



## Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples February 2007



### Commander's Comments

Well it looks like winter has finally arrived. The river is frozen and so are we. Yikes! It's cold outside! On a positive note, looking forward there are less than 100 days until launch day for most boaters. Having attended the Toronto Boat Show, we are thinking about this years boating vacation destination and are anxious to get back on the water.

The winter training sessions are well underway and it's great to see that a number of members have registered in advanced courses. If you know anyone that is thinking of taking a course, we will be running another boating course after the Ottawa Boat Show in February. Registration for this course will be on March 7th with classes starting, after the March break on, Wednesday March 21st. Check the website for more details.

There are many changes taking place in the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron organization. Ongoing market research has determined that the public does not know who we are and we are not easily recognized for the excellent work that we do to provide boating courses. With hopes to change the way we are perceived, a Branding contest has been launched, looking for entries from CPS members as well as members of the public. The new name will be used by staff and volunteers of CPS-ECP when referencing our organization as part of "day to day" activity, and the name we want the public, our members, government and the marine industry to think of us by. Contest details are published in this news letter and are also available on the CPS nation website cps-ecp.ca

With the squadron AGM approaching quickly, we are still looking for volunteers to assist with the Bridge. If you have ever thought that you have time to give to the squadron, please contact me. We are always looking for help in many areas. Maybe there is

something that is right for you.  
Have a great winter. Stay warm.

*Cathie Johnstone, Commander*

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### Ottawa Boat Show

I am sure you have already marked Feb 22-25, 2007 on your calendar for the Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage show at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. Don't forget to visit the CPS booth. The Ottawa Squadron is doing a draw for a FREE 2007 BoatPro/Boating course (your choice) – so come on down and enter your name.

If you would like to help out by manning the booth for a couple of hours, please let Pierre Garneau know as he is compiling a list of what times are available, etc. Pierre can be reached at: [pilu.garneau@sympatico.ca](mailto:pilu.garneau@sympatico.ca)

*Gord Abry, XO*

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While browsing through some boating news groups recently I came across two postings with mention of some individuals who are taking cruising to the extreme. Over time, in the newsgroups I have seen many debates on what size of boat is suitable for circumnavigating, and well, these two individuals defy popular opinion on what is considered sane. Might be old news to some readers but Check out their sites.

Dom Mee - crossing of the North Atlantic from Canada to the UK in a 14' ocean-going kite boat.

<http://www.dommee.co.uk/pgs/home/home.html>

Donna Lange - Solo circumnavigating in a 28ft Southern Cross, Inspired Insanity.

<http://www.donnalange.com/home.html>



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## *The 2006 – 2007 Bridge*

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Cdr Cathie Johnstone

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## Squadron Events Calendar

**Tuesday, 6 February - Bridge meeting.** At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

**Saturday, 10 February - Sqn. Annual Dinner.** At Algonquin College. Guest speaker, Jim MacLeod reviewing their 2006 summer trip up the Saguenay.

**Thursday, 22 February - War Museum Tour,** second night, with Pierre Garneau. For Ottawa Squadron members and families.

**22-25 February - Ottawa Boat & Cottage Show,** Sqn. Participation.

**Tuesday, 6 March - Bridge meeting.** At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

**Thursday, 22 March - Information Night,** with the Cole Family. Follow-up to their November presentation, talking about the preparation and logistics of their European cruise. Details to be announced.

**Tuesday, 3 April - Bridge meeting.** At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

**Thursday, 19 April - Squadron AGM.** At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island.



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**Tuesday, 1 May - Bridge meeting.** At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, 8 May - Information Night,** with Kurt Sjolund. Kurt will talk about his time adrift in a life raft and the events leading up to it. Details to be announced.

**Tuesday, 5 June - Bridge meeting.** At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

**Thursday, 14 June - Squadron Graduation & Picnic.** Details to be announced. Please watch web page.

*Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer*



*Rolly at Merrickville Canalfest 2003*

**T**ug Along is a scratch built construction. The first construction started with a flatbed trailer on

Saturday December 29, 2001 and then, worked on every Saturday from January to May 2002 on the building of this "mini TUG boat".

