



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples August/September 2010



Commander's Comments

The Annual Picnic of the Ottawa Squadron took place on June 17th, 2010 at the Long Island Lock Station. We were blessed with a beautiful evening (no rain for the first time in years) and a good time was had by all of those who attended. Many thanks to all of the Squadron members who volunteered to put on the picnic. Particular thanks goes to our Executive Officer, Guy Ladouceur, who took on the prime responsibility for the organization of the picnic, Marjorie Ladouceur (the power behind Guy) and Dr. Bob Morgan who stepped in to act as the picnic auctioneer.

My wife, Chris, and I spent a wonderful two weeks on our boat travelling from Len's Cove Marina on the Big Rideau Lake down the Rideau system to Kingston and then into the Thousand Island area. As usual, the lock staff on the Rideau system was friendly and helpful. For those of you who have not travelled on the Rideau system, it is a trip to seriously consider. Picturesque lock stations, beautiful lakes and lovely scenery make a trip through the Rideau system a trip to remember. Even those boaters who have not had any experience in bringing their boats through the locks will not have any difficulties in enjoying the trip, as the lockmasters and their assistants are knowledgeable, helpful and very friendly.



We stayed at the Confederation Basin Marina in Kingston for two days, enjoying the shops and restaurants in the downtown area of the Kingston. The wind felt like it was at hurricane force when we arrived at the marina, but the knowledgeable and agile young dock staff make sure that the boats coming into the marina get safely tucked into the appropriate slips.

The Thousand Island area of which Kingston is the western gate is a magnificent boating area and readily available to those of us belonging to the Ottawa Squadron. The marked channels are easy to follow, but there are many areas outside of the channel markers where boats can enjoy safe passage and wonderful anchorages. It helps to travel with friends who have local knowledge of the area and who can lead you into and point out the lovely "out of channel areas".

Travelling on the boat reinforced our view that the majority of boaters are friendly, approachable and willing to provide assistance when needed. However, a day on one of the park island docks close to a boater who felt that anyone within 100 yards of his boat not only liked the same music as he did, but wanted the music played at ear-splitting levels reminded those of us travelling together that good boaters give some consideration to those around them. Silence is bliss – every once in awhile.

The Squadron courses begin again in September of 2010. The course outline is set out in this issue of the Ripples. Take a course and/or recommend that your friends or family do so. Increased knowledge makes us all better boaters.

The next Bridge Meeting takes place at Robbie's Restaurant on St. Laurent Blvd. in Ottawa commencing at 19:00 hours on September 7th. The Squadron Bridge Meetings are scheduled for September 07, October 05, November 02 and December 07, 2010. 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. As for the December 07 Bridge Meeting, we are still planning a Christmas Dinner with further information to follow. Just remember our Annual Picnic in June was dry this year and I may even pull another trick by enticing the Jolly Red Fellow from the North Pole to attend our Christmas Dinner.

All 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.

I look forward to meeting you soon at a Bridge Meeting, any of our many Information Nights or Squadron Gathering!

Bryan Carroll,
Commander
Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron



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The 2010 – 2011 Bridge

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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 7 Sept 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 Sept 2010 – Info Night, "Sailing the East Aegean in Turkey" with Hetty & Nick Baets. Details in this newsletter and posted on the web page. Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 5 October 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 November 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, 7 December 2010 - Bridge meeting and Christmas Dinner. Place to be announced.

Please watch the website for upcoming social events.



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Rideau
District

In the Heart of Boating's Golden Triangle

CPS Rideau District 2010 Annual Summer Picnic

Summer is here and it's hard to believe that the weather has been so hot. 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 15th, if possible) so we will have sufficient corn on hand.

Details.....

Date: Sunday Aug 22, 2010

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 15, 2010**.

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

**Yes, the date was set for August 15
but if you missed it! Call Frank
NOW and I will take the blame!
Guy A. Ladouceur XO**

To: Frank Keating, 504-641-Bathgate Drive, Ottawa, ON K1K 3Y3 - 1-613-746-0026

Email: Admin@rd-cps.ca



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Info Night - 16 Sept. 2010

**Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd
1900 hrs sharp**

Sailing the East Aegean in Turkey

A presentation by Hetty & Nick Baets describing their recent cruise in the East Aegean. You will hear how they chartered a Bavaria 400 for two weeks and sailed from Marmaris to Finike. From the many slides they took you will see the beautiful coast, the beautiful islands, the great little harbours and hear about the good food to be had along the way. Wherever you look there are signs of ancient history. This area is a great alternative to the Caribbean and can be arranged at very reasonable charter rates if you go early in the year.

