

## Special Thanks...

**O**n behalf of Britannia Squadron, I wish to extend very special thanks to the following people and organizations for their assistance and support during the year:

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And all our Special Event speakers which include:  
Jonathan Watson  
Bart & Evelyn Tectar  
Rino Thériault

Thank you everyone for the blood sweat, tears and laughter and camaraderie. With your help we have kept the passion for Boating and quality education alive, that Jim Milne and his fellow sailors shared when they built our Squadron. With your help we continue to infuse that passion into new boaters. Here's to a bigger and better Training Year!!!

Cdr Jessica Austria-Henderson ❖



**A** very big welcome to our new Members. Johanne Morin, Brett Pollack, Stuart Joyce, Robert Dandurand, Malle-Reet Ryan, Sharron Kavanaugh, John Mitchell, JT Partington, Sandra Smart, Paul Echlin. D/Cdr Ron Hume administered the oath and congratulated each new member. ❖

## FALL 2000 CPS Course Registration

Sir Robert Borden High School  
131 Greenbank Road, Nepean

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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
&

**Saturday**, September 16, 2000  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Late registration will be accepted at the training site during the first two classes. Call to reserve your space now.

### Courses Offered

Boating	Boat Pro
Piloting	Marine VHF Operator
Weather	



## Squadron Executive 2000 - 2001

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## Past Commanders



1964-1966	James B. Milne
1966-1968	Earnest E. Criddle
1968	Peter Wilson
1968-1970	William K. McConnell
1970-1972	Paul C.M. LaDelpha
1972-1973	Arthur N. Huddleston
1973-1974	George W. Booker
1974-1976	Ralph C. Smith
1976-1978	Ellen Devine
1978-1979	Edward Wiggs
1979-1980	Jack Buchanan
1980-1981	Kenneth Findlay
1981-1983	Jim Craig
1983-1985	Wm. Newlands
1985-1987	Stuart McNeely
1987-1988	K. Joan Feltham
1988-1990	Howard G. Peck
1990-1992	Larry Brown
1992-1993	Alex Falkner
1993-1996	Elaine Gregory
1996-1997	Ed Gauthier
1997-1999	Chris Borgal
1999-2000	Bruce Henderson
1999-2000	Laura Seitl

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# The Commander's Quill

Cdr Jessica  
Austria-Henderson

Sitting here at my desk, I give pause for a moment as a cool August breeze drifts through my window. The early hint of Jack Frost's chilly touch on the wind reminds me that the another sailing summer is soon coming to a close.

Looking back, 1999-2000 has been a very big year of change for Britannia Squadron. We have had much change and some moments of chaos and upheaval, but we have managed to weather the storm and come away with some fantastic and memorable events. Part of the reason that Britannia Squadron has remained strong and able to continue its traditions is because of the dedication and passion of our members and volunteers for boating, and for the quality and integrity of our boating courses.

Firstly, I would like to extend very deep thanks to all our Instructors, Proctors, Examiners, and all the volunteers to Squadron events and Activities. I would also like to extend my appreciation to past and present Bridge Officers for their support, counsel and friendship over this last year, and for standing on deck with me as the seas of change and upheaval swept over the Squadron.

Secondly, I would like to thank Ted & Venetia Moorhouse for organizing the fantastic Travelogues and special events such as Diesel Dazzle and the CCG

Boat Inspection. Most importantly, I want to thank them for taking on the painstaking task of phoning every member in the roster for each event. A few members have stepped forward and have offered their assistance in spreading the word of Squadron events by phone, but with the help of more, we can better spread the news and the excitement of our activities. Just like the old shampoo commercial..."She tells' two people, and she tells two people, and so on, and so on..."

There may have been many changes for Britannia Squadron over the last twelve months, but I take hope that we are slowly turning things around. Our Bridge for 2000-2001 is working very, very hard to put together a varied and interesting slate of courses and special events for the year. We commenced our efforts with the Graduation Dinner were very pleased to see a turnout of about 50 students, instructors and members rubbing elbows and clinking glasses together over one of Ramsey's Roast Beef dinners at BYC. A good time was had by all and we hope to repeat the camaraderie and success again and again this year.