"Tug along" surely is a different look on water drawing everyone's attention. The goal is to entertain people with a fun miniature craft on water. Spectators' dancing to the music, waving, clapping hands and picture taking makes it a worthwhile participation in all the wonderful annual community events.

Tug along has 11 Awards to date and has proudly displayed the CPS flag and the OPSS pennant while promoting our mandate of SAFE BOATING by means of education at all events. I.E. 2002 to 2006, Tug Along has taken part in the Orleans & Winchester Christmas Parades of Lights, the Perth Music Festivals, the Merrickville Canal Festivals and the Smith Falls Travel celebration weekends.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The miniature tugboat "Tug Along" was finished in time for the May 2002 Ottawa Tulip Festival Canal Flotilla.

Tug Along won the "First Place" award in the Parade of lights on Saturday May 18, 2002 - May 17, 2003 - May 22, 2004. Tug along also took Second Place May 21, 2005 and May 20, 2006.

Tug Along won the First Place "People's Choice" award in the Ottawa Tulip Festival Flotilla on Sunday May 19, 2002 - May 18, 2003 and May 21, 2006. "Tug along" also won Second Place on May 23, 2004 and Third Place on May 22, 2005.

On August 2, 3, 2002 Tug Along took part in the in-water Antique Boat Show at Clayton NY and won the "Lewis Memorial" award for being the most entertaining and head-turning craft on the water.

Submitted by member Rolly Nantel

### **RIPPLES CONTENT**

If you have any stories, photos or articles you would like to share with OPSS members in the Rideau Ripples, send your submissions to the [Ripples Editor](#) to be considered for publication.



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**SPRING 2007 COURSES**

Boating course, Registration on Wednesday, 7 March 2007, course starts Wednesday, 21 March 2007

Navigating with GPS - tentative start date Monday, 12 March 2007

Maritime Radio VHF as follows:  
VHF (English), Mondays 19, 26 March, and 2 April 2007

VHF (français), mercredis 2, 9, 16 mai 2007

VHF (English), Mondays 28 May, 4, 11 June 2007

**Boat Pro:** The Boat Pro course provides you with the opportunity to prepare for your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam. Clearly the best of the PCOC seminars available, this highly acclaimed 3 session course was one of the first to be accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard. Boat Pro is a great introduction for your family to boating safety, operation and navigation.

**Boat Pro Schedule Spring 2007**

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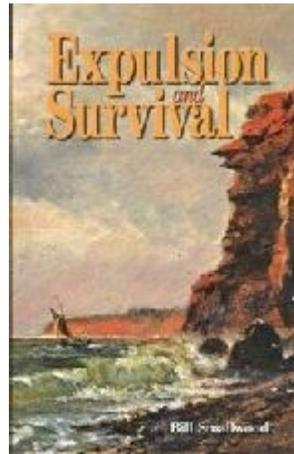
Branch	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Last Class
Centrepointe	Tues	6-Mar-07	13-Mar-07	20-Mar-07
N Gloucester	Wed	14-Mar-07	21-Mar-07	28-Mar-07
Orleans	Thurs	8-Mar-07	15-Mar-07	22-Mar-07
Beaverbrook	Tues	10-Apr-07	17-Apr-07	24-Apr-07
Cumberland	Tues	17-Apr-07	24-Apr-07	1-May-07
Manotick	Thurs	12-Apr-07	19-Apr-07	26-Apr-07
Greenboro	Wed	9-May-07	16-May-07	23-May-07
Ruth Dickinson	Tues	15-May-07	22-May-07	29-May-07
Blackburn Hamlet	Thurs	17-May-07	24-May-07	31-May-07

Fees: Adults \$55.00, Students \$45.00.

Fees include course materials, Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (PCOC) examination, and the PCOC card.

Course starts at 18:30 and runs to 20:30. Arrive one half early on the first night to complete registration process.

Of special interest to those who attended the Squadron Information Night with writer Bill Smallwood last May 2006, Bill has completed his next book in the Abuse of Power series.



Expulsion and Survival is the fifth volume in the Abuse of Power series by Bill Smallwood.

