



FRASER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS – PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT
LADNER POSTAL OUTLET, P.O. BOX 18528, DELTA B.C. V4K 4V7

Meeting MINUTES Monday February 16th, 2015 Ladner Yacht Club – 1930-2100

Attendees: Byron Buie, Gouri Chinnappa, Carol Duguid, Bill Hawryluk, Bob Juulsen, Peter Lefroy, Nan Lockie, Dave Mellis, Paul Vanderwood, Vidas Vitkus, Meredith Williamson.

Regrets: Donalda Buie, Rick and Rose Easthom, Bob Everson, Jan and Les Muller, Murphy Ni, Cleve Pryde, Colln Redwood, Jack Tang, Kathleen Vanderwood, Li (Tad) Xinhi.

Guests: Dave Coulter and Willina Collins

Chair: Byron Buie

Minutes: Gouri Chinnappa

Call to order – 1940 hrs

- 1) **Roll Call** – Welcome to Bridge members
- 2) **Previous Minutes** - Motion to Accept: Peter Lefroy; Seconded by Dave Mellis
- 3) **Business arising from previous minutes** - none
- 4) **Officer Reports**

a) **Commanders report - (Byron)**

The following was sent by email.

Guests: First off I would like to introduce our Guests this evening:
Willina Collins & Dave Coulter who will be our next “Cruise Masters”

Fairlead: I would like to thank Paul for doing the Fairlead this month.

Virtual Trainer: There was some discussion at PMD about the Virtual Trainer, and some of you did have an opportunity to try it out I think that PMD will purchase one first before we even consider buying one, although Jack Tang, and his group may be interested in purchasing a unit.

Recognized Instructors & Examiners for PCOC: Kathleen & Paul are going to talk a bit about RE & RI, but this was discussed at PMD

Vancouver International Boat Show Summary: There were not as many people in attendance as last year (I think it was down 3%)

CPS-ECP National Conference is in Vancouver in 2016:

Shirley Shea will be in charge of it, and would like to have Fraser along with Vancouver to help her out (I am sure that other Squadron's will also be involved)

Dave next year the conference is in Niagara Falls.

Flare Disposal Program: Last year Vancouver squadron put on a very successful flare disposal program at the Steveston Hardware outlet downtown Vancouver. Maybe we should do the same at Steveston in Richmond?

Testing at WestCan & VHF: The classes at WestCan have slowed down because of Chinese New Year, but Jack sex that they will resume after Chinese New Year - The VHF Classes continue to be very popular - This Saturday we have about 17 students, and the March class may be oversold, and we may have a April class.

New Synopsis of Membership Read Highlights.

The following was also discussed.

- We are under not for profit rules, so will now only have one type of membership. Please see handout on "New Synopsis of Membership Read Highlights". These new regulations will come into effect this year.
- *** Peter mentioned that the Virtual Trainer is OK to dock boat, but it is limited beyond that. It needs GPS and other things.
- They want input on the Virtual Trainer. Lots of changes need to be made before we buy it. Local charts for Vancouver, etc. should be on it.
- *** Dave Coulter will look into flare disposal with West Marine.
- *** Dave Mellis called someone regarding renewing and recertifying fire extinguishers, but they never called back. Byron mentioned that Richmond Yacht Club does it.

b) Executive Officer - (Dave Mellis)

- Suggested John Horton give a talk – a kind of a fundraiser (for repairs and electronic upgrades on his boat which does search and rescue of boats. John still has to pay about \$30,000 out of pocket. This boat was Admiral Nimitz' tender). A date of April 24th was proposed, and the Sundance was put forth as a suggestion for where this talk would take place. This talk would be about the history of Fraser River and art, and would last from 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- The Anchoring Course is languishing. We have to put it on (10-12 people; put it in the Fairlead with a date and price and see how much interest we get. We can also advertise it with a flyer (Les can help). \$150, full day at Ladner Yacht Club on Saturday, May 9th. We also never got a box for the anchors.
- Can everyone also give Dave their MMSI #s (Maritime Mobile Service Identity Numbers, which are on everyone's VHF radios. Dave will start an email list).
- VHF Course is really well received. It would be nice to have a sticker with local working channels by the radios.
- (***Byron will try to make these stickers).
- Dave and Meredith are moving to Fort Langley.

c) Treasurer - (Cleve Pryde)

- Regrets

d) Membership Officer - (VidasVitikus)

- Associate: 3
- Regular Lady: 24
- Regular: 344
- Former Associate: 2

- Regular Life: 19
- Total: 392
- The Bulletin will go out in the next couple of week.
- ***Byron mentioned that we were one of 2 or 3 squadrons that did not decrease membership.

e) Secretary - (Gouri Chinnappa)

- Nothing to report.

f) Training Officer - (Paul Vanderwood)

- The following was sent by email.

