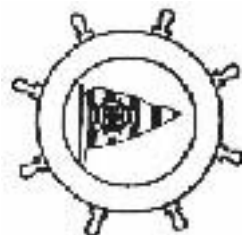


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## Report From the Bridge ~ Commander's Report



Thanks to all who attended the fall boating class graduation last December 8<sup>th</sup> especially our District Commander Don Lassey and Sharon. To those of you who could not attend, you missed a pleasant evening! I wish I could take the credit for suggesting that Dianna McKone do the 'power point' presentation. The cruise 'North of Desolation' that she and Doug ventured on was beautifully presented and I see now, that there really *is* a cruising life beyond Desolation Sound! Thanks again to Shirley Liggett for all the arrangements at the Waddling Dog, it was a great success!

Welcome aboard to our new members from the fall Boating Class who have joined our Squadron: Lynne Norton, Brenda Guiltner, Isla Cox, Claire Kelly, Michael Kennedy, Michael Barkley and Mike Baker. It is great to have you join us. I hope I didn't miss anyone, if I did please let me know!

Members, don't despair, you have another chance! The *Spring Boating class Graduation* will be on *Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>* following our *Annual General Meeting/Change of Watch*.. Come to the Waddling Dog at 18:30 to support our Bridge members for 2004/5 and congratulate the Spring Boating class.

And yes we do have positions available on the bridge, (Training Officer, Treasurer, Special Events, Cruise Master, Telephone Committee), and I would be *really* happy to discuss these vacant or shared positions with you and/or hear any suggestions you have. Please call me anytime (652-1829) and remember, "Many hands make light work."

Spring is *almost* here and so haul outs and spring maintenance checks should be done in preparation for the summer cruising season. Don't forget the emergency equipment, anchor and the out-board motor!

Speaking of cruises, our spring student cruise to Genoa Bay is scheduled on March 14<sup>th</sup>, so if you would like to join us, either skippering or proctoring, please contact our Cruise Master Mike Harvey. We seem to never have too many boats to take our students out and show them the 'practical' side.

Smooth sailing to the Spring Boating Class.

**\*\* Mark your calendar everyone and come to the Waddling Dog on April 19<sup>th</sup> and support the Boating class Graduates and our 2004/5 Bridge. See you there!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Simpson, Sqn. Cdr. Brentwood Bay Squadron

**To: The Members of Brentwood Bay Power and Sail Squadron.**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the **26th Annual General Meeting of Brentwood Bay Power and Sail Squadron** will be held at **Quality Inn - Waddling Dog, 2476 Mt. Newton Cross Road, Saanichton B.C.** on **Monday April 19th, 2004** at **1830 hours** for the purposes of:

1. Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron;
2. Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2004 and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
3. Electing the Officers of the Squadron;
4. Appointing the Squadron Auditor;
5. Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of this Notice. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 5 members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2004

*Original signed*

**1st Lt Diana McKone P**  
***Squadron Secretary***

To: The Members of Brentwood Bay Power and Sail Squadron:  
REPORT OF THE SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominated the following Members as Squadron Officers for the year 2004-2005:

Past Commander (P/Cdr)	Linda Larsson
Commander (Cdr)	Peter Simpson
Executive Officer (Lt/C)	Shirley Liggett
Training Officer (Lt/C)	TBA
Secretary (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Diana McKone
Treasurer (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Doug McKone

2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers with the rank of First Lieutenant, who if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names as assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to the Squadron Regulations 6.2.1(d):

Public Relations Officer (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Tom Radford
Membership Officer (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Al Helmersen
Assistant Training Officer (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Greg Garnett
Electronic Communications Officer (P/Cdr)	Linda Larsson
Special Events Officer (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Doug Robinson
Editor (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Tom Radford
Cruise Master (1 <sup>st</sup> Lt)	Mick Harvey

3. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Auditor of the Squadron:

Ian Waterlow

4. The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members as staff officers with the rank of Lieutenant:

Chief Proctor (Lt)	Jeff Moses
Port Captain (Lt)	Tom Bilodeau
Historian (Lt)	Bud Randall
Telephone Committee (Lt)	TBA

Dated this day of 10 March, 2004  
Respectfully Submitted,

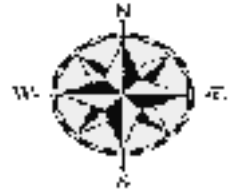
P/Cdr Linda Larsson N  
Chairman  
(Original signed)

P/Cdr Doug McKone AP  
Member

Cdr Peter Simpson S  
Member

# Training Officer's Report

March 2, 2004



The Spring Boating Course is about two thirds complete and all in all it is going very well. The students, although thick into the meat of the course, seem to handling the material with little difficulty.

The student cruise was postponed one week and is now scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. The lack of available boats forced us to reschedule or face cancellation. As of now we have enough skippers and proctors to complete the cruise. I would like to thank Mike Harvey for all of his work making sure this year's cruise was possible.

We have decided not to have a pre-cruise social this year and instead, have a graduation at the end of the course. The boat assignments and cruise material will be handed out in class.

