

Attachment 1

Government and Partner Relations Thursday, August 25, 2016 Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons P/C/C Joseph Gatfield, JN

Membership:

- With the elimination of complimentary membership as at July 1, 2015 and established a special first time National Fee of \$35 we achieved our Membership Budget with respect to dollars, but overall we are still slightly down in Members.
- New regular membership joins was well over 200% of budget.
- We instituted a quarterly hard copy mailing to Squadron Commanders of a delinquency list....seems to be working as Squadrons I am aware of are actually “calling” those on the list....often people forget and the personal reminder jogs them to submit their dues

Educational:

- We are continuing to expand our course material that is available as Epub and Print on demand. The majority of courses except the USPS supplied courses are now available in these formats.
- The Outreach Education Committee is continuing to expand our abilities in the elearning field. Using the Go To Meeting, Go to Webinar and Go to Training software to provide course material to students in many areas at the same time has been used by a number of squadrons and districts to hold advanced courses. In many cases there are not enough students in one location but the combination of locations can generate enough students to make the class worthwhile. Squadrons and Districts are purchasing their own copies of the Citrix software to allow them easier access to the courses and to use it for bridge meetings as well.
- A motion was recently passed in an Educational Department Webinar to make all Multiple Choice exams open book.
- A total review of course names is being undertaken to better reflect the progression of education in the core courses. A recommendation that Boating 1 will start at Boating Basics with Boating 7 being Off Shore Navigation – level 2 (equivalent course is Global Navigation – N)
- One of our mainstays is still the Maritime Radio Program that we are under contract from Industry Canada to deliver.

Boating Skills Virtual Trainer:

- Our three multi lingual Boating Skills Virtual Trainers have been received well in Canada and have been used in locations coast to coast

Boundaries Committee:

- The Boundaries Committee consists of 6 members plus 3 Squadron Commanders and 3 District Commanders
- The “Mandate” from the Board of Directors was: To review current District structure, operations and financial capacity with a thought to making adjustments necessary to CPS-ECP Regulations and Policies to facilitate the on-going provision of regional or local administration and support services to relative Squadrons.
- After two extensive reports totalling almost 20 pages, two goals evolved from their findings:
- 1) Maintain/increase service levels to all areas of the country with isolated areas covered off via technology or local volunteer who could be contact person/facilitate some training.
- 2) Reduce volunteer requirements via consolidation of duties (Consolidation could be either Administrative duties, Education and/or a portion or combination thereof)
- These two goals have been now transferred to the Strategic Planning Committee

Strategic Planning:

- The Board of Directors, with the guidance of a professional facilitator, held a second strategic planning session this past April. This was an additional session to the previous years and will evolve into a new five year strategic plan. The Planning Committee is working on presentation of a plan for acceptance at our October Board of Directors meeting.
- The Board has approved a new Vision, Mission and Values statement

Programs:

- We have two programs in cooperation with Transport Canada (TC)
- The Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check program continues and we are currently operating under a renewed 3 year continuation of this program
- The Education and awareness of Safety Equipment and Pyrotechnic Disposal Program is now going into the 3rd year of a 4 year program with TC and C-I-L Orion. To date we have taken just over 65,000 outdated flares out of circulation.

Board of Directors:

- The Board of Directors concept adopted and implemented in the last couple of years is working. We are moving into the second year of the cycle and will elect one third of the Board at our annual meeting in October. We replace 8 members annually on a continuing cycle. Members of the Board serve three year terms.
- The B of D is elected by the Membership based on recommendations of the National Nominating Committee from applications received and the B of D, once elected, elects the Executive Committee. There is an ExCom recommended by the NomCom.
- The Board has 24 members
- We meet face to face 2 times per year and 4 other times as established electronically
- ExCom meets 4 times per year face to face and electronically regularly

CPS-ECP Annual Meeting:

- I would be remiss if I did not mention that the CPS-ECP Annual Conference and Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Wall Centre in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia October 26-29. All are welcome to participate. Go to www.cps-ecp.ca and you will find the conference link on our home page.