



The Crow's Nest

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2016 Executive Committee

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Commodore's Log



The club membership would like to extend a warm welcome Captain Yann Patoine-Bédard and his family and thank Yann for taking over as the new Commodore. Yann joined the CAF in 2002. After a year at CMR St-Jean, he completed a Bachelor degree in Military and Strategic Studies at Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario.

Earning his pilots wings in 2010, he flew the CH-146 Griffon in the SAR/CS role with 439 (Fangs of Death) Sqn in Bagotville for five years. During that period, he occupied the positions of Sqn Ops O, UFSO and Flight Commander. Also, he deployed in Jamaica for Op Jaguar and he designed and performed three distinct multi squadron Search & Rescue exercises in southern USA.

Posted in Comox in August 2015 he flies the CH-149 Cormorant with 442 (T&R) Sqn.

Captain Patoine-Bédard and Andrée-Anne Simard are the proud parents of Delphine and Alyxia Patoine. The new Commodore is grateful for the opportunity and extends his kindest salutations to all members. He wishes everyone a safe and very enjoyable sailing season.

Vice-Commodore

Vice-Commodore Ramblings

Hi All. The Club Exec and volunteers have been extremely busy over the last few months. Many hours were spent in preparation for and Execution of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Feb. I believe it was successful. I hope all the members who wished to discuss topics were able to. It is important for you members to get your voice heard. New ideas, amendments to old ones and lots of discussion are essential for a healthy Club. The Executive are looking forward to implementing the Business Plan soon. We are awaiting the final sign-off from the Senior Military Staff. Once signed, the first order of business is to strike up committees and task them to get on with the plan. The Exec looks forward to input from all members in this regard, not just committee members.

As was mentioned at the AGM, Catspaw has been sold and written off the books. The Club welcomed the addition of “**Against The Wind**”, a 27 foot Aloha sloop. The boat cost the Club \$15,000, well under the allotted \$40,000. A good choice was made by the personnel involved. The boat has undergone some renovations, as directed from the survey. All A/C wiring was replaced as it was household wiring. A 15 amp fuse block was added to the main A/C panel and the two plug-in outlets were replaced with GFCI receptacles. GFCI stands for Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter, and it means an outlet that can prevent electrical shock in wet locations such as a bath or boat. All mooring lines were worn and replaced. The Jib sheets and main sail halyard was well worn and also replaced. 20 feet of chain was added to make a rode of 40 feet of chain and over 250ft of rope. A vent blower was added and hooked to the main fuse panel to exhaust gas fumes as the boat has an internal gasoline tank for the outboard. A new Standard Horizon VHF 25 w radio was added with internal GPS and AIS capability. A MMSI number will be applied for on each of our boats. All boats now have the identical VHF AIS/GPS transceiver. A Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) is a series of nine digits which are sent in digital form over a radio frequency channel in order to uniquely identify ship stations, ship earth stations, coast stations, coast earth stations, and group calls. This was all done with volunteer help. Parker Marine was engaged to replace the Mercury 9.9 with our Club 2009 Yamaha 9.9 with throttle handle box. This work was successfully completed and now operations are much easier with a throttle box installed in the aft port side of the cockpit. Much safer to steer and operate the motor. ‘Against The wind is ready for use by our sail course.

The other two boats were worked on over the spring. Thanks to Don Logan and his gang of workers, ‘Peter Duck’ was ready for the sail course. Wildside still has a few issues. The start system for the Volvo Penta D1-13b motor has failed. Currently discussions are ongoing with Volvo Canada to fix the problem. There are no qualified techs, nor equipment that can work on our system in the valley. In addition, the sail rigging was in poor repair. A main sail track clip

was snapped off sometime last fall and was just found this spring. A new one has been sewn on. The main sail halyard is worn through in one spot and it will need to be replaced. Once the motor problem is fixed, the regular diesel maintenance can be carried out and the boat can be placed on the grid for bottom cleaning and painting. The main deck has been washed and the interior has also been cleaned.

