



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples January – February 2012



Commander's Comments

Santa Claus has been and gone for another year! I am not sure if he brought you what you asked for but I hope you had a relaxing festive season. This good little girl probably got what she was looking for! Santa sent me the photo and told me he plans on being back on Thursday, December 06, 2012. Mark your calendar and plan on attending, it is a great time!

Boy, it is cold out there! For most of us this is the reality of life living in the part of this country January, February and March. For the lucky ones who are living aboard in warmer climate or just plain south of the border, I hope that you are enjoying yourself practicing safe boating or keeping your golf handicap down.

If you remember the last newsletter, I asked for help making phone calls, assistance with getting the Squadron up to speed on the Social Network and sending us the second e-mail address if there was more than one member per household. Well, the electronic highway was certainly not burning up my computer. We had offered two free tickets to either the Toronto or Ottawa Boat Shows for the e-mail address but the tickets will not be awarded to anyone!

Please join me in welcoming our newest Boating Graduates in December 2011: they are Evelyne Couture, Ron Levine, Daniel & JoAnne Lorente, Leila Metcalf, Jocelyne Monette, Joy Moyle, John Wade and Willi Wahl. Pat McGrath and I would like to thank William Moyle for all his assistance during the course.

Our instructors are presently conducting a Seamanship Course, the new Boat and Engine Maintenance and a Maritime VHF Radio Course. Good luck to all the students.

Just in case Santa brought you one of those new VHF Maritime Radios with DSC capabilities and you received your certificate many years ago, you should update your certificate. You are in luck there is a course starting Wednesdays 21 Mar to 04 Apr 12 and another on Wednesdays 23 May to 06 Jun 12. Don't wait register now and be ready for the upcoming boating season.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) announced the launch of its online self study version of the *Boating Basics* course at the Toronto Boat Show on January 14, 2012. Your Executive Officer Terry has been busy organizing our involvement in the Ottawa Boat and Sportsmen's Show this year. Drop in and see our Booth 1341 at the ****NEW**** Capital Exhibition Centre. Check out the info in this newsletter for more details. Tell all your friends who do not have a PCOC to drop in and get their discount code in order to save \$10.00 on the on-line course.

The 60th Annual Squadron Dinner is planned for Saturday, March 03, 2012. The Decorating Committee has been working hard to make this a very special evening. Please see the attached poster and contact Christopher Friesen at (613) 837-3461 as the tickets are in high demand.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Boat Show, Annual Squadron Dinner, The Squadron Annual General Meeting on April 12, 2012 or the next Commander's Breakfast in late April 2012. Start the next 60 year by possibly attending your first event the Squadron plans for you!

Guy

Guy A. Ladouceur
Ottawa Commander





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The 2011-2012 Bridge

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Squadron Events Calendar

Feb 23-26, 2012 (Thu-Sun) – OTTAWA BOAT & SPORTSMEN'S SHOW – CE Centre 4899 Uplands Dr, Ottawa

Mar 01, 2012 (Thu) - BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

Mar 03, 2012 (Sat) – SQUADRON ANNUAL DINNER – Check the information in the newsletter

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

Apr 12, 2012 (Thu) – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

Apr 21, 2012 (Thu) – COMMANDER' BREAKFAST - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. More info in the next newsletter.

Please check the website for updates and latest information:

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

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Celebrating our 74th year

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Let your Squadron
give you hints to
impress that
SPECIAL person!

Why not renew that Special person's membership
Buy him a few CPS flag or an OPSS Burgee
A new Inflatable PFD to accent her new bathing suit
Attend the Annual Dinner and share a glass of wine
Register both of you for a VHF Maritime Radio Course
Some new regalia to show off at the marina this spring



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**Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron - Britannia-Rideau Power Squadron
invite you to visit the CPS Booth # 1341**

**CE Centre located at 4899 Uplands Drive, Ottawa ON
February 23-26, 2012**

Thu 1100-2000 – Fri 1100-1300 – Sat 1000-1900 – Sun 1000-1700

<i>2012 Admission</i>	<i>Prices</i>
<i>Adults</i>	<i>\$14.00 (Includes \$1.50 facility surcharge and all taxes)</i>
<i>Juniors (Ages 10 to 15)</i>	<i>\$9.00</i>
<i>Seniors (Ages 65+)</i>	<i>\$9.00</i>
<i>Children (Under 10 years)</i>	<i>Free when accompanied by an adult</i>
<i>Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Juniors)</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>Four-Day Super Pass</i>	<i>Any admission valid for all four show days</i>
Cash only at the ticket booths. Be prepared and avoid line-ups at the ATM's	
YOU CAN BUY YOUR TICKETS ON LINE TO AVOID LINE-UPS – Check the Website!	

