



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples April 2008



Commander's Comments

Hope you had a great time at the Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage Show and had a chance to stop by the CPS booth. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time to represent the Squadron at the booth. I must say that we did have a much easier time of booth set-up and tear-down since the table and chairs were rented from the Show organisers. We did get several registrations for courses and it is very important that we maintain our presence in the Boating community.

Our Annual Squadron Dinner was on the Saturday night of the Boat Show and held at Algonquin College. The folks at the College really do a wonderful job in making our dining experience very enjoyable. The food has always been 1st rate and the staff is superb. Dr. Richard Gimblett, CD, is the Command Historian of the Canadian Navy and gave a very informative presentation on the role of our Navy in the World today. A very impressive speech I might add. To close out the evening we had many quality door & raffle prizes donated by: Orleans Jeep Chrysler, Performance Mazda, The Chandlery, The SAM Group as well as several books provided by the authors.

Just when you think that everything is going great, we find out the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association is closing its doors just 2 business days before our March meeting. Talk about a scramble to find a place to hold the meeting. The March Info Night was cancelled as we knew it would be impossible to find a suitable place in such short order. Thanks to P/Cdr Frank Keating for coming up with the suggestion to use a meeting room at his apartment complex for the March meeting. The search for a meeting and event location

continued.....

The result of that search is that Robbie's Italian Restaurant at 1531 St-Laurent Blvd., (at Belfast Road) will be our meeting, Info Night and AGM location. Thanks to Al Syberg for finding this location.

The month of April is when the Squadron has its Annual General Meeting, which means to me that it has been 1 year since becoming Commander. I must admit that the year has gone by very quickly and was not as difficult as I had envisioned – I think due mostly to the fine group of Bridge Officers we have in the Squadron.

April is also the month when we start getting our boats ready for the spring launch, although you wouldn't guess it with all the snow accumulation.

Hope to see you on the water.

Gord Abry, AP; Commander

commander@cps-ottawa.com

! Photos Wanted !

D/C Joan Hicks is asking for help with displays for the 2008 Anniversary Conference. She wants a picture from every Squadron in Canada, including any that have surrendered their warrant. The pictures are to be actual photos, not digital email pictures. If you would like to bring photos to the next meeting in April they could be sent as one package from the District. There will also be a contest to see who can provide the following:

- Oldest edition of the Port Hole/CPS Magazine
- Oldest Membership Card
- Oldest Membership Certificate
- Member present at the Conference who has been a Member the longest time
- Oldest set of Course notes
- Oldest Regalia
- Oldest Training Aid(s)
- Oldest Squadron newsletter
- Oldest District...
- Members present with the Most Merit Marks

Be creative... bring the oldest....

Linda Hamilton
Rideau District Exec. Officer



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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>	Al Syberg
<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>	Bill Kerr
<u>Rideau Ripples Editor</u>	Steve Lortie
<u>Public Relations / Marketing Officer</u>	Position Open
<u>Past Commander</u>	P/C Cathie Johnstone
<u>Squadron Examiner</u>	Jim MacLeod, SN
<u>Auditor</u>	James Dean, S
<u>Webmaster</u>	Philip Harris

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<u>Social Activities Officer</u> Fred Cameron (613) 745-5188	<u>Rideau Ripples Editor</u> Steve Lortie (613) 596-9620

*Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge,
others just gargle.*

Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 1 April 2008 - Bridge meeting.

Tuesday, 17 April 2008 - Squadron AGM

- Will commence at 1900 hours.
- Snacks will be served after the meeting.

Tuesday, 6 May 2008 - Bridge Meeting.

May Info Night - To be announced. Watch Social Events webpage.

Tuesday, 3 June 2008 - Bridge Meeting.

Thursday, 19 June 2008 - Squadron Picnic & Graduation - Long Island Locks. Please watch Social Events webpage for details.

