



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples October – November 2013



Ahoy from the Commander,



I hope everyone had as great a summer and start to the fall as my wife and I did. This is the time of year we are all getting our boats stored for the winter.

We have had our first bridge meeting since center June and our fall courses are underway. Please remember we are inviting any members to sit in on any courses free of charge, that they have taken in the past, to brush up on anything they might have forgotten or not used in a while.

I would like to remind everyone regarding the upcoming National AGM October 24-27 in Toronto to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of CPS and take part in the discussions regarding our new directions as result of the new Not for Profit Act. It is definitely an exciting time for everyone in CPS

Terry Hamilton
Ottawa Commander

The 2013-2014 Bridge

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**Why not help the Bridge and volunteer
as Bridge Member or assistant!**

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Squadron Events Calendar

Nov 07, 2013 (THU) – BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House
1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at
1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

Dec 05, 2013 (THU) – BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House
1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at
1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend

Jan 02, 2014 (THU) – BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House
1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at
1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

Please check the website for updates and latest information:

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

Christopher Friesen (613) 837-3461

Social Activities Officer

*You have any ideas or a topic for an Information Night, please drop me
an e-mail social@cps-ottawa.com*

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Plan on being there!

**** NEWS FLASH ****

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

December 17, 2013 – Christmas Dinner and Bridge Meeting!

From the Membership Desk,



Well the boating season is almost over for most but I am sure there are still a few more days out there to enjoy! I am back in the classroom and loving every minute of it.

Our Membership stands at 390 current members and 24 outstanding members. We are the largest Squadron in Rideau District and we would like to remain as such so we need every one to renew on time.

We communicate by e-mail with 354 members and 16 others by Canada Post.

I would like to welcome our newest members: *Daniel Prevost and Brian Lemon*. There are a few who are presently doing the On-Line PCOC and some that have successfully completed it but we have not been advised yet.

In a month or so, we will have 14 new regular members joining our Squadron after successfully completing their Boating Essentials Course.

For those members renewing from now till the end of 2013, I want to remind you that if you renew early you will be eligible for the draw to be held at the January Bridge Meeting to win a free CPS Membership and a Squadron Burgee. Good luck everyone and thank you for those who renew yearly!

If your membership is expired or about to, please give me a call at home (613) 824-9490 and I can renew your membership immediately online. I have all the information required and if you provide me your credit card number we are done. That way, you will be able to continue receiving the Canadian Yachting Magazine and possibly enjoy some of the many benefits the membership offers.

If you prefer to send me an e-mail message at membership@cps-ottawa.com to set up a time for me to call you to renew your membership we can do that.

Remember I am here to help you so just get in touch with me. Any ideas to make the Squadron more appealing to members or just want to talk Call me!

I have been involved with the Squadron since 2005 and yes I have met a great number of members BUT there are still many who I would love to meet but I have never seen at any of our functions. What does the Squadron need to do to get you out to our functions? At the last Picnic, Past Chief Commander John Richards, SN mentioned that possibly members were not attending because they no longer drive. Well, you want to attend, let me know and I will make sure that you have transportation within reason. Remember we have members scattered around the world! Let's see if we can get some of our members more involved.

Marjorie and I have started packing our suitcases to attend the 75th CPS National Conference in Toronto. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. This is the place to network and look for new ideas to make our Squadron excel.

Till the next boating season, why not enroll in a course or audit one who took many boating seasons ago to refresh your memory. Interested in a Boating Essentials refresher, well you are lucky, P/Cdr Bryan Carroll starts on the winter version January 8, 2014 and I will do one beginning after the Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show February 26, 2014. Join us and have all this knowledge fresh in your mind for the 2014 Boating Season.

Take care and be safe,

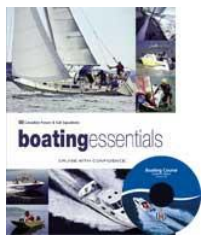
Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer
"Make My Day, Renew Now!"

TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

COURSES	SEASON	DATES OFFERED		WEEKDAY	LOCATIONS
		Start	Finish		
Boating Essentials	2014 Winter	08 Jan	19 Mar	Wed	St-Patrick High School
Seamanship	2014 Winter	08 Jan	09 Apr	Wed	St-Patrick High School
VHF Marine Radio	2014 Winter	15 Jan	29 Jan	Wed	St-Patrick High School
Boating Essentials	2014 Spring	26 Feb	07 May	Wed	St-Patrick High School
VHF Marine Radio	2014 Spring	09 Apr	23 Apr	Wed	St-Patrick High School
Radar for Pleasure Craft	2014 Spring	07 May	21 May	Wed	St-Patrick High School
Boating Basics	2014 Spring	13 May	27 May	Tue	Gloucester Library
VHF Marine Radio	2014 Spring	21 May	04 Jun	Wed	St-Patrick High School

TRAINING COURSES INFORMATION

BOATING ESSENTIALS



Requirements: Any Canadian Coast Guard approved PCOC is a prerequisite for this course.

Course Duration: 10 two-hour weekly session

Course Price: Primary \$200.00, Secondary \$150.00 (example spouse sharing course materials with primary) and \$140 for Ottawa Squadron Associate Members and \$90 Ottawa Squadron associate member's additional family members sharing course material.

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron's (OPSS) premier introductory course is the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) "Boating Essentials Course". This course is for you whether you're interested in power or sail. You will learn how to be safe and secure on the water, and you can become a regular CPS member upon successful completion of the course.

You will also learn the basics of navigation and plotting. In addition, you will gain new boating friends, be able to network with your peers about the waterways within our district and beyond (places to go and not to go) and should you wish, you can join in on any of the OPSS social events.

