



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples August/September 2009



Commander's Comments

This summer seems to have been one of rain or threats of rain on most days with the inclement weather having a dampening effect on some of our boating activities. Nevertheless, any day on a boat is better than a day in the office.

August has seen an improvement in the weather over July and hopefully the Fall will see dry and bright days that will enable us all to extend our boating season to the greatest extent possible.

The deadline for having the PCOC is September 15th, 2009. The information available indicates that many boaters have not taken the necessary steps to obtain the appropriate certification and have, as is not unusual, left the matter until the last minute. Please take a moment to remind your relatives, friends and fellow boaters at your marinas that they can obtain the required certification through the Boating and Boat Pro courses offered through the Squadron. The schedule for the Squadron courses can be found on the Squadron website.

The Squadron Bridge Meetings begin again on September 1st, 2009 and are scheduled for September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st, 2009. The meetings in September, October and November will be held at Robbie's Italian Restaurant located at 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. There is an informal dinner at 18:00 with the meetings commencing at 19:00. Members of the Squadron are invited to attend the Bridge Meetings and are encouraged to assist the Squadron through participation in Squadron activities. Volunteers are always required and any amount of time that can be offered to assist the Squadron in its activities will be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who have your PCOC certification, when is the last time that you took a boating related course? The Squadron website will provide you with an outline of the courses offered, the content of those courses and the cost of the courses."

Bryan A. Carroll, Commander – O.P.S.S.

Executive Officer's Comments

Imagine the last Squadron Function was our Annual Picnic at the Long Island Locks on Thursday June 18, 2009 and now as I write an article for this edition of the Ripples it is Tuesday August 18, 2009. Where has the boating season gone? The weather has not really cooperated generally but Marjorie and I have logged 635 kilometres (342.8 nautical miles) of safe boating. We proudly flew our CPS Flag and Squadron Bugee in different bodies of water in Ontario.

Well I look forward to instructing the 13 week Boating Class in September with Pat McGrath. Pat and I have been doing it since 2005 and look forward to a new class of eager students. Possibly this year, we will have record participation since everyone will need their PCOC Card after September 15, 2009. Let's hope!

You received an e-mail about the District Picnic on Sunday, August 30, 2009. If you haven't attended this event before and don't think you will know too many people, let me tell you that there will be a lot of members from the Ottawa Squadron and we are friendly. I will be there and will make a point to speak to you and introduce you around. For more information, please visit <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/Rideau/>.

As most of you know the 2009 CPS Conference and AGM is being held in Sherbrooke QC. Marjorie and I are registered and will be attending. It is only a three hour & half drive. It is an experience you will not forget; you will meet great people with the same passion "Boating" and learn a lot of new information. Consider attending! For more information, please visit <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/public/>.

NEWS FLASH ... Fred Cameron, our Social Activities Officer has a great slate of Information Nights that should attract a lot of participation. Please plan to attend one or all! For more information, please visit <http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html> frequently since it is updated as new presenters are found! Fred really works hard to provide YOU the member with very informative topics and YOU could maybe win a door



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prize, as well.

Enough from me, It is time to study my nautical chart for our next boat ride on a new body of water. Hoping to see some of you out on the water before it freezes!

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The 2009 – 2010 Bridge

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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 1 Sept 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.

Thursday, 17 Sept 2009 – Info Night, "Sailing Thai Waters" with Hetty & Nick Baets. Details posted on web page.

Tuesday, 6 October 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 November 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.

Thursday, 12 November 2009 - Info Night with Diane & Daniel Jobin, sailing the Caribbean.

Tuesday, 1 December 2009 - Bridge meeting and Christmas Dinner. Place to be announced.

Tuesday, 5 January 2010 - 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 February 2010 - 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, 27 February 2010 - Squadron Annual Dinner. Presenter will be Ken Potter, Manager, of Marine Investigation Operations with the Transportation Safety Board (TSB).

