



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples June/July 2010



Commander's Comments

The 39th Annual General Meeting of the Rideau District of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons was held in Kingston on May 8th, 2010. The Annual General Meeting was attended by 10 members of the Ottawa Squadron, including the following Bridge Members; namely, Marjorie Ladouceur, Guy Ladouceur, Jim MacLeod, Frank Keating and Bryan Carroll. The Rideau District is made up of the Ottawa Squadron, the Britannia Squadron, the Brockville Squadron, the Cornwall Squadron, the Rideau Lakes Squadron and the Squadron from Oiseau Rock (Pembroke area). On the whole, the Squadrons that make up the District and the District are in good shape.

The Ottawa Squadron will be well represented on the Rideau District Bridge. Linda Hamilton, having completed her two-year term as District Commander, becomes Past Commander. Cathie Johnstone becomes District Commander (the third member of her family to serve in that post), while Gord Abry serves as Membership Officer, Guy Ladouceur serves as WBAS Coordinator, Don Tanner serves as Treasurer and Frank Keating serves as Administrative Officer.

The Annual Picnic of the Ottawa Squadron will be held at the Long Island Lock Station on June 17th, 2010, commencing at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Free hot dogs, hamburgers and pop are available for all who attend, along with cake to finish off the meal. The Squadron Picnic is the Squadron's opportunity to thank each of its members for their participation in the Squadron and its activities. Come and say hello to other Squadron members.

The last Bridge Meeting prior to the summer holidays

will be held on June 1st, 2010, at Robbie's Restaurant on St. Laurent Blvd. There will be no Bridge Meetings held in July and August. Our first meeting in September will be held on September 7th, with Bridge Meetings held monthly thereafter on the first Tuesday of each month.

The classes available in the Fall are outlined in the Ripples and on the website. Please consider taking a class, encouraging family and friends to take a class and promoting the availability of classes to your fellow boaters. There is always something to learn. Improve your boating skills and support your Squadron by taking classes.

Do you need an Operator's Certificate to operate your VHF radio? There is at least some suggestion being made in Government circles that operating a radio means simply turning the VHF radio on. If you have not taken the VHF Radio course operated by the Squadron, please consider doing so.

Please renew the membership in the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons as soon as your membership renewal forms are received. The cost of renewal is a small price to pay for the benefits received from Squadron membership and the recognition that the Squadrons do good work by promoting boating safety.

On behalf of the members of the Bridge, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer on and near the water.

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UPDATE

The 2010 – 2011 Bridge

<u>Squadron Commander</u>	Cdr Bryan Carroll
<u>Executive Officer</u>	Guy Ladoucer
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jim MacLeod, SN
<u>Training Officer</u>	Robin Craig, CN
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<u>Assistant Training Officer (BoatPro)</u>	Rolly Nantel
<u>Assistant Training Officer (Supply)</u>	Monique Vallieres, S
<u>Archivist</u>	Position Open
<u>Membership Officer</u>	Terry Hamilton, AP
<u>Environmental Affairs Officer</u>	Nick Baets, CN
<u>Regalia Officer</u>	Al Syberg
<u>Secretary</u>	Paulette Vineham
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<u>Squadron Examiner</u>	Jim MacLeod, SN
<u>Squadron Financial Review Rep</u>	Don Tanner

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.

Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 1 June 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.

Thursday, 17 June 2010 - Squadron Annual Picnic. Long Island Locks. More info in this Newsletter.

Sunday, 22 August 2010 - Rideau District Annual Picnic. Rideau Ferry – Check District Website - <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/Rideau/>

Tuesday, 7 September 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.

Thursday, 16 September 2010 – Information Night. Nick Baets (CN) tells all about his sailing in Turkey Robbie's Italian Restaurant - 1531 St Laurent Blvd Starts at 7 p.m. (1900 hours).

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

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Earth-friendly boat maintenance

Here are again some tips which can help ease the environmental impact of routine boat maintenance:

Keep a supply of oil-absorbant rags on board for spill cleanup of oil and fuel. Even small spills of oil can contaminate a large volume of water.

Properly dispose of used oil and filters - facilities are available to handle these elements which are toxic to the marine environment. In Canada call 1 800-667-4321 for the nearest disposal facility.

