



# Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples

## September – October 2011



### Commander's Comments

What can I say about our Alaskan Cruise! Really I have no words to describe it other than "FANTASTIC". Life on a ship is not hard to get used to especially when everyone working around you has a smile on their face. One thing that struck me funny was when a tour guide mentioned that in Ketchikan they measure the rain fall not in inches but in feet. He seemed quite happy to report that they had 300 days of rain in 2010. If you are planning an Alaskan Cruise, DO IT in June, July or early August. We had a lot of rain and fog but it was still a very enjoyable trip.

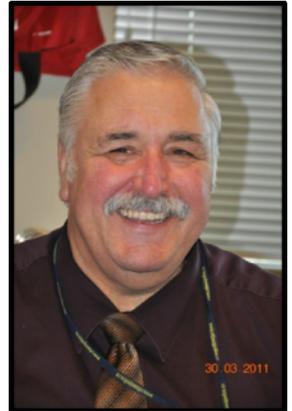
It is inevitable that in this part of the country in September/October, we have to think about winterizing our boats. I know that some of you have already pulled her out, cleaned her hull, lowered her mast and waiting for that crane to haul her out. I had a decision to make whether to write my comments for this edition of the Ripples or go boating on the Thanksgiving Weekend.

You guessed right, we went boating and what a day! Long Reach was multi-coloured and it was obvious that many boaters had stored their boats for the season but there were still lots of boats out there. We made two short visits with Cathie & Jim and later in the day with Mark & Linda. Our trip back to the ramp at the Manotick Library was made under the cover of darkness. Local knowledge and the two GPS came in very handy. What a gorgeous Thanksgiving Sunday!

Our Fall Courses began in September. Pat McGrath and I will be teaching the Boating Course which has been revised to include updated electronic Navigation practices and a Digital Cruise (Part D) and a revised Cruise Section (Part E) with the inclusion of a new coloured chartlet. Our first Maritime VHF Radio Course had to be cancelled due to low registration. If you do not have your Maritime VHF Radio certificate, plan on attending our next three (3) night starting on November 16, 2011. Our new Boating Basics courses are starting at a City of Ottawa Library (Centrepointe and North Gloucester) near you for 2011. In 2012, the Boating Basics courses will be offered at many more libraries. Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a family member or a friend, there is an idea!

The CPS Annual Conference in Halifax is just around the corner (October 19-26). Executive Officer Terry Hamilton, ATO Elective/Advanced and Boating Basics Court Harkness and I will be attending the Conference. Your Squadron will be well represented also by D/Cdr Cathie Johnstone, P/D/Cdr Linda Hamilton, P/D/Cdr Evelyn Clue and Marjorie Ladouceur and others. One of the motions to be discussed and voted on will be 'CPS 2011-GB4-NM5 – Mandatory wearing of floatation devices' which reads "A Policy be adopted by the Governing Board that Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons support the concept of legislation mandating all operators and passengers of a vessel six metres or less in length, and while underway be required to wear approved floatation devices.". Your Bridge will NOT support this motion as written as we feel that our mission, and that of CPS is to promote boating through education. We would support a concept of legislation mandating all operators and passengers younger than 16 years of age of a vessel six meters or less in length, and while underway be required to wear approved floatation devices." D/Cdr Cathie Johnstone has been made aware of our position on this motion.

The Commander's Breakfast to commemorate the start of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Squadron will be on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 0900 hrs. Come out to join me and many Past Commanders to celebrate this memorable date in our history of teaching safe boating. Please register on-line ASAP so I can advise Louis Steak House located at 1682 Cyrville Rd (closest to Innes Rd). Hope to see many of you there!





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Lately it seems that we are always packing our bags to go somewhere..... Halifax here we come!

