



Commander's Report to the Bridge

11 December 2013

By all accounts, the Christmas Dinner / Dance was a great success, with a wonderful meal prepared by the Crofton Ladies, lively music by Andrew McCormick and Tropic Mayhem, and lots of seasonal fellowship among the 70 ticket holders and invited guests. It could only be improved if we had more of our members attend. Look for a squadron-mail poll as to what will bring you out to this, and other, events next year. Thank you to all of the Entertainment Committee, especially co-MC's Colin Hall and Paul Richards. A special thanks to Ian de Verteuil for stepping into the role of host in my absence.

Also, I wish to thank Executive / Training Officer Gary Cline for chairing the November Bridge and Executive Meetings.

Our fall training season will come to an end with the Boating Essentials course exam tomorrow. The Instructor Development course completed last week.

Graduation Ceremonies for the Fall students will take place at the January Bridge and Special Members Meeting which will also feature a return of popular speaker JD Bailey speaking to Solar Power. Administration Officer Colin Hall plans at least one other Special Members meeting this spring, in February or March. Check the website for details.

In the New Year, Gary and his ATO's have a full course schedule planned which will feature Seamanship on Monday evenings commencing 13 January at the Kinhut.

We have a few changes in the wind for our Bridge. Our sincere thanks go to Treasurer Malcolm Pinteau for his 18 months of service. Malcolm's resignation will be effective 31 December 2013, as requested, and Wayne MacDonald, P/Cdr and Lifetime Member will take on the role. Wayne has indicated that he will continue as our PRO until a replacement can be found. We are still looking for a Secretary to start in April.

Volunteer hours for the calendar year 2013, which qualify for 2014 Merit Marks, have been entered into WBAS.

May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Jenkins, Commander