



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples April – May 2014



Ahoy from the Commander,



I think we can finally say that spring has come and the 2014 Boating season is underway. Some of our members are already in the water and ready to go. Others, like me, have just started working on getting the boats ready and will be in by the end of the month.

The new bridge was elected at the April AGM and has had one meeting, but will not see much action until September, while we all enjoy the 2014 boating season. We have had a great 2013/14 training period and have many graduates and new members.

The next big event is our Annual Picnic June 16 2014 at The RCMP Camp, Long Island. The picnic is free and I hope to see many members at this our last get together before the start of the boating season.

We have several people who will do Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC). This is a free service we offer and it could help you avoid a fine for not having the required equipment on board your boat . This service only takes about 15-20 minutes and when you pass you receive a Transport Canada Sticker for 2014.If you are interested please contact me at sassyjody@rogers.com.



Enjoy the 2014 boating Season.

Terry Hamilton, AP
Ottawa Commander

The 2014-2015 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Terry Hamilton, <u>AP</u>
Immediate Past Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Executive Officer	Robin Craig, CN
Admin Officer	Christopher Friesen
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A/Training Officer (Boating Basics)	<i>Court Harkness, S</i>
A/Training Officer (VHF Radio)	Peter Dalton, P
A/Training Officer (Supply)	<i>Court Harkness, S</i>
Communications Officer	Nancy Richards, S
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets, CN
MAREP & safety Officer	Sue Baker, SN
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
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Secretary	Chantal Ladouceur
Social Affairs (Committee Chair)	Guy A. Ladouceur
Webmaster	Philip Harris, N

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Squadron Examiner	Court Harkness, S
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

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

Squadron Events Calendar

June 03, 2014 (TUE) – BRIDGE MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – 290 Kennedy Lane East - Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. Commander will personally invite volunteers.

June 16, 2014 (MON) – ANNUAL PICNIC & GRADUATION - RCMP Campground. Please find more information in this Newsletter.

June – July – August – Happy Safe Boating, Enjoy!

September 04, 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.

October 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>

Guy A. Ladouceur (613) 824-9490
Social Activities (*Committee Chair*)

If you have any ideas or a topic for an Information Night, please drop me an e-mail social@cps-ottawa.com and we can work together to make it happen!

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Monday - June 16th, 2014

Annual Squadron Picnic and Graduation

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2014

Merit Mark Certificates

At our last Squadron Annual General Meeting, Cdr Terry Hamilton and District Cdr André Dubois presented the 2014 Merit Mark Certificates. Each Member who donates 20 hours a year is awarded 1 merit mark.

Here is the list of 34 recipients

BAETS, Nick	20	KEATING, Frank	24
BAKER, Susan	19	LADOUCEUR, Guy A	9
BILOUS, Walter	21	LADOUCEUR, Marjorie	9
BODNER, Dave	12	LADOUCEUR, Chantal	2
CARROLL, Bryan	12	LADOUCEUR, Jason	2
CLUE, Evelyn	45	MACLEOD, Jim	25
CRAIG, Robin	9	MORGAN, Robert	24
DALTON, Peter	4	MOYLE, Joy	3
FRIESEN, Christopher	2	MOYLE, William	3
GARNEAU, E H Pierre	27	NANTEL, Rolland	15
GUILLEMETTE, Nelson	10	PARTRIDGE, Donald	5
HAMILTON, Linda	31	PELLAND, Monique	12
HAMILTON, Terry	21	RICHARDS, Nancy	5
HARKNESS, Court	3	SCHILDER, Frank	20
HARRIS, Philip	9	TANNER, Don	15
HIGHSTEAD, Steve	11	VALLIERES, Monique	10
JOHNSTONE, Cathie	29	WEISBROD, Paul	33

Your fellow members donated 4,200.5 hours at the Squadron, District and National Level. This is quite an accomplishment. I know that this is just the tip of the iceberg because I work with these people all year and they are always there when I call or e-mail them. One Merit Mark just does not seem enough but it has been that way for over 75 years so why change it!

This year, two members received their Life Member Status. Congratulation to Nick Baets and Frank Schilder, Gentlemen you have a lot of members who wished it was them.

We will post the photos of the Annual General Meeting and Merit Mark Presentation to the Website over the summer and we will notify you when they have been unloaded.

Congratulation to all the recipients and maybe there will be a Merit Mark Certificate with your name on it next year. Give me a call and I can help you make it happen!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr

**Rideau District Annual General Meeting
Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club
April 26th, 2014**



District Commander André Dubois presented our own Walter Bilous with the Stirrer Upper Award. The title says it all. Walter is a Member of the District Internal Financial Review Committee

The D/C also presented the Howard Peck Trophy for “Education, Participation and Management” to the Kingston Squadron and it was accepted by



Education Officer May Corcoran.