*Guy*

Guy A. Ladouceur  
Ottawa Commander



## Commander's Breakfast



Commemorating 60 years

**Saturday – October 29, 2011 – 0900 hrs**  
**Louis Steak House**  
**1682 Cyrville Rd (near Innes Rd)**



**Come out and meet many of our Past Squadron Commanders who moulded your Squadron for 60 years!**



**This is the start of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be other functions and activities to mark this milestone.**



**Learn what it was like years ago, some of them have well over 40 years of service!**



**It is open to all so come out and make new boating friends and re-acquaint with old ones!**



**The Regalia Officer will be there for your shopping needs. Get a newer CPS Flag or our Burgee for next spring!**



**No entry fee – Just buy your breakfast - There will be many draws to be won!**



**Please register on-line now!**



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### The 2011-2012 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Immediate Past Commander	Bryan Carroll
Executive Officer	Terry Hamilton, AP
Treasurer	William Moyle, AP
Training Officer	Robin Craig, CN
A/Training Officer (Adv/Elective)	<b>Position Open</b>
A/Training Officer (Boating Basics)	Court Harkness
A/Training Officer (Supply)	Monique Vallieres, S
Communications Officers	Frank Keating, AP
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets, CN
MAREP & safety Officer	Sue Baker, SN
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Membership	<b>Position Open</b>
Public Relation / Marketing Officer	Donald Partridge, P
Regalia	Joy Moyle
Rideau Ripples Editor	Philip Harris, N
Secretary	Paulette Vineham
Social Affairs Officer	<b>Position Open</b>
Webmaster	Philip Harris, N
Squadron Examiner	Jim MacLeod, SN
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

### Squadron Events Calendar

**Oct 29. 2011 (SATURDAY) - COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST**  
commemorating 60 years of the Squadron - Mark your Calendar,  
More information to come.

**Nov 03. 2011 (THURSDAY) - BRIDGE MEETING** - Louis  
Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs,  
meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

**Nov 05. 2011 (SATURDAY) – DISTRICT BRIDGE MEETING**  
– Swan-on-the-Rideau in Kars – 0930 hrs for coffee – 1000 hrs for  
meeting – If you plan on attending, please contact P/Cdr F. Keating  
so he can plan those attending for lunch.

**Dec 01. 2011 (THURSDAY) - BRIDGE MEETING – XMAS  
DINNER** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner  
at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

**Jan 05. 2012 (THURSDAY) - BRIDGE MEETING** - Louis  
Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs,  
meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

Please check the website for updates and latest information:

<http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html>

### Squadron Mailing Address

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**Cdr Guy A. Ladouceur**  
**(613) 824-9490**



**WELCOME to CPS 2011 AGM**  
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<http://www.cpshalifax.ca/AGM2011/>  
October 19 – 23, 2011

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**Book now not to be disappointed!**



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## Watch Your Wake

Having just experienced another great summer, I am reminded of the problems that some boats' wake causes. This is to reiterate that all boaters are responsible for their own wake. This should mean at all times although some boaters seem to not realize that.

We own a share of an island, in the Thousand Islands, just off a Park Island and thus suffer from some folks lack of knowledge about their own wake. They leave the Park quietly and speed up close to our dock (and others around). There have been days when, unbeknownst to them, we have had to fend our boats off the dock due to the large wake wave coming in.

This is not a complaint but a fact of what happens. When was the last time you really looked at your wake when going fast? Are you causing duress on other boaters nearby? Or the shoreline? In many cases, boats produce more wake when speeding up or slowing down.

A notification has come out from Parks Canada regarding this problem in the Canal System. New "No Wake" zones will be posted and enforced next year. From their letter, I quote:

### New zones

- From Long Island Lockstation to approximately 250 yards upstream of the locks
- Overlapping with existing speed zone both sides of the Manotick Bridge to approximately 100 yards upstream of Mahogany Harbour
- Manotick Marina downstream to Collins Point
- Downstream end of Sanders Island (in front of Long Island Marina) to Kars Bridge

### Improved signs in existing zones

- Manotick Marina to first bend in channel upstream of Kelly's Landing
- Kars Bridge to downstream side of Hurst Marina

### Additional zones under review

- Black Rapids Lockstation to Mooney's Bay
- From the narrowing of the river upstream of Ecolands Park to Chapman Mills Conservation Area

It is important to note, that even in areas of the Rideau Canal where there are no "no wake" zones, boaters are responsible for the effect of their wake and should, while cruising close to shore, in narrow channels, near other boats, swimmers or docks, operate as close to dead slow as possible while maintaining control of their vessel.

Be aware of all these zones as well as when out of them. You may cause damage you don't realize.

Boat Legal and Boat Safe

**Sue Baker**

MAREP and Safety



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## PARKS CANADA WANTS YOU!