Parking at the CE Centre

Parking Rates: Daily (Monday to Sunday) - \$7.00 all day

Visa, MasterCard and Amex are all express parking payment options, as well as cash.

Transportation - OC Transpo

Currently the following routes access the new facility: Route 97 - Route 99 - Route 147

For more information, visit the official website

<http://www.ottawaboatandsportshow.ca/index.php?id=12>

Hope to see you out there!



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60th Anniversary of the Squadron OPSS ANNUAL DINNER 2012

Saturday, 03 March 2012

Algonquin College, Building “D”
1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa

Complimentary parking in lots 4 & 10, except in silver & handicapped areas

Dress: Business suit or Sports jacket. (*We like this to be our one “Dress-up event of the year”*)

Cash bar opens at 1800 hours

Dinner buffet starts at 1900 hours

Dinner is open to all CPS members &, their families, friends and interested members of the public.

Buffet Menu will consist of: Relish Tray / Tossed Salad with House Dressing / Hip of Beef au Jus / Yorkshire pudding / Parisienne Potatoes / Buttered Baby Carrots / Platters of Sliced Ham & Turkey / Rolls with Butter / Assorted Cakes / Coffee & Tea

NOW the price for this evening of extravaganza and camaraderie is only \$35.00 (*per person*).

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Robert (Bob) Garcia a Parks Canada Historian and expert on the war of 1812. His presentation will highlight the events of the **WAR OF 1812** on the St. Lawrence during the war and how they influenced the British to reconsider the defense of Canada in the post-war years, which included the construction of the Rideau Canal and Fort Henry in Kingston.

NOW the price for this evening of extravaganza and camaraderie is only \$35.00 (*per person*).

Okay you want to attend. Well don't wait, the number of tickets is limited and will be going fast so you snooze you may lose! You can buy your ticket by cash, cheques, money orders or credit card!

The contact person for tickets is **Christopher Friesen** at (613) 837-3461. Christopher will be present at the bridge meeting and social functions to assist you. You can reserve by MAIL at Christopher Friesen, 1720 Smithers Cr, Ottawa, ON K1C 4X3 or by e-mail at social@cps-ottawa.com.

There will be no tickets sold at the door and tickets must be purchased before **February 29, 2012**. Tickets will be held at the door for those who have prepaid only.

We will have a great array of quality door & raffle prizes. You might even take one home!

If you have any questions, please contact Commander Guy Ladouceur at commander@cps-ottawa.com or (613) 824-9490

DO NOT MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENING!
GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRIS NOW
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET(S)



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Oil Spill Reporting and Prevention

Learn the response process and how to create a spill kit

Sh . . happens, even to the most environmentally conscious, well prepared boaters. The actions you take when a spill happens can make a big difference in the consequences to the environment and to you. Do everything possible to prevent spills but be prepared in the event they happen.

Responding to an Oil Spill

If you have an oil spill, or you are the first person on the scene of an oil spill, here follow a few guidelines you should follow:

- In still or slow-moving water, if you can safely reach the spill, place oil absorbent materials that float on the water surface. Sweep a pad lightly to soak up as much oil as possible. Use bilge socks tied together to form an oil boom that prevents the oil from spreading.
- If your engine or fuel system has an oil leak, stop at the nearest mooring or marina for repairs.
- If your bilge contains oil, stop the bilge pump and find the source of the leak. Remove the oil with a bilge sock before turning the pump back on.
- Do not mix detergents with the oil. This emulsifies the oil and allows it to spread more easily.

Contact the Canadian Coast Guard

While boating in Canadian waters, if you pollute the water with oil or other contaminants, or if you see someone else polluting, report it to the Coast Guard immediately via VHF channel 16 or by phone at 1-800-265-0237. Explain where and when the incident happened, how it happened and tell the Coast Guard what kind of pollution it is. Describe how much pollution there is and give the name of the person or vessel that caused the pollution. Note:

The Coast Guard will investigate and may initiate clean-up action.