Keep used solvents separate from used oil - never mix wastes, or pour hazardous wastes down drains, on the ground or into surface waters.

Wax your boat - A good coat of wax on a fiberglass hull prevents surface dirt from becoming engrained. This will reduce the need for detergents when you wash your boat. Pollen, dust, spores, or salt occur naturally and will do no harm when they are washed into the water.



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Wash topsides only - Limit dock side hull cleaning to the above water surface area only -- from the boot stripe up. Use a sponge to effectively remove light growth without creating the clouds of heavy metals usually caused by scrubbing. Rinse your boat with fresh water.

Excerpt from *Eco-Friendly Boating* – Eartheasy.com.

For more eco information check:

www.eartheasy.com/play_eco-friendly_boating.htm

www.muskokawaterweb.ca/7/7.1/boating.htm

boating.ncf.ca/env.html

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CPS MERIT MARKS

National Volunteer Week was April 18-24, 2010 and the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons recognized our volunteers by issuing Merit Mark Certificates to the many members who give selflessly volunteering by; instructing courses, Watch Keeper at the Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show, helping at a Squadron Function or being Bridge Officers, etc.

A Merit Mark is awarded to any member who contributes **not less than 20 hours of volunteer work for CPS** in any one calendar year (January 01 to December 31). Merit Marks are awarded at the sole discretion of the Chief Commander based on the recommendations of Squadron, District and National Officers. Any CPS Member, Junior Member, Lady Associate, or CPS Associate can be awarded a Merit Mark. A Member or Associate Member who attains five Merit Marks becomes a Senior Member / Senior Associate. Members who have been awarded 20 Merit Marks become Life Members are awarded a Life Member's plaque, a Life Member's card, and a 20-Year Longevity Pin.

At our Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2010, the following members were awarded their Merit Mark Certificate:

1 Merit Mark: Mark DALZELL, Linda FISCHER, David KERR & Don PARTRIDGE

3 Merit Mark: Brian FORWARD & Al SYBERG

4 Merit Mark: Steve LORTIE & Justin MCNEILL

5 Merit Mark (Senior Member): Robin CRAIG, Philip HARRIS, Guy & Marjorie LADOUCEUR

6 Merit Mark: Pat MCGRATH & Monique VALLIERES

7 Merit Mark: Steve HIGHSTEAD

8 Merit Mark: Gord ABRY, Dave BODNER, Bryan CARROLL & Michael CRAWFORD

10 Merit Mark: Fred CAMERON

11 Merit Mark: Rolly NANTEL, Don TANNER

15 Merit Mark: Sue BAKER

16 Merit Mark: Nick BAETS

17 Merit Mark: Walter BILOUS & Terry HAMILTON

18 Merit Mark: Art SCHILDER

20 Merit Mark (Life Member): Frank KEATING & Robert MORGAN

21 Merit Mark: Bill KERR & Jim MACLEOD

23 Merit Mark: Pierre GARNEAU

25 Merit Mark: Cathie JOHNSTONE

27 Merit Mark: Linda HAMILTON & Kathleen HOPKINS

29 Merit Mark: Paul WEISBROD

30 Merit Mark: Dave OMOND

41 Merit Mark: Evelyn CLUE

Imagine 38 Squadron members totaled 2,920.5 hours volunteering at the Squadron, District and National Level. We racked up 30% of all the hours for the Rideau District stand at 9,579 for the seven (7) Squadrons.

You can be proud of your accomplishment. By the way as you read this and you want to volunteer to get a Merit Mark Certificate next year. It is not too late contact one of the Bridge Members and you can have your name on a certificate at our 2011 Annual General Meeting!.

Guy A Ladouceur, Executive Officer

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2010 – 2011 BOATPRO COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Branch	Day Of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
North Gloucester	Thursday	09-Sept-10	16-Sept-10	23-Sept-10
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	14-Sept-10	21-Sept-10	28-Sept-10
Greenboro Community Centre	Thursday	14-Oct-10	21-Oct-10	28-Oct-10
Nepean Centrepointe	Wednesday	09-Mar-11	16-Mar-11	23-Mar-11
North Gloucester	Thursday	10-Mar-11	17-Mar-11	24-Mar-11
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	12-Apr-11	19-Apr-11	26-Apr-11
North Gloucester	Wednesday	13-Apr-11	20-Apr-11	27-Apr-11
North Gloucester	Tuesday	10-May-11	17-May-11	24-May-11
Manotick	Wednesday	11-May-11	18-May-11	25-May-11
Nepean Centrepointe	Thursday	12-May-11	19-May-11	26-May-11

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: \$60.00 for adults and \$50.00 for students. Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron". / PCOC Exam Challengers \$30.00

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 must have a PCOC after September 15, 2009.

