



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples October 2007



Commander's Comments

I am writing this while on our boat (Octopus) at dock on Constance Island in the St. Lawrence River. The sun is shining and there isn't a cloud in the sky, some of the trees have started to turn colours as they should in early October. We had our Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings in the cookhouse and the exceptionally warm weather allowed us to be in shorts and t-shirts. What a great way to end a typical Canadian boating season with good friends, good food and good wine, while sitting around a pot bellied stove in the cookhouse sharing stories of previous boating trips and adventures planned.

This time of year introduces many work projects to everyone's "to do list" as we all get ready for the winter lay-up. It never ceases to amaze me just how much critical stuff we lug onto the boat in the spring and then remove in the fall, all the while wondering did we actually use this item.

This year we have the 2007 CPS National Conference happening right here in Ottawa from Wednesday, October 24th to Saturday, October 27th, 2007. Many activities take place at the host hotel, the Ottawa Marriott Hotel on 100 Kent Street.

Just in case you didn't know, basic admission to the Conference is \$\$\$\$ FREE \$\$\$\$ and will allow you to attend a wide range of seminars on Friday afternoon, October 26th and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, October 27th. Tours, meals, dinner & dances are optionally priced. Visit the CPS National website at www.cps-ecp.ca to get the latest 2007 Conference agenda, or you can link through the Squadron website at www.cpsottawa.com.

The first 100 Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron members and current boating course students who attend the 2007 AGM and purchase a full meal package will receive a **refund of \$20** as a thank you from your Squadron Bridge for attending. There is nothing to do on your part to be eligible; we will get a list of Ottawa attendees from the 2007 AGM committee and we expect to have the refund cheques out by November, 2007 (of course this refund program is not available to members who are having another organisation pay their way).

2007 CPS Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Ottawa

The AGM portion of the conference will start at 0800 hours on Saturday, October 27th and currently there are two issues which the Squadron Commanders will vote on. One will be regarding a modest increase in the annual dues, and the other will be with respect to the Brand Name for the organisation.

Details on both these items can be found in an insert to the Fall 2007 issue of The Port Hole, on page 2 and are marked Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" respectively.

Schedule "A", Annual Dues Increase

After reading the information in The Port Hole, your Bridge gave me clear direction at the October 2nd, 2007 Bridge meeting to support the motion as put forth and consequently unless I hear differently from you, the CPS membership in the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron, I will vote for (YES) this item at the AGM.

Schedule "B", Brand Name Selection

After reading the information in The Port Hole, your Bridge gave me clear direction at the October 2nd, 2007 Bridge meeting that none of the three finalists are worthy of being our new Brand Name. Since the selection "**none of the above**" is a valid choice for this vote, the issue becomes more complex in that there doesn't seem to be a clear way to indicate to go back to the drawing board and come up with a better finalist list. Nevertheless, this topic is on the agenda for the Commander's meeting where it is hoped that pressure can be put forth to have these three Brand Names ignored and another more appropriate list developed.

At the September 13th, Rideau District Council meeting, all the Squadron Commanders in the District voted unanimously that the three finalists selected did not meet the objectives of a Brand Name.



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The following is taken from an email by Jeff Evans, Chair, Special Projects Committee (they came up with the three finalists) and will provide you more background information on this topic;

“On Saturday June 9th, the Special Projects Committee announced to Governing Board the three finalists in the Brand Name Contest. One of the three was defined by OpCom in April to permit for at least one traditional designation to go forth. The other two finalists came from the contest entries. Just shy of 200 entries were made to the contest from throughout the country.

The three finalists are:

1. CPS-ECP
2. Nautique Canada
3. CPS Nautique

Background:

CPS-ECP

- a traditional “brand name” for our organization
- recognizes both official languages
- brand recognition for those that know our organization
- allows for the least change in the “flat flag” logo and brand, migrating from: CPS•ECP to CPS-ECP
- refers to both “Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons” (indirectly) and “ Les escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance”

NAUTIQUE CANADA

- a new “brand name” for of our organization
- recognizes both official languages
- gives a nautical reference to our activities in “Nautique”
- the organization is clearly Canadian
- only similar organization name is Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (Ski Nautique et planche Canada) who used to be known as “Ski Nautique Canada” <http://www.waterski.ca>

CPS NAUTIQUE

- an evolved “brand name” for our organization
- recognizes both official languages
- brand recognition for those that know our organization
- represents our original (1938) name “Canadian Power Squadron”
- gives a nautical reference to our activities in

“Nautique”

Jeff Evans,
Chair, Special Projects Committee”

Your Vote Counts

I need to hear from you regarding Schedule “A” and Schedule “B”. Please send me an email at commander@cps-ottawa.com and let me know how **you would vote** on these two issues. Please identify in the body of your email your voting selection as per this sample format:

Schedule “A” – Annual Dues Increase.

