



## **Commander's Report** to the Bridge – 10 September 2014

Tomorrow we begin our instruction year with the start of Boating Basics classes at the Cowichan Exhibition, to be followed by Boating Essentials. Training Officer Bob Wheadon has also slated in Maritime Radio and Advanced Piloting courses for later in the fall that will be run by ATO's Greg Sutfin and Ion Barnes. They continue to look for some assistance, more instructors and proctors, so if you have an interest, please contact them.

Treasurer Wayne MacDonald has a message of thrift to pass on to us, particularly until the fall course revenues begin to come in. While we remain financially sound, we eagerly await our fall enrollments.

Administration Officer Colin Hall has been working on line up of social and other events which he will outline in his report.

PRO Roger Morgan pulled together a team to staff the promotional booth at the Cowichan Exhibition this past weekend. We look forward to hearing the results of the exercise.

The VIND's Velma Taylor, of the Nanaimo Squadron, has provided us a CD of snaps taken at the VIND Rendezvous at the Maple Bay Marina in August. There are two copies, one for the squadron to retain, and one for circulation to any of our squadron members that may be interested. Copies of the CD's and the individual pictures therein may be downloaded to personal storage.

Finally, we note sudden passing of P/Cdr Derek Fiddes, JN, on 3 September. Derek had an outstanding association with CPS dating back to his Boating Course enrollment in 1972. He enjoyed years as an instructor and Training Officer, introducing many sailors to Safe Boating and teaching Seamanship, AP, and JN classes. He participated in several Squadrons in the Toronto area and was a founding member of the now extinct St James Squadron. More recently he was associated with Cowichan Squadron as instructor, Training Officer, Commander, and Immediate Past Commander. We thank Derek for his many years of dedication and service to CPS. We will miss him.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russ Jenkins, Commander