



## **Commander's Report to the Bridge December 9, 2015**

**First let me thank all of you for your energy, cooperation and good will this year. Every one of you – and in many cases, every one of yours – have made the last 8 months so very rewarding, not to mention fun.**

**I attended the Maple Bay Yacht Club's Annual General Meeting on 7 December 2015. The Club's new Commodore is Ron Painter; Vice Commodore is Steve Lake – a name well-known to our Squadron and a consistent supporter of us and our members. I am optimistic that CPS will enjoy a mutually beneficial partnership with the Club in the coming year.**

**I contacted Cpl. Cari Lougheed – RCMP Officer in charge of the Coastal Watch Program – on 15 November indicating our interest in having her or her designate speak to us about the Program. She indicated in a return email that she would be happy to arrange for a member to come and speak to us about “things to keep an eye out for on the water” – her words. She suggested that sometime in January or February would be good timing. Given that we will have a Graduation/Members night within that timeframe, I have asked Colin to make those arrangements.**

**The Chyna Seas book promotion arranged by Nanoose Squadron garnered three orders from our Squadron.**

**I attended the District Council meeting on November 22, 2015 with Past Commander, Russ Jenkins. Cowichan submitted two reports: our experience with the Weather Course; and, our suggestion that National's time allowance for payment of delinquent dues be increased from 30 to 90 days. Our report on the Weather course was taken ahead to National by Alexa Stochmal, District Educational Officer and Peter Bolton, National Board Member. We have received some feedback from National via Alexa Stochmal. We will be hearing further I'm sure.**

**The next District Council meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2016. A Council Training Meeting is planned for April 24, 2016. Stay tuned.**

**The Squadron's Christmas dinner and dance on Saturday, November 28 was enjoyed by all who attended. Good venue. Good food. Good entertainment.**

**I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas and I do hope that 2016 starts out exactly as you have planned.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Marguerite Vogel, Cdr.**