Please watch the website for upcoming social events.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer
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Are you keeping a Green Bilge?

It happened to me so it can happen to you. On our sail from Saint Barthelemy to Statia the packing nut of the rudder stem on our sailboat came loose and at the same time our bilge pump acted up. As a result we amassed a lot of water in the bilge, in fact it was up close to the floor boards. With it, old dried out oil deposits in the bilge had come loose and put an ugly black sheen on top. You cannot simply pump oily bilge water overboard so we solved our problem by soaking up the oily sheen with massive amounts of paper towels before emptying the bilge.

My eye caught a much neater solution in the June issue of "Cruising World" magazine. Anyone who owns a boat with an inboard engine will sooner or later have to deal with the problem of oil in the bilges. You can install a filter system called Bilge Kleen which works like a fuel filter that removes water from fuel, only it does the opposite. It removes oil from the water as it is pumped through the filter. It is available in various sizes and install between your bilge pump and the through-hull. A patented cartridge removes oil, gasoline and diesel from bilge water. I am not about to advertise somebody's product but if you are interested check out their web-site at: www.centekindustries.com

Other companies may have similar functioning filters and all I am trying to achieve is to let you know there are solutions that will prevent oily bilge water from ending up in the environment. So, consider installing one of these filters especially if you think the risk is there.

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer
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Cowan Insurance Column

Dear Carla:

Who is covered under the "Boating Liability" section of my insurance policy?

Dear CPS Member:

The liability section of the policy includes the following:

Individual: if you are named on the Declarations Page.

Family Members: people related to you by

blood, marriage, adoption and live in your home, including a ward or foster child.

Partnership of Joint Venture: if you are named as such on the Declarations Page. Your partners or co-venturers and their spouses are covered only for the conduct of your business.

Corporation or other organization: if you are named as such on the Declarations Page. Your executive officers and directors are covered only for their duties as your officers or directors. Your stockholders are protected only for their liability as your stockholders.

Crew Members: any person who is a paid master or crew member.

Marina: Any person, organization, or employee operating a repair yard, marina, or yacht club, while using your boat.

Anyone to whom you've given permission to use your boat, without compensation to you.

We encourage you to ask us any insurance-related questions. Please feel free to email me:
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We encourage you to share any stories or ask any insurance-related questions. Please email: carla.lettenbauer@cowangroup.ca

FROM A PAST MEMBER

From: lucie-georges@pocketmail.com <lucie-georges@pocketmail.com>

Subject: Black Magic

To: opsssocial@yahoo.ca

Received: Saturday, July 18, 2009, 9:24 AM

Hello from Paray-le-Monial. Hope you are well. Your cold and rain is here now so you must be roasting.

We are travelling slowly down the "Canal du Centre" towards Paris. We have a reservation there for the



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winter. This is an old canal. It was originally dug during the french revolution, enlarged by Napoleon and improved since. We stopped at St-Julien-sur-Dheune. They had a farmer's market in the park next to the marina. It started at 1830 and lasted most of the evening. Just a dozen local producers but the whole commune showed up. Listening to music, eating fresh escargot and drinking wine right next to the boat. Lucie was able to buy some very good wine "Maranges 1er Cru Clos Rousot" at reasonable prices. Producer is in Paris L'Hôpital. Something for you to try when you find time to visit.

The canal to Roanne is back in service (13 July). There was a breach again this summer (early june). The 18 km bief emptied into adjoining fields. Fish everywhere. The Prefect was so mad at VNF. They had been warned several times of the leak. He is taking them to court. Nobody wants to winter there anymore.

Digouin and the "Festival des Escargots" tomorrow. We go for the fireworks. Happy sailing.

Hugs and kisses.