The Friday night Club get-together's are well attended and mainly due to Kathy Fountain and her awesome assistants the end-of-month Potlucks are a resounding success. The last one for St Patrick's Day was greatly enjoyed. Thanks, Kathy. Our Accounts are fine with the Bank balance still over \$100,000 after some spring expenditures on the boats. This balance will allow the Club to move forward with its Business Plan with minimal delay. The Sailing Course has commenced and it looks like another great year with 21 students. I see the boats on the water lots with the students grappling with the halyard or tiller or jib sheets and all that other sailor talk. Then they get down to sailing.

The new Executive is in place and we welcome Captain Yann Patoine-Bedard as Commodore, Captain Dave Jones as Treasurer, Dave Hooper as Rear Commodore and Maj Francis LaPlante as the Training officer. I am sure you all will give them support and assistance in getting used to their new responsibilities and engage them to work for you in Club issues. The next major event is the Open House and Family Day activities. Preparations are under way with Phyllis Planedin and Aggie Mondry honchoing the events this year. They are looking for volunteers, so if you can help, please get in touch with them to see how you can contribute. That is about all from this office. I wish you the best this spring and summer and look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse or on the water.

Gary Woodroffe

Kayak Division

The Club has the following items **For Sale**:

1. **One Hobbie Cat and dolly** in fairly good condition. New lines and a spare (New) trampoline. Hobbie Cat comes with a 2 year old dolly that cost \$800 new. We are looking for **\$2,600 or best offer for both units (boat & dolly)**.



2. One Stand-up paddle board (Hybrid) - **\$400.00**
3. One Ocean (hybrid) Kayak with paddle only **\$400 O.B.O.**



4. ~~One Sea Kayak with paddle & PFD \$600 OBO.~~ **SOLD**

Kayak Instructor - Kayak Captain is looking for a kayak instructor to assist him with the kayak training. Due to the maintenance on the pool at 19 Wing, training will not start until end May first part of June. If you are interested, submit your name to Roch Massicotte at roach57@telus.net or Roch.Massicotte@forces.gc.ca.

Kayak Maintenance/clean up – Kayak Captain is looking for a few volunteers to assist with cleaning up the kayaks and performing some general maintenance to get the kayaks ready for the season. Several kayaks will need small repairs from bolts & nuts to new covers and paddles. If interested in helping out contact Roch Massicotte at roach57@telus.net or Roch.Massicotte@forces.gc.ca.

POL Locker – the POL locker in the boat storage is going to be cleaned out. There are a lot of items put in their by members that should not be there. This locker is strictly for the club rental boats, NOT PERSONAL STORAGE. If any members have stuff in there, get it out now or it will be disposed of.

Roch Massicotte
Kayak Captain

Keelboat Division

The 2016 Basic Cruising Course has now started with 21 students attending the first day of Ground School on Saturday 23 March.

Let me introduce to you the newest sailors to our club. If you see them around, offer them a warm welcome.



As the Ground School Coordinator for the Basic Cruising Skills course, I am happy to report that we had a very successful two days in the conference room of the 19 Wing Fitness and

Community Centre. We had 21 enthusiastic candidates who made it easy to instruct with their relevant questions and constant attention.

I would like to thank the following instructors for donating their time and valuable knowledge to the course: Al Gallant, Doug Goodwin, Dave Hooper, Don Jarrell, Don Logan and Hamish Murray helped make my job easy. Thanks also to Dave Jones, our club's Treasurer for finding a way to make our coffee breaks fun and fulfilling.

Cheers, Ray Fountain

Don Logan was busy with his crew and team of volunteers getting the Peter Duck cleaned up for the sailing course. What better way to get to know every inch of a boat then by scrubbing it up.

On 8 February, Karen Smit and Jennifer Caine cleaned the inside, top to bottom and teak oiled all the wood.

On 5 March, Karen Smit, Shawna Kirby, Chris Kirby and Des Flood cleaned all the upper deck and all the lines.