Polluters are required to pay for the cost of clean-up. They may also be subject to fines and penalties.

Spill prevention

The best way to solve a problem is to avoid getting into one. Here are a few steps that will help prevent a spill in the first place.

- Keep your engine well-tuned and operating efficiently.
- Practice preventive engine maintenance. Inspect fuel lines, hoses, hydraulic lines, seals, gaskets and connections for condition and leaks. Watch for cracked hoses and lines, replace any one that shows wear or cracks. Use manufacturers suggested parts.
- Install drip pans under all equipment that might drip or leak. Keep the bilge clean.
- Install an onboard filter system that filters gas, oil or diesel from bilge water before the automatic pump discharges the water.

A Small Spill Kit for every vessel

1. Several pairs of latex or nitrile gloves.
2. Oil absorbent such as pads, bilge socks or the like.
3. Nitrile sheets, hose clamps, ductape, scissors to stop a leak that may be coming from a broken line.
4. A container to collect and store the clean-up material.
5. All of this should easily fit into a two- or five-gallon covered plastic pail. Label it to clearly identify it as a spill kit.

For more info check <http://canadaonline.about.com/cs/environment/ht/oilspill.htm>

Excerpt from "Boat Green" 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford.

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer



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Squadron Member Fred Cameron would like to make you aware of some information in came across in one of his subscription ``Practical Sailors`` Magazine!

http://www.practical-sailor.com/issues/37_13/product_update/orion_faulty_flares_10685-1.html

Orion Replacing Potentially Faulty Flares



In the wake of “repeated product failures,” Orion Safety Products has instituted a replacement program for older XLT flares and 12-gauge signal systems that some boaters may still have in their emergency kits. According to the company, some XLT and 12-gauge signals made before October 2008—when the designs were revamped—have failed to launch or to ignite.

XLTs are self-contained, hand-launched signals, and the 12-gauge systems comprise a pistol-style launcher and a plastic shell; the latter are found in a variety of Orion signal kits. In 2008, Orion switched from manufacturing these using orange ABS plastic to red glass-filled polypropylene because it offered better strength and more moisture resistance. The ABS flares are the ones that are failing and are the subject of the product replacement program.

Although these older distress signals are reaching—or have reached—their expiration dates (December 2011 for the ABS XLTs and March 2012 for the ABS 12-gauge shells), Orion is replacing those unexpired flares that consumers still have so that there’s no chance a flare may fail in an emergency situation. The company is also making an effort to notify consumers about the situation so that anyone who may have expired ABS flares in a backup kit can properly dispose of them rather than holding on to potentially faulty products. The U.S. Coast Guard and many media outlets have been notified.

If you have Orion handheld XLT flares or 12-gauge shells, be sure to check them to see whether they are part of this replacement program. The affected XLT flares have an orange launch tube (not red), and the affected 12-gauge shells are orange all over (not red). First, check the expiration date: If an XLT flare’s expiration falls between November 2011 and December 2011, it should be properly disposed of and Orion will send you a replacement four-pack of polypropylene XLTs. If a 12-gauge shell’s expiration falls between November 2011 and March 2012, it too should be disposed of and you are due a replacement four pack.

For details on how to submit a request for product replacement, visit the Orion website, www.orionsignals.com or call 800/851-5260 or 765/472-4375.

Note that this is not a recall. The company is not asking consumers to send in the potentially defective products; mailing flares is illegal and can be quite dangerous. Orion is only committing to replacing the flares with the new, improved versions.

“The public cannot legally ship their signals to us, and we are simply sending them replacements for what they have,” explained Orion plant manager Rod Utter.

Mustang Recalls Inflatable PFDs

Mustang Survival (www.mustangsurvival.com) is voluntarily recalling all of its MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable personal flotation devices (PFDs) sold in the United States in 2011. According to Mustang, a problem with the inflator installation may prevent some PFDs from fully inflating to the designed 22 pounds of buoyancy. However, the company said that a simple repair process will fix the flaw.





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Recalled products should be returned to Mustang directly—not to where they were purchased—as only the Mustang factory is authorized to carry out the necessary repair.

Practical Sailor has never tested the MD2010 or MD2012 inflatable PFDs.

