



## **Commander's Report** to the Bridge – 6 January 2014

As we begin the New Year, it is worthy of note that we, as a squadron, are entering our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year; fifty-five years of increasing local awareness and knowledge of safe boating in our region; fifty-five years of educating and training both members and the general public; and further, and very importantly, fifty-five years of most enjoyable fellowship.

I hope that we may continue for another 55 years. To do so, we will need a constant stream of active volunteers. If you are considering volunteering for your squadron, I can assure you that there is a lot of fun, and satisfaction, in doing so.

Our spring training program is upon us, I am sure Training Officer Gary Cline will bring you up to speed in his address.

We have a number of projects ahead of us this year, including the rehabilitation of our regional signage, a flare demonstration at the Mother's Day Rendezvous, and some terrific work on suggestions with respect to flare and smoke signal usage.

We look forward to the Graduation Ceremonies for the Fall students this evening, at our January Bridge and Special Members Meeting, plus a return of JD Bailey speaking on Solar Power.

Hopefully, Administration Officer Colin Hall may announce other Special Members meetings scheduled for this spring. Continue to check the website for details.

With regard to our pending changes for our Bridge, Treasurer Malcolm Pinteau has forestalled his departure to February to allow incoming Treasurer Wayne MacDonald to complete his vacation. Thank you, Malcolm. We are still looking for a PRO to replace Wayne and a Secretary to start in April.

Let us have a marvelous New Year as we celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commander