



# Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples December 2013 – January 2014



Ahoy from the Commander,



## Christmas Greetings from your Commander.

Another year is almost coming to an end. The Ottawa Squadron has had a good year thanks to the great efforts of all our members and with special thanks to my fellow bridge members and CPS celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have had a descent training year and we received the National Membership Retention Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in succession. We will try to carry on with both for the 2014 season.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous New Year.

Terry Hamilton  
Ottawa Commander



## ANOTHER LONG SERVING MEMBER LEAVES THE DOCK TOO EARLY!

WANLESS, Dr. Robert Kenneth (Retired: Geological Survey of Canada) (RCAF Veteran WW11). Peacefully at Kingston General Hospital on Monday December 9, 2013. Bob Wanless of Kingston, (formerly of Elgin and Ottawa), in his 93rd year.

Those who knew Bob will remember his love of boating. You know what he accomplished during his voyage with the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, especially the Ottawa Squadron and Rideau District, spanning from 1959 until 2013, totalling 54 years. For the rest of us, here is a brief overview of his life.

Bob's passion for boating began in the winter of 1957 when he built the family's first boat, a 20 ft cabin cruiser *Jacqueline* (named after his wife), which he built himself from the hull up in his garage.

Like many, Bob quickly saw the need for formal boating instruction and started by enrolling in the Piloting (now Boating) Course in 1959. His need for nautical knowledge continued: Engine Maintenance (1961), Seamanship (1962), Advanced Piloting (1963), Junior Navigation (1964), Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) (1977) and finally Weather (1979).



Bob was involved with the Squadron Bridge for many years and became Squadron Commander for the period of 1962-1964. Here is a photo (from stern to bow on *Jacqueline II*: Pat, Rob, Bob and Jacquie) during a Commander's Sail Past at a Rendezvous in 1962 when Bob was Squadron Commander.

Bob taught a number of courses for the Ottawa Squadron over the years, and demonstrated that knowledge in a practical way at the many Rendezvous the family attended. Bob, aboard *Jacqueline II* and later *Jacqueline IV*, was the recipient of the coveted Driftwood Trophy several times (1964, 1967, 1969, 1973, and 1978). This Trophy was presented to the boat/skipper who gained the most points in an exercise in safety and practical seamanship at the annual summer Rendezvous. This could include a man overboard drill, throwing a lifeline, docking, undocking, and the all-important proper use of docking lines. In 1967, the same year the family travelled through the Seaway locks for a week-long visit at Expo'67, Bob earned the Swordfish Trophy, awarded for the most points in a navigational exercise, an honour that went to *Jacqueline II* twice that year as his son Rob tied him in the challenge! (Pat and *Jacqueline IV* completed the set in 1974.) Bob also was awarded the Vandenbelt Safety Trophy in 1974.

There was no stopping Bob. When the Rideau District came into existence in 1972 from the former Rideau-St. Lawrence District, Bob was its first Executive Officer 1972-1973 then became the second District Commander 1973-1975. He was also a Rear Commander at the National Level.

Boating was a family affair for Bob, and the entire family became members of CPS. A group of squadron families also became a boating family, sharing many cruising adventures together over the years as the children grew up together.

In 2012 during the Squadron's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Bob made the trek from Kingston to join us for the Squadron Annual Picnic and Graduation. We were honoured that he would take the time from his busy schedule.

It with great sadness that the members of the Ottawa Squadron say goodbye to you Bob but rest assure that you will not be forgotten. You are now in the Big Pond in the Sky with all your many friends who left too soon also. Take care my friend and happy boating in those safe waters!

Your friends from the Ottawa Squadron.



## From the Membership Desk,



At the CPS National AGM in Toronto in October 2013, your Squadron was awarded the 2013 Membership Retention Star Award. Commander Terry Hamilton and I were very honoured to accept the award from the Chair of the Membership Committee Bill Allan, SN on your behalf. Every one of you should be proud of this award as you are the reason we received it for the second year in a row. Let`s all renew early in 2014!

Now the boats are hibernating and the snow has flown. Santa has been out in the sleigh already to visit our Squadron Annual Christmas Dinner and Bridge Meeting Thursday December 05<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Membership stands at 400 current members and 9 outstanding members. Our E-blast reaches 348 (87%) members and we usually have to mail Newsletters to 16 (4%) members who do not have e-mail access. Yes my numbers are missing 36 members (9%), they are Family Members with no e-mail addresses!

Our Boating Essentials Course ended on December 04<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and I am pleased to introduce our eleven newest regular members: Gaston Carreau, Kathy Chretien, Clay Dawdy, Justin Doyle, Judy and Robert Houlihan, Diane and Marcel Leblanc, Dan Macdonald, David Shestalo and Dan Sparks. They worked hard and will be flying their CPS Flag proudly in the next boating season in this part of the country if not before in warmer climate!