On 12 March the Duck went on the grid for bottom cleaning. Cleaning crew consisted of Karen Smit, Shawna Kirby, Desmond Flood (407 Sqn Chief) & Peter Bezuidenhout. They are all in the picture but the girls are dressed in black which makes them hard to see. Des is on the deck and Peter is the guy in yellow. Bottom was cleaned but paint was NOT REQUIRED. Cleaned prop and shaft, replaced the zinc's with new ones and all thru hulls were cleaned and flushed.

Ed Goski showed up and fixed a rattle in the propeller area by discovering that the bolts in the strut were loose so he tightened them.

The boat is now ready for the keel boat course and summer chartering.

Membership Officer

The 2016 Decals are available from the Commissionaire at HMCS Quadra. If you had a decal last year you do not have to complete another application, they will already have you in the system. Let the Commissionaire know that you are in the system and they will issue you a new decal. If you are new to the club, or did not pick up a decal last year, you will have to complete the application provided by the Commissionaire.

Foreshore

Babying your bottom or use of the tidal grid – The tidal grid at the Quadra jetty is available to members for below-the-waterline maintenance and hull painting. The grid can be booked by putting your boat name on the calendar on the clubhouse bulletin board and notifying the Foreshore Officer. He'll confirm your booking and send you a couple documents outlining the rules and procedures for using the grid. If you don't keep your boat at Quadra you will need to provide the Foreshore Officer with proof of current liability insurance.

The grid dries at 9 feet, so choose a suitable date when the tides are high enough to accommodate your boat's draft and to allow you to get on and off - with a comfortable margin...

The height of the tide can be affected by the atmospheric pressure – sometimes by as much as a foot. The tidal height predictions are based on a standard sea level pressure of 1013 millibars (mb). Any change from this value will cause the water height to be higher or lower than predicted. The rule of thumb is 1cm (0.4 inches) change for every millibar difference. For example, air pressure of 1023mb – 10mb higher than the standard – would cause the water level to be 10cm or 4 inches lower than the predicted value; conversely, air pressure lower than 1013mb would cause an increase in the predicted water level.

A quick method to check for the predicted air pressure is to go to the website – <https://spotwx.com>. For your location type in Comox, BC or use Google map on the right to zoom right into Goose Spit. Once your "spot" has been entered a list of various numerical models will show up on the left. For a forecast out to 48 hours click on the HRDPS West (GEM-LAM). This will bring up a series of meteograms or graphs for different weather elements. Scroll down to the one for Wind and Pressure. As you mouse over the graph it will give you the predicted pressure for a given time. You can then calculate the effect it will have on the tide height. Choosing some of the other models listed will give you longer term forecasts. Taking this into account is important when planning to go on the tidal grid, but it really matters when you want to get off!

Make sure you clean up paint or other hazardous materials spilled on the grid. Fortunately most bottom paints are not clear and any spills become quite obvious!



(CSI Quadra will be matching paint samples with recent grid users...)

Happy Father's Day or Off-the-dock date 2016 – The date for boats to be removed from the Quadra docks is Sunday, June 19th so now is a good time to begin planning for your summer moorage.

Don't be left out in the cold or moorage for 2016/17 – Applications for moorage at Quadra for September 2016 to June 2017 will be accepted after June 1st. The deadline for submission is July 15, 2016. For new applicants, proof of boat ownership (Certificate of Registry, License, or Bill of Sale) and proof of current liability insurance must be included with the application form. Returning boat owners will get notified of what documentation is necessary for them to provide at the end of May.

The Foreshore Officer is always happy to answer any questions, either by e-mail, phone, or at the bar on Friday evenings...

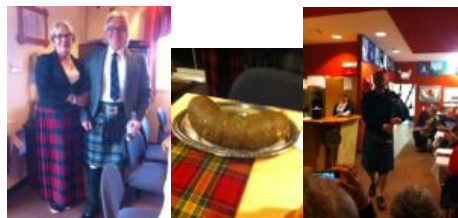
If you have any questions please contact:

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News

- Our deepest sympathies go out to Simone and Mike Vatheuer on the passing of Mike's Dad.
- Well wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Terry Small and Dave Hooper. Hopefully you both are doing very well and are recovering from your surgeries.
- 2016 started out with the lads and lassies celebrating Robbie Burns Night. The majority of members attending were decked out in some sort of Scottish garb. Hamish Murray piped in the "haggis" and Dave Hooper did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, providing everyone with a lot of interesting Scottish history. The food was incredible as usual and a good time was had by all in attendance. Thank you to Dave and Marion Hooper for organizing the event.



