



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples August 2007



Commander's Comments

My goodness, I almost missed getting my input ready in time for this issue of the Rideau Ripples. Seems that I slow down to River (St. Lawrence) time and forget what day it is as these past few weeks have been just idyllic and so relaxing on the water. It's been a strange season this year, in that it started out quite cool with very little boat traffic on the River, however as of the last week in July, it seems that every boater, plus some new ones, has come out of the wood works and is on the water.

At our marina we consistently have 2-3 boats up on shore having some aspect of their running gear fixed. When a boat and shoal/rock meet, the boat loses and the marina wins. It seems that we (CPS) haven't educated everyone yet on the special skill of missing the rocks or just to understand that you go between those red and green things in the water.

Seeing these boats up on shore makes me examine my own boating skills and determine what course I should take during the upcoming Fall/Winter season. Take the time to check out the course schedule in this issue and take a course to make your boating season safer and more enjoyable.

Although there are no formal Bridge meeting during the two summer months, several Bridge Officers are very busy during this period to ensure that all runs smoothly. Look for a good splash of advertising in local newspapers reminding the public to take our boating course. Thanks Guy, Fred and Bruce for looking after that one.

Steve Highstead manned a booth at the Manotick Classic Boat Club boat show. If I may be so bold as to take several excerpts from Steve's report,

"Well I flew the squadron flag - literally - today at the MCBC Boat Show which took place at Long Island Locks. The booth was a picnic covered tent with table and banners. I had flags supplied by Fred Cameron. We were located on the main path between the show/registration tent and the parking lot and thankfully, under the trees, so I experienced some good traffic. There were three CPS members (and possibly others I didn't recognise) at the show: Pierre Garneau with Reprieve who supplied me with a fine nautical looking chair since in my rush I forgot mine, Frank Milotte with Panacea who provided me with background history on how the design of the Ottawa Squadron pennant came about, and Gord Moyer with Entre Amis who supplied a fine noon tote.

It was a perfect day for the boat show, and it was very well attended. And of course the boats were absolutely gorgeous. I believe the boat show was better attended this year than in years past. There were more boats, as well as more static displays and tinker's booths."

The 2007 CPS Annual Conference will be held in Ottawa from October 24th to 28th this year. I encourage you to attend this National Event since it is happening right here in our back yard. If you have some spare time, why not consider donating a couple of hours of your time to help the Ottawa Squadron as well as all the other Squadrons in our District play host to boaters from all across Canada.

See you on the water,

Gord Abry, Commander

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<u>Assistant Training Officer (BoatPro)</u>	Brian Forward
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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 4 September - 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, 13 September - Information Night, with Nathan Baron of the MINIMUS SAILING TEAM. Please see web page.

Tuesday, 2 October - 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, 11 October - Information Night with Nick Baets. Sailing from South Caribbean to North Norwegian Islands. Please watch web page for details.

24 thru 27 October, CPS National AGM.

Tuesday, 6 November - 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, 13 November - Information Night, with Monique Pelland on her trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Tuesday, 4 December - Christmas Dinner & 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.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer

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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CPS Annual Conference

A message from your 2007 Annual Conference Committee:

As you are aware the 59th Annual CPS Conference and AGM is to be held in Ottawa at the Ottawa Marriott from 23 thru 27 October. All CPS members are encouraged to attend a CPS conference at some point in their CPS career, and the fact that the conference is in the "local area" makes it much easier for members to attend events, meetings and seminars, learning more about the inner workings of the CPS organization.

There is also a need for volunteers to assist us in various duties, such as the Registration Desk and Security throughout the conference. If you can provide us with some of your valuable time, please contact us by email at 2007@cps-ottawa.com, it will be greatly appreciated and will count toward your merit mark.

Thank-you,

Contact Information:

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YOUR AGE BY DINER & RESTAURANT MATH

Don't tell me your age; you probably would tell a falsehood anyway-but your waiter may know! This is pretty neat.

DON'T CHEAT BY SCROLLING DOWN FIRST!

It takes less than a minute. Work this out as you read. Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out! This is not one of those wastes of time things, its fun.

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to go out to eat. (More than once but less than 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)
3. Add 5
4. Multiply it by 50

5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1757...? If you haven't, add 1756.

6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number.

The first digit of this was your original number. (I.e., how many times you want to go out to restaurants in a week.)

The next two numbers are

YOUR AGE! ----- (Oh YES, it is!!!)

