



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples December 2008



Commander's Comments

On October 22 - 25, 2008 I attended the **70th Anniversary** of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons Conference and AGM in Windsor, Ontario. This is my 2nd conference and I must say it was very good. The seminars were really interesting with the Marketing/Membership seminar being one of the best I have ever seen. The Saturday of the Conference was a long 14 hour day as meetings started at 8:00 a.m. - quite a bit of hard work.

I attended the Squadron Commander's meeting and met some of the friends from last year's meeting. Although there were no contentious issues this year, Squadron concerns focused around a couple of items. One was the time it takes for National to settle up payment for courses/events that people registered for on-line using the National website (it can be a 60 to 90 day wait until the Squadron gets it's money). Another Squadron concern was the degree of difficulty of finding ones way around the National website. It was good hearing from the other Squadron Commanders as to what is happening across Canada. The good news is that we are in a little better shape than other Squadrons across Canada.

Did you know that the organization CPS is changing? Sometimes it is hard to tell, something like, "You can't see the forest for the trees" since we may be too close to the organization. CPS is changing by keeping itself current or "in touch" as things change around us. I learned that, as a mature person (I did not say old person) am no longer a member of the target market for CPS. This came as quite a shock for me. Why wouldn't I be considered a market to go after; I have the money and I have the time (well, not really no time

and no money). The target market is now a younger person and that younger person does things differently and has different expectations, for example, their use of electronic media is superb. Although this younger market probably never met a bank teller they know their way around computer games that would make your head spin. Anyway, it is great to see that CPS is changing to keep itself contemporary.

Visit the CPS National Website and get a glimpse of what I am referring to. In the lower right hand side there is a link to training clips that are available on You Tube. Can you believe it???? Check out the training clips as they are cool. CPS is on Facebook. I guess I better get a Facebook account.

While on the CPS National Website, why not participate in a couple of the Safe Boating Challenges. Again, really neat stuff is happening, we just need to look.

CPS is a proud sponsor of Derek Hatfield and the Spirit of Canada Open 60 in the 2008 Vendée Globe Race – an around the world single handed sailboat race with no stops. Check out the link to read Derek's daily sailing updates from Algimouss Spirit of Canada. Technology is fantastic. Derek had some major electrical problems at the start of the race and he had to turn back for repairs. There was a chance that the race was over for him, but repairs were done and Derek has set out again. What determination.

Now for some news closer to home, our Bridge is going through a few changes. Michael Crawford, our Treasurer has increasing demands on his time and consequently he can not continue doing the Treasurer activities. So I ask you to think about volunteering for this position – we really need someone right away.

There has been a change in our Training department. Steve Highstead has resigned as our Squadron Training Officer due to increased work activities and Jim MacLeod has agreed to be our STO in the interim. Thanks for your help Jim!

September 15th, 2009 is the date when everyone needs to have a Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) to operate a motorized boat. Seems so far away but really it isn't. We know that there are millions of people who enjoy being on the water but unfortunately only a small percentage have their PCOC. Begs the question, when will the remaining boaters get their PCOC and with what organization?

On November 8, 2009 a committee of 8 Bridge Officers met to address changes in the Training



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department as well as to ensure that the Squadron is ready for student course needs going forward. Recommendations/action items from this meeting were presented to the Bridge in December. Some of those recommendations are included in this newsletter:

- Business card size boating course reminders enclosed with this newsletter.

Please hand these out to your friends that are boaters or will be boaters soon.

- Rideau Ripples back page is intended to be a tear away that you would give to friend. It is very important that your friends Boat Safe – Boat Legal.

I encourage you to take a moment to think of a couple of friends that could use either the business card course reminder or the Ripples back page. I think we have a duty to make sure that everyone we know has the opportunity to enjoy safe boating. A course makes so much sense, yet we notice that course enrollment is down. So please let your friends know we would love to teach them how to boat properly.

You would not believe the crazy boaters I have seen on the water this past summer – almost got run down twice. It is these people that should be taking our courses (yes, I would have given them a card if I caught up to them).

As you know, the success of CPS is based on people volunteering their time and energy and the Squadron is in great need for your help. In addition to the Treasurer opening, we are looking for volunteers to instruct the Boat Pro course.