Lucie & Georges
"Black Magic I & II"
Have tools - Will travel

Submitted by member Fred Cameron

Info Night - Sailing Thai Waters

A presentation by Hetty & Nick Baets describing their recent cruise in the Andaman Sea in a chartered catamaran out of Phuket, Thailand. You will see pictures of a myriad of paradise islands (among them the famous James Bond island). You will hear how to charter a boat in a very affordable way, enjoy the most amenable year-round climate imaginable and find out about the many shore locations where delicious food is served by friendly Thai people. The clear waters offer great snorkeling & SCUBA opportunities. This is an excellent cruising destination for anyone to consider.

Thursday, 17 September 2009, 1900 hours.

Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd.

Admission; Ottawa Squadron Members & current students; \$ 1.00 . All others; \$ 2.00.

If you want to pre-register please do so online , the link

to the registration form is on the upper right side of the event page.

A cash bar is available. There will be door prizes and a raffle.

Come early and treat yourself to a fine dinner in the restaurant.

Rideau District 2009 Annual Summer Picnic

It's hard to believe but summer is just about over and so we get this event into everyone's event calendar here are the details for this year's picnic. Spread the word!

The Annual District Picnic is a chance to meet other CPS Members and those who administer the District on behalf of the seven Squadrons that are within the Rideau District. Come by boat or by car but do come to one of the nicest places on the Rideau System.

If you haven't attended this event before and don't think you will know too many people, consider coming as a group from your Squadron. Coming alone? There will be folks available to introduce you around to others. The only request is that you tell us ahead of time (before Aug 23rd, if possible) so we will have sufficient corn on hand.

Details.....

Date: Sunday 30 August 2009

Place: Don & Nan Bell's property, Rideau Ferry, ON. Make your way to either Perth or Lombardy. Take CR #1 (Rideau Ferry Rd) east from Perth or West from Lombardy to Rideau Ferry. Rideau Ferry Bridge is about 11 km from Perth and 7 km from Lombardy. Don & Nan live on the East side of the bridge on the North side of the road. There will be signs to tell you that you are in the right place.

Time: Noon until sundown.

Facilities: Dockage, (Please call Don Bell at 1-613-283-5145 to confirm there will be room)

Swimming pool, bring your bathing suit.

Safety: Young children on docks or boats must wear PFD/Life Jacket.

Menu: Bring your own steak/chicken or other BBQ



fare, an appetizer or favorite salad to share and favorite beverage. The District will provide BBQs, corn, dessert, condiments, coffee, tea, plates and plastic cutlery and glasses.

Booking Reservation:

Mail, phone or e-mail the following information before August 23, 2009.

- A) Your name, phone number and Squadron.
- B) The number of adults & children in your party.

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A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter

"What are you doing?"
She asked.

"Hunting Flies"
He responded.

"Oh. ! Killing any?"
She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked.
"How can you tell them apart?"

He responded,
"3 were on a beer can,
2 were on the phone.

COLD SHOCK CAN KILL IN MINUTES

A PFD CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

A person can die in less than three minutes if immersed in very cold water. Even skilled swimmers experience swimming failure quickly with cold shock. People rapidly lose manual dexterity at this temperature.

Exposure to cold water causes sudden-immersion reflex, resulting in a victim gasping for breath and

experiencing breathing difficulties. This can lead to hyperventilation, dizziness, and muscle spasms. The shock of the cold water forces one to gasp and swallow water, causing one to choke. Victims also have difficulty holding their breath. There is a significant rise in heart rate and blood pressure. Cold water immersion can cause a heart attack or a stroke.

The best way to survive cold shock is by wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. Seconds count - a PFD can save your life.

These intense and rapid physiological responses make it difficult for a victim to locate, put on, and fasten a PFD once in the water. Expect the unexpected - wear your PFD at all times!

A PFD helps victims stay afloat, allowing one to gain control of breathing, thus keeping air passages clear. It also keeps a victim from going under due to loss of muscle control.

Boaters in cold waters should always wear a PFD while on board a vessel. Once you are in the water, it is probably too late.

