



### **Fraser Bridge Officers**

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## Commanders Comments



Winter is almost over and many of us are thinking about the upcoming boating season. While our winter has been relatively mild the same cannot be said for the Prairies and Eastern Canada. We are very fortunate to live on the West Coast that offers a relatively mild winter, and a coastline that has so many different panoramas from water falls, rapids, hot springs, glaciers, rain forests, 100's of islands and an abundance of wildlife to see. We truly are blessed with a pleasure craft boater's paradise.

In preparing for the upcoming boating season many of us are getting our boats ready with oil changes, checking the batteries, etc. We should also make sure that our emergency equipment is in order by checking our life jackets for wear & tear, outdated flares etc. We should also check our electronics including your VHF radio by making a signal check call to the Coast Guard on one of their working channels.

We will be offering several mini courses this year including anchoring, using an iPad as a chart-plotter and maybe a few local knowledge courses. This information can be found in this and future issues of the Fairlead.

We also will be offering a one day VHF Radio Course on Saturday April 12th to get your ROC (M) certificate with the DSC Endorsement. This one day course has proved to be a good working model provided the student studies before hand. This course will be offered in two sections. Module one will be in the morning, and Module 2 in the afternoon which covers Digital Selective Calling (DSC). So for those boaters that all ready have their ROC (M) certificate but without the DSC Endorsement are encouraged to take the Module two afternoon course to up-grade their certificate to a ROC (M) with the DSC Endorsement. DSC can save lives! - See page 12 of this issue for more details.

As always I must say a big **Thank You** to my Fraser Squadron Bridge members who like myself are a dedicated group of volunteers who offer their time to promote safe boating.

# Annual General Meeting April 25 2014

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### To: The Members of Fraser Squadron

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Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Fraser Squadron will be held at the Sundance Inn-Banquet Room, 6574 Ladner Trunk Rd, Delta, BC V4K 3N3, at 1900 hours on Friday, April 25th 2014 , for the purpose of:

- Receiving and approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
- Receiving and approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2014.
- Electing the Officers of the Squadron.

Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting. 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 1st day of March 2014 and signed by Commander Byron Buie

*The cost will be \$10 each; Coffee, tea, sandwiches and desert will be served.*

Nomination Committee Report Elected Officers 2014/2015: Commander - Byron Buie, Executive Officer - Dave Mellis, Administrative Officer - Meredith Williamson, Training Officer - Kathleen Vanderwood, Training Officer - Paul Vanderwood, Treasurer - Cleve Pryde, Secretary - Cindy Arbeau, Membership Officer - Vidas Vitkus, Communications Officer - Colin Redwood.

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### Trophy presentations will be part of the evenings agenda.

**John Murray Award** - This is awarded to the member of the Squadron who has shown excellence to those in distress, and courtesy on the water. **Brimbal and Curran Award** - This is awarded to a member for outstanding service. **Stuart Church Award** - This is awarded to the member who has gone above and beyond in the training department. **Marep Award** - This is awarded to the member for best individual effort



# Fraser Squadron 2014 Cruises

## By Peter Lefroy



Back by popular demand!

### July 4-06 Granville Island/ False Creek

This popular anchoring cruise has been a hit for several years as some members have been able to attend by boat and those that could not make it by boat are welcome to attend the Saturday 6 PM evening dinner at Bridges Pub. This an anchoring cruise so Call Peter and let him know you are planning on joining the group. Also make note you can call him on VHF, and his boat name is NAVABENCHA This will help you find the group.

PETER'S HOME NUMBER IS 604-271-5240  
*JOIN US AND SEE VANCOUVER FROM THE WATER!*

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### Telegraph Harbour at Thetis Island Marina

July 25th to 27th Boaters must contact marina to reserve.

We will have a pot luck dinner and other activities. Hope to see you there.