Boat Pro is a 3 day course made up of 2 hours a night at the end of which the student writes a Transport Canada PCOC 50 question exam. We believe that there will be lots of demand for the Boat Pro course because the PCOC dead line is approaching.

We have heard from many of you that you would like to teach Boat Pro but are hesitant to volunteer because you do not know exactly what is expected. To put you at ease, we will be running a **Boat Pro instructor demo session** where a lead instructor will review the course material (no it will not take 6 hours to cover the material as we already know it) and use of the course props.

This demo session will make you more comfortable in teaching a Boat Pro class. Did you know that as part of our support network, you can be paired up with

another instructor where both would teach the same class? You would then teach the parts you would be most comfortable with.

Another option would be to proctor the Boat Pro course. As a proctor you would help out students who do not understand a certain aspect of a topic, etc. Typically proctors are at the back of the class providing one-on-one question resolution.

Are you a student taking a course right now? Well, don't let that frighten you away as this offer is open to anyone.

Our plan is to have enough Boat Pro instructors, so each instructor or instructor pair would need to teach only a few or perhaps just 1 Boat Pro course.

The Boat Pro instructor demo session is to be held at the Gloucester Library in early January. The specific date yet to be determined, but we ask that you pre-register right away for the Boat Pro Instructor Demo Session online at www.cps-ottawa.com/courses.html.

I encourage you to come to this session even if you are remotely interested in teaching this course. So come on out and volunteer - it will be a lot fun.

Did you know that the Squadron makes Gift Cards for courses? They make a perfect gift for your boating friends and family. For example, if your friend has already taken a boating course there are many other valuable courses they can take to round out their total boating educational experience. Contact me if you wish a have a Gift Card made up for Christmas, or for any other time (e.g., birthday).

Did you know that we accept pictures for use in the Squadron website home page? The picture needs to be in a jpeg format larger than 250 Kb and have something to do with boating. Oh yes, don't forget to include a sentence or two telling us about the picture. We are looking at changing the home page picture every week so there is plenty of opportunity to get your picture up on the web. Please send your picture submission to Philip Harris (N) at webmaster@cps-ottawa.com.

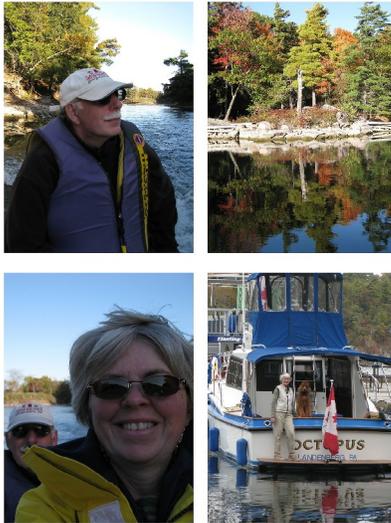
Snow is on the ground and I have checked my finances and I am not going to be one of the lucky ones heading south this winter. I can't believe it, but those geese flying south are better off than me. Christmas decorations are coming out and I have been dropping hints as to what nice guys need to make boating safer, e.g., a new radar system perhaps?



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Lindy and I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and continued health for the New Year.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Gord Abry, AP; Commander
commander@cps-ottawa.com



Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 4 November 2008 - Bridge Meeting at Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 2 December 2008 - Bridge Meeting at Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 6 January 2009 - Bridge meeting at Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 3 February 2009 - Bridge meeting at Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Saturday, 28 February 2009 - Squadron annual dinner at Algonquin College. Details to follow on web page.

[Please watch the website for upcoming social events.](#)

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer
social@cps-ottawa.com



Cowan Insurance Column

Dear Carla:

I have heard people refer to the "Lay-up Warranty" of their policy wording. Could you please explain what this is?

Dear CPS Member:

The "Lay-up Warranty" is simply a stipulation that the boat must be taken out of the water at a certain time of year, usually from November 1 to March 31 (depending on the province of navigation). It is indicated on the Declarations Page of your policy. During the "lay-up" period, your boat:

- Must be in a safe berth for storage ashore or afloat
- Must not be ready for immediate use
- Must not be used for living on board
- Must not be navigated
- All portable electronics and personal effects must be removed from the boat and safely stored.