Thursday, 9 October 2008 – Info Night - 9 Years on the 7 Seas, with Anne & Martin Vennesland. Please watch Social Events webpage for details.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer

social@cps-ottawa.com

Downloadable Splicing Instructions

Fred Cameron passed along this website that deals in all kinds of rope. Or would that be lines? Of particular interest, they provide free downloadable splicing instructions in PDF format on their Web site.

Visit <http://www.samsonrope.com/index.cfm> and click on "Splicing Instructions" under the "Technical Resources" heading.

Thanks Fred!

OPSS TRAINING

Planning has started for Fall 08 training. A tentative schedule has been created, and we are planning to offer a full slate of courses.

The Piloting Course is currently in a re-write with the expectation that the new course will be offered next January when we normally run the Piloting course. The course has been renamed to Seamanship. It covers most of what is in Piloting but also picks up elements of Seamanship Sail and Seamanship Power. I haven't seen the course yet, but once I do I will let



you know.

We have an excellent class for the Spring Boating Course with 14 students. The course starts on March 19 and will run to June 11. Guy Ladouceur, and Pat McGrath will be teaching.

We are also offering two English and one French Marine VHF course. The next English course is starting April 2. We currently have 10 students enrolled so come and join the fun. The next English VHF course is scheduled for May 26. We already have 4 students signed up. Our French VHF course is scheduled for April 28. We only have one student so far. If we don't have any more registrations we will unfortunately have to cancel this course. So if you want to receive your instruction in French, please register for this course on our website.

We have a Navigating with GPS course planned for April 7. We have 4 students so far. We are looking forward for a few more for this very instructional course. If you have a GPS and would like to learn more about how to use it, this is the course for you.

Our Boat pro courses have started at the Library Branches. Check our website for a course near you. We have courses running from Orleans to Kanata. Remember, the date for mandatory Pleasure Craft Operator Certificates (PCOC), September 15, 2009, is fast approaching, so plan to get your card now and beat the rush.

You can register for our courses on our website at www.cps-ottawa.com. I hope to have the Fall courses posted by June so keep your eyes open for the Fall line up.

Steve Highstead, Training Officer
trainingofficer@cps-ottawa.com

Cowan Insurance Column

Starting with this newsletter, the "Cowan Insurance Column" is what we hope will be a regular addition to the Ripples. Please contact the individuals mentioned at the end of the article with your question(s). Your question and the answer will appear in this column in the future and will hopefully be of use to other members.

What's the difference between "agreed value" and "actual cash value" policies?

"Agreed value" means that you and your insurance company "agree" on the value your boat is insured for. In the event of a total loss, you will receive the full stated amount, with no depreciation. "Actual cash value" means you will only receive the amount your boat is worth at the time of the loss, including depreciation. For example, if your boat is insured for \$100,000 and your boat sinks, an "agreed value" policy will pay out the full \$100,000. In contrast, an "actual cash value" policy will pay out \$100,000 less depreciation. Cowan policies are always "agreed value" policies. Although "agreed value" policies may cost a little more upfront, it is well worth the extra dollars.

What is commercial towing?

Commercial towing is coverage, similar to CAA for your car. It covers your boat or trailer if voluntary help is unavailable and you need commercial assistance. For example, if your engine fails or you run out of gas, towing your boat to the nearest repair facility or delivering gas (excluding cost of gas) is covered. If you are towing your boat and trailer on land and you have a car accident, the towing of your boat and trailer is also covered. Cowan only charges \$15.00/year for commercial towing. It covers up to \$500.00 per occurrence with no deductible.

Did you know that CPS members have access to Group Home and Auto Insurance rates?

As a CPS member, you have access to exclusive discounted group insurance rates. All you need to do is contact Aviva Traders at 1-877-787-7021 and tell them you are a CPS member. Or get an online quote at www.avivatraders.com/cps. As a thank you, we'll enter your name for the chance to win a \$10,000 vacation.