Parks Canada has made it clear that it wants you, I and everyone else using the Rideau System and specifically that portion of the Rideau System between Highway No. 416 and Hogg's Back to slow down and to pay more attention to the damage that might be done from the wake from our boats. In recent years, Parks Canada has noted that the public use of the Rideau Canal in this area has increased. They consider this waterway to be narrow and in parts dangerous when many boats use the waterway in a conflicting manner. A boating safety campaign was initiated in 2007 and as part of this campaign Parks Canada hired a consultant to do a risk assessment of the Rideau Canal in 2010.

Parks Canada received the Risk Assessment Report and established a working group to evaluate the recommendations made in the consultant's report and to propose next steps. After analyzing the recommendations made in the consultant's report, this working group proposed to create additional no-wake zones in the northern sector of the Rideau Canal and clearly identify the existing ones. New no-wake zones are to be created from Long Island Lock Station to approximately 250 yards upstream of the locks, overlapping the existing speed zone on both sides of the Manotick Bridge to approximately 100 yards upstream of Mahogany Harbour, from Manotick Marina downstream to Collins Point and from the downstream end of Saunders Island (in front of Long Island Marina) to Kars Bridge. Improved signage will be set up in the area of the Manotick Marina to the first bend in the channel upstream of Kelly's Landing and from Kars Bridge down to the downstream side of Hurst Marina.

Although no changes have been suggested as yet for other areas, Parks Canada has indicated that the stretch of river from Black Rapids Lock Station to Mooney's Bay is under review, as is the area from the narrowing of the river upstream of Ecolands Park to Chapman Mills Conservation Area.

Parks Canada has indicated that in addition to relying on the Ottawa Police Marine Division to enforce the Regulations in this part of the Rideau System, in the summer months of 2011 Parks Canada Wardens have also participated in joint force operations to assist the Ottawa Police Marine Unit in their patrols of the waterway.

In addition to considering the use being made of the northern end of the Rideau System, Parks Canada has turned its mind to the use of mooring buoys in the Rideau Canal Waterway. In a recent Public Notice, Parks Canada has indicated that the Historic Canals Regulations prohibit the setting out of a mooring buoy without the authorization of Parks Canada in accordance with a permit issued under the Regulations. The Notice indicates that mooring buoys are permitted only in exceptional circumstances and several requirements must be met, including:

1. the buoy is to be used only for the mooring of a vessel owned by the adjacent waterfront property owner (the Applicant);
2. the mooring buoy must be located directly in front of, and as close as possible to, the Applicant's property;
3. there must be insufficient depth for a deep-draft vessel near shore.

If Parks Canada proceeds to enforce this particular policy, it will mean the end of the use of many of the mooring buoys found in the Rideau System, including the very many mooring buoys found in the Big Rideau



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Lake. The Public Notice indicates that the Superintendent of the Canal may remove from the canal a private buoy that does not comply with the Private Buoy Regulations. It remains to be seen whether any private buoys will in fact be removed. The Notice also indicates that persons placing mooring buoys in a Historic Canal (which includes the lakes) without the appropriate permit is acting in contravention of the Historic Canals Regulations and presumably can be charged for this infraction.

More information can be found with respect to both of these issues on the Parks Canada website, which is [www.parkscanada.gc.ca](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca).

**Bryan A. Carroll,**  
Past Commander - Ottawa Squadron

## Boat Green with that Green Liquid in your Engine

Use antifreeze wisely. Don't freeze out the marine environment

For those who have a closed loop cooling system, that lime-green liquid you pour into your engine should actually be called antifreeze/coolant. Circulating coolant with antifreeze transfers the heat away from your engine and maintains the correct engine operating temperature. Antifreeze/coolant also inhibits rust and corrosion buildup in your engine. But it comes with a price; ethylene glycol, the principal chemical used in producing antifreeze poses a health risk to humans and pets and marine organisms.

### Facts about Antifreeze

Antifreeze is a clear, colourless, sweet-tasting liquid. Green or orange colour is added by the manufacturer to identify its purpose only. Ethylene glycol is the common component of antifreeze. Because of its smell and taste, it is attractive to pets, animals and small children so at all times keep it in a sealed and clearly labeled container. Some antifreeze is made with propylene glycol, a less-toxic cousin of ethylene glycol.

