



Commander's Report to the Bridge – 11 March 2015

Our squadron has been very busy this past month as the other Officer's reports will indicate.

We have had a small group take and pass the Maritime Radio course earning solid marks. We have an exceptionally enthusiastic group of students in the midst of their Boating Essentials course and a group of advanced students just over midway through the Advanced Piloting Course.

Although our numbers were down over last year's event, we had about two dozen folks enjoy the food, beverages, and our speaker from All Batteries at the February Bridge and Special Members meeting.

Our Public Relations group has a number of projects on the go and are planning four or five activities for the coming months into summer. We will need your assistance at the latter to raise our community profile and strengthen our brand.

Acting Treasurer Alison McKay, had to drop the role suddenly as she found an opportunity to crew a sailboat from the Marshall Islands to Japan. She met the boat March 5 and we expect her back in early April. We are all envious and await her report.

Our squadron membership has been relatively steady at 247, up one from last month.

The Nominating Committee composed of P/Cdr Ion Barnes, P/Cdr Jim Peakman, and I have recommendations for many of the available positions on the slate. We still have unfilled positions and can always use another volunteer or two, so if you want to participate please don't hesitate to let one of us know. There are lots of tasks available in both our Training and Administration areas that could use extra hands. We hope to have a full slate of Officers and Staff Advisors for our AGM at the Maple Bay Yacht Club on the 22nd of April.

Note also that we are delighted to announce that Marguerite Vogel has accepted an immediate appointment to the position of Executive Officer for the remainder of the year. Please join me in welcoming Marguerite back onto our Squadron Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Jenkins,
Commander