IF YOU HAVE ANY GENERAL BOAT INSURANCE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
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IF YOU HAVE ANY GENERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE GROUP HOME & AUTO PROGRAM, PLEASE EMAIL
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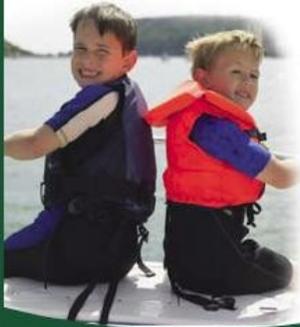
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Social Activities

Over the years, the Squadron's Social Activities Officers have endeavoured to arrange quality social events for our members. Judging from the attendance and feedback, I think they have been very successful. I took over this position in 2005 and up to this date have presented thirty events. This was not a single handed effort, as many of the speakers and topics were suggested by squadron members, who also assisted in the logistics of running the events. I am always on the look out for new topics and guest speakers that will interest the membership in general. If you have an event or an idea that you think would be of interest, please contact me at:
opsssocial@yahoo.ca

Now that the Naval Association Mess has closed, it presents a new set of problems in finding a suitable meeting place to hold our information nights and other events. If anyone knows of a meeting place that will accommodate up to 100 people, has available parking, is close to the 417, is a fairly central location in the city

and not too pricey, you can contact me at the e-mail address above.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer

Membership Update

This is my FOURTH article for the Ripples as the new Membership Officer. The 2008 Membership Renewal is upon us again. You can RENEW your membership on-line NOW!

At the time of this article, 81 of 427 members (18.97%) required to renew in 2008 have taken advantage of the early renewal and each Regular Member saved \$3.00 and Associate Members \$1.50. Internet Renewal was used 92.59% to date for all renewals. I am very impressed & encouraged with those numbers since National has not sent out the Renewal Notices yet. I would love to show the rest of CPS that Ottawa is an active Squadron and with members who believe in the Organization. Think about renewing now but please renew before April 30, 2008. Please help your Squadron have the highest member retention rate in Canada.

It is easy to renew your membership:

1. ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE -
www.cps-ecp.ca/members/members.asp
2. BY RETURNING YOUR CPS RENEWAL FORM WHEN RECEIVED
3. BY PHONE - 1-888-CPS-BOAT (277-2628)
You will require the following information:
Your membership number or,
Your First/Last Name,
Your Date of Birth
Your Postal Code (use the last one we have on record: you can change it later) and
A valid Visa or, MasterCard credit card
4. IN-PERSON – At any of our upcoming Information Nights or Squadron functions. I also instruct the Boating Course so if you send me an e-mail or phone call I will make myself available.

Now with regards to the Expired/Outstanding members, 64 letters were mailed on March 14, 2008 to ask them to renew. This is their last chance. If they do not renew by April 30, 2008, they will simply be left behind and not eligible to take advantage of the many membership rewards like the rest of us current



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members.

At the last Bridge Meeting, it was decided that we would spend more energy on the current members than trying to entice the Expired/Outstanding members to renew. Over coffee one morning, Social Director Fred Cameron and I discussed drafting up of a survey to find out what you members really want out of your Squadron i.e. Information Night, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Trips, etc. While the snow is melting and you are dreaming of launching your vessel, think about it and send Fred or me an e-mail with your ideas. We look forward to your input and we want to make our Squadron more active with events that members will want to attend. There is more to come on the survey in future newsletter.

As you read this newsletter, it should be spring so summer is just around the corner. Thank you to all the early birds who renewed and can fly the CPS Flag proudly. Hope to meet you at one of the Squadron functions.

Guy A Ladouceur, Membership Officer
membership@cps-ottawa.com

Approaching a stopped emergency vehicle

Guy Ladouceur

Enforcing the law and providing emergency assistance often require emergency vehicles to park in a lane or on the shoulder of a road or highway.



To increase safety, Ontario's Highway Traffic Act now requires motorists approaching a stopped police, fire or ambulance vehicle with its lights* flashing to slow down and pass with caution. This applies to all police, fire and ambulance vehicles that are stopped in the same direction of travel, either in a lane or on the

shoulder of a road or highway.