D/C Dubois also gave Letters of Appreciation to Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock) for her work as District Roster Editor and it was accepted on her behalf by her Cdr Gerry Morris. District Secretary Valerie Hume (Britannia-Rideau) for her dedication and always being on time with her duties and yours truly for being me I guess!



Four members of the Ottawa Squadron were elected to new positions on the Rideau District Bridge. Executive Officer Bryan Carroll is now the Rideau District Commander while Administration Officer Guy Ladouceur Executive Officer. Nancy Richards joins the Bridge as Administration Officer while Terry Hamilton becomes the new Membership Officer & Roster Editor.



We were fortunate to have National Executive Officer Robert Pepin representing Chief Commander Joe Gatfield. NEO Pepin did the required pledges.



Immediate Past District Commander André Dubois presents District Commander Bryan Carroll with his D/C Flag. The new District Commander Bryan Carroll gives Nancy Richards her Lt/Cdr Flag while Terry Hamilton is 1st Lt Flag.

Other members of the Squadron on the District Bridge are:

- Nick Baets, Environmental Officer
- Court Harkness, Public Relation Officer
- Linda Hamilton, P/D/C and Officer Training
- Cathie Johnston, Member of the Nominating Committee

Good luck to everyone and I would like to thank Chantal our Squadron Secretary for taking the photos.

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr

GIDEON CHARLES SILVERTHORN

Stuart, FL

APRIL 18, 1928 - MARCH 13, 2014

Another member leaves the dock too early for the Big Pond in the Sky! 1977-1979 – Ottawa Squadron Commander 1983-1985 – Rideau District Commander Life Member of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron



Gideon Charles Silverthorn, 85, passed away peacefully on Thursday March 13, 2014, at his home in Stuart, Florida.

Gideon Charles was born to the late Gideon and Nellie Beatrice Silverthorn on April 18, 1928 in Etobicoke, Ontario. Gideon lived on a family farm of 1,000 acres in the city of Toronto. Of interest, the family grew tomatoes on 50 acres for Campbell's Soup for a period of ten years, and a can of the signature soup could always be found in Gideon's pantry. Gideon regaled his family with stories from his happy youth on the farm and his boisterous scrapes. Although he found school restrictive and boring, Gideon graduated from Etobicoke Collegiate in 1950. Later that year, he enrolled in a Mechanical Industrial Technology Course at Ryerson Institute of Technology and graduated in 1952 with honours. He had ambitions to prepare for the working world beyond the farm, and chose a career as a civil servant over agriculture. He married Viola Mohns on July 24, 1954, and they lived together in Kanata, Ontario with their three sons for the duration of their marriage of 34 years. They divorced in 1988. Gideon described Viola as a good wife.

Gideon worked for the Department of National Defense for 37 years. During his career, Gideon achieved several patents on behalf of her Majesty the Queen. One patent, the Universal Canister Mount, resulted in him being awarded the Canadian Patents and Development Limited official symbol, Rodin's "The Thinker". All of Gideon's patents improved the safety of Canadian Armed Forces members on the battlefield. His patent on the automated production of canisters for gas masks is still being used in the manufacture of canisters today

Gideon had a love of boats and the sea that could not be linked to his heritage. In 1950 he became a Red Cross swimming instructor; in 1965 he became a qualified scuba diver, and then a scuba instructor in 1968. By 1992, Gideon became a scuba diver, Instructor Trainer across multiple SCUBA associations. Gideon amalgamated his love of the water and boating with his passion for inventing, building and family. Most memorably, he purchased an aluminum houseboat hull, designed and fabricated the entire boat above the waterline and traveled extensively on her with his family and extended family, creating many treasured memories for his three boys. Gideon joined the Canadian Power Squadron in 1965, and by 1994 ascended to the position of Rear Commander at the national level. More recently, Gideon served as the Commodore of the Yacht and Country Club of Stuart, Florida. At age 75, he obtained his Captain's license for commercial marine vessels. Two of Gideon's proudest achievements on behalf of the Silverthorn family included the commissioning of a book about the Silverthorn family with his siblings, titled "10 Generations of Silverthorns in the Americas"; as well as the design of a Silverthorn Coat of Arms that was recognized by the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada.

Gideon's surviving three sons were a source of boundless joy to him during their formative years: Stephen (Diana) Silverthorn, of Mississauga Ontario; Jeffrey (Karen) Silverthorn, of Stittsville Ontario; and Roger (Mary) Silverthorn, of Orillia Ontario. Gideon is also survived by six grandchildren: Daniel, David, Nicole, Lauren, Gideon, and Starr. Gideon is predeceased by his sister Margaret Gilbert, and brother Don Silverthorn.