Dear Carla:

If my boat is shrink-wrapped for the winter and come spring, I find extensive raccoon damage (or other animal damage) to my boat, is this covered by the CPS program?

Dear CPS Member:

Yes, this damage would be covered. Our policy is one





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of the very few policies that cover animal damage; most policies exclude this coverage. All insurance companies have their own conditions. It is recommended to check with your own company regarding the steps to take after a loss.

If you have any boat insurance questions, please email: carla.lettenbauer@cowangroup.ca
The Q & A's will be included in future newsletters.

Group Home & Auto Insurance

REMINDER! 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.
If you have any general questions regarding the Group Home & Auto Program, please email: debbie.mckenzie@cowangroup.ca



The 2008 – 2009 Bridge

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Membership Update

The CPS Conference was held in Windsor, Ontario October 22-25, 2008 celebrating 70 years of Excellence. Marjorie and I attended the Conference but on the way we stopped at CPS-ECP Headquarters at 26 Golden Gate Court in Toronto.



Well I finally met the ANGELS who have been making my position with the Squadron much easier to perform. We would like to say thank you to Ginette GOLDEN (Membership Rejoins, Renewals & Membership

Reports, Squadron Bridge Officers); Beverley WALTERS (PCOC & ROCM processing); Carole BROWNE (New Member Processing, Certificates & Address Changes) and Bill SPICER (Shipping/Receiving). Last but not least, I met the newly appointed Technical Support Analyst Heather BULMER. The rest of the staff was already in Windsor. Now they are more than voices and we had a great visit.

The rest of the trip to Windsor was uneventful with no snow like the drive to Toronto the day earlier.





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The Conference was a real success and a great learning experience for Marjorie and I. Marjorie knows more about the Essex County Wine Industry after taking part in the organized tour. I was fortunate to be asked to scribe the minutes by Past Commander Cathie JOHNSTONE who chaired the Commander's Meeting. Our Squadron has the same issues as the rest of the Squadrons in Canada. I attended the Membership (CPS Member Acquisition Plan) and Marketing (Evolution of Change) seminars. By the way the next Conference will be in Sherbrooke QC. Mark your calendar for September 30 - October 03, 2009 and plan on attending. It will be a great time. Join Marjorie and I in Sherbrooke.

Back home, Marjorie mailed the last Rideau Ripples. I took the opportunity to add a note to those who were not receiving their newsletter in full color to let me know and 18 members were added to the e-mail list distribution. Thank You.

In the last newsletter, I also put a friendly reminder to OUTSTANDING members to renew and only one member renewed. The Squadron still has 56 OUTSTANDING Members. They will be dropped on December 15, 2008 if their membership is not up to date. If you are OUTSTANDING, the snowball is in your court!

Well enough from me, Marjorie and I would like take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a dry summer in 2009



Ho Ho Ho I just got a news flash from the North Pole ... Santa will bring Gift Certificates for courses and regalia.. Get in touch with our Regalia Officer Al Syberg. Al has a direct line with Santa!

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

Membership Roster Changes

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

If you have any changes regarding your membership, i.e. change of address, name, phone number, e-mail address or boat name, mooring, etc.

Please contact Guy A. Ladouceur
(613) 824-9490 or e-mail him your information at
membership@cps-ottawa.com

RIPPLES CONTENT

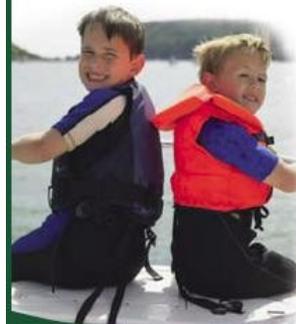
If you have any stories, photos or articles you would like to share with OPSS members in the Rideau Ripples, send your submissions to ripples@cps-ottawa.com to be considered for publication.



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Environment

Here follow a few useful publications full of excellent tips how to enjoy boating while respecting the environment:

CPS – The Enviro Boater Guide

<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/PublicUploads/Enviro/EnviroBoater.pdf>
This guide has 26 pages of great advice and is downloadable from the Internet. It covers safer solutions to avoid pollution (list of tasks and do-it-yourself cleaners), grey water, black water, refueling, bilge, the 3 R's, Hauling out, winter storage, boat maintenance and has a comprehensive checklist.