Telegraph Harbour contact Ron or Tara: 1-800-246-6011 [email](mailto:sunny@telegraphharbour.com) :sunny@telegraphharbour.com



# Desolation Sound Cruise August 22 to Sept 01



Desolation  
Sound



We have been talking about this for years and we are going to do it. We will meet at Pender Harbour, Garden Bay Hotel August 22. Let us know if you are going to join us, We will have some fast boats and some slow boats and some sail boats, so we will have a planned cruise each day and will travel in groups.

You are welcome to join us and you can stay longer if you wish, We pick the later date in August to try to miss the crowded anchorages. Call Peter at 604-271-5240 and let him know you wish to join us on this spectacular cruise. Peter's boat is NAVABENCHA you can call him as you arrive in Garden bay on your VHF Radio.



Its OK. Spring is just around the corner, soon we will all be down cleaning, waxing and making our boats ready for the cruising season.



Courtesy of [www.americanboating.org](http://www.americanboating.org)  
"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."



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[MarineTraffic.com](http://MarineTraffic.com)

## What is his visual line of sight?

Can he see you crossing in front of his path 200 yards out?

Half a mile out? - One mile out?

I am not sure, but I am sure I will not cross in front of his path I will cross behind him.

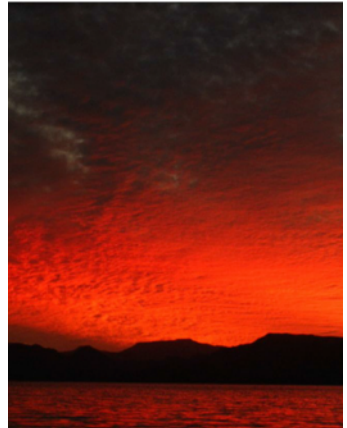
## Jim Poirier's Great Adventure

March 4, 2014 The winds are changing so it is time to continue with the adventure.



Jim and Karmin left La Paz Sunday to start the next leg of Jimmy's Great Adventure. They stopped in a little bay to clean the boat's bottom, store the dinghy and motor in the sail locker. If all goes well, they will lift anchor in the morning (or maybe late today) ...and they will be on their way SOUTH!

Check our web site were you can find more writings from Jim about his experience.



**Radio operators certificate ROC (M) and the new Digital Selective Calling (DSC). Have you bought a new radio and does it have DSC? Then you may want to upgrade your ROC (M) certificate to include the DCS Endorsement.**



**Contact Fraser Squadron training at 604-786-5678**

At last night's bridge meeting a question was asked about the ROC (M) certificate and DSC (Digital Selective Calling) Endorsement. All ROC (M) certificates are good for life. So if you have an old certificate it is still good (even if you operate a DSC enabled radio). If you want to upgrade your card to include DSC you may do so, but there is no Industry Canada requirement that this must be done. Although CPS strongly suggest that if you have an old ROC (M) certificate you might want to learn what DSC is all about and take the DSC Endorsement part of the test which consists of 20 questions (you must get 14 right) and the verbal part consists of 3 questions (you must get 2 right). All ROC (M) applicants since 2005 are required to write the full test. If you lose your old ROC (M) card (pre 2005) it will be replaced with one without the endorsement.

We will be offering a half day DSC course but with the stipulation that the student must do some homework before the class starts as we are doing with the full course. If we use our own Fraser Bridge as a model there are at least 3 members that have the old ROC (M) card, and are candidates for taking the ROC (M) DSC Endorsement course ..... So there must be 1000's of "Old Salts" out there who may be interested in upgrading their card to include the DSC Endorsement! - See page 12 for more details.

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## Fraser Squadron Graduation Ceremony Friday May 9th

On Friday May 9th 1900 hr (7:00PM) please join us at the Ladner Yacht Club to congratulate the boating students from our 2013/2014 classes. Light refreshments will be served and we will be having a local knowledge presentation about cruising the Gulf Islands covering topics such as anchoring spots, tides, currents, wind, weather, and the best spots for food and fun.

Price to our graduating students is FREE - Grad guests are \$5.00 & Others 10.00 per person or couple.