Let`s also have a warm welcome for James Leriche and Peter Chan who joins our ranks as regular members.

2013 was another great year and together we can make 2014 even better. Let`s get on board and let`s shoot for the STAR(s)!

*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](mailto: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!*

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. We also offer Seamanship starting on January 8, 2014 and Advanced Piloting on January 15, 2014. Don`t let winter get you down, join us and you will have all this new 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!"

## SANTA CLAUS VISITS THE SQUADRON!

Yes Noah, There is a Santa Claus!

On December 05<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the December Bridge Meeting and Christmas Dinner at Louis Steak House, Santa Claus joined the group for the Dinner and stayed for a shortened Bridge Meeting.

Santa heard a few people saying that they were hoping he would bring either a new Sea Ray 41 Sundancer, Carver 41 Cockpit Motor Yacht, Beneteau Oceanis 41 or Jenneau 53. Noah, I think they better start saving their loonies and toonies if they want to own a boat like that. By the way, they would not fit in the sleigh!

The group enjoyed a great Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings and to finish the meal a great piece of apple pie. Santa was looking for a few of you who have been really good! You should have been there! Mark your calendar for next year, December 04, 2014.

Here are the list of people who visited with Santa and great friends:



Sue & Ted Baker; Doris & Walter Bilous; P/D/C Evelyn Clue; Karen & Robin Craig; your host and organizer Chris Friesen, Lucille & Pierre Garneau; Cdr Terry Hamilton; Philip Harris & Judy Patterson; Kathleen Hopkins; National Secretary Cathie Johnstone and Jim MacLeod; Janice and P/Cdr Frank Keating; Chantal, Jason & Noah Ladouceur; Marjorie Ladouceur; Rachelle and P/Cdr Bob Morgan; Joy and Will Moyle; Rolly and Sandy Nantel; Don Partridge; Nancy Richards; Pat Thompson; Monique Vallieres; P/Cdr Paul & P/Cdr Rosine Weisbrod.

Noah reminds everyone not to forget to send your list to Santa. You may get what you want short of a new boat!

Commander Terry Hamilton and the Bridge would like to take this opportunity to wish the membership a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Health, Wealthy New Year. It goes without saying a super 2014 Boating Season.

Guy A. Ladouceur  
Reindeer Handler!

## A Social Activities Committee is being formed!

At the last Bridge Meeting in December 2013, Commander Terry Hamilton advised that Chris Friesen would take over position of Administration Officer leaving the Social Activities without a person in charge.

After great discussions between the Commander and me, we came to the realization that we had to have Social Activities Officer. This would ensure that our upcoming Annual Dinner, Annual Picnic and Graduation happened and were well attended by you the members.

Here is our plan; I will oversee the Social Activities by forming a committee of volunteers to assist with organizing the events by booking rooms, registering attendees, booking speakers, etc.

In the last few years, the frequency of our Information Nights has diminished. Remember we are all very busy and we now need to share the load! You can help revitalize these special nights by coming up with speaker's name, ideas, etc. but the catch here is that we would like you to champion the evening. We will be there to assist you all the way with guidance and ideas. If you are considering helping but need more info, please call me at (613) 824-9490.

We need your help so we can get together, share some experiences and several topics of mutual interest.

Here is a way you can help ..... Let's start rafting up out of the water! YOU attend an event so you need to raft up with a friend or two and bring them along. In no time we will double our attendance and membership involvement!

As many of you know, I wear several hats at the Squadron and District Level and having the time of my life. Join me and let's have some fun! This will not be a fulltime job or a burden on your family life. I may just want to bounce ideas off of you or make a few phone calls, etc.

The plotter, pencil and dividers are now in your hands; please help me set a course that will entice the members to participate and further their knowledge along the way.

Please get onboard,

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr  
Social Activities Committee Chair

**Rafting up out of the water!**

## Disposal of expired flares (quoted from Boating with Dawson's)

The Canadian Government legislated that all recreational **boats must carry the appropriate number of marine flares** for the size of boat, but they did not include methods of disposing of the expired flares.

Boaters must **replace their flares every four years**, thus creating a large buildup of expired flares in storage barns, garages etc, because boaters can't find out how to dispose of them properly.

Some are doing the unthinkable....

We have heard from boaters in Ontario in several places where they have been told to "soak the flares in water overnight and put them in the regular garbage". Many flares have a waterproof coating so the water may NOT get through leaving the chemicals active. **Flares are not only explosive but are also hazardous waste** and, although soaking them in water could prevent them flaring up, the chemicals are still there and should not go in the regular garbage. Putting the soaked flares in the garbage could put them in contact with other chemicals, causing even more serious consequences. Gases that could be produced could also be hazardous to human health.

