

# FRASER SQUADRON BRIDGE MEETING

**Date:** 15-09-08  
**Location:** Ladner COPS  
**Time:** 1930

<i><b>NAME</b></i>	<i><b>POSITION</b></i>	<i><b>In Attendance</b></i>	<i><b>Phone #</b></i>	<i><b>E-mail</b></i>
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## **Agenda**

### **Fraser Power & Sail Squadron Bridge Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - Anchors Aweigh BBQ
  - Christmas Dinner Dance
  - laptop prices and purchase
  - RYC contract and lighting
- 5. Officer's Reports**
- 6. New Business**
  - Graduation Ceremony for Fall Boating classes
- 7. Termination of Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**1.Meeting called to order at 1934 by Commander Paul Vanderwood.**

**2.Roll Call**

**3. Review of 'Action items' from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting**

\*Re: the Christmas dinner dance to be held on Nov. 29 – June Eldred will keep a 'tally' of those who indicate they will be attending this.

\*brief discussion of a planned laptop replacement.

\*Paul has renewed the contract with RYC for our class use of this facility. The contract letter will be circulated to Richmond municipality.

\*Lou Beke and Jim Poirier – a possible speaker for an event. Ellis would appreciate someone else being responsible for 'getting' a speaker for events.

Minutes be adopted as read and amended:

Motion: Ellis  
Seconded: Rick  
Motion: Accepted (All in favour).

#### **4. Business arising from the previous minutes**

##### Anchors Aweigh BBQ:

Jan Muller's report was read:

Plans are going well for the Winter Social. I have reserved the Delta Town and Country Inn as last year for Nov. 29th Sat., in the Rifle Room. We will need tickets printed and we will need to finalize the cost per ticket. I suggest \$30 per person since we are not buying a gift per couple. We will have some door prize draws that I hope to get from different marine stores as well as some gifts bought and not used for the summer cruises. Rose has those gifts at her house. I have booked the same DJ that we had last year. I would suggest that 10 bridge members take 6 tickets each to pre-sell. The room holds 60 people.

This event will be held in the patio room (upstairs) at the Tsawwassen Golf & Country Club

\*please call June Eldred for ticket purchase

Paul will get tickets for the 50/50 as well as blue book for attendance and the 'bucket'.

Discussion of having 'holiday' pictures available on a slideshow - Byron

Event manager – Jan

50/50 – Rose

Cash box – June

Recorder for Fairlead – Kathleen and/or Paul

##### Christmas dinner dance:

Saturday, November 29, 2008

\*Please call June Eldred for your ticket purchase

Suggest tickets be purchased by early November to ensure a ticket.

##### Laptop prices and purchase:

Bob Everson's report was read and discussed.

\*please refer to Bob's report at the end of these minutes.

##### RYC contract and lighting:

Paul has had this contract renewed. The lighting situation seems to be alright at this time for the students in the Boating class.

#### **4. Officer's Reports**

**Commanders Report** – see last page

**Administration Officer**

I have arranged our "Anchors Away" BBQ to be held in the "patio room" at the TSA. Golf and Country Club on Oct. 18th. We will have the BBQ platter as we had for auction, unless I can get something better. I'll know in a few days I hope. We plan to have some door prizes as well as our usual 50/50 draw. Cash bar opens at 5pm and food starting at 6pm. I've asked Bob to post this in the Fairlead as well as the Web site or email addresses. Cost per person: \$10, payable at the door.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Muller

**Squadron Training Officer**

Registration for the Richmond Boating class was held on Tues. Sept. 9 with 22 students registering.

Registration for the Ladner Boating class was held on Thurs. Sept. 11 with 6 students registering. Since that date, 2 more students have signed up.

Seamanship on Wed. evenings with Jim Bryant has 2 students registered.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Vanderwood

**Membership Officer** – The following is a summary of the Squadron Membership:

Associates – 10

Junior Associates – 1

Lady Associates – 28

Regular Members – 314

Regular Life Members – 21

Total membership 374

Respectfully submitted,  
Byron Buie

**Port Captian** – No report**Communications Officer** – No report

**Training Aids/Supplies** – new boating course text materials will be issued for the New Year. Bill will be returning the 'old' books. VHF books to be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Hawryluk

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**Cruise Committee** – discussion of the challenges involved in organizing cruises at ‘convenient’ times for boaters. The July 1 weekend cruise was well attended and lots of fun!

**\*\* Committee\*\*** - a body of persons delegated to consider, investigate, take action on or report on some matter. (Merriam Webster’s 10<sup>th</sup> edition).

**Regalia** – Alan Eldred – no report

**Secretary** – Ask that any Bridge Member who is unable to attend a Bridge meeting to please advise prior to meeting.

Motion to accept Officers Reports: Ellis Knowlton  
Seconded: Rick Easthom  
Motion: accepted (all in favour)

Re: Fairlead – Paul will contact Bob Everson to see if he can continue (or if Paul should temporarily take this on)

#### **5. New Business:**

**Graduation Ceremony for Fall Boating classes** – this will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in January – date to be confirmed. It was thought that a ‘Saturday’ event would be a more ‘celebratory’ event.

For personal reasons, Denis Whyte is unable to maintain his position on the Bridge of ‘Communications’ officer. Paul advised the Bridge that a letter of resignation had been received from Denis.

#### **6. Motion to Terminate meeting:**

Motion: Ellis Knowlton  
Seconded: Byron Buie  
Motion: accepted (all in favour)

#### **Commanders Report:**

1. 'Thank you' to Rose Easthom, Alan Eldred, and many others who made the cruises fun. We were able to attend the Telegraph Harbour cruise and enjoyed lots of laughs on what had to be the hottest day of the year.

