Crofton mill. The pumps have been installed at the mills expense. They have a permit for a maximum of forty-nine days to run the pumps.

**Stayed tuned for next month** for Oceans on Saturn's Moons, The effect of declining sea ice on polar bears, Antarctic ice shelf, What if all of earth's ice melted, and The so-called 'Chemtrails'.

Respectfully submitted  
Gary Cline, Environmental Officer



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