For more information on cold shock, visit the Office of Boating Safety website at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca or phone toll-free at 1-800-267-6687.

Law of Probability:

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of the Telephone:

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Law of the Alibi:

If you tel l the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law:

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath:

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.



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2009 - 2010 BOATPRO COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Branch	Day Of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
North Gloucester	Wed	16-Sept-09	23-Sept-09	30-Sept-09
Orleans	Thur	08-Oct-09	15-Oct-09	22-Oct-09
Nepean Centrepointe	Tues	10-Nov-09	17-Nov-09	24-Nov-09
North Gloucester	Tues	12-Jan-10	19-Jan-10	26-Jan-10
Alta Vista	Wed	10-Feb-10	17-Feb-10	24-Feb-10
Blackburn Hamlet	Thur	11-Mar-10	18-Mar-10	25-Mar-10
Nepean Centrepointe	Tues	16-Mar-10	23-Mar-10	30-Mar-10
Blackburn Hamlet	Tues	13-Apr-10	20-Apr-10	27-Apr-10
Nepean Centrepointe	Wed	14-Apr-10	21-Apr-10	28-Apr-10
Blackburn Hamlet	Tues	11-May-10	18-May-10	25-May-10
Alta Vista	Wed	12-May-10	19-May-10	26-May-10
Manotic	Thur	13-May-10	20-May-10	27-May-10

Courses given at the Ottawa Public Library Branches start at 18:30 and run to 20:30. Arrive at 18:00 on the first night to complete the registration process. Fees include course materials, (PCOC) examination, and the Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate.

For ON LINE Registration, visit the website <http://www.cps-ottawa.com/courses.html>

Course Price: \$50.00 for adults and \$45.00 for students. Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

COURSE DESCRIPTION: 3 two-hour weekly sessions.

This Canadian Coast Guard accredited course is designed for you and your family to obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), the proof of competency required under government regulation. It is also recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). This operator card is valid for life.

Boat Pro is a highly acclaimed safety related course held in three sessions, over consecutive weeks. Boat Pro is suitable for fishermen, cottagers, and Personal Watercraft boaters. This course provides an excellent introduction to water safety for all members of the family. We encourage youth from age twelve and over to participate and obtain their PCOC. Everyone who operates a pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes will require a PCOC after September 15, 2009. Until that time, you need a PCOC if your craft is less than 4 metres in length, or if you were born after April 1, 1983.

Alta Vista - (South end)	516 Alta Vista	Ottawa, ON	K1V 7T1 613-737-2837
Blackburn Hamlet - (East end)	199 Glen Park	Ottawa ON	K1B 5B8 613-824-6926
Centrepointe - (West end)	101 Centrepointe	Ottawa ON	K2G 5K7 613-580-2710
Manotick - (River Rd Sth)	5499 South River Rd.	Ottawa ON	K4M 1J3 613-692-3854
North Gloucester - (East end)	2036 Ogilvie Rd.	Ottawa ON	K4M 1J3 613-692-3854
Orleans - (East end)	05 Orléans	Ottawa ON	K1C 4W2 613-824-1962



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**This year's OPSS REPRESENTATION in the Rideau Canal
Festival Parade of Lights and Flotilla**

1- Mark Dalzell decor was the Smiths Falls famous Raymond Accordion.



2- Justin McNeill graciously hosted the 12 Flotilla VIPs on Saturday's Parade of Lights and again in the main Flotilla on Sunday.





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3- Rolly Nantel with Tug along as the Parade of Lights and Flotilla Mascot.



The long hours decorating and participating most certainly demonstrated that the OPSS did contribute to our city's only nautical community event. Hopefully, next year will have more OPSS representation in this wonderful local event.

On behalf of the Rideau Canal Festival "Flotilla Committee" I wish to thank Mark Dalzell and Justin McNeill for representing our Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron by participating in the Parade of Lights and Flotilla.

*Rolly Nantel
Flotilla Committee member.*



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