I vote **YES** or **NO**. Your comments are most welcomed.

Schedule “B” – Brand Name Selection.

I vote for **CPS-ECP** or **CPS Nautique** or **Nautique Canada** or **None as Presented**. Your comments are most welcomed.

Submitted by <your name> and <CPS Membership Number>.

I thank you for your input and look forward to meeting you at the 2007 National Conference and AGM.

Regards,

Gord Abry, AP; Commander



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The 2007 – 2008 Bridge

<u>Squadron Commander</u>	Cdr Gordon Abry
<u>Executive Officer</u>	Bryan Caroll
<u>Treasurer</u>	Michael Crawford
<u>Training Officer</u>	Steve Highstead
<u>Assistant Training Officer (Adv/Elective)</u>	Dave Omond
<u>Assistant Training Officer (BoatPro)</u>	Brian Forward
<u>Assistant Training Officer (Supply)</u>	Monique Vallieres
<u>Archivist</u>	Position Open
<u>Membership Officer</u>	Guy Ladouceur
<u>Environmental Affairs Officer</u>	Position Open
<u>Regalia Officer</u>	Position Open
<u>Secretary</u>	Sue Baker, (SN)
<u>Communications Officer</u>	Philip Harris
<u>Social Activities Officer</u>	Fred Cameron
<u>Mailing Officer</u>	Marjorie Ladouceur
<u>MAREP & Safety Officer</u>	Position Open
<u>Rideau Ripples Editor</u>	Steve Lortie
<u>Public Relations / Marketing Officer</u>	Position Open
<u>Past Commander</u>	P/C Cathie Johnstone
<u>2007 CPS Conference Chair</u>	P/C Frank Keating
<u>Squadron Examiner</u>	Jim MacLeod, SN
<u>Auditor</u>	Lt James Dean, S
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Squadron Events Calendar

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

24, 25, 26 & 27 October, CPS National AGM - At the Ottawa Marriott Hotel.

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. Dinner at 1800 hours, tickets can be obtained from Social Activities Officer for \$17.00. Tickets must be purchased by end of day, Friday 30 November 2007. Meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 8 January 2008 - 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, 5 February 2008 - 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, 23 February 2008 - Annual Squadron Dinner at Algonquin College. Details to be announced.

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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Fall / Winter OPSS COURSES

Registration - 19h00 to 20h00 Classroom 115
January 9 2008
March 3 2008

Boating: 13 Evenings
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

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

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

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

Boat Pro Schedule Spring 2007

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Branch	Day	1 st Class	2 nd Class	Last Class
Orleans	Thurs	6-Mar-08	13-Mar-08	20-Mar-08
Centrepointe	Tues	11-Mar-08	18-Mar-08	25-Mar-08
Beaverbrook	Wed	09-Apr-08	16-Apr-08	23-Apr-08
Manotick	Tues	15-Apr-08	22-Apr-08	29-Apr-08
Greenboro	Wed	7-May-08	14-May-08	21-May-08
Blackburn Hamlet	Thurs	8-May-08	15-May-08	22-May-08
Ruth Dickinson	Tues	13-May-08	20-May-08	27-May-08

The courses start at 18:30 and run to 20:30

Course registration Fees: \$50.00 Adults
\$45.00 Students

Business Signs

On a Church's Billboard:

"7 days without God makes one weak."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee :

"Invite us to your next blowout."

On a Plastic Surgeon's Office door:

"Hello. Can we pick your nose?"

At a Towing company:

"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

On an Electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts."

In a Nonsmoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door:

"Push. Push. P ush."

At an Optometrist's Office :

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Taxidermist's window:

"We really know our stuff."

On a Fence:

"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"



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At a Car Dealership:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:

"No appointment necessary We hear you coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company :

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment.

However, if you don't, you will be."

In a Restaurant window :

"Don't stand there and be hungry, Come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home :

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station ,

"Thank heaven for little grills."

And don't forget the sign at a Chicago Radiator Shop:

"Best place in town to take a leak."

Membership Update

This is my first article for the Ripples as the new Membership Officer. I am really not sure what you are looking for so please bear with me because there will be a lot of firsts in this article! I plan to produce an article for each edition of the "Ripples" from now on!

In June 2007, the CPS Governing Board moved THAT

a "REGULAR" one-year CPS Membership be awarded to each student who takes the CPS Boating Course and achieves the required passing mark. Further, that an "ASSOCIATE" one-year CPS Membership be awarded to each student who takes the CPS BOAT PRO Course and achieves the required passing mark. After one year they will receive the membership renewal notice by e-mail or Canada Post like all members. The rationale of National for this proactive membership strategy is to give all Membership Officers supported by their Bridge a year to try and retain the Member, interest them in other courses, member benefits and volunteer opportunities. How about keeping the ones who are already members?