Location of Ladner Yacht Club is 5011 River Road, Delta B.C. V4K 1S

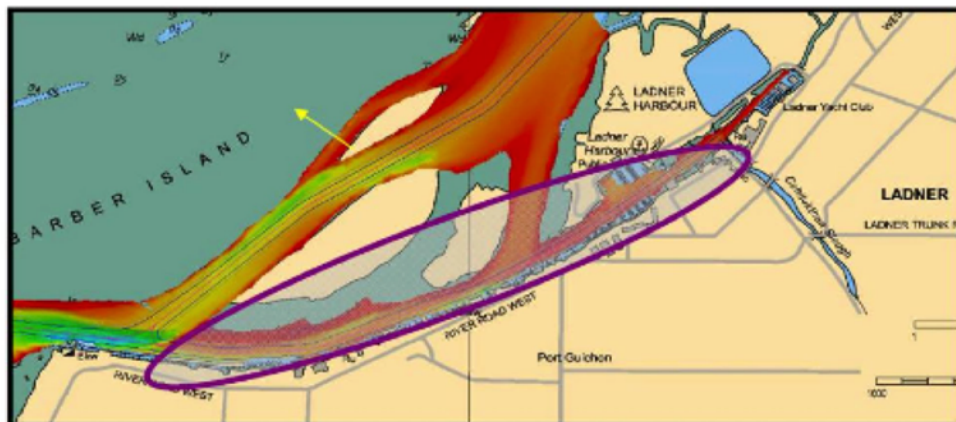
*So please join us to congratulate our new graduates, and enjoy our popular local knowledge presentation.*

## NOTICE OF DREDGING – LADNER HARBOUR LOCAL CHANNEL

Port Metro Vancouver is pleased to announce, on behalf of its funding partners the Provincial Government and the Corporation of Delta, that channel dredging in the Ladner Harbour Local Channel will be done in two stages and will commence on January 27, 2014 for a duration of 7 weeks. Dredging will resume after the freshet in July 2014 and continue until November.

The Ladner Harbour Local Channel dredging project is intended to re-establish navigation channel design (depth and width). The channel to be dredged ranges from the confluence of Ladner Reach and Ladner Harbour channel in the west to the Elliot St. wharf in the east. Approximately 210,000 cubic metres of river bottom is to be removed by clamshell dredging and disposed by barge to Pt. Grey disposal site.

The re-establishment of this Local Channel will promote sustainable economic and environmental revitalization of the harbour and waterfront.



**PROJECT DURATION:** January 27<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup> and July - November  
07:00 – 17:00 (Weekdays)

**CONTRACTOR:** Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd  
Chris Paterson, Project Manager  
Direct Line: 604 990 0405  
Email: [cpaterson@vanpile.com](mailto:cpaterson@vanpile.com)





## "HOPE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN TO YOU"

On the July 2nd, 2012 My wife & I were returning to Point Roberts Wa from Montaque Hbr. on Galiano Island. We (as we have often done many times before) stayed close on the Galiano Island shore of Active Pass to: #1 avoid crossing Active Pass and #2 to avoid being in the way of any Ferry traffic. We timed our departure from Montague Hbr to take advantage of the favourable 3 Kt current flowing through Active Pass.

As we entered Active Pass there were 3 pleasure vessels ahead of us also close on the Galiano shore. Approx.: 5 mins later 3 more pleasure vessels entered the Pass, but they chose to stay in the centre of Active Pass. All 7 of us heading toward Georgia Strait.

The 3 vessels ahead of us rounded the 90 degree corner at Mary Anne Pt and disappeared from our view. Shortly thereafter the bow of a BC Ferry started to come into view and began her right hand turn around Mary Anne Pt to head south west down Active Pass.

As the Ferry continued her turn she appeared to be heading closer to Galiano than we were used to seeing, so while we were quite close to shore already, we could get a little closer, so we did that. The Ferry passed safely (in our opinion) by us. We thought no more about encounter.