A mere loonie (\$1.00) for OPS members and students and a toonie (\$2.00) for non-CPS members gets you in to see presentation. There will be a door prize and draws.

Prior to the presentation, please join us for a fine Italian meal upstairs.

YOUR SQUADRON BRIDGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Somebody important once said: *"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country"*. Now somebody with little importance but lots of concern says: *"Ask not what your Squadron can do for you; ask what you can do for your Squadron"*

Since our Squadron AGM in April 2010, two of our long serving Bridge Members left the Bridge to sail new courses. Our Secretary Sue Baker SN and our Social Activities Fred Cameron have provided many years of dedicated service to the running of the Squadron and their contributions will be missed. A Big Thank You to both of them for their assistance in guiding the Squadron through all kinds of water over the years!

Now it is your time to step up to the plate as our New Secretary Paulette Vineham did. No better way to get your feet wet than to jump right in. As you can see, we still have a few Bridge positions to fill.

Yes you can assist; we are always looking for interested people willing to help. You provide the interest and we will give you all the tools and guidance to do the job! Not ready for a Bridge Position yet but still want to help. No fear we will find something for you to do. We always need people to make phone calls, pick up items, proctor classes, and teach classes, our requirements are endless.

Please update your Volunteering Interests in your Members' Profile on the CPS Website and we will be able to capture that information to contact you. Even better contact your Squadron Nominating Committee which consists of P/C Gordon Abry (AP) (Chair), P/C Cathie Johnstone and Cdr Bryan Carroll. Or, if you wish, leave your coordinates on our Squadron Answering Machine (613) 567-3265 and some one will contact you!

Guy A. Ladouceur, Executive Officer



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OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2010 - 2011 BOATPRO COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Boat Pro Courses will be offered during Sep 2010 to May 2011 at various Ottawa Public Library Branches

Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Boat Pro Schedule

Library Branch	Day of Week	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3 + Exam
North Gloucester	Thursday	09-Sep-10	16-Sep-10	23-Sep-10
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	14-Sep-10	21-Sep-10	28-Sep-10
Greenboro Com Ctre	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 Centerpointe	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 cps-ottawa.com

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION: 3 two-hour weekly sessions.

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	Ottawa ON K1T 3P8	613-580-2957





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BOATPRO 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 must have a PCOC after September 15, 2009.

• **BOATING COURSE**

Wednesdays from Sep 15 to Dec 8, 2010 @ 1900 hrs



St. Patrick's High School, 2525 Alta Vista Drive,
Ottawa, ON

Course Price: Primary \$225.00, Secondary \$165.00 (*example spouse sharing course materials with primary*) Required is a divider set. If you do not have one the squadron offers them for \$12.00/set. Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

Registration – Wednesday

Sept 08, 2010

For more information, please refer to our website at:

http://cps-ottawa.com/crs_btg.html

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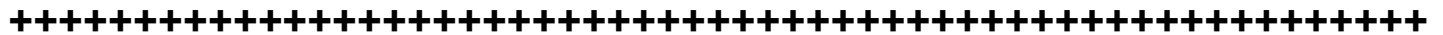


Wednesdays from Sep 15 to Dec 8, 2010 @ 1900 hrs

St. Patrick's High School, 2525 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON K1V 7T3

Course Price: CPS member, primary \$160, spouse \$115.00. For non-CPS members add \$45.00 to the course price. Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

Registration – Wednesday Sept 08, 2010



MARITIME RADIO VHF COURSES

Course Prices:

Complete Course (Modules 1 & 2): \$70.00 (Manual/Instruction/Exam.)

- Book only: \$25
- Admin(exam) only: \$25
- Home study and Admin(exam): \$45
- **Module 2 Only:**
- Course: \$50.00 (Manual for Module 2/Instruction/Exam)
- Book: \$15
- Admin (Exam) only: \$20
- Home study and Admin(exam): \$35



Fall 2010

Wednesday, October 6, 13, 20

Wednesday, November 10, 17, 24

Winter 2011

Monday March 21, 28, April 4

Wednesday April 20, 27, May 4 (French)

Wednesday, May 18, 25, June 1



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