So...on that note...big THANKS TO ALL...and stay tuned and see what we have in store for you!!! ❖

## Bridge Bits and Pieces!

By: Lt/C Thériault, Rino AP

In the last Running Fix, we listed the names of the Bridge Officers for year 2000 and of course, many of you know the officers quite well. However, many do not and it may be of general interest to the membership to do a brief write-up about these people serving on the Bridge so that we may all get to know them a little bit better! In the next few issues of the Running Fix, we will attempt to familiarize you a bit with « the Bridge »! And there is no better person to start with than our Commander, Jessica Austria-Henderson!!

A love story brings Jessica to the Squadron. Having come to Ottawa University from her Newfoundland home, she met up with Bruce who already had an affair going with Britannia Squadron and introduced Jessica to our family. And that was good! Jessica is an action-oriented person, always has a good idea « for something else we should do », always seems to know someone who knows something about the issue at hand, and has a knack for getting people involved and working together. Yet, she remains most sensitive to people's needs and feelings, caring for those who require special consideration, and fully supportive of those around her.

Her dynamic personality and quest for increasingly significant challenges have led her professional career into politics and High Tech, both areas well renowned for their aggressive competitive nature. And she brings those professional qualities to us. So, we at Britannia Squadron now have a wonderful opportunity to grow and improve with Jessica's skillful leadership, she deserves our complete support. ❖

Fall 2000

# CPS Course Registration



Phone: (613) 721-0087 Email: [bpsscps@storm.ca](mailto:bpsscps@storm.ca) Web: [www.storm.ca/~bpsscps](http://www.storm.ca/~bpsscps)

## BoatPro (8-10 hrs, CCG Accredited Course)

This course, published by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) and **accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard**, is the qualifying course for the new Canadian Coast Guard Operator Proficiency Card. It is ideal for new or "about-to-be" boat owners, new boat owners, hunters, anglers and cottagers. This course covers "need-to-know" info is and is available on the Internet, or in an eight-hour instructional format, through the various Squadrons of CPS.

## Boating (12-13 wks, CCG Accredited Course)

This course is the initial boating instructional program offered by Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (CPS). It is designed to be useful to all boaters, from the angler in an outboard, to the operator of a family cruiser, sailboat or cottage runabout. Not only does it cover the very basic safety requirements and knowledge offered in the BoatPro course, but goes into more depth and offers knowledge on boat handling, marine maintenance, navigation and emergencies. This course will allow a boater to come away with an understanding and respect for his or her watercraft, other boaters and for the forces of nature.

## Piloting (13 weeks, open to CPS members only.)

A graduate of the Piloting Course will have the theoretical knowledge to be able to handle a boat in rough weather, and to deal with emergency situations. Boating Course subjects are expanded to include Relative Bearings and the Running Fix; effects of current and leeway, and new skills in marlin spike and coastal navigation are learned.

## VHF Marine Radiotelephone Operator's Seminar (10-12 hrs)

Learn the phonetic alphabet, as well as correct radiotelephone operating procedures. This manual will enable you to pass the Industry Canada Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate Exam, which will be given at the conclusion of the teaching session.

## Weather (12 wks)

This course will enable boater, hikers, canoeists, anyone who works, lives or plays in the outdoors to anticipate adverse forecasts, by gathering pertinent information and interpreting weather signs. This course will cover atmosphere, clouds, pressure, wind, temperature and moisture, stability and instability, air masses, frontal weather, precipitation and fog, general circulation, tropical hurricanes and wave theory, forecasting the weather.

