



**Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron
Rideau Ripples
December/January 2011**



Commander's Comments

Most of our boats are now on their trailers, in their cradles or up on blocks. Sad times for avid boaters, but we can all look forward to the winter boat shows (every boat needs something new) and planning for the spring launch, which is only 5½ months away.

The Bridge held its first meeting in the Fall on September 7th, 2010, with meetings scheduled to take place on the first Tuesday in each month through June of 2011. You are all invited to attend at any meeting.

One major issue that the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is looking into is the qualification for membership and whether this should change. At the moment, successful completion of the Boating Course is a precondition to full membership in the CPSS. Those who successfully complete the BoatPro Course are granted associate membership in the organization. Should these preconditions remain as is or should they be changed? Some believe that the status quo should remain, while others believe that, in an attempt to attract more persons to join the organization, membership should be open to all of those individuals with an interest in boating safety without the necessity of taking any courses or passing any examinations. This is an important issue and I would be interested in receiving feedback from our Squadron members so that the Squadron can, in turn, participate in the national debate on this issue.

Course registration in all courses other than BoatPro, are low. We need you to consider taking a course and/or encouraging friends and family to do so. Word-of-mouth advertising is what will assist the Squadron to increase its course attendance.

The Annual Dinner for the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron will take place on March 5th, 2011 at Algonquin College in Ottawa. The time has been moved one week in order to avoid a conflict with the Ottawa Boat Show. Please put the date into your calendar. Details will follow.

Welcome to the Winter season. Put your snow tires on. (What a thought.)

On behalf of the members of the Bridge, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.

Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 4 Jan 2011 - 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.

Wednesday, 5 Jan 2011 – Winter Course Registraion St-Patrick High School, 2525 Alta Vista Dr. Registration starts at 1900 hrs.

Tuesday, 2 Feb 2011 - 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 – Sunday, Feb 24-27, 2011 – Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show

Tuesday, 1 Mar 2011 - 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, 5 Mar 2011 – Annual Squadron Dinner – Algonquin College. More info coming in early January 2011

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

Social Activities Officer

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WINTER COURSES

Registration:

- via a link on the CPS national website
- on the OPSS website under course dates and information
- St. Pats HS on January 5, at 1900hrs.

Boating: Wednesdays from Jan 12 to Apr 13.

Seamanship: Wednesdays from Jan 12 to Apr 6, & exam Apr 20.

Marine Maintenance: Mondays from Jan 10 to Apr 4.

VHF: 1/ Mondays 21 Mar, 28 Mar and 04 Apr

2/ Wednesdays 18 May, 25 May and 01 Jun



YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We lost another valuable Bridge Member recently when our Regalia Officer Al Syberg moved his family to Peterborough Ontario. Al will be missed around the meeting table and at the many events he sold the newest fashion. Well his chair never got time to get cold as William Moyle came forward and agreed to take over the Regalia Position. Will is up to speed and is eagerly waiting to show you his newest regalia additions at the Squadron Annual Dinner on March 05, 2011.

Yes Gloria there is a Santa Claus but we need more help to make this Squadron one of the best in Canada. There is no magic; we still have a few Bridge positions to fill and other duties that you could perform!

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, XO

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NEWS FLASH
ANNUAL SQUADRON DINNER
MARCH 05, 2011
ALGONQUIN COLLEGE
More Information to come soon

The Impact of Grey Water

Grey Water Is defined as waste water from bathing, laundry and other cleaning such as washing dishes. Grey water frequently contains caustic chemicals such as soaps, detergents and bleaches that can harm the marine environment. Some gray water may also contain bacterial contamination.

Biological Oxygen Demand: When gray water (or black water), enters rivers and lakes it carries suspended organic substances which must be broken down by bacteria. These bacteria need oxygen to do their work. BOD, or biochemical oxygen demand, describes how much additional demand for oxygen is required by the contaminant that has entered the water. The higher the BOD for breaking down contaminants, the less available oxygen there is for normal aquatic plants and animals.

Steps You Can Take: Even in the absence of good options for grey water management, you can take a number of steps to mitigate the effect of any grey water discharged from your boat on the marine environment:

- **Shore side:** Use shore side facilities whenever you are at a dock (restrooms, showers, laundry)
- **Detergents:** Make sure onboard detergents are the most environmental friendly products you can buy. Look for the three-doves logo
- **Skip the shower.** A swim is more refreshing, requires no soap and is a good way to exercise.
- **Washing (face, teeth, shave, shampoo).** Face and hands with water and minimal soap. Rinse and rub dry. **Shave** – use electric or use a paper towel to gather soap. **Hair** – Use baby shampoo, it is phosphate free and ph-balanced.
- **Dirty dishes are tough.** Never let them dry dirty. Scrape food waste in garbage and use paper towels. Then soak as soon as possible. If barbecuing or frying, consider using a paper plate over a regular plate.



- **Containment:** If possible, contain your grey water and dispose of it at a proper pump-out station.

Excerpt from “Boat Green” 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford. See also CPS publication “EnviroBoater” available on the internet.

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COWAN INSURANCE COLUMN

Dear Carla:

Can you please remind me how to receive a quotation from Cowan Insurance?

Dear CPS Member:

The best and quickest way to get a quotation is through our website:

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- Click on the box that says “Get a Boat Insurance Quote”
- Fill in the blanks. (Note: no need for serial #s for quotes)

Your information will go directly to the person who handles the quotes. Our standard turnaround time is 24 hours; however, we usually get them back to you same day.

If you prefer, we can also fax or email you a copy of the application. Just call our office at 1-800-268-2628.

Once you receive your quote and it is acceptable, you can provide us with the hull serial # and effective date. We will then issue the policy.

Please note that you must renew your CPS membership every year to qualify for the CPS discounts.

Dear Carla:

Winter will be arriving soon enough! Does my policy cover ice or freezing?

Dear CPS Member:

We will not cover loss to the engine or machinery caused directly or indirectly by ice or freezing unless winterization has been carried out by a licensed mechanic or licensed shiprepairer. However, loss to any other property other than the engine or machinery caused by dampness or temperature change is excluded under the policy.

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

Are you getting a discount on your home & auto insurance?

You should be. CPS members have access to discounted group insurance rates.

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Did you know that a clarification made by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in what it means “to operate” a VHF radio now means that:

You need this



To legally power up this



or



Please sign up for a VHF course with the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron at www.cps-ottawa.com to get the required training.



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2010 – 2011 BOATPRO COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Branch	Day Of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
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.biblioottawalibrary.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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