Topics include: the magnetic compass, global positioning and charts, navigation, conning, plotting, digital charting, anchoring, lines and ropes, electrical hazards, towing, boating and the environment, and much more.

****One year complimentary Regular Membership with PCOC and Boating Essentials***

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SEAMANSHIP

Recommended Prerequisite: Boating Essentials

Course Duration: 12 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$195.00 and CPS Member \$150.00.

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Do you know what to do if a boat on fire calls you for help? Can you deal with emergencies on your own boat? Build your confidence on the water, and make your boating a safe and fun experience, by taking the CPS Seamanship Course. You will learn how to cope with these situations, as well as many other aspects of boating, such as relative bearings, knots and spicing, medical emergencies, coping with adverse weather, and much more.

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MARINE RADIO COURSE

Prerequisite: none

Course Duration: 3 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$70.00 and CPS Member \$70.00 - **VHF DSC only:** \$50.00 - **VHF Manual (no exam):** \$25.00 - **Maritime VHF Radio Home Study:** \$45.00

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form "automatic" radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.

This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

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RADAR FOR PLEASURE CRAFT

Prerequisite: none

Course Duration: 3 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$100.00 and CPS Member \$70.00

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the different types of RADAR equipment, their capabilities and limitations. Understand the available features and how they apply to your needs. Learn to navigate using RADAR, and to determine where you are.

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BOATING BASICS (PCOC) THE OPERATOR CARD COURSE

Prerequisite: none

Course Duration: 3 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: \$60.00 and \$50.00 for students – Exam Only \$30.00

ONLINE

<http://pcoc.cps-ecp.ca/>

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency. All you need to know for the Transport Canada test is presented in an easy to read format that is both informative and entertaining. You can be confident that this study guide meets all the standards established by Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety.

As an extra benefit, if you pass the test offered by Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons, your Card is recognized by BOTH Transport Canada and The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). You may contact Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons to locate a testing facility in your area.

**One year complimentary associate membership upon passing*

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Training Officer Court Harkness at trainingofficer@cps-ottawa.com.

Do a Boat Green Oil Change

Earlier this month I changed the oil in my engine and I thought the following tips may be helpful to others. It can be a messy job but with proper planning and taking preventive measures beforehand you can do this without spilling any oil. Unlike a car where the oil drains by gravity from the oil sump, you will have to pump it out, I use a Fluid Extractor Kit made by Tempo. It holds 1.32 gallon and comes with 3 sizes of extraction hoses. The oil is pumped out usually through the dip stick tube. Here follows some guidelines you can follow.

Steps You Can Take

Implement a target of zero-spill for each oil change you do. That means no spills into your boat, bilge or the water. Plan your oil change when you know your marina's (or local) oil recycling facilities will be available to you. I normally return the used oil & filter to the store where I buy my supplies, never had a problem. Lay out the tools and supplies you need before you start. Have a spill prevention aids such as oil absorbent pads and bilge socks handy as well as a container to collect and store clean-up material handy. Use latex or nitrile gloves during the oil change. Do a quick mental review of the steps you need to take to do the oil change, here they are:

- Warm up your engine before you start so the oil is more viscous and easier to pump. After running it let it sit for a bit to allow the oil to drain back in the sump before pumping it out.
- Make sure the bilge is dry, then lay oil absorbent pads on the engine room floor underneath the sump fitting, used oil receptacle and any oil filter(s) that you plan to change.
- Use a receptacle that can hold warm oil without melting. Preferably one with a lid. I keep the empty jugs and caps of the previous change to put the used oil in when done.
- If you have an automatic bilge pump, temporarily disable it so it does not cycle on in case of a spill.
- Loosen the filter until you can turn it by hand, then bag it with a heavy freezer bag prior to screwing it off. Replace it with a new filter.
- Add new oil to the "Safe" mark.
- Mop up any spills on the engine, hoses, floor or bilge right away using an oil absorbent pad. Drain the hose(s) you used to pump out on a pad before storing them for the next oil change. They will keep dripping for a bit so give it proper time.
- Make sure your bilge pump is turned back on.
- Dispose used oil and filter element at an approved oil recycling facility. Ask for permission, you can usually drop this off at the marina, your car dealer or a Canadian Tire store. The place where you buy your new oil is a good bet for proper disposal.

Excerpt from "Boat Green" 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford. See CPS publication "EnviroBoater" available on the internet. For pumps check:

<http://www.wholesalemarine.com/c/260003/Oil+Change+Pumps.html>

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer

Reflections on this Year and Next

Now is the time of year that we put our boats to bed. Having spent the summer at one of our favourite sports...boating...we reflect on the good and the bad. We reminisce on the great sunsets and trips with new friends. We also think of the shortcuts our vessels have.

This is a good time to think of upgrading to something new. One suggestion is to rent or charter before you buy. It will give you a chance to try some of the things you might consider buying also. By chartering, you can try out different kinds of boats plus their equipment on board. Have you thought about putting a windlass onboard. Get a boat this winter with one and practice while you are enjoying some time south and out of the snow.

It is also a good time to learn to swim if you don't already or better yet, take a boating course. Learn more and you feel safer. Get your family involved also. Have the kids got their PCOC cards. Winter is the time to take care of that.

Another great winter sport is checking all your summer sport boating equipment. Get new lines if needed and learn how to splice your own. It is really not that hard, even the braided line. How is your safety equipment? Do I need to recharge the fire extinguisher or buy a new one? Did you know that you should bang your extinguisher at least once a month to de-compact the powder inside? All year.

There are lots of things you can add to the list and so, lo and behold, spring will be here and you will be ready to boat once again.

Have a save and organized haul out.

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