Gideon will be lovingly remembered by his wife Carolyn, who became his wife in 2001. Gideon's bride embraced his passion for world travel and they embarked on many adventures together to far flung destinations, until Gideon's failing health prevented further travel. Carolyn was unwaveringly dedicated to Gideon, and they had a wonderful love story, providing inspiration to those who knew and loved them.

From the Membership Desk,

The Boating Season is here but some of us still have some polishing to do! As you read this article, I will be getting ready to travel North in search of a larger walleye or lake trout from pristine waters of Lake Temagami.

30th came and now we have an extra thirty-three (33) outstanding members who forgot to their membership. Please renew now or let me know of your wishes! Here are four ways can easily renew your membership and "Make My Day"!

Method 1 https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard|K=221~0

Go to the CPS Website www.cpsboat.ca - **Quick Membership Renewal** (No Login required) - Your **Member Number**, **Last Name** and **Postal Code** are required to access the electronic invoice and credit card information.

Method 2 Call me (613) 824-9490 and have your Member Number, Last Name and Postal Code and have your credit card ready. If I am not there, leave me a message and I will call you back!

Method 3 Call CPS HQ 1-866-277-2628 ask for **Ginette Golden** at 0159
Have your Member Number or First/Last Name and have your credit card ready. Please call Ginette as a last resort as she is responsible for approx. 24, 201 membership renewals this She has been a great friend for many years but call me first please because I still want to get her Christmas Cards in the future!

Method 4 Mail a cheque with your printed renewal to:
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Let's not forget all those who renewed on time and even many months before the deadline. In the past, I sent thank you e-mails to everyone but this year I was not able to as I have taken on more responsibilities at the Squadron, District and National Levels. You have no idea how it pleases me to see the name of a member who has just renewed during my early morning check of the WBAS Squadron Dues Activity Report. It starts my day on the right foot!

Presently we have 404 members (Including the Outstanding Ones), I did some quick calculations with the year that members joined and I came up with the astonishing number of 5,181 years. What an accomplishment! Our two earliest members joined in 1963 for a total of 51 years of unbroken service. What an accomplishment! Where were you in 1963?

That is it for me for now but look for my article on Merit Marks to see the dedication of your fellow members.

Be safe and enjoy your boating Remember what you learn in class and apply it. Fly your CPS Flag proudly!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer
"Make My Day, Renew Now!"
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CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

The 2014-2015 Roster is in the making!

Last year was our first attempt at travelling on the Electronic Highway and in my opinion it was very successful plus I did hear any complaints so we will produce another Electronic Roster for the new Boating Season 2014-2015.

There are very important rules that are being adhered to for the security of your information:

- You, the members, must want to share your information electronically.
- You, the members, must give us the permission to add your name the Squadron Roster
- The Squadron maintains a file with your permission to share your information.
- Your membership must be current on June 17, 2014 in order to be added to the Roster.



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Now I can see you wondering if you gave your permission last year to be included in the Roster. If you received an electronic copy from me you were in it. If there has been no change to your information, do not worry you will be included this year again. You changed some of your information and did not tell me well this would be a good time if you want your correct information to appear. Just send me an e-mail (membership@cps-ottawa.com) to let me know.

For the rest of you who are new members or any members who would like to be included in the 2014-2015 Roster You can do it by completing the form listed on our Squadron Website:

- <http://www.cps-ottawa.com/>
- http://www.cps-ottawa.com/forms/Electronic_Roster_Info_2014_distributed.pdf

OTTAWA POWER & SAIL SQUADRON
2014 ANNUAL ELECTRONIC ROSTER

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Name of Member	
Membership Number	
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Licence Number of Vessel	
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Squadron Information	
Position	
Grade	
Merit Marks	
Last Year for Merit Mark	
Your Comments	

Or simply send me an e-mail at membership@cps-ottawa.com telling me that you want your information included and that is all I require. I can also be reached by phone at (613) 824-9490.

If you have any suggestions for the 2014 Electronic Roster, please send them to me at any time as I work on the file whenever information comes available. It is your Roster so tell me what you want!

The Roster is in the making and will be completed on June 17th, 2014 after the Picnic because I always get updates from people at that time. It will be e-mailed to you before June 21th, 2014 because I want to be officially boating/fishing by the end of June! For those of you who do not have an e-mail address and want to be included, I will gladly print a copy for you and mail it at no charge to you!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Roster Editor

Mail to: Guy A. Ladouceur 6901 Bilberry Drive Ottawa ON K1C 2E8
If it is easier for you just to send me an e-mail with all the info, please send it to membership@cps-ottawa.com

Responsibilities aboard

It is that time of year when we have to refresh our brains on the do's and don't's of boating. One quick way is to reread The Safe Boating Guide which everyone should have. They are free.