A few weeks after this I was contacted by the RCMP (Galiano Detachment) about this .....and gave my recollection of the event. A few weeks after that, I was called again and this time he explained that in his investigation he had come to the conclusion that I had NOT operated my vessel in a careless or reckless manner but that I had violated Rule 9 of the Collision Regulations. This rule has a number of sections, but the one in question was sec (a) A vessel proceeding along the course of a narrow channel or fairway shall keep as near to the outer limit of the channel or fairway which lies on her Starboard side as is safe and practicable. I had Galiano Is on my Port side. The concern was that by ignoring this RULE I had acted in a "Careless and Reckless Manner" and so the charge was laid against me.

I contacted the Canadian Coast Guard for their opinion and was told "Rule 9" does NOT APPLY TO ACTIVE PASS. But they referred me to Ottawa and Transport Canada ...who then referred me to the Pacific region (who were very pleasant to deal with) and they were very clear about this and confirmed that Rule 9 does not apply to Active Pass. Both of these agencies did add that ..Only BC Ferries believe this rule applies ... Based on that, I decided to fight the charge and plead Not Guilty. It took 1 - 1/2 years to get to trial. I LOST and was found Guilty.

The complaint was filed against me because the Captain believed I was in violation of Rule 9. I pointed out during the Trial that "NO Where in the Sailing Directions or Pleasure boating guides" is any mention made of Rule 9 applying to Active Pass. In my summation at the end of the Trial I again pointed out that "Nothing was put before the Court" that showed RULE 9 Applies.

The Prosecution also claimed that I had violated the "Port to Port" Rule. I explained to the court that the expression "Port to Port" only comes up in the Collision Regulations under Rule 14. This rule only applies to "Head on Approach" which was not our situation.

In the end the Judge found that Active Pass seemed narrow to him so Rule 9 applied and that Rule 14 (head on) applied . so he found me Guilty.

I did contact Transport Canada here in Vancouver after the Trial..and spoke with the Acting Manager, Office of Boating Safety, to tell him of the verdict. He was stunned and reconfirmed that the only rule that applies is Rule 8 which essentially says "We small vessels (less than 20 meters) must give way etc. I did also ask him what he thought about the 3 vessels that were in the centre of the channel., ....were they in violation of any rule? He replied NO they were not. You can be where ever you want "Just stay out of the way of larger Vessels".

I gave serious thought to an Appeal but was to find the costs would be substantial., ... most likely around \$5000.

I have been told that BC Ferries have been frustrated with pleasure boats in Active Pass for many years now and have decided to take a much more aggressive approach to the slightest (in their opinion) violation of any rule.

This situation is most troubling to BC Ferries and for Us. We need our Yacht Clubs, Power Squadron, etc to get together with BC Ferries and see if we can come up with a solution. Then make every effort to get the word out to the Boating Community before this Cruising Season arrives.

Bill Cowan



## **Membership Renewal**

You will or have received a notice to renew your membership with CPS Fraser Squadron It is easy just follow the instructions below.

Thank you for being part of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons 75th Anniversary celebrations as a member in 2013. Great events and activities took place all across the country this past year, highlighted by our Flag Relay. Two 75th Anniversary flags began their symbolic journeys in Windsor, Ontario and made their way across Canada, one westward to Sooke, British Columbia and the second eastward to St. John's, Newfoundland. The flags visited many Squadrons and Districts and were dipped in many of the Canadian waterways we all enjoy. This relay symbolized the growth and reach of safe boating education through CPS-ECP over the past three quarters of a century.

You are invited to renew your CPS-ECP membership today and join our journey into the future. As you know, your membership provides you with a variety of membership benefits. But just as significant to all Canadians, your membership renewal assists greatly in continuing the great work that CPC-ECP does in bringing boaters home safely. As a member, you continue to play a vital role in creating a safe and enjoyable boating environment in Canada.