Ottawa Public Libraries website: http://www.bibliottawalibrary.ca/explore/branches/loc_e.html

North Gloucester - (East end)	2036 Ogilvie Rd.	Ottawa ON K4M 1J3	613-692-3854
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
Greenboro - (South East)	363 Lorry Greenberg Dr.	Ottawa ON K1T 3P8	613-580-2957

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Disposal of Flares

Disposal of flares is an ongoing issue for boaters. As boaters, we need to replace our flares every four years from the date of manufacture, which is stamped on every flare.



Before we know it we have accumulated way more flares than we can ever hope to use in an emergency, so the issue of flare disposal comes to light.

Thanks to John Basler with the Cornwall Squadron, we have been directed to Roger Lalonde who disposes of flares voluntarily. Roger is one of only two [2] volunteers in Canada that have the pyrotechnic license to 'dispose' of flares. Roger is our local contact and is a CPS Life Member from the Cornwall Squadron.

Roger will dispose of your expired outdated flares, Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacons (EPIRB), personal and commercial emergency locators (ELT), Man-overboard smoke and light signals (pleasure crafts and commercial) by disarming and recycling the parts and disposing in an environmentally friendly way.



There is no fee for this disposal service however you will need to physically get your flares to Roger. This service is *open to all boaters* whether you are a CPS member or not. Remember - flares are considered a "dangerous good" so mailing or shipping them is not possible.

May we suggest that you co-ordinate your disposal efforts through your Squadron in hopes that a "milk run" can be arranged where different Squadrons collect the flares and then finish off in Cornwall.

Email Roger at seabreez@cogeco.ca to schedule a drop-off time.

Enjoy the water and boat safe.

Gord Alery

P/C Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron



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IT'S ROSTER TIME AGAIN

Your boat might be in the water by now but I am still compiling the information for the 2010 Roster and I need your help!

It is simple, you supply me the information and I will put it all together in time for our SQUADRON ANNUAL PICNIC & GRADUATION (June 17, 2010).

It is your choice if you want to have your information displayed but you must let me know either way. If your information was in the Roster last year and it has not changed, please let me know anyway. If you changed your boat, your mooring etc, let me know.

Here is the information I require:

Name: Street: City: Prov: Postal:
Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell: E-Mail:

Name of Vessel:
Power or Sail:
Mooring Location:
Licence number:
MMSI (DSC):

I await your e-mail and I will reply acknowledging receipt. Please indicate in the subject line "ROSTER". I must receive your information by Sunday, June 06, 2010 so it is included in the Roster!

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Guy A Ladouceur, Executive Officer

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2010 Annual Picnic and Graduation

Thursday, 17 June 2010 - Long Island Lock Station
River Road, 4 km north of Manotick
RAIN OR SHINE

**Your Squadron cordially invites YOU and your family
to attend the
2010 Annual Picnic and Graduation**

***** IT IS FREE *****



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This is our largest event of the year, so bring your family, have fun,
support your squadron,
Help celebrate the start of the boating season.

**Set-up 1600 hours (4 p.m.) - Start 1700 hrs & we
go till dark**

Refreshments: Hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks and other
goodies.

FREE PARKING and there is **limited docking space for
boats.**

Please no parking on the road!

**Come out to meet your Fellow Squadron Members
& Graduating Boating Students**

**Bring an item to be auctioned off for the benefit of the squadron
Squadron Regalia and New Member Rosters** will also be available
Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas (*for the sun*) & any other comfort items you
might require

If you can help out in any way, by providing a BBQ, help with the cooking
Or assist with the set up and clean up, providing tarps, tables etc.
Contact Fred Cameron at social@cps-ottawa.com

If you plan to attend **YOU MUST** advise us before **15 June 2010**
so we can plan for the required amount of food and drinks.

Plan on attending!



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