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## FALL 2000 Training Schedule

### Boating, Piloting & Weather

September 19, 2000 - December 5, 2000  
(Tues. nights) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Boat Pro

Session 1 - Oct. 21, 2000 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Exam Challenge: Oct. 21, 2000 3:00 pm

Session 2 - Nov. 18, 2000 9:00 am - 4:00pm

Exam Challenge: Nov. 18, 2000 3:00 pm

## Course Prices

Course	Primary	Spouse	Home
Boat Pro	\$50	\$20 (exam only)	\$10 (manual only)
Boating*	\$150	\$90	\$110
	(* Boat Pro Grads \$140)		
Piloting	\$95	\$65	\$50
Weather	\$135 <sup>†</sup>	\$85	\$85
	( <sup>†</sup> CPS Members \$110)		
VHF Seminar	\$20 <sup>‡</sup>		
	( <sup>‡</sup> Price may be subject to change due to changes by Industry Canada.)		

# Bosun's Locker

By 1st Lt Don Macneil P

Have you ever been frustrated in trying to use one of the commercial gel coat repair kits to touch-up small chips or scratches on your "Belle of the Sea"? The first challenge is to mix the right colour match from the chart and the six or so little tubes of colour provided in the kit. For the colour challenged like me, this involves consulting everyone in the club or marina including the dock girl on the results of my colour mixing efforts. After six attempts, you finally get what your though was the right colour match only to find that when you apply it and let it harden, it turns out green instead of beige.

The next challenge is to mix the right amount of gel coat and then add the right amount of hardener. In goes the hardener and on goes the application, cover it with that little piece of plastic from the kit, tape the edges well and stand back until it cures. Right! Only when you remove the plastic a few hours later do you find that part of it cured and part didn't! So back to square one: mix, consult, apply and wait. Egggggh! Has to be an easier solution aside from hiring a professional at \$60 per hour and there is!

It's called "Mr. Touch-up" and it comes in small nail polish size bottles which can be found in the plumbing section at Canadian Tire stores. There are about fifteen shades of white or beige available and it also comes in a few other colours. While it is

formulated to touch up chipped porcelain plumbing fixtures it work very well on gel coat. It appears to be a form of polyurethane paint. I can attest to its durability having first used it to repair a chipped bath tub over ten years ago with results that are still invisible. It bonds to gel coat even better than porcelain and dries in minutes so that multiple coats can be quickly applied to build up a deep scratch or chip. If you have a larger area of damage, you can use clear fiberglass resin to fill dings, hole and gouges up to two inches by two inches and then cover this with the Mr. Touch-up colour match. Once the paint has cured overnight it can be wet sanded to the level of the gel coat and with a perfect colour match assuming that you can pick the right colour from the Canadian Tire display rack (I had some female help with this - 40% of males are colour blind to some degree). The bottle is fitted with a built in applicator and if you get good at using it, you won't even have to wet sand as it leaves a perfectly smooth and glossy finish. The small bottles seem to contain enough paint to at least cover a toy boat. I've been using the same bottle for three years and still have three quarters of the bottle left.

Now you can spend a little more time using "Belle of the Sea" than maintaining her!

If you have a favourite maintenance tip, please pass it on to "The Bosun's Locker" via email or phone message and we'll include it in a future issue. ❖

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## News from National

### CPS Foundation

The Foundation was created by CPS to provide a fund that will help finance the creation and maintenance of new and existing course programs. The fund has grown to about \$230,000 and only the interest generated by the principal is being used. Since 1983, over \$100,000 from interest has been used by CPS to create new programs, videos, slides, etc. Anyone may contribute to the fund by cash, cheque, money order or something left in your will. Donations are made payable to the CPS Foundation and mailed to the CPS Foundation, c/o 26 Golden Gate Court, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 3A5

### Junior Navigator & Navigator Courses

We want to bring your attention to those of you interested or in the process of pursuing your JN and N courses. JN has now been discontinued. For those of you who are in the midst of your JN, you are welcome to finish your course. N will be offered until June 1, 2001. JN and N have been combined and modified to create a new course entitled Celestial Navigation (CN). If you have any questions, or are interested in taking this course, please contact our Squadron Training Officer, or National Headquarters. ❖

## Wanted: Volunteers!

Your Squadron and Bridge is need of some helping hands, warm hearts, and friendly smiles. If you are able to help us out in any way, please call Jessica at (613) 228-3182 or Rino at (613) 592-4388.