Fall / Winter OPSS COURSES

Registration - 19h00 to 20h00 Classroom 115
September 5, 2007
January 9 2008
March 3 2008

Boat Pro: 3 Evenings
Mondays Sept 17 to Oct 1, 2007; Room 106

Boating: 13 Evenings
Mondays - Sept 10 to Dec 17, 2007; Room 115
Wednesdays - Sep 12 to Dec 5, 2007; Room 115
Wednesdays - Jan 16 to Apr 16, 2008; Room 115
Mondays - Jan 14 to Apr 21, 2008; Room 115
Wednesdays - Mar 19 to Jun 11, 2008; Room 106

Piloting: 12 Evenings
Mondays - Jan 14 to Apr 14, 2008; Room 106

Advanced Piloting: 13 Evenings
Wednesdays - Sept 12 to Dec 5, 2007; Room 107

Celestial Navigation: 20 Evenings
Wednesdays - Jan 16 to Jun 4, 2008; Room 106

VHF Marine: 3 Evenings
Mondays - Nov 19 to Dec 3, 2007; Room 124
Wednesdays - Apr 2 to Apr 16, 2008; Room 124
Mondays - Apr 28 to May 12, 2008 (French); Rm 115
Mondays - May 26 to Jun 9, 2008; Room 115

Electronic Navigation: 8 Evenings
Mondays - Jan 21 to Mar 31, 2008; Room 124

Navigating with GPS: 3 Evenings
Mondays - Apr 7 to Apr 21, 2008; Room 124

Fundamentals of Weather: 10 Evenings
Wednesdays - Sept 12 to Nov14, 2007; Room 106

Global Weather: 6 Evenings
Mondays - October 22 to December 17, 2007; Rm 106



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Extended Cruising: 12 Evenings
Mondays - Sept 10 to Dec 10, 2007; Room 107

Marine Maintenance: 10 Evenings
Wednesdays - Jan 16 to Mar 26, 2008; Room 107

Seamanship Sail: 12 Evenings
Mondays - Jan 14 to Apr 14, 2008; Room 107

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HOW TO HANDLE A HUSBAND

A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on the beaches in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town.

People would say, "What a peaceful & loving couple". The local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage.

The Husband replied: "Well, it dates back to our honeymoon in America," explained the man. "We visited the Grand Canyon, in Arizona, and took a trip down to the bottom of the canyon, by horse. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's horse stumbled and she almost fell off. My wife looked down at the horse and quietly said, "That's once."

"We proceeded a little further her and horse stumbled again. Once more my wife quietly said, "That's twice." We hadn't gone a half-mile when the horse stumbled for the third time my wife quietly removed a revolver from her purse and shot the horse dead.

I SHOUTED at her, "What's wrong with you, Woman! Why did you shoot the poor animal like that, are you friggin crazy!?" She looked at me, and quietly said, "That's once."

"And from that moment.....we have lived happily every after."

Sept 13 Info Night

Bio:

Nathan Baron is a sailor from the Great Lakes that grew up in Kingston Ontario. Nathan's sailing career started at the age of 10 and since then he has sailed and raced over 10,000nm on the Great Lakes. Nathan began racing "big boats" in Kingston harbour and successfully campaigned on the Lake Ontario Offshore circuit for several years before jumping ship to J/24s, Sharks and other one design classes. Among his many accomplishments, Nathan was the 2006 Shark Canadian Champion, fourth in the Freeman Cup, and has placed in the top ten at the last two Shark World championships.

In February of this year Nathan announced that he intends to compete in the 2009 Mini Transat, a single handed race across the Atlantic, which is sailed in very small and overpowered offshore dinghies called the



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Open 6.5 or "mini". Since then, Nathan and his Minimus Sailing Team have raised the funds to buy a boat for the race and have begun training out of the Kingston Yacht Club.

In order to achieve this goal Nathan created the Minimus Sailing Team. The team support Nathan in fund raising, training, and boat and sail development, as well as travel and logistical support. The team is composed of ex-Olympic sailors, industry professionals as well as marketing and public relations professionals that have all donated their time to support this amazing challenge.

On September 13th, 2007 at 1900h, Nathan will be making a presentation to the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, Ottawa Chapter, on the race, what it takes to run a high profile sailing campaign, and his plans for the time leading up to the Mini Transat.

Nathan's multimedia presentation will feature video of the boats sailing, an explanation of the race track as well as the process to qualify. He will also discuss special equipment, sleep management and heavy weather (and light weather) tactics for single handed sailors.

Please join us to help support Nathan in this challenge and to hear more about this intriguing class of extreme offshore yachts.

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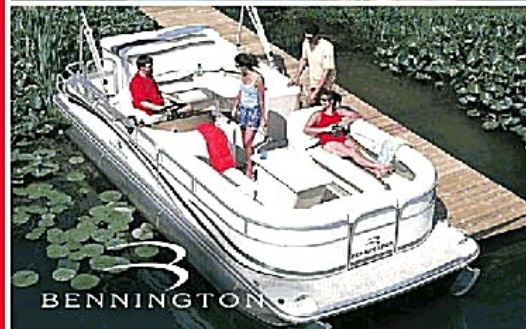
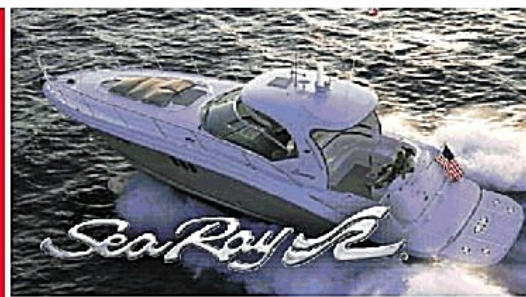
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