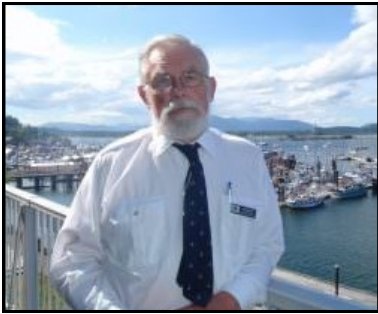


**North Star**  
Newsletter of the  
**Vancouver Island North District**  
(a unit of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons)

*District Commander's Message*

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May 2019



"When stirring up trouble, do you stir clockwise or anti-clockwise?"

My term is quickly coming to a close. It has been almost 730 days if I were counting, however there is more to it than that. When Peter Bolton asked, or more likely sidestepped around the question, to which I had the feeling I knew what was coming, I asked, where are the conventions being held? Charlottetown and Ottawa. It was fortuitous because Lois was pressing for a trip to see the other side of Canada and so it was done.

We truly enjoyed the trips and I managed to meet so many people that I have had the pleasure to write or talk to but had never met in person. The meetings were

composed of many different thoughts; some had to be reasoned at length to get to the kernel of the idea and others were plain and simple as I had thought. All along, listening first and ask questions later, served the purpose and I was better informed. I understood the complexities of the west and east and to some extent, the difficulty of combining the two. Sometimes I think that it might be better served by eastern and western versions of the same topic but I leave that to others, more knowledgeable than I. The thing is, to be receptive to what people are saying, and in what context. Is it frustration? confusion? or excitement? and then analyze it for useful material.

The last trip did reinforce knowing that we are not that well known. We need to double down and work as a district to develop marketing that gets us noticed and then share with neighbouring districts to expand the marketing. Case in point, I have heard from AM radio, spot adverts for Pacific Mainland District and once, from the USPS District 16.

In addition, we need to approach our visitors with warmth and a sense of friendship; "What are your boating interests?" "Will you come to the next event?" "See you there." It is all there, you just have to make the effort. If you feel awkward talking to someone you don't know, try thinking of their experience. The first one I experienced, almost 50 years ago, was at a sports car club, and as I signed the application, a guy standing next to me said "Hi my name is Dave, who are you? What would you like to do?" "I can introduce you to the others". I have never forgotten his introduction and I use it constantly. Show no fear and extend your hand. Cheers; see you in the classroom or on the water.

Ion Barnes  
VIND District Commander



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**Once Again Vancouver Island North District (VIND) and Vancouver Island South District (VISD) of CPS  
are holding their  
AGMs and Changes of Watch at the same location and on the same date.**

The location is the Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn. The date is Saturday, June 1 starting at 0930 for VIND and 1400 for VISD. The Chief Commander's representative will be Board Director Byron Buie. Please register for the AGMs. All are welcome at no charge, but we would like an estimate of numbers in order to have enough seats. If you wish to attend the luncheon please indicate so that we have accurate numbers for the meal.

A room rate of \$135 per night plus taxes has been arranged for those wishing to stay at the hotel. That rate is only valid if you stay for two nights. Please book with the hotel directly, quoting the promo code "CDN Power and Sale Squadron". For those coming early there will be a get together on Friday May 31 at 1700 in the meeting room beside the lounge/dining room.



**Lunch Menu**

Soup of the Day  
Make Your Own Sandwich Bar  
(gluten free bread available),  
Assorted Desserts  
Freshly Brewed Coffee  
& a Selection of Teas

***Lunch cost—only \$12.00***

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**Take Notice that the Annual General Meeting of Vancouver Island North District**  
will be held at the Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn  
on Saturday June 1, 2019, at 0930

For the purpose of:

- a) receiving, and if thought fit, approving the Reports of the Officers of the District;
- b) receiving, and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2019 and the Financial Review Committee Report thereon;
- c) electing the Officers of the District;
- d) appointing the District Internal Financial Review Committee;
- e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of this Notice.

Under Board Regulations 12.3.5 no member of a District shall be eligible for election at any District Annual General Meeting unless nominated by the District Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five (5) Members of the District of which two (2) must be from a Squadron other than that of the petitioner who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination. All such nominations:

- (a) by the District Nominating Committee shall be filed with the District Secretary at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place;
- (b) by petition shall be filed with the District Secretary not less than two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place .