Your on-line membership renewal is easy and offers you a secure payment option. Upon renewal you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing a link to a PDF version of your paid invoice that you can save or print.

We invite you to be a part of our continued journey now by renewing your membership today. You can renew your membership online today at:

[https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public\\_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard%7CK=221~0](https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard%7CK=221~0)

Thank you again for being part of our team in 2013 and we look forward to having you on our team into our future.

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### **Victoria Customs Dock Opens At Raymur Point**

The new Customs float at Raymur Point near Fisherman's Wharf in the Victoria harbour is now in use by the Canadian Border Services Agency to process incoming vessels.

The new facility offers more space and convenient location to vessels arriving from outside of Canada into Victoria harbour.

## NOAA PDF Charts to remain free and available

NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) announced Friday that it plans to continue to make available the freely downloadable electronic PDF (Portable Document Format) versions of its nautical charts, the successful culmination of a three-month trial period begun in November, 2013.

A list of available charts, with links to the PDF versions, can be found on the NOAA website [here](#).

And if you don't know the number of the chart you are looking for, the agency has also unveiled a new [interactive catalog](#) to help you locate the right chart for your region.

The same tool allows access to PDF versions of the Coast Pilot (which have long been available), and raw versions of the Electronic Navigation Chart (ENC) data which can be used directly with compatible chart plotters or navigation programs. The ENC charts can also be viewed directly online with the new [NOAA ENC Online chart viewer](#).

The raster-based PDF charts can be referenced electronically on most computers and portable devices, or can be printed off on paper. The agency also continues to make available the specially formatted BookletChart PDF charts, which conveniently render a number of popular chart coverage areas into standard letter-paper-sized pages which can be easily printed off accurately on almost any home printer.

"Up to date charts help boaters avoid groundings and other dangers to navigation, so our aim is to get charts into the hands of as many boaters as we can," said Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. "Within about 90 days of the product's beta release, nearly 2.3 million charts were downloaded. To us, that represents more than two million opportunities to avoid an accident at sea.

"The announcement comes four months after the agency announced that it would [no longer be providing paper charts directly](#), citing the considerable cost which would be required to continue to provide printed lithographic charts after long-time print provider the Federal Aviation Administration shut down its own printing operation.

Print On Demand charts are still available with the agency's imprimatur from certified chart printers. NOAA itself, however, plans to focus its resources on generating the data that goes onto the charts and creating electronic versions, staying out of the printing business entirely.

As with the pilot program, the PDF charts do not fulfill chart carriage requirements for commercial vessels, which must still provision their charts from authorized resellers. For recreational users, however, the NOAA program provides considerable value and flexibility for accessing official chart information.

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### **iPad Seminar**

Thursday May 22 at Ladner Yacht Club, 5011 River Rd. Ladner V4K1S7  
Cost \$10.00 per person or couple - *Light refreshments will be served.*



#### **Seminar topics:**

Mounting the iPad on your vessel & how to protect it from the weather.  
Reviewing iPad features - Data Services - iTunes Store.  
Photos - Books reference material - GPS or location services  
Boating Apps - Programs that make boating safer and easier

*It is also a great opportunity to meet & chat with other boaters!*

**RSVP to Training Officer 604-786-5678 if you wish to attend**

## VHF Maritime Radio One Day Course Saturday April 12th\*\*\*

Module 1: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM — Module 2: 12:45AM to 3:30 PM\*

If you do not have a ROC (M) certificate then you will be required to take both Module 1 & 2 course. If you all-ready have the old ROC (M) certificate, but without the DSC Endorsement, and you want up-grade to have the ROC (M) with the DSC Endorsement then you will only be required to take the Module 2 course.



### **Cost Complete Course Module 1 & 2**

Members price: single \$70.00 - couple \$90.00\*\*

Non members price : single \$80.00 - couple \$100.00\*\*

### **Cost Module 2 only (DSC)**

Members 40.00 - Non Members 45.00

\*Test takes about 20-40 minutes

\*\*For students paying the couples rate receive only one manual.