The Georgia Strait Alliance “Guide to Green Boating”

<http://www.georgiastrait.org/files/share/PDF/GreenBoating2007.pdf>
This guide has 16 pages and covers topics like Keeping it clean, Fill'er up, Battle of the Bilge, Engine maintenance, Swabbing the Decks, Down the drain, Green boating tips, etc. On Page 7 is has an excellent table showing Tasks and corresponding Alternative cleaners. It is surprising what simple products like baby oil, baking soda, salt, vinegar and lemon juice can do while reducing the impact on the environment.

Book Review:

BOAT GREEN – 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters

Boat Green is a highly welcome book for boaters, written by a boater. It is pragmatic, practical and well researched and supportive to the challenges facing boaters. Overall, this is a terrific resource for boaters who want to leave a “green wake.”

Author: Clyde W. Ford

Paperback - 224 pages

Width: 6 Inches x Height: 9 Inches

Weight: 390 Grams

BISAC: SPORTS & RECREATION / Boating

Publisher: New Society Publishers

ISBN: 9780865715905

Pub. Date: 2008-02-01

To order call: 1-800-567-6772 ext. 111

\$USD 17.95

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4) 'Cruising World' magazine
December 2008 issue

“How to sail green” with feature articles on:

- How to take out the trash (p.72)
- Cleaner practices in the Boatyard (p.68)
- Cruisers report on the State of the Ocean (p.64)

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Sea Jargon

Jugle (Joggle)– A notch in the edge of a plank, cut to receive the end of another plank in order to make a watertight joint.

Passat – The northeast trade wind which blows in the North Atlantic. Passat is the old German name for this wind, which has been used since the sixteenth century. It was the passat which blew Christopher Columbus across the Atlantic in 1492.

CPS - Chief Commander's Holiday Message

As we approach the end of 2008 and reflect on the achievements of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons over the past years, we also look forward with excitement in anticipation of working with the many dedicated CPS volunteers in 2009.

The successes of CPS were recently showcased at the 70th Anniversary celebrations at the AGM in Windsor, Ontario. These milestones were achieved by you, the members. It was through your efforts that CPS has grown to become a well-respected National organization. Your support, dedication and commitment to excellence in all issues relating to CPS have been forever etched in our history.

The automatic Regular Membership in our organization for all students who successfully pass the CPS Boating Course, and Associate Membership for all those who successfully pass a CPS administered PCOC Exam is proving to be successful. This process continues to enhance our overall membership numbers while giving the squadrons an opportunity to include these members in Squadrons functions, and in some cases, even to fill positions on the Squadron Bridge.

In 2009, CPS will introduce a new program designed to improve our retention rates for these first year



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members. Our goal is to promote Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons as a viable and friendly organization that will always be there for the recreational boater - whether it is to help them increase their education base and become better boaters, or just to enjoy the camaraderie that exists within CPS. This initiative will require the participation of all members if it is to be a success, and I am confident we are up to the task.

Finally, I would like to remind you about the work of the CPS Foundation. The CPS Foundation continues to support innovative and forward-thinking initiatives within our organization. This support comes from the interest on donations made to the CPS Foundation. I ask you to consider joining Marilyn and me in making a donation to the CPS Foundation Fund before January 1st, 2009. In addition to being tax deductible, your donation will help ensure the continued success of CPS in the future.

On behalf of our CPS family, Marilyn and I wish you the very Merriest of Holiday Seasons, good health and a Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



For Sale

1985 FAIRLINE 32

- originally commissioned and built for expo 86 in Vancouver
- recent restoration; boat is exceptionally clean and well maintained.
- very "beamy" vessel. hull length is 32, over all length is 35 feet, beam is 11.10 feet
- powerful yet economical cruiser with twin 220 hp "slant six" bmw marine engines and stern drives
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- cold cockpit shower
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- built in thermostatically controlled forced air furnace with separate air conditioner
- twin helms with full instrumentation, vhf (dsc), gps chart plotter, depth gauges, windlass (200 feet of chain) and trim tab controls
- 4 new marine deep cycle batteries, smart charger, new stereo system & speakers, new high pressure washdown pump, new plumbing, water delivery pressure pump and toilet
- closed engine cooling, halon fire-protection
- both outdrives completely professionally rebuilt in 2007
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See the website for more pictures





Warning!