Dated this 8th day of May, 2019  
*Sheila Boutcher District Secretary*



Registration Form  
**Vancouver Island North District and  
Vancouver Island South District**  
(Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons)  
**2019 Annual General Meetings and Changes of Watch**  
**Saturday, 1 June, 2019**



**Cowichan Valley Best Western Hotel, 6457 Norcross Road, Duncan BC**

Both AGMs are open to all members at no cost.  
Registration is not required for these meetings and all members of both Districts are encouraged to attend.

**Registration deadline for the Lunch is 30 May 2019.**

0900 - 0930	Registration - Coffee and Tea	<b>Guest speakers will include</b>
0930 - 1100	VIND Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch	* Chief Commander's representative Byron Buie
1100 - 1200	Guest Speakers	* National Executive Officer Peter Bolton
1230 - 1330	Lunch	* Sailing Plan APP for iPhones Tyler Gault
1300 - 1400	Guest Speakers	* New Whale Regulations Wili Jansen from DFO
1330 - 1530	VISD Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch	
1700 -	Group dinner for those wishing to stay	

**Please PRINT – information will be kept confidential.**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(last name) (first name)

**Squadron:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridge Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name as you wish it to appear on your Name Tag:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accompanying Person's name(s) for Name Tag:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(phone) (email)

<b><u>Function Number and Description</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
Saturday 1 June 2019 - Lunch		x \$12	\$
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>

Please make cheques payable to: "Vancouver Island North District" and mail or email to:  
Wayne Smiley, 1908 Francis Street, Duncan BC V9L 5A1, email - wsmiley@pccomputerguy.ca (phone 1-778-748-0676)

## *District Nominating Committee*

**To: The Members of Vancouver Island North District**

### **Report of the District Nominating Committee**

**for June 1, 2019**

1. The Vancouver Island North District Nominating Committee nominates the following for election as District Officers for 2019/2020

District Commander	Wayne Smiley 1908 Frances Street Duncan BC V9L 5A1	Cowichan 778-748-0676 wsmiley@pccomputerguy.ca
District Executive Officer	P/D/C Sheila Boutcher 501 Greenbriar Place Nanaimo BC V9T 4E8	Nanaimo 250-756-9227 smab@shaw.ca
District Educational Officer	P/C Alexa Stochmal 117 Lakeview Crescent Nanaimo BC V9T 6G8	Nanaimo 250 390-3805 koraldanser@shaw.ca
District Financial Officer	Carol Green 1930 Harmac Road Nanaimo BC V9X 1L3	Nanaimo 250-722-4772 greenbc@shaw.ca
District Secretary	Lorrie Redl 4760 Brenton Page Road Ladysmith BC V9G 1L7	Nanaimo 250-616-4315 livelyladyv@gmail.com
District Membership Officer	Nichol Miller 221-2300 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay BC V9N 3S3	Cape Lazo 250-244-1554 nicmil@telus.net
Officer at Large	P/C Marguerite Vogel 6303 Crestwood Drive Duncan BC V9L 5R3	Cowichan 250-746-6537 mavogel@shaw.ca

2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following members for election as District Officers, who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names, assigned to them by the District Executive Committee pursuant to District Regulation 10.2[b].

District Webmaster	Wayne Smiley 1908 Frances Street Duncan BC V9L 5A1	Cowichan 778-748-0676 wsmiley@pccomputerguy.ca
North Star Editor	P/D/C Sheila Boutcher 501 Greenbriar Place Nanaimo BC V9T 4E8	Nanaimo 250-756-9227 smab@shaw.ca
District Privacy Officer	P/D/C Don Butt 1160 Ritchie Road Gabriola BC V0R 1X3	Gabriola Island 250 247-7804 donbutt@shaw.ca

3. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following member for appointment by the members as Internal Financial Review Officer for the District:

P/D/C Bill Wilson 137 Bird Sanctuary Dr. Nanaimo V9R 6G9	Nanaimo 250 754-3570 bwilsn26@telus.net
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4. The Nominating committee also advises that:

a) the following member will serve on the District Executive Committee and the District Council by virtue of his position as immediate Past District Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

P/C Ion Barnes Box 171, Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W0	Cowichan 250-743-9855 ionbarnes@hotmail.com
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5. Pursuant to District Regulations 9.15.1 the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for the 2020/2021 nominations by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment.

P/D/C Ion Barnes	(Cowichan) Chair
D/C Wayne Smiley	(Cowichan)
Cdr Wally Wells	(Nanaimo)

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Barry Ensign      D/C Ion Barnes      D/X/O Wayne Smiley      Cdr Kevin Kavanagh