- The 2016 AGM in February was a success with a large number of the membership present. The executive will be addressing the issue of the long line ups before the next AGM so we don't have people standing outside. A huge welcome to all of the new executive members, and huge thank you to the returning executive.



Calendar of Events

Event	Date	OPI
Club Invitational	27 May 2016	Phyllis Planedin
Club Open House	29 May 2016	Phyllis Planedin
BBQ – Bring your own Meat to BBQ and a salad or desert to share. This will be last potluck until September	24 June 2016	

The two big events of the year, the **Club Invitational** and the **Open House**, are fast approaching. A huge thank you to Phyllis Planedin who so graciously offered to OPI the events again this year. She is currently looking for volunteers.

What's that you say, you need volunteer points to get your boat on the dock?

Well do I have a deal for you!

Following are the volunteer opportunities. Contact Phyllis at 2planedins@gmail.com to submit your name.

Club Invitational 27 May (Friday)
<p>someone in charge to:</p> <p><u>Parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - oversee set-up of parking signs and barricades and volunteers doing parking duty - volunteers to assist with parking <p><u>Food Services – someone in charge to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -oversee food preparation on Friday morning -oversee Kitchen duties & organize volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -kitchen help - food prep - Cooks for the BBQ's <p><u>Greeter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A Greeter to welcome guests as they arrive and have them sign Guest Book -a couple guides/hostesses - to show people where things are.



Set-Up/Tear Down Crew for Modular Tents and Tables and Chairs
Club Open House 29 May (Saturday)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone in charge to oversee Kitchen duties and organizing the food. - Cooks for the BBQ's - dock assistants - VHF radio operator - 1 person to assist with memberships - 2 persons to have guests sign waivers and organize them on the keelboats, and kayaks

Some club highlights and history

In 1972 Grant Nichols was Base Commander of CFB Comox and authorized the BTSO to form CFSA Comox Sqn . That was the start of our club.

Some twenty years ago, the club borrowed \$50,000 to build the current clubhouse. With a membership income from only about 30 members we needed to generate other revenue to make our yearly mortgage payments.

We cut a hole in the wall of the kitchen, and using donated fridges started the bar operation. With a handful of volunteer bartenders, the bar was a major factor in meeting our payments.

We inherited one fridge from Bill and Ellie Clark's basement which served us for a number of years, even though we had to prop it up with 2 by 4's to make the door close.

To say we operated on a shoe-string budget, for sure we did.

The bartenders decided a brass rail in front of the bar would be a nice touch so they set aside their tips into a "Brass Rail Fund " and saved a considerable amount, but the powers to be decided the brass rail would constitute a safety hazard and vetoed it.

The "Brass Rail Fund" then became the "Bar Float" for a time and was also used as a slush fund when needed.

As the operation of the bar changed significantly over the years, this pot of money was just sitting not being used and it was decided to pay back and ring the bell for the February 2016 pot luck to coincide with Grant Nichols 90th birthday, which was a couple of days earlier. All in attendance offered our belated congratulations and birthday wishes with cards and a birthday cake which had a picture of Grant at the helm of his beloved, Ayorama.

The original bartenders who were present for this grand occasion were Ed Goski, Paul Dubois, Terry Small, Bill Clark and Grant Nichols.

Grant had a comment that went something like, "I hope all you youngn's are around in another 10 years to help me celebrate the big one".

As told by Ray Uhl



Note from the editor

Happy Mother's Day – a wish for a very special Mother's Day



Ideas, stories, pictures or emails are always welcome. Email: Donna.Gallant2u@gmail.com
The next issue of the newsletter will be released September 2016.