\*\*\* We may have another course in May (Date TBA)

**Location:** Britannia Heritage Shipyard, 5180 Westwater, Richmond B.C., V7E 6P3

A comprehensive and practical course focusing on all aspects of Maritime Radio procedures complete with simulated practice calls. Included is information on Digital Selective Calling (DSC) This feature is found on most new VHF radios. Industry Canada's Restricted Radiotelephone operators certificate exam is written. On successful completion you will receive your ROC (M) certificate.

NB: Advance registration is required because materials are to be read before the first class.

**Contact the Training Officer at 604-786-5678 or register at CPS-ECP**

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## **AIS Seminar - May 15, 2014 - 7PM**

Ladner Yacht Club, 5011 River Rd. Ladner V4K1S7

Cost \$10.00 person or couple

Learn about using AIS on your boat and follow ships while at home.

Light refreshments will be served and a chance to share boating stories.

Please RSVP the Training Officer at 604-786-5678 if you plan to attend.



## *Report of the Fraser Nominating Committee March 1st 2014*

The Fraser Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as Fraser Officers for 2014/2015

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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Executive Officer	Dave Mellis	5817 Fair Wynd Drive, Delta, V4K 5H1	(604) 946-0091
Administrative Officer	Meredith Williamson	5817 Fair Wynd Drive, Delta, V4K 5H1	(604) 946-0091
Training Officer	Kathleen Vanderwood	5128 Bentley Drive, Delta, V4K 4K5	(604) 946-4184
Training Officer	Paul Vanderwood	5128 Bentley Drive, Delta, V4K 4K5	(604) 946-4184
Treasurer	Cleve Pryde	1254 English Bluff Road, Delta, V4M 2N9	(604) 943-3536
Secretary	Cindy Arbeau	19-3459 River Road West, Delta, V4K 4Y6	(604) 940-8711
Membership Officer	Vidas Vitkus	5132 Galway Drive, Delta, V4M 3R5	(604) 948-2188
Communications Officer	Colin Redwood	918 - 51st, Delta, V4M 4A1	(604) 943-1680

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Assistant Training Officer	Nan Lockie	1373 Duncan Drive, Delta, V4L 1R3	(604) 943-0694
Assistant Training Officer	Carolyn Duguid	17 - 12438 Brunswick Place, Richmond, V7E 6K6	(604) 671-1624
Webmaster/WBAS	Bob Everson	28 - 4800 Trimaran Drive, Richmond, V7E 4Y7	(604) 271-2551
Port Captain	Bob Juulsen	5579 Anchor Bay, Delta, V4K 4R9	(604) 946-0936
Supplies & Training Aids	Bill Hawryluk	5511 Walton Road, Richmond, V7C 2L7	(604) 270-2946
Cruise Master	Peter Lefroy	8740 Wagner Drive, Richmond, V7A 4N9	(604) 271-5240
Environmental Officer	Les Muller	1866 Washington Drive, Point Roberts, WA 98281	(360) 945-0895
Public Relations Officer	Jan Muller	1866 Washington Drive, Point Roberts, WA 98281	(360) 945-0895
Regalia Officer	Donalda Buie	4640 Lancelot Drive, Richmond, V7C 4S3	(604) 271-7938
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TBA	Murphy Ni	8831 River Road, Richmond, V6X 1Y1	(778) 835-3955
TBA	Gouri Vidas	5132 Galway Drive, Delta, V4M 3R5	(604) 948-2188

The following member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as Immediate Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment. P/Cdr Rick Easthom

Pursuant to Squadron Regulations 9.14.1, the following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for the 2014/2015 by virtue of their positions.

P/Cdr Rick Easthom    P/Cdr Paul Vanderwood    P/Cdr Bob Everson    P/Cdr Bob Juulsen    Commander Byron Buie

Respectfully submitted: March 1st, 2014

Commander Byron Buie