### Steps You Can Take

- Use antifreeze manufactured with the less toxic propylene glycol rather than ethylene.
- Never mix different kinds of antifreeze. Varying freeze point depressants and corrosion inhibitor technologies leads to difficulties determining actual freeze point protection and corrosion inhibition properties. Pump out all of your old antifreeze before changing to new.
- Don't pour it onto the ground, surrounding waters or onto municipal sewer systems.
- Disposal should be straight forward, drop it off in a properly labeled container at your local marina, car dealer or service station. There may be a small fee charged.

Excerpt from "Boat Green" 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford. For additional info on closed loop cooling systems check: [www.perfprotech.com/store/articles/fresh-water-cooling-benefits.aspx](http://www.perfprotech.com/store/articles/fresh-water-cooling-benefits.aspx)

**Nick Baets,** *Environmental Affairs Officer*



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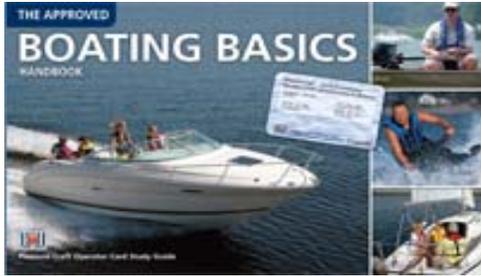
## TRAINING COURSES FOR 2011-12

### Boating Basics for PCOC

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<http://cps-ottawa.com/courses.html>



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National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Boating Basics is a great introduction for your family to boating safety, operation and navigation.

OPSS Boating Basics - Schedule 2011 - 2012				
Library Branch	Day of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	11-Oct-11	18-Oct-11	25-Oct-11
North Gloucester	Thursday	13-Oct-11	20-Oct-11	27-Oct-11
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	13-Mar-12	20-Mar-12	27-Mar-12
North Gloucester	Thursday	15-Mar-12	22-Mar-12	29-Mar-12
North Gloucester	Tuesday	10-Apr-12	17-Apr-12	24-Apr-12
Nepean Centrepointe	Monday	16-Apr-12	23-Apr-12	30-Apr-12
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	08-May-12	15-May-12	22-May-12
Manotick	Wednesday	09-May-12	16-May-12	23-May-12
North Gloucester	Thursday	10-May-12	17-May-12	24-May-12

Courses 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, Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (PCOC) examination, and the PCOC card.

**Course Price:** \$60.00 for adults and \$50.00 for students. (Photo ID required).

Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard.  
Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

Challenging the Boat Pro EXAM to get your PCOC, \$30.00 - Available on Lesson # 3 of any course.

Nepean Centrepointe  
Manotick  
North Gloucester

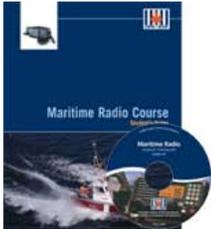
101 Centrepointe  
5499 South River  
2036 Ogilvie



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## Maritime Radio Course



The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques.

I have a cell phone so why VHF? Many boaters do have a cell phone. So what's the phone number of the closest boater/Coast Guard when you are in trouble?

VHF radio is for boaters. It is a general broadcast system used by boaters, and it's function is to enable you to call for assistance, call on behalf of someone else requiring assistance, report hazards such as floating trees/logs, get the latest weather reports and of course contact and talk to

other boating friends.

<b>OPSS –VHF MARITIME RADIO – SCHEDULE 2011-2012</b>			
<b>ST-PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL – 2525 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa</b>			
<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>First Class</b>	<b>Second Class</b>	<b>Last Class</b>
Wednesday	05-Oct-11	12-Oct-11	19-Oct-11
Wednesday	16-Nov-11	23-Nov-11	30-Nov-11
Wednesday	18-Jan-12	25-Jan-12	01-Feb-12
Wednesday	21-Mar12	28-Mar-12	04-Apr-12
Wednesday	23-May-12	30-May-12	06-Jun-12

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

**1st Night:** arrive at 1830 hrs to complete the registration

Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard.

Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

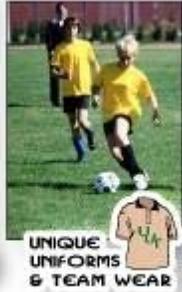


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