Accomplishments:

- We are waiting to hear from Jack Tang for the next Mandarin PCOC exam.
- We had a successful graduation event for our fall students (7 in total), on Friday evening of Jan 30, 2015. A total of approx. 35 people attended, including guests of the grads and other Squadron members and friends. We enjoyed Bob MacKay's talk on submarines, and we noted that he sold quite a few copies of his book, Terror on the Alert. Thanks to Bob J for arranging for our speaker, Bob MacKay.
- The registration for the winter Boating Essentials beginning this week stands at: 3 for Richmond, and 2 for Ladner. Both Bill H and Bob J and our proctors have kindly agreed to run the program in their respective locations.
- The next one day VHF class with Byron is scheduled for Feb 21, 2015.
- Information received from PMD (Gary Clow who is the Education Officer):
 1. 6 squadrons are testing the 2 new courses, made up of Boating 2 which is conning and Boating 3 which is plotting. The new courses contain a lot of material, some optional, which was covered in the Boating Course but removed in Essentials.
 2. WBAS is being replaced by Association Server 3. This is a total replacement with a 'friendlier' system. General testing will continue into March and is expected to be fully operational some time in July.
- Thanks again to Nan for continuing to monitor the Squadron phone.

- Also, a PCOC quality assurance program is being worked on. Expect that ¼ of PCOC exams will be audited.
- The VHF course needs registered examiners and registered instructors. Other courses need registered instructors only.
- This year we need to renew credentials (re-certification of instructors at the end of the 4 year cycle).
- We need more registered instructors at the Fraser Squadron for backup. We have the forms for Registered Instructors and Registered Examiners – please fill out a form if you are interested in becoming an RI or RE.
- *** Byron added that the VHF course is very popular. The March 28th VHF course already has 17 or 18 people. Might have to add an April course.

g) Admin Officer - (Meredith Williamson)

- Christmas Party: November 28th – is everyone OK for that date?
- Perhaps we won't have music bingo this year and have something different.

h) Communications/Historian - (Colin Redwood)

- Regrets.

i) Cruise Master - (Peter Lefroy)

- New Cruise Masters Dave and Willina will do the report (see below).
 1. June 5,6,7 to Pender Harbour (Sunshine Coast). The Pender Harbour Blues Festival will be taking place that weekend. Call 604-883-2336 for moorage at the Fisherman's Resort Marina.
 2. August 1,2,3 to Nanoose Bay (north of Nanaimo). Call 250-468-5364 for moorage at the marina.
 3. September 8-16 to the San Juans. Meet at Poet's Cove (South Pender Island) on Sept. 8, then on to the San Juans. Phone numbers 250-629-2111 and 1-888-512-7638. You will have to pass through Customs. Details to follow.

*** Byron mentioned that when travelling to the US, be aware of your boat insurance and personal insurance.

*** Peter also mentioned that you cannot have alcohol, fruits, etc. when you cross the border.

*** Willina will get a check list for those who are interested.

Willina said that maybe some other cruise might be planned off the cuff. Perhaps to Gibsons at Thanksgiving. *** Peter mentioned that Gibsons has recently been more opened.

j) Regalia Officer - (Donalda Buie)

- Regrets.

k) Environmental Officer - (Les Muller)

- Regrets.

l) Fairlead Editor & Multicultural Liaison Officer - (Rick Easthom)

- Regrets.

m) Multicultural Officer - (Jack Tang)

- Regrets.

n) Fairlead Editor & Special Projects - (Rose Easthom)

- Regrets.

o) Supplies and Training – (Bill Hawryluk)

- Supplies are on order (for Boating Essentials) and should be here Wednesday. There are enough books and literature for Tuesday's class. Then there should be new books for Thursday, hopefully.
- ***Byron asked that 40 VHF books be ordered (unless you get a price break if you order 100).

p) Port Captain - (Bob Juulsen)

- Little to report.
- Has noticed dredging by Westham Island.

q) Webmaster/WBAS - (Bob Everson)

- Regrets.

r) Public Relations - (Jan Muller)

- Regrets.

5) New Business

a) Carolyn:

- Has noticed that the multicultural students didn't have the vocabulary to understand the questions in the VHF course. Perhaps we could make us a vocab list?
- ***Byron said that as this is from Transport Canada, we have to be careful and cautious (perhaps certain words, but we can't introduce it into the course). Also, Byron has insisted to Jack that his students have good English skills, as English is the language of VHF.

b) Meredith:

- The food for the AGM will be cheese and crackers and fruit plate, with a \$300 budget.

c) Carolyn:

- Does VHF have to be licenced in the US?
- *** Byron – a station licence is required for VHF.

6) Adjournment

- **Time:** 21:00hrs
- **Motion By:** Peter Lefroy **Seconded by:** Willina Collins.