To determine whether you have a recalled PFD, take a look at the product's labeling on the inside of the vest. If the PFD has white safety labels sewn on or has an M.I.T. (Membrane Inflatable Technology) stamp above the CO2 cylinders, then it is OK. However, if it lacks both of these and is a model MD2010 or MD2012 (which look identical), then it should be returned to Mustang for repair. Mustang Survival will pay for all testing, repair, and shipping costs, but the estimated return time on an affected product is three to four weeks.

For more information and complete product return instructions, visit www.mustangsurvival.com/221b-product-notice or call Mustang customer service at 800/526-0532.

TRAINING COURSES – Winter / Spring 2012

Please Register On-Line!
www.cps-ecp.ca or <http://cps-ottawa.com/courses.html>

Boating Basics for PCOC



The Boating Basics prepares you for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam. The Pleasure Craft Operator Card is now mandatory for all persons operating a motorized Pleasure Craft in Canada.

This highly acclaimed seminar was one of the first to be accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard and clearly the best of the PCOC seminars available.

Crossing the border? CPS is one of the few providers of safe boating courses that are approved by both the Canadian Coast Guard and the U.S. 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 2012				
Library Branch	Day of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
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).



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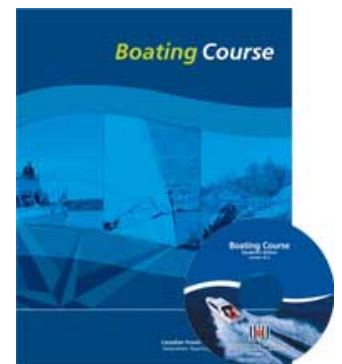


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Nepean Centrepointe	101 Centrepointe
Manotick	5499 South River
North Gloucester	2036 Ogilvie

Boating Course # 3: **Wednesdays 04 April to 20 June 2012** – Primary \$225.00, Secondary \$165.00 (*example spouse sharing course materials with primary*) and \$165 for all CPS Ottawa Associate Members



VHF MARITIME RADIO

WINTER 2012 COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Registration: Online Registration form at the National CPS website
VHF Course #4: Wednesdays 21 Mar to 04 Apr 12

SPRING 2012 COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Registration: Online Registration form at the National CPS website
VHF Course #5: Wednesdays 23 May to 06 Jun 12





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Outstanding Members prior to 2012

Regular & Associate Membership: \$50.00 per year

Family Regular & Associate Membership: \$25.00 per year

Dear Outstanding Member,

In the last month, I either sent you a personal e-mail message or mailed you a letter requesting that you renew your membership to continue being a member in good standing of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons and the Ottawa Squadron. This is after CPS originally sent you the original renewal many months prior and the Squadron made several requests to renew in our Rideau Ripples Newsletter.

There were a few of you that did in fact renew and I thank you for that. Others indicated that “we sold the boat” so for the moment did not wish to renew but they know that they will always be welcomed back.

Whatever the reason for not renewing, this is to advise you that if you do not renew your membership by March 31, 2012, the Ottawa Squadron will remove your information from our books and cease sending you e-mails, newsletters, rosters, etc. The Squadron Bridge and I want to be financially responsible to the members who have supported us year after year. It is regretful that we had to come to this decision but let me assure you that it was not an easy one.

We all have very busy schedule and for that reason we chose the last day of March 2012 as the cut off date to renew if you chose to do so. To continue all your membership privileges and the member’s magazine Canadian Yachting, you must renew!

Renew at <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/>.

CPS has made it even easier for you to renew your membership online. Once on the website, select “Membership” and follow the instructions.

Quick Membership Renewal (No Login required)

*Click the above link to renew quickly without login in the member web site. All you need is your **Member Number, Last Name and Postal Code** to access the electronic invoice and credit card payment page. If it applies to you, this invoice will **include** the renewal for family members associated to your profile.*

For those of you, who have decided not to renew your membership; the doors of CPS & OPSS will always be open to you. Be proud that once you were part of a community of passionate boaters who are committed to safety, boating education and having fun on the water! I wish you luck and I am sure that you will be safe on the water because you were trained by a volunteer-driven organization with a reputation for high-quality boating education.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 613-824-9490 or by e-mail commander@cps-ottawa.com.

Yours truly,

Guy

Guy A. Ladouceur
Ottawa Commander



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