2. I attended the PMD meeting on September 8, 2008. Items of interest are summarized as follows:

1. CPS1 forms are no longer available now that squadrons can register

students in the CPS web site. Students can also self-register.

2. A meeting of PMD membership officers is being planned for October. A date has not yet been announced.
  3. Squadrons are asked to notify Don Griffin of the dates for their graduation ceremonies so that he can arrange PMD attendance.
  4. National CPS was slow to process PCOC cards, Boating certificates, etc. from the Spring classes. Additional staff has now been hired to speed this process.
  5. Boating courses offered by PMD squadrons continue to use the same course materials as the winter/spring course. The new Seamanship course which replaces Piloting is using the new Plotting and Labelling standards which includes showing magnetic.
  6. PMD requests that membership officers submit their membership changes for Pacific Yachting rosters electronically on an Excel spreadsheet.
  7. Hurley Zook requests that his form be used to submit course information for publication in Pacific Yachting. The fall deadline is the first week of November.
  8. New 'Collision Regulations' are being printed for the next set of Boating courses.
  9. Some of the Boating homework booklets are missing the first section.
3. Denis Whyte contacted me and indicated that he would be unable to carry on his duties as Communications Officer. If you know of someone that would like to join us on the Bridge in the combined position of Communications and Public Relations please contact me.
  4. Early in September I contracted with Richmond Yacht Club for the continued use of their facility for our Boating course. They have requested a 'thank you' letter from Fraser at the completion of the course. A key deposit of \$ 100. was also requested.
  5. I will be visiting the Boating classes in Ladner and Richmond to describe the advantages offered by membership in the Squadron and leaving information with the students on some of the specific requirements that boaters face in US waters.
  6. 'Thank you' to Jan for planning the Anchors Aweigh BBQ. Kathleen and I look forward to seeing a good turnout.
  7. 'Thank you' to June Eldred who again has agreed to collect the cheques and list the names of members attending the Christmas Dinner and Dance (November 29, 2008).

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Vanderwood, Commander

## **Report on Computers from Bob Everson**

Commander Paul and fellow bridge members,

As requested I looked into the purchase of new computer equipment for the squadron training department. With more multi-media presentations becoming available for training purposes my requirements for a computer are slightly higher than our previous purchases. I was also asked to look into pointer devices for these computers.

### **COMPUTER**

The first step in selecting a notebook computer was to lay a realistic baseline for the amount of computing power required. My assumption for this requirement was based on using the notebook for PowerPoint presentations with some multi-media presentations running under Microsoft Windows Vista.

This is what I figured the baseline notebook should have:

- Processor - Intel Core 2 Duo running at 2 GigaHerz (or better)
- Memory - 2 GigaBytes (minimum)
- Hard Drive – 160 GigaBytes (minimum)
- Optical Drive – DVD R/W
- Display 15” SXGA (1280x1024 pixels) or similar
- 3 USB ports (minimum)
- 1 VGA connector (absolutely required)
- Will come

The good news is, despite raising the bar for my minimum requirements the price per computer remains roughly the same as our previous purchase.

A recent scan of Future Shop online came up with a **Compaq Presario (C776CA) for \$599.99**

- Processor – Intel Core 2 Duo T5750 @ 2.0 GHz
- Memory – 3 GB (impressive)
- Hard Drive – 250 GB
- Optical Drive – 8x DVD R/W dual layer (/w lightscribe)
- Display – 1280x800 (slightly less than my ideal but still very usable)
- 3 USB 2.0 ports
- VGA output
- Also includes multi-card reader, web-cam, wired/wireless networking
- Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

While there are more inexpensive computers available, I believe this machine would make a good investment for the squadron.



Ideally the best classroom notebooks would be a tablet. The notable feature of a tablet is that the display is touch sensitive and can be written on with a stylus. This permits the instructor to sketch ideas and reinforcements on the display during a lecture. When I instruct I use my own personal tablet in the classroom. Historically this type of computer has been way off the deep end for pricing. I decided to look at tablets during my research and I was pleasantly surprised.

Future Shop has an **HP Pavilion (TX2514CA) for \$799.99**

- Processor – AMD Athlon running at 1.9 GHz
- Memory – 3 GB
- Hard Drive – 250 GB
- Optical Drive – 8x DVD R/W dual layer (/w lightscribe)
- Display – 1280x800
- 3 USB 2.0 ports
- VGA output
- Also includes multi-card reader, wired/wireless networking
- Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

If these two computers sound similar, it is no surprise. HP bought out Compaq several years ago. For an additional \$200 you get the ability to interactively draw on your PowerPoint presentation.

### **PRESENTATION DEVICE**

These devices are wireless presenters used in conjunction with PowerPoint or other presentations. Typically they have two buttons that represent the right and left buttons on mouse and a laser pointer used for highlighting topics of interest on the display. The range of these devices permits the instructor to move about the classroom during the lecture. Again, I use my own Targus unit. In addition to offering

I don't have a specific recommendation as I don't see a great enough feature or quality range to make the decision on.

The best source for pointing devices has been London Drugs. I've seen both Targus and Certified Data (London Drugs house brand). There was on other brand and I cannot recall the name. Prices range from about \$39 (on sale) to about \$79.

### **MOUSE**

One final note:

In addition to the presentation device(s), which absolutely should be purchased for the old computers, we should also purchase wired mice for these machines. The wireless mice that were included with the original computers were free and not of the best quality. They also made for lousy presenters.

Wired mice range from about \$20 and go up to hundreds of dollars. A reasonable Microsoft or Logitech mouse for \$20 or \$30 should be considered.

respectfully submitted  
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***Please note that the Squadron has the following Bridge Positions open:***

- Public Relations Officer
- Historian
- Environmental Officer
- MAREP Officer
- Public Relations Officer
- Communications Officer