The Celestial Navigation course continues every Tuesday until late spring. I hear it's a tough but very interesting course. The next VHF course is scheduled to start right after the completion of the Spring Boating Course.

The end of February brought the annual boat show at Pearkes Arena. A number of the Brentwood Squadron membership volunteered to man the Power Squadron booth and from all accounts this public relations exercise enabled the volunteers to expound on the Power and Sail Squadron and the merit of education and safe boating.

We still seem to battle the "pay if you pass" organizations that allow people to challenge the exam for no cost. We talked to one person who after talking to us and admitting that he had little boating experience, walked directly over to "pay if you pass" booth, wrote the exam and passed. After advising us of what he had just done we asked him what he had learned. His response was "nothing .. but I got my card".



Respectfully submitted,

Greg Garnett

# Editor's Anchorage

The days are getting longer, the cherry blossoms are out in bloom, the ocean breezes are a little warmer and drier. The docks are busier with walkers, visitors, and interested would-be-boat owners. Boaters are making lists for Spring maintenance. Summer holidays and cruises are being planned. Footitis abounds.

Would you want it any other way.?

See you at our annual meeting – notice included on page 4



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## District AGM and Conference

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### Mark you're Calendars

Monday, April 19th – 6:30 AGM / 7:30 Winter -2004 Students graduation  
@ Quality Inn - Waddling Dog, 2476 Mt. Newton Cross Road.

Saturday, May 8, 2004, District AGM & Conference @ Mary Winspear Center.

Friday – Sunday, July 16 -18th, Pig War, Genoa Bay.

August,(?), To be announced, Second Annual Croquette Challenge.

Spring into Boating BBQ, To be announced.

# **The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty**

*by P/C Richard W. Baker, Ap*  
*as published in Friday Harbor Power Squadron's Newsletter 'Harbor Lights'*

One of my Christmas gifts this year was Caroline Alexander's wonderfully researched book "The Bounty". My recollections of that famous 1789 mutiny on the high seas, based in large part on three major films produced in Hollywood, were challenged by Alexander's book.

The reviled character of Captain Bligh, as portrayed in turn by Charles Laughton (1930's), Trevor Howard (1960's), and Anthony Hopkins (1990's), was more a product of the Hollywood screenwriters than of history. Equally, the heroic image of Fletcher Christian, as portrayed by Clark Gable, Marlon Brando and Mel Gibson, is somewhat overstated.

As a young man I worked as a Studio carpenter (Prop maker) in Hollywood. One of the last films I worked on was the Brando version of the "Mutiny on the Bounty" in 1961. All the sets for the film were made at MGM under the supervision of master shipbuilders brought over from Europe—it was a privilege to "fetch and carry" under their direction.

Alexander's book is meticulously researched and traces the origins of the mutiny, the mutiny itself and its aftermath; including the trial of the captured mutineers and the saga of the mutineers who escaped to Pitcairn island with their leader Fletcher Christian.

The underlying cause of the mutiny, according to Alexander, was to be found in the clash between the unbending and volatile Captain Bligh and his youthful, idealistic and sensitive First Mate, Fletcher Christian. In fact, Bligh's private journal revealed that he had an abiding respect and affection for Christian, considering himself to be a mentor and benefactor. Unfortunately, Bligh's intemperate language and periodic rages disguised his true feelings and regard for Christian. In his journal Bligh had written of his intent to recommend Christian for promotion at the completion of the voyage.

At the time the mutiny occurred the ship had only left Tahiti days before, where it had put up for over 5 months due to inclement weather and the need for repairs and resupply. Christian and many of the men had had to leave their Tahitian "wives" behind and a life style they would sorely miss! In the climate of regrets and recriminations (aided by the consumption of alcohol) Christian fomented mutiny against his Captain. He along with many of his conspirators would live to regret it! Bligh could not at first believe that Christian had led the mutiny and offered to "forget the whole episode if Christian would but reconsider his rash actions!" Alas, the dye had been cast. Captain Bligh and 19 loyalists would be placed in an open 23' launch with minimal provisions, a compass and broken sextant. Thus would begin a voyage of more than 3600 miles that would rank among the most prodigious feats of open water navigation in the annals of naval history!

Fletcher Christian and his mutineers would settle on remote Pitcairn island with the women they had recovered from Tahiti. His death occurred there some 4 years later, with the cause in dispute. Some reported by "his own hand", others that he was murdered and still others that he had died from "natural causes". Christian did sire children during his time on Pitcairn and his descendents live there to this day!

The book concludes with this poignant paragraph: "What caused the Mutiny on the Bounty? The seductions of Tahiti and its gorgeous, compliant women, Bligh's tongue...perhaps. But more compellingly, a night of drinking and a proud man's pride (Christian's), a low moment on a gray dawn, a momentary and fatal slip in a gentleman's code of discipline... and then the rush of consequences to be lived out for a lifetime".

Bligh went on to a distinguished Naval career upon his return, rising to a rank of Rear Admiral. Yet, he never completely lost the taint of "Bligh of the Bounty"

If you want to learn of the REAL story of the Mutiny on the Bounty, read "The Bounty" by Caroline Alexander.



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