

Training Meeting of the Vancouver Island South District of CPS/ECP held on September, 21, 2003 at the Mary Winspear Centre @ Sanscha in Sidney-by-the-Sea, B.C..

Meeting called to order by D/Lt/C Barrie Gilbertson, welcomed everyone and a round of introductions as this was the first meeting of the District Training team of the new year.

There are no minutes of a previous meeting as we are in a new year.

Business Outstanding;

- i) Budget Addenda - this was handed out for circulation by the DTO.
- ii) Ferry Video's - Ian King. There are now copies available. Oak Bay already has theirs. If your squadron requested one then contact the District Training staff.

New Business;

- i) Instructor Training (IT) Course - Do the squadrons wish VISD to continue to run one? Any changes proposed? This led to discussion and questions. Is there a requirement for this course to be mandatory? It is National's unofficial policy at the moment. There are currently discussions underway as to whether CCG/CPS make it compulsory. Further discussion ensued. It is currently not a prerequisite. It was mentioned that CCG do send people around to check out instructors in the classroom and that this may be unannounced. This seemed a shock to some around the table and were uncomfortable with this. Further questions - Do you need IT to get your full certificate? (Do not know, will check into this!) It was also decided to **SCHEDULE A VISD IT COURSE**, with different instructors from the last time. Another question is to ****ask CCG when the new, expanded PCOC (expanded version) exam is coming?*****
- ii) Pool Demo for PFD's and Lifejackets - this event was well organised, but poorly attended the last time. Should we do it again? Discussion. It was agreed that the concept was a great idea. Maybe look at a different location for a weeknight? Squadrons are to go back and see what feedback they get from their training teams and students. Another question was - should we open this event up to the public?
- iii) VHF-DSC - Ian King. Should we hold an information seminar on the changes. They are coming into force. Discussion on whether VISD do this and then pass it down to the Squadrons. You are going to have to write the exam to even obtain the new radios. This plan will do away with Ch. 16. Barrie Gilbertson is currently the qualified person in VISD. There are grey areas in relation to this whole subject. ****It is a good idea for VISD to put something on for the squadrons.****
- iv) Global Weather - The course materials were in the national inventory on September 10th. Tony Merry, the Course Director, would like the squadrons who are going to run the course to order enough instructors kits to make sure

- they are familiar with the material. Make sure when ordering exams and materials to order Weather-global. That all orders are correctly filled out.
- v) VHF and BoatPro VISD Inventory - the District carries inventory for both these programs. Most squadrons (except Pender Island) do not use BoatPro. Most do VHF; however, they order from National to receive a discount. There was some discussion, particularly on the topic of the legality of copying and charging for material - who owns the copyright? **Ian King is going to do some follow up.** There was further discussion.
 - vi) Piloting/Membership - discussion on using the piloting course as a way to increase membership at end of Boating. Some squadrons already do this.
 - vii) Form 20's - hand them in today, or take away and fill them in. Mentioned with the reminder to hand them in ASAP.
 - viii) Leads from the Boat and Outdoor Show - The primary question was is it worth it? A value for money discussion ensued. Specific questions about what we exactly rent and get for our money; where do the students leads we get come from (Boat show, ads in the paper, word of mouth etc). We went around the table, resulting in the consensus that we should continue to participate in this event. The table should contain a full blue kit to show the prospective students what they get for their money.

Disrict Reports.

DTO - Barrie Gilbertson - see report attached.

ADTO's - No Reports.

Youth Officer - Len Fallan - Thanks were given to Pender Island Sqdn who submitted one of the successful designs in the bookmark design competition. There are some cutbacks in some of the Schools due to budgetary decisions, see report attached.

BoatPro - Leslie Head - see report attached.

AYouth - No Report.

STO - Reports: Victoria - 1st Lt Judy Francis - see attached.

Saanich Peninsula - 1st Lt Ian King - see attached.

Saltspring Island - No Report.

Oak Bay - Lt/C Michael Keating - see attached.

Juan de Fuca - Lt/C Lorenda Franklin - see attached.

Brentwood Bay - Lt/C Greg Garnett - see attached.

Pender Island - read by the DTO - see attached.

Sooke - No Report.

Any Other Business - Questions on the list of exams. Pender Island noted that it would be useful to have BoatPro added to the national form. ****Make sure the STO's get the memo regarding which exam numbers will be used for this years exams.****

MOTION (*Keating/Fallan*) to adjourn the meeting.

Carried

Present:

D/Lt/C Barrie Gilbertson AP	VIC/VISD
D/Lt Henry Frew P	VIC/VISD
D/Lt Norm Price N	OB/VISD
Lt/C Michael Keating P	OB
1 st Lt Judy Francis	VIC
1 st Lt Ian King	SP/VISD
Lt/C Lorenda Franklin	JDF/VISD
Lt Bob Rose	PI
Lt/C Greg Garnett	BB
S/Lt Len Fallan	BB/VISD
S/Lt Leslie Head	SP/VISD
Cdr Bo Jensen	JDF