Having said that, your Squadron has 607 members of which 460 are current and 147 are either outstanding or expired. You want to know your status? Simply send me an e-mail message and I will advise you of your membership status.

At the time of drafting this article, our percentage of Outstanding or Expired Memberships stands at approx. 32%. With YOUR help, we would reduce this percentage at least by 25% by Christmas and another 25% by the end of March. The first step in my reduction program is up to YOU to send me an email message and let's talk. The second will be an e-mail message or a letter from me asking YOU to renew or rejoin. Unfortunately, the last step of this program will be to remove YOU from the membership list in April 2008 if YOUR Membership is still Outstanding or Expired! More later in upcoming Ripples on YOUR removal from the membership list and the loss of benefits YOU would enjoy as a Member if you do not renew or rejoin.

Recently National rolled out the "Web Based Administration System" to allow squadron officers to directly input changes, membership, transfer, etc. I have been dabbling with it for the last couple of weeks and it is an operator friendly system. Our Squadron will still be required to maintain its own database in order to capture the information required for the annual roster, mailing, etc. This system will also allow YOU to update your own information in the National Database. This is a new toy so time will tell how it will assist us! At the Conference & AGM, I plan on attending one of the Web-based Admin System Seminars to get more familiar with the system. I will expand on this new system in upcoming Ripples.

Please join me in welcoming eight (8) new Associate Members who registered with the National Office in



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September. They are Enrico BALIELLO, Linda FISCHER, Amanda HAYES, Graham KITTMER, Lisa MIRON, Morgan NOBBS, Spero PAPOULIAS and Kelvin Lok Kei WONG. Welcome aboard Folks!

Marie-Andrée VEILLEUX transferred back to sunny British Columbia with the Victoria Squadron. Good luck Marie-Andrée with your transfer and your new boating haven! Transferred in from the Brampton Squadron, welcome to Beverley BENTLEY. Beverley if you have some free time, the Bridge has a "POSITION" for you. By the way, this also holds true for all other members of the squadron! YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOU!

Rolly NANTEL did his magic once again and produced 9 more safe boaters after they completed the Boat Pro course in September 2007. Again please welcome our newest Associate Members: Pascal Stolan COUTU, Ashleigh PERRY, Gerald PERRY, Warren PERRY, Karen SHAVER, Neil SHAVER, Sheena SHAVER, Marie TASCHEREAU and Michael TASCHEREAU. Welcome aboard Folks!

If you have question about your membership status, MAKE MY DAY! Send me an e-mail message (membership@cps-ottawa.com) and I will let you know within a few days or less!

Enough from me! Summer is over; Thanksgiving weekend has gone by as you read this article so start making your Christmas list because Boating Season

2008 is just around the corner!

Guy A Ladouceur, Membership Officer

Editors Comments

I would like to close off this edition by mentioning that I now know first hand what it is like to experience the end of a boating season. My summer home is scheduled to be hauled out and I will suffer withdrawl as I have never before.

I have been restoring my boat for the past three years and I finally launched mid August of this year. I must say I am impressed with the boating community and with most boaters I met whom I found to be extremely friendly, curteous and always willing to lend a hand.

I finally put to use some of the information I learned from the boating course I took a few years back. As a first time boater, it gave me some confidence and the opportunity to pass on some of the knowledge I gained. It was money well spent! Thanks to the OPSS Instructors!

I wish you all a short, safe winter.

Steve Lortie, Editor

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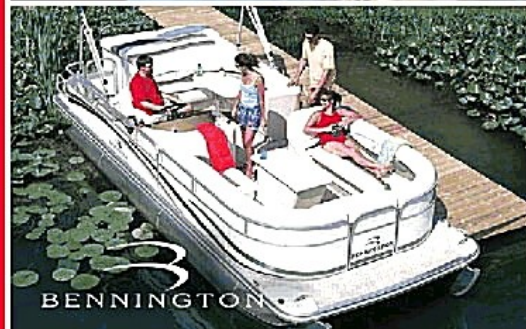
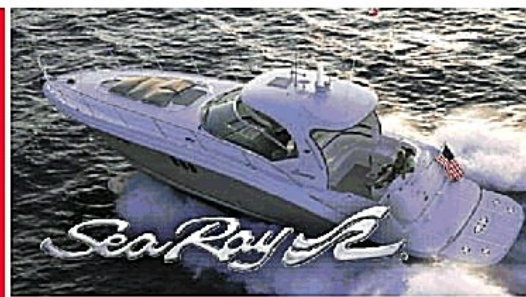
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