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**Explosives and hazardous chemicals as those found in flares should be handled carefully and taken to a hazardous waste site for proper disposal.**

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After dozens of phone calls to people who I thought should know, like our municipality, fire departments, OPP, Marinas, Power Squadrons, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Boating Ontario, Boaters, Fisheries and Oceans, Associations, our MPP's office and the Office of Boating Safety, I was somewhat frustrated because none of them could give me a proper procedure for disposing of expired marine flares.

Believe it or not, most just said "if you find out, let me know". But I was persistent and it paid off.

## **CIL/Orion's Cradle to Grave Policy**

Finally, The Office of Boating Safety returned my most recent call and said they had followed up on my request and found a document that would answer my questions. It was [CIL/Orion's "cradle to grave policy" for CIL/Orion Marine Distress signals](#). I then called the president of CIL/Orion and learned that this 2009 policy is still in effect and Canadian boaters can send CIL/Orion Flares to them for disposal. They will accept other brands of flares, but there is an additional charge.



There are several brands of flares on the Canadian Market, but CIL/Orion is the only Canadian Manufacturer. They have been working with several levels of government and boating associations and police to get a proper policy in place. With so many agencies involved in the decision making, there is always one that won't co-operate so nothing gets done.

Getting permission for a state-of-the-art-disposal site is one stumbling block and the other is the gathering and shipping of the flares. For an individual boater with a few expired flares, it could cost him \$50 - \$70 to ship them to CIL/Orion.

Until the committee comes up with something better, it makes more sense for several boaters or even a marina or association or club to get together and split the cost of shipping expired flares back to CIL/Orion.

## **The Procedure for Disposing of Expired Marine Flares**

**So, thanks to CIL/Orion, we have a procedure for disposal of their flares.** We would advise Canadian boaters to get together in groups, make a list of all the expired flares and send the list to [CIL/Orion](http://CIL/Orion). They will send you the right size and number of packages appropriately labeled "Explosive and Hazardous Material" for Purolator and the cost involved. Once received, you can fill the boxes then ship via Purolator to CIL/Orion.

This may not be the perfect answer, but it seems to be the best Canadian boaters have at the present time. We would recommend boaters in other countries contact the company who makes the flares and ask for a procedure to dispose of them.

**Brenda Dawson**

## TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

<b>OTTAWA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON</b>					
<b>Winter &amp; Spring 2014</b>					
<i>COURSES</i>	<i>SEASON</i>	<i>DATES OFFERED</i>		<i>WEEKDAY</i>	<i>LOCATIONS</i>
		<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>		
BOATING ESSENTIALS	2014 Winter	8-Jan	19-Mar	WED	St-Patrick High School
SEAMANSHIP	2014 Winter	8-Jan	9-Apr	WED	St-Patrick High School
ADVANCED PILOTING	2014 Winter	15-Jan	16-Apr	WED	St-Patrick High School
VHF MARITIME RADIO	2014 Winter	15-Jan	29-Jan	WED	St-Patrick High School
BOATING ESSENTIALS	2014 Spring	26-Feb	7-May	WED	St-Patrick High School
VHF MARITIME RADIO	2014 Spring	9-Apr	23-Apr	WED	St-Patrick High School
RADAR <i>for Pleasure Craft</i>	2014 Spring	7-May	21-May	WED	St-Patrick High School
BOATING BASICS	2014 Spring	13-May	27-May	TUE	Gloucester Library
VHF MARITIME RADIO	2014 Spring	21-May	4-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.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
It starts January 08, 2103

#### **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.

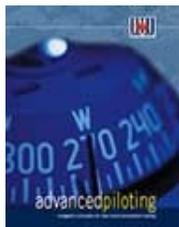
You will also learn the basics of navigation and plotting. In addition, you will gain new boating friends, be able to network with your peers about the waterways within our district and beyond (places to go and not to go) and should you wish, you can join in on any of the OPSS social events.

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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### **ADVANCED PILOTING**

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Seamanship

**Course Duration:** 10 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.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
It starts January 15, 2103

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Knowledge of the basics of navigation and planning cruises on a maritime chart is just the start. Expand that knowledge by using a variety of electronic devices to chart your course and enable you to plan your course under tidal, current and windy conditions. By learning more about dead reckoning, fixes and running fixes you will have attained a high degree of proficiency in navigating through coastal waters. In the CPS AP Course we cover GPS, Chart Plotters, Radar, SONAR, Autopilots and more.

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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.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
It starts January 08, 2103

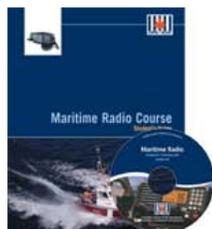


**Payment:** Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

#### **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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### **MARITIME 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.

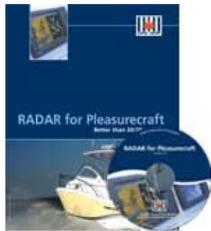
#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

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.

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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



**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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