* Fire vehicles and ambulances use flashing red lights. Police vehicles may use flashing red lights or a combination of flashing blue and red lights.
First offence - \$400 to \$2,000, plus 3 demerit points

upon conviction.

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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 ripples@cps-ottawa.com to be considered for publication.

Ottawa Police Expired Flare Recovery Program

At the recent Ottawa Boat and Sportsman Show the Ottawa Police Service Marine and Dive Unit unveiled a new initiative aimed at reducing the amount of expired boating flares that just about all boaters have to contend with at one point or another.

The need for such a program has been clear for years and ongoing talks between the Ottawa Police and Transport Canada's office of Boating Safety culminated in a protocol that would see the Police Service collect and destroy the flares.

How it Works:

Expired flares can be dropped off at any local Marina sporting a poster identifying it as participating in the Program, but since this is an Ottawa Police initiative only Marina's within the municipality may participate. The flares will be collected by the Marine Enforcement Unit and turned over to the Service's Explosives Device Unit (E.D.U.) for destruction.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that under no circumstances are expired flares, ammunition or explosives to be taken to any Police Stations or Community Police Centre.

Sgt. Dan Beauchamp
NCO i/c
Ottawa Police Marine and Dive Unit
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beauchampd@ottawapolice.ca



“EXPIRED BOATING FLARE
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NOTICE OF OPSS AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron will be held at
Robbie's Italian Restaurant
1531 St-Laurent Blvd
Ottawa, ON

On Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 1900 for the purpose of:

- Receiving and if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
- Receiving and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the previous fiscal year.
- Electing the officers of the Squadron for the coming year.
- Appointing the Squadron Financial Review representative.
- Considering other business as appropriate.

The report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is provided below as part of this notice. Any additional nominations must be made by way of petition, in writing, signed by not less than five members of the 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 two days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this **29th day of March, 2008.**

The original signed by Sue Baker (SN)
Sue Baker (SN) - Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE OTTAWA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Dated: **March 29, 2008**

In accordance with Article 9.14 of the Squadron Regulations of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron, the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Past Commander Bernard Goulet (S) (Chair), Past Commander Cathie Johnstone and Commander Gord Abry (AP), proposes and seconds the nomination of the following members for the office as indicated hereunder for consideration, and if thought fit, for election at the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008:

Commander	Gordon Abry (AP)	Past Commander	Cathie Johnstone
Executive Officer	Bryan Carroll	Training Officer	Steve Highstead
Treasurer	Michael Crawford	Asst Trg (Adv/Elec)	Robin Craig (CN)
Secretary	Susan Baker (SN)	Asst Trg (BoatPRO)	Brian Forward
Membership	Guy Ladouceur	Asst Trg (Supply)	Monique Vallieres
Ripples Editor	Steve Lortie	Communications	Philip Harris (N)
Regalia Officer	Al Syberg	Social Activities	Fred Cameron (S)
Public Relations	Vacant	Mailing	Marjorie Ladouceur
Marep/Safety Officer	Bill Kerr (S)		

The Squadron Nominating Committee for 2009 – 2010 will consist of P/C Bernard Goulet (S)(Chair), P/C Cathie Johnstone and Cdr Gordon Abry (AP).

Upon election, the Squadron Commander appoints P/C Don Tanner (N) as the Squadron Financial Review representative and Jim MacLeod (SN) as the Squadron Examiner for the year 2008 - 2009.



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Respectfully Submitted

Original Signed by
Bernard Goulet

Original Signed by
Cathie Johnstone

Original Signed by
Gord Abry

Bernard Goulet (S), P/C, P/C
Committee Chair

Cathie Johnstone, P/C

Gord Abry (AP), Cdr

Version 2.F
Dated March 10, 2008

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS RIDEAU DISTRICT

37th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Friday-Saturday May 2-3, 2008

PLACE: McIntosh Country Inn, 12495 County Road 2, Box 1140, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0

PROGRAM: Friday: Informal no host Dinner 6:15pm - McIntosh Country Inn Restaurant
Followed by Hospitality Suite - Dundas Room