A couple of people who forwarded me an email about cell phone numbers being made public and to register the number by phone or register with the National Do Not Call website. DON'T CALL yet! I researched the validity of these emails and this is what I found:

Fake 'do not call list' targets cell phone users

Updated Wed. Nov. 26 2008 5:28 PM ET
Stefania Moretti, CTV.ca News

Read the article here:

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20081126/fraud_Telus_081126/20081126

Editor's note:

In summary, you can register your cell phone if you wish but do it on line. One of the numbers in the email is a fake and you may get more than you bargained for.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The last page of this newsletter is a tear off poster for upcoming courses. Please make copies and hand it out to boater friends or post it where you think it will benefit the squadron in recruiting students for these courses (the boating course in particular). The squadron really needs to step up its efforts to fill these classes and you can help! Make people aware of what we are all about. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

MARINE SIMULATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE

OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO —

The most advanced marine simulation and research centre in Canada officially opened today at the Owen Sound Campus of Georgian College. Mr. Larry Miller, the Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, on behalf of John Baird, Canada's Transport Minister, the Honourable Donna Cansfield, Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, and Mr. Brian Tamblyn, president and chief executive officer of Georgian College, were present for the grand opening and

launch of the centre.

"This state-of-the-art facility will provide a realistic training experience like no other that will make Canada a leader on the world stage in the marine industry," said Mr. Miller. "The Government of Canada is pleased to partner in research and technology projects like this, which will create jobs for Canadians."

The centre is the first of its kind in Canada. It includes four state-of-the-art simulators of ship bridges and engine rooms with computer generation and projection, and a world-class full mission ship simulator, which features a 360-degree view of harbours and waterways around the world.

The Province of Ontario contributed \$3.75 million to the project. "By investing in a first-class, accredited marine simulation and research centre in Owen Sound, the province is helping strengthen the marine industry and providing benefits to Ontarians now and in the future," said Minister Cansfield.

The City of Owen Sound, marine industry partners and generous private donors to the Georgian College Power of Education fundraising campaign provided additional funding to this new marine simulation and research centre.

"We are thrilled to open this state-of-the-art centre," said Mr. Tamblyn. "This facility allows the college and the marine industry at large to keep up with the demand for highly trained marine professionals. With this facility, we can address the educational needs of an industry that contributes to our economy and quality of life. Previously, mariners had to travel out of Canada for some of this specialized training."

Global marine traffic is expected to triple in the next 20 years. At the same time, a worldwide shortage of ship's officers and seafarers is forecast. In the Great Lakes marine transportation industry alone, three-quarters of employees are set to retire in the near future, creating an estimated 1,500 job vacancies in Ontario.

Georgian College offers a three-year co-op program in marine engineering technology and marine navigation technology. Each program has been planned in cooperation with Transport Canada and marine industry partners.

From Transport Canada website – release Nov 21



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Course Calendar Handout



Boat Safe – Boat Legal

***Come and join us for more courses!
Give a course as a gift!
Tell your friends!***

*Enthusiastic Instructors
Brighter classrooms*

*Register in person at our new location:
St Patrick High School
2525 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa*

*Registration Nights – January 7/09 and March 04/09 respectively
Pay for your course, collect your materials (Boating only) and meet your instructor(s)*

Winter

Boating

Wednesdays, 14 January 2009 to 15 April 2009

Electronic Navigation

Mondays, 26 January to 30 March 2009

Marine Maintenance

Mondays, 12 January to 30 March 2009

Seamanship (previously called Piloting)

Mondays, 12 January to 20 April 2009

Spring

Boating

Wednesdays, 18 March 2009 to 10 June 2009

Navigation with GPS

Mondays, 22 April to 06 May 2009

Maritime Radio (3 courses - English)

Wednesdays, 25 March to 08 April 2009

Mondays, 25 May to 08 June 2009

Maritime Radio (French)

Lundi, 27 avril au 11 mai 2009

BoatPRO (held @Libraries)

offered during March, April, May 2009 at various Ottawa
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Need more information?

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[Http://www.cps-ottawa.com/courses.html](http://www.cps-ottawa.com/courses.html)