We are looking for help in the following postings:

Course Proctors, Instructor and Examiner Candidates

Telephone Committee

Special Events helpers and co-organizers

Public Relations people

Writers and Articles

Classified Ads

Advertisers

Desktop Publishers

Web page designers

MAREP and Safety Officer ❖

# 1999-2000 CPS Course Graduates

Congratulations to our Graduates for completing our courses, and meeting the high standards of education, safety and knowledge as set down by the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

## Boating – Fall 1999

**Instructor: Ken Findlay**

Robert Dandurand  
John Mitchell  
Suzanne Roberge  
John Thomas

Steve Hnatyshyn  
Jim Murton  
Mallé-Reet Ryan

## Boating – Winter 2000

**Instructor: Phil Wilcox**

Paul Echlin  
Johanne Morin  
Brett Pollock

Sharron Kavanagh  
John Thomas Partington  
Sandra Smart

## Accelerated Boating – Winter 2000 Instructor: John Moss

Stuart Joyce

## Boating Exams – Summer 2000

Gary Knee  
Devon Ayres  
Zoltan Vincze

William Hall  
Nigel Chubb

## Piloting

Jane Calder  
Fred Herrndorf

Iain Calder  
E. Shirley Smith

## Advanced Piloting

**Instructor: Keith Oscroft**

Mike Pitcher  
Tom Skinner

## Boat Pro Course – Nov 1999 Instructor: Michael Jowett

Andrew Cattell  
Bill Douglas  
James Leroux  
Eric Steigerwald  
Marc Steigerwald  
Richard Weber

Keith Cattell  
Kevin Johnstone  
Robert Leroux  
Michele Steigerwald  
Katherine Steigerwald  
Steve Weber

## Boat Pro Course – January 2000 Instructor: Michael Jowett

Paul Ledas

Pat Towell

## Boat Pro Course – March 2000 Instructor: Michael Jowett

Michael Aldham  
Graham St. Germain  
Russell Grass  
Bob Hipwell  
Dave Hipwell  
Tom Humphreys  
Andre Smith

Rick Erskin  
Troy St. Germain  
Adam Hipwell  
Christofer Hipwell  
Sheridan Hipwell  
Malcolm Pottery  
Jim Webb

## Boat Pro Course – April 2000 Instructor: Michael Jowett

Carla Backmeier  
Myra Bourne  
Tristan Hall  
Howard Harrison  
Patricia Jowett  
Dan Leduc  
Matthew Logan  
Anthea MacNeil  
Herb Metcalfe  
Jarred Picher  
Sylvie Ranger-Fernandes  
Peter Van Alstine

Glenn Backmeier  
Denis Coté  
Clara Harrison  
Melissa Jowett  
Stephanie Jowett  
Dan Logan  
Patricia Logan  
Kim Melanson  
Megan Murray  
Chris Pugh  
Katie Van Alstine  
Nancy Webb

## Boat Pro – Lac Deschenes Sailing Club

**Instructor: Mike Jowett**

TBA

## Boat Pro – Lac Deschenes Sailing Club (Session 2)

**Instructor: Fred Herrndorf**

TBA

## VHF Instructor: John From

Barry Bradley  
Stuart Hendin  
Doug MacIntyre  
Robert Pion  
Suzanne Roberge  
Rob Wilson

Ken Findlay  
Steve Hnatyshyn  
Jim Murton  
Mallé-Reet Ryan  
Kathy Wilson

## Special Events

### October, 2000 – End of Summer Party

Plans are in the works for a social evening in October to celebrate the end of summer. It has been a very busy summer for many Squadron members this year. We have some students that were dedicated and diligent in their studies and would like to celebrate their achievements. We would also like to meet our students new and old, and just share some good company over a nice glass of wine. Check back with us towards the end of September.

For more details call our voice mail (613-721-0087, and checking the website at [www.storm.ca/~bpsscps](http://www.storm.ca/~bpsscps) ❖