Saturday:	0900-1200 Officer Training*	Dundas Room
	1000 Annual Training Meeting	McIntosh Room
	1200 Conference Lunch	McIntosh Room Speaker John Hinksman
	1430 Annual General Meeting	McIntosh Room
	1700 Commander's Reception	Dundas Room
	1830 Conference Dinner	McIntosh Room

* Officer Training session is for all Squadron and District Officers and is being given by P/C/C Doreen Hinksman

COSTS: Accommodation: \$70.00 per night plus taxes (conference special)

CONFERENCE MEALS:

Saturday	Lunch	\$15.00 per person
Saturday	Dinner	\$32.00 per person

RESERVATIONS:

Please make meal reservations by mailing the tear-off form below. (To be received with a cheque, no later than April 15, 2008)

ACCOMMODATION:

Contact the McIntosh Country Inn by mail (address above), by phone 613-543-3788, 1-888-229-2850, Fax 613-543-3160 or e-mail info@mcintoshcountryinn.com. (As this is a very popular location, rooms will be booked on a first come, first served basis.) The Inn features a whirlpool, sauna, exercise area and an outdoor hot tub.

DRESS:

Friday evening - CPS Casual,
Sat. – AGM/Dinner - Blazer ensemble, or (men) jacket & tie and (ladies) suitable wear

EARLY BIRD DRAW: 2 Lunch Tickets (Drawn from reservation forms received by April 6)



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MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this completed form with remittance by April 15, 2008 to:

Joan Bordeleau Assistant District Admin. Officer Telephone 613-931-3108
19027 County Rd. #2, RR# 1, Cornwall, ON K6H 5R5

I enclose my cheque payable to Rideau District in the amount of \$_____ to reserve ___ Conference Lunch (es) and/or ___ Conference Dinner(s). I understand that monies cannot be refunded if I cancel after April 15. I will arrive on May ___.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Province or State _____ Postal or Zip Code: _____ Squadron: _____
Email _____

I will arrive in time for dinner on Friday night. Yes/No

*Dietary Issues? – Please tell us ___

CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE Rideau District

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at the McIntosh Country Inn Morrisburg, Ontario on Saturday May 3rd 2008 at 14:30 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, 2008 and the report of the District Internal Audit Review Committee thereon; c) electing the officers of the District; d) appointing the District Internal Audit Review Committee; e) considering such further other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this notice. Under the District Regulations any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of the District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than two days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 30, 2008. Signed "Kathleen Hopkins", A/District Secretary

- 1) The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2008/09.

District Commander
District Executive Officer
District Training Officer
District Administrative Officer
District Secretary
District Treasurer
District Public Relations Officer
District Liaison to Parks Canada

Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
Cathie Johnstone (Ottawa)
Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock)
Phil Newsome (Brockville)
TBA
Don Tanner (Ottawa)
TBA
Brook Dunning (Rideau Lakes)



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District Membership Officer
 District Marep Officer
 District Communications Officer
 District Assistant Admin. Officer
 District Web Based Administrator
 District Environmental Officer
 District Port Captain

Kathleen Hopkins (Ottawa)
 Roger Duchesne (Brockville)
 Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
 Marnie McNeely (Kingston)
 Guy Ladouceur (Ottawa)
 Hans von Rosen (Rideau Lakes)
 TBA

- 2) The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following member for appointment by the Members as Member of the District Internal Audit Review Committee: P/D/C Marilyn Gowan (Cornwall)

Respectfully Submitted P/D/C Barry Brown Chair D/C Jean-Yves Bordeleau P/D/C John Boocock

- 3) The District Nominating Committee for 2009/10 will be John-Yves Bordeleau (Chair) D/C Nominate and P/D/C Barry Brown.

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I thought you might be interested in this trivia. The date of this years Easter was quite early this year, but I didn't recognize the details shown below.

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Here's the interesting info. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here's the facts:

- 1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).
- 2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Thanks to Gord Abry