French Irregulars (mostly Acadians and Indians), who had been fighting the British in support of Fortress Louisbourg, had fled across the Bras D'Or Lakes to escape capture. Two of the fugitives sought shelter on Île Saint Jean (NOW Prince Edward Island) hoping that the

British would not come; but the British came. The fugitives, Robert Cameron and Reine LeBlanc, managed to escape the second expulsion of the Acadians by hiding in the backwoods where they believed they could live unnoticed by the conquerors.

Unfortunately, the Proprietor System of Land Ownership, established by the English in 1768 and not annulled until after Prince Edward Island joined the Canadian Confederation in 1870, was all encompassing; the squatters were discovered. The story of their survival is compelling.

This book may be purchased directly from Bill Smallwood. Please contact him at telephone number 613-742-6186, or by [email](#).

**CPS-ECP Name Contest**

Welcome to the CPS-ECP Brand Name Contest. As part of our organization's five year plan, the Special Project Committee is asking for all members to participate in redefining our brand name.

This contest will commence January 31st and will conclude with a vote by all delegates at the 2007 conference in Ottawa to select our new brand name.

**Background:**

We have a rich history as Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons. Equally, we are known as Escadrilles



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canadiennes de plaisance, Canadian Power Squadrons, CPS, ECP and CPS-ECP. As well we have multiple logos and tag lines. To help solidify our image for the future, the organization wishes to project one new brand name and image.

### **Contest Details:**

1. **Who is eligible to enter?**

Anyone (member or non-member) may enter the contest.

2. **What must I do?**

Develop a new brand name to be used by CPS-ECP at the Squadron, District and National levels.

3. **How will the new brand name be used?**

The new brand name will be the singular name used by the organization throughout Canada to promote our public image. Although "Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons" will continue to be our official name, it will only be used for legal documents and will otherwise be replaced by the new brand name.

The new brand name will also be used as part of the new "official" logo based upon the old "un-official" logo as modeled below.

4. **How will judging occur?**

The judging panel will be comprised of 6 people representing our membership, the boating industry and the general public.

- Entries submitted by April 30th will be reviewed with 2-3 finalists selected.
- The finalists will be presented at the June Governing Board meeting and announced to Squadrons and Districts immediately afterwards.
- Squadrons and Districts will consult their members, make their choice as to a new brand name and instruct their delegate to the National AGM.
- Delegates at the National AGM in October will participate in a formal vote October 27th during the AGM to select our new brand name.

5. **What criteria will be used by the judges?**

Entries will be judged by the Special Projects Committee on the following basis.

**Must:**

- The new brand name must represent all Canadians inclusive of all regions and both official languages.
- The new brand name must not be specific to French or English as the same brand name will be utilized in all parts of Canada.

- The new brand name must be relatively short to be embedded into the new logo.  
**Should:**
- The new brand name should link to the history of CPS-ECP.
- The new brand name should suggest "boating" in some manner.

6. **What are the deadlines for the contest?**

**January 31st** – Special Projects Committee to start accepting contest entries.

**April 30th** - Last date for Special Project Committee to receive contest entries.

**June 30th** - 2 to 3 "finalists" brand names selected by the Special Projects Committee from the entries will be presented to the Membership, Squadrons, Districts and National.

**June 30th** – October 15th - Squadrons and districts review the finalists and instruct their delegates to the October conference of their selection.

**October 27th** - Delegates to the national AGM vote for the new CPS-ECP brand name. New name will be announced at the conference.

**January 1st, 2008** – CPS-ECP publicly launches new brand name.

7. **How do I submit my contest entry?**

You may submit your entry by e-mail or general mail as follows:

Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons  
26 Golden Gate Court  
Scarborough, Ontario  
Canada, M1P 3A5  
Attention: Mr. John Gullick

e-mail: [jjgullick@cps-ecp.ca](mailto:jjgullick@cps-ecp.ca)

Note: We will acknowledge receipt of all entries. If you do not hear back from us after submitting you entry, please contact John to confirm.

8. **How do I get further information regarding the CPS-ECP Branding Contest?**

The Special Projects Committee will manage a question-answer discussion area of CPS-ECP Forums under the subject:

***[CPS-ECPForums» General Discussion » Launch of CPS-ECP Branding Project.](#)***

As well, articles will be placed in our magazine and information supplied to our Members, Squadrons and Districts via direct mail.



