

D/C REPORT TO COUNCIL  
Saanich Fairgrounds Poplar Room  
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Well the Web Based Administration System has caused a few problems for some of us but now that we've been through the mounting of merit marks and are able to see membership and Commanders and Training info, things are gradually smoothing out. We must remember that any changes or new methods are challenging the first time through.

We all thank the hard work of EO Barrie Gilbertson for the great work that he has done and continues to do as A/C of Brentwood Bay. He tells me that it looks as though they will have a number of positions filled on their bridge for their AGM and has indicated that he will remain with them if needed at least until that time.

We also thank and appreciate the dedication that SSI Cdr Bob Reynolds has put into getting that squadrons Boating Course together for this month's start. They have 17 Boating students registered and attending. Bob has put a great deal of time and effort into seeing this happen when just a short time ago the squadron was seriously considering surrendering their warrant. On behalf of all of us at VISD and National CPS, thank you Bob.

Shirley Hamilton rose to the challenge of seeing that we all received the new Squadron and District Model Regs and we all thank her for that.

I was privileged to enjoy the company of large numbers of our membership at their Christmas parties and I thank Victoria, Saanich Peninsula and Pender Island Squadrons for that. Just recently Saanich Peninsula had a very successful graduation of 28 members from their Boating Class and it was great to hear again personally from a number of those graduates about what a great course we had and how much they appreciated the time and effort put into their learning by the volunteers. On Thursday of this coming week I'm looking forward to the class graduation on Pender.

Info was sent just yesterday to all our Commanders on how to order the Longevity pins for their Squadron/District members 20 years +. Also 2 e mails from P/C/C Tony Gardiner re volunteers on the West coast assisting with recreational boaters safety inspections.

The GB meeting in February promises to be a challenging and interesting one. The Saturday is a full day of Governance Seminar. All GB members were asked to fill out a questionnaire as to our assessment of the present operations and workings of the Board and e mail it to the presenter prior to Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Apparently the answers we gave are to form the basis of his seminar.

I look forward to reporting on the results of that seminar on my return.

Respectfully Submitted

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