

Commanders Report

By Len Burton

To the Members

Brentwood Bay

Power and Sail Squadron.



For the past year and a half, since I joined Past Commander Barrie Gilbertson and took on the Executive Officers position, Barrie has been saying “**Brentwood Bay leads the way.**”

This year, Brentwood Bay Squadron did lead the way as was evidenced by all of the awards taken at the Vancouver Island South District AGM.

Congratulations to the Fall and Spring Boating courses for your outstanding marks and a course well done.

As Brentwood Bay’s incoming Commander I would like to thank all involved who put in the time and hours to make this happen. Past Commander **Barrie Gilbertson** for stepping up to the plate and taking on the Commanders position. Past Commanders **Len Fallan** and **Peter Simpson** for keeping both feet on the plate and holding the Squadron together in tough times past. To the Past Training Department for putting on outstanding courses and holding the Squadron together. You are an important part of this Squadron and I look forward to working with you.

Thank you “**Janice Hayward** Training Officer” and **Ron Harris**, Assistant Training Officer **Dawna Burton**, Chief Proctor **Gale Fidyk**. Congratulations for taking a new direction with the Training Department.

Thank you Brentwood Bays Executive Bridge (too many to mention) that put in double time as Instructors and Proctors. **Sharon Virk**, **Al Motiuk** Proctors; students from the previous Boating Courses. **Chris Gower Rees**, **Paul Jeffrey** Proctors and new members to Brentwood Bay Squadron. Every single one of you “Made the difference”. You put Brentwood Bay back on the map.

As of last years AGM 2008 many new members have stepped forward to stand on and remain on Brentwood Bays Executive Bridge taking on one or more positions. **Dawna Burton** Training Officer **Tanya Parkyn** (Treasurer), **Sharon Virk** PRO, Special Events, Telephone Committee. Members that continued on were **Peter Granger** Cruise Master. Without Peter there would be no student cruise, it literally ties the Boating Course together and takes you out of the classroom into the real world of boating safely. It’s a lot of work putting a student cruise together.

I would like to thank all of the Skippers and Proctors for their time, their boats and expertise to make this training exercise happen.

Patricia Sparks Webmaster. Thank you for putting together an outstanding website and instructing in the Boating Course.

A big thank you this year to our Bridge members that have stayed on for another term, I would like to welcome our incoming Executive Officer **Candace Winter**. Candace is a graduate from the 2009 Boating Class. Good stuff Candace and welcome aboard. There are still some vacant positions so come on Fall and Spring class students. Join us on the Executive, or Proctor in the next class.

Welcome new members **Kathy McDougall** Secretary and Port Captain, **Ken Carpenter** Assistant Training Officer.

This spring and summer we have lots of events and cruises planned that are about to happen. Participate, be part of the events. If you don't have a boat, come to our picnic in June. If you don't have a boat perhaps you could hitch a ride on a bigger boat and join us on our cruise to Victoria. **Chris Gower Rees needs a crew on his boat**; here is your opportunity to participate. I look forward to the next year as Commander of Brentwood Bay Squadron.

“Remember Brentwood Bay leads the way”.

The Vancouver Island South District Awards.

Award #1.

Our high Boating Class pass average for the last two Boating Classes saw Brentwood Bay Squadron take the **Westover Memorial Shield**- Awarded to the Squadron with the highest average mark in the Boating Exams 2008 / 2009. Brentwood Bay Squadron, after two large classes in succession and attaining an overall pass average of 92.6% is well on its way to being the best Squadron in Vancouver Island South District. Training Officer **Janice Hayward** Brentwood Bay accepts the award.



Award #2

The next award taken by Brentwood Bay Squadron caught me quite off guard. The award was presented to me, **Len Burton** from Vancouver Island South District Training Officer **Marty Tilley** for teaching a troupe of Cub Scouts Boating Safety. Brentwood Bay Squadron received the **Boatwise Memorial Trophy**. The award is presented to the Vancouver Island South District Squadron most active in the “Boatwise” or youth training Programs.



2009 Saw **Brentwood Bay Squadron** take VISD and National MAREP Awards.

Award #3

The George Mckimm Trophy – awarded to the best VISD Squadron in MARine REPorting Hydrographic program. This year Brentwood Bays **Commander Barrie Gilbertson** accepted the trophy.



Award #4.

The Len Burton-Dave Jackson perpetual MAREP Hydrographic Trophy.

This is awarded to the individual with the best quality of accepted MAREP submission(s) within VISD. This year's recipient is Brentwood Bay Squadron member **John Maycock**.



Award #5.

The CHS /CPS National MAREP Award.
In recognition of your work with the MAREP Program.

**Brentwood Bay
Best Squadron Effort.**

Len Burton
Commander.