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9. **I have a few brand name suggestions. May I enter more than once?**  
Yes! We are looking for the best possible brand name so the more entries the better. Individuals may submit any number of entries.
10. **Is there an age limit for those submitting?**  
There is no minimum (or maximum) age for those entering the contest.
11. **Are the contest judges excluded from entering the contest?**  
Yes, along with the members of the Special Projects Committee and Operating Committee.

Any questions issued to the Special Projects Committee will be answered on the Forum.

Now is your chance to be an integral part of our future by participating in the CPS-ECP Brand Name Contest.

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### NEW WORDS FOR 2007

Essential vocabulary additions for the workplace (and elsewhere)!!!

1. **BLAMESTORMING** - Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.
2. **SEAGULL MANAGER**: A manager, who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.
3. **ASSMOSIS**: The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard .
4. **SALMON DAY**: The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die in the end.
5. **CUBE FARM** : An office filled with cubicles.
6. **PRAIRIE DOGGING** : When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.
7. **MOUSE POTATO** : The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.
8. **SITCOMs**: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What Yuppies get into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.
9. **STRESS PUPPY**: A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.
10. **SWIPEOUT**: An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.
11. **XEROX SUBSIDY**: Euphemism for swiping free

photocopies from one's workplace.

12. **IRRITAINMENT**: Entertainment and media spectacles that are Annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them.
13. **PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE**: The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.
14. **ADMINISPHERE** : The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.
15. **404**: Someone who's clueless. From the World Wide Web error Message "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested site could not be located.
16. **GENERICA** : Features of the American landscape that are exactly the same no matter where one is, such as fast food joints, strip malls, and subdivisions.
17. **OHNOSECOND**: That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake. (Like after hitting send on an email by mistake).
18. **WOOFS**: Well-Off Older Folks.
19. **CROP DUSTING**: Surreptitiously passing gas while passing through a Cube Farm.

Gord Abry

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### LAUNCH OF OPSS NEWS GROUP

**W**ith the boating season only several months away I thought now would be a good time to invite all members to join an OPSS news group hosted on Google Groups.

A news group(aka discussion forum) is like Instant Messaging without the instant. You can post comments, questions, even files and other members can respond. The main thrust of this news group was for novice boaters to draw on the knowledge of the more experienced boater, but it can be used for any discussions amongst OPSS members. It's your call.

As this news group is for OPSS members only, you must submit a request to join after creating a Google account, if you don't already have one. I have had a Google account for some time now and I have not been contacted nor have I received an increase in SPAM. Google stipulates it does not use your information for any purpose other than for your



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account. Within your account you can specify to receive email whenever a new message is posted which means you don't have to constantly monitor the group.

**To create a Google account:**  
<https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>

As part of the registration process, Google will send an email to you that you must acknowledge. This is simply so that people cannot create a bunch of Google accounts that don't really belong to anyone.

To be able to participate in the OPSS group, I will need to register you as a member. To do this I just need your email address (the one you used as your Google account name). Once you are registered you will receive an email with the link to the OPSS group. Send me your account name via [steve.lortie@sympatico.ca](mailto:steve.lortie@sympatico.ca)

It was decided to go this route rather than use a public news group system because they are not controlled and although it can be amusing how users behave when they are anonymous, it can get pretty annoying and hard to find useful content. These groups however are available within Google Groups if you want to check them out. Just do a group search on "boating".

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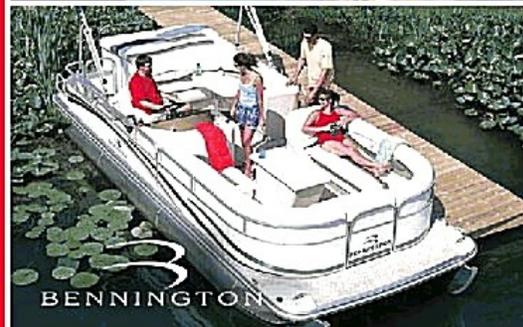
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