



Commander's Report to the Bridge – 11 February 2015

Our January Bridge and Special Members meeting was one to remember, as I am sure this one will be. We seemed to fill the loft at the Maritime Centre next door with members, guests, tables, chairs, and a raft of pot luck dishes. Sarah C and Roy Getman of the Coastal Missions Society did a great job of enlightening the 40 plus attending about the Society, their vessel the *Coastal Messenger*, and daily life aboard.

Administration Officer Colin Hall has arranged for guest speaker is Jason Zimmo from All Batteries in Duncan to speak to us tonight and we look forward to all that the Cow Café offers on this occasion. The first Boating Basics course of the spring has been completed with all 7 students earning their PCOC cards. Some initial confusion about the status of BB graduates and membership was quickly resolved and all were eligible for one year complimentary regular membership in CPS-ECP.

TO Bob Wheadon advises that the spring Boating Basics course is now underway with 13 enthusiastic students and Tom Hart is guiding an Advanced Piloting course with 7 students, one being John Davis, the Commander of Mt Brenton Squadron.

We are pleased to have Alison McKay serving as Acting Treasurer while Wayne MacDonald is away on an extended vacation. Alison has reported that at the end of January our finances are sound, with total available cash resources of \$11,800.

Our total squadron membership has dropped back slightly to 246, as a number of complimentary memberships did not renew.

The Policy Manual Committee chaired by P/Cdr Phil Devitt, that includes P/Cdr Jim Peakman, Tom Hart, and me, is still in the throes of developing our squadron's document as required under the new regulations. As a complementary initiative an overall procedures manual is to follow.

The Nominating Committee, composed of P/Cdr Ion Barnes, P/Cdr Jim Peakman, and me, is drawing closer to filling the available positions on the Bridge. There are still areas where we could use another volunteer or two, so if you want to participate, or would like to recommend another member, please don't hesitate to let one of us know. It would be a great start for the incoming bridge to have a full slate of Officers and Staff Advisors for our AGM at the Maple Bay Yacht Club on the 22nd of April.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Jenkins, Commander