



## **Commander's Report to the Bridge November 11, 2015**

My thanks to Bob, Rue and Russ for keeping watch on the Squadron while Max and I were enjoying the Adriatic.

Since returning I contacted Carol-Anne Rolls, Executive Director of Community Policing, to get information on the Coastal Watch program. I understand that our Squadron was a partner in this program some years ago but is not currently involved.

The Coastal Watch program has moved from Community Policing to the RCMP. Boaters involved in Coastal Watch provide the RCMP with extra eyes and ears by reporting any suspicious activity on or near the water. It seems like a "natural" extension of boating safety for our Squadron and, hopefully, the District. Ms. Rolls indicated that resources at the RCMP Detachment are stretched but gave me the contact at E Division in Nanaimo who will be able to identify the RCMP officer at the Duncan detachment responsible for the program. Colin Hall has since volunteered to take the lead on getting the RCMP out to talk to us about the Coastal Watch program and how we can contribute. Stay tuned.

The evening with Billy Proctor at Maple Bay Yacht Club on 6 November was a success. A huge thanks to Colin Hall and Pat Thomson for organizing this event. Pat was our gracious MC. Rue Pope was our photographer. Thanks Rue. From what I could see, the Proctor book sales were brisk. All in all a fun evening. Good news: Peter Bolton, Past VIND Commander, has been appointed to the National Board and has joined the Education team "working with Simo Korpisto on the future direction of courses, course production etc." Peter's words. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Squadron's Christmas dinner and dance on Saturday, November 28.

Respectfully submitted  
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