As a captain, you are responsible for your crew, their behavior and safety. No drinking aboard is a big one....at least when you are moving....and that goes for everyone. If you have a galley, a head, and sleeping quarters, and are on a dock or moored or at anchor, it is alright. Having a boozy lunch on the hook and taking off later is a bad idea. Just wait until you are home.

You are responsible for all safety equipment on board. You must have the proper required for the vessel size and see that it is in good working order. Don't forget flares are outdated on four years.

If the police or coast guard wants to board your boat, you must agree. This is one spot we have no rights. They may take your boat apart looking for illicit materials. Police are out on the lakes and rivers checking for your PCOC card and safety equipment. Don't be surprised if you are approached. And be polite! You want them if you are in trouble.

Always check the weather before you leave and don't run out of fuel. Remember 1/3 fuel for the trip out, 1/3 for the return and 1/3 backup. If you are out for an extended trip, check the weather during the voyage. And always look astern. It can creep up on you as any of you would know if you boated on the Ottawa. Squalls come up quickly.

All in all, have a safe and responsible summer. See you on the water. If you see anything unsafe or navigationally out of place, don't hesitate to email me and I will try to rectify the problem.

Sue Baker SN
Safety and MAREP

TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

Courses	Season	Dates Offered		Weekday	Location
		Start	Finish		
Boating Essentials	2014 Fall	17 Sept.	19 Nov.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Fundamentals of Weather	2014 Fall	17 Sept.	19 Nov.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Advanced Piloting	2014 Fall	15 Oct.	24 Jan.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Boating Essentials	2015 Winter	7 Jan.	18 Mar.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Seamanship	2015 Winter	7 Jan.	15 Apr.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Global Weather	2015 Winter	7 Jan.	25 Feb.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
VHF – Maritime Radio	2015 Winter	14 Jan.	28 Jan.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Boating Essentials	2015 Winter	25 Feb.	6 May	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Electronic Navigation	2015 Spring	8 Apr.	27 May	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
VHF – Maritime Radio	2015 Spring	8 Apr.	22 Apr.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Boating Basics	2015 Spring	13 May	27 May	Wed	North Gloucester Library
VHF – Maritime Radio	2015 Spring	20 May	3 Jun.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School

TRAINING COURSES INFORMATION



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:

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

***You can view all our courses and register at:
<http://www.boatingcourses.ca>***

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Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

invites everyone to their

Anniversary Picnic and Graduation

Monday June 16, 2014 at 1700



RCMP Campground – Long Island off River Rd

Turn on Nicholls Island Rd – Follow the Signs

This is the largest event of the year, bring your family & have fun!

Support your Squadron

THE PICNIC IS FREE TO ALL MEMBERS & FAMILY!

REFRESHMENTS: Burgers, Sausages, Salads, Soft Drinks and Cake

BRING AN APPETITE!

Bring your lawn chair, umbrellas (for the Sun) and any other comfort items you might need! The location has washrooms and building to protect us from the liquid sunshine

IT IS A GREAT EVENT!

BRING A NAUTICAL ITEM TO BE AUCTIONED OFF!

REGALIA will be there with the latest fashion in Boating Attire!

Our Social Activities Committee Chair Guy A. Ladouceur needs to know who is coming to ensure that we have adequate supplies to feed everyone!

Please register on our website by June 13, 2014 if you plan on attending!

YOU MUST REGISTER AT: <http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html>

Need Transportation to our Events Well get on the Magic Carpet!

Reprint from October-November 2013 Rideau Ripples

“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.”

Okay well no one has taken me up on my offer so far so I wanted to make sure it was not missed within my article.

Here it goes..... You want to attend the Annual Picnic, the Annual Dinner or any events organized by the Squadron and you have no transportation (either you do not drive, do not have a car, etc.), well that is not a valid reason in my book for not attending.

I have an alternative for you: all you have to do is to let me know and I will find you a drive to the event and back home. There is no cost for this service.

Okay, members who have wheels and would like to assist other members who would like to attend but cannot for whatever reason here is your chance to contribute to the Squadron. Just send me your name and I will put you on a list of available drivers. I will not ask you to go out of your way.

The offer is made So get on the Magic Carpet and let us see if we can help each other out!

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

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ANNUAL PICNIC AND GRADUATION

MONDAY - June 16, 2014

Register now http://www.cps-ottawa.com/forms/att_events.html

We need to know if you are attending no later than June 13, 2014!

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