



Rino Thériault, AP, past Commander receives a pennant from Gisèle Gélinas our new Commander

Edward Everett Hale once said:

*"I am only one. But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything. But still I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do"*

So he is eclipsing... but before he does I do have to say just a few more words. The little time we have been privileged to have Rino as our commander has gone by very fast... I would like to thank you Rino on behalf of the Britannia squadron to have made our lives so difficult... pardon me, I mean so easy. With a man like Rino how can you resist but help.

The unifying factor amongst all of us is our love o boating and our desire to pass that love on to others which Rino did with great success.

I hear Rino plans to move east, but, I plan to keep him from being put completely to pasture by inviting him and his wife to join us at the Commander's dinner at our National Conference in 2003 in St-John's, New Brunswick.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 8/2002

Registration, Boating (Accelerated), Piloting,  
7:00 to 9:00 P.M.  
Sir Robert Borden High School

### January 19/2002

Boat Show in Toronto

### January 23/2002

Bridge meeting  
Britannia Yacht Club, 7:30 P.M.  
Sunset room!

### January 26/2002

VHF & BoatPro Seminar

### February 14/2002

Jonathan Watson & John Mason  
Radar, Electronic Charting, and  
other Boating Fun Things

### February 21-24/2002

Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage Show

### March 23/2002

VHF & BoatPro Seminar

### April 4/2002

The Stuemers - Northern Magic

With that, the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron would like to present you, Rino, with the "PAST COMMANDER'S FLAG"

And, on behalf of your friends at the District and around, here are some good wishes...

Last but not least, I would like to extend my hearth felt thanks to your wonderful wife Céline. We all understand that in the world of 'Volunteers', the family, relatives and friend's time is shared with others and for that we thank you again Céline.

I understand that Céline and you are going to spend some warm time in Spain. The BPSS would like to

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# The Running Fix



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### 2001 - 2002

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## Past Commanders

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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 Seidl
2000-2001	Jessica Austria-Henderson
2001-2001	Rino Th�riault <u>AP</u>

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# Commander's Notes



**M**y first note to you as Acting Commander of the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron. While Membership Officer, I was asked to represent our Commander at the National Conference in Kelowna last October. Let me tell you that I did not expect to take over Rino's position anytime soon! However,

having been around the energetic and capable person in the name of Rino Thériault for the last little while and under his guidance and all the help that comes from all over I am pleased to take the reins and keep this boat to good port!. I met lots of great people at the District and National levels.

I was fortunate enough to meet Don Tanner, Commander of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron as well as their Training Officer Jim MacLeod. He has invited all of us to any of their social activities. In the past, Britannia and Ottawa Squadrons have worked together at the Ottawa Sportsman's and Boat Show. We plan to do this again this year. In addition, I hope that our Squadrons will become even closer in the future. We have invited members of the Ottawa Squadron to a Travelogue with Diane and Herbert Stuemmer in April 2002. Don will pass the word to their members. As the bridge is now turning command to me I will make my absolute best to represent the BPSS.

I have also attended my first District meeting and am glad to report the following:

- Anyone interested in going to the **Boat Show** in Toronto – Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002 – The Kingston PSS is chartering a bus which is scheduled to live Kingston from the Old Beaver Lumber on Princess Street West (corner Centenniale Drive) For reservation, please contact Art Norris at 613-548-3207 or e-mail: Price: \$20.00 Depart at 07:00AM Return at 07:00PM

- Yes, we have more 'Seasons Greetings' cards for sale (YES! With boat on them) Contact any bridge members to get some \$12.00 per packages of ten (10)

cards. By the time you read this article, Christmas will have passed, however, some of you might still need some for New Year wishes. Put a reminder in next year agenda that these cards are available. CPS have informed us that a new design will be issued every year.

The District AGM is planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 in Toronto. We'll keep you informed.

Being in the Holiday spirit... not spirits...! So look into the Supply Officer's Sea Chest to give your spouse, your children or even a friend a Boating course for next year. Remember anyone operating a power-driven boat less than 4 metres in length (13.2ft), including personal water craft, have to show proof of operator competency by September 15, 2002. If a person is born after April 1, 1983 they may not operate a power-driven boat without it. "Spread the word". That's the CPS motto for 2002. Contact Rod Doney at (613) 747-9729.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the people who worked on the evening of the Travelogue last November 8<sup>th</sup>; Rod Doney, Venetia Moorhouse, Rino Thériault, Bart Tecter, with the participation of Robert Dandurand who made a very interesting presentation. Special thank goes to Ramsey from the Boat House Catering.

I am very happy to report that at the National Conference in Kelowna S/C Joan Feltham won first prize in the colour photo contest with her spectacular photograph of a Japanese Tall Ship at New York City. Congratulations Joan.

We are reporting on the BPSS Christmas dinner farther in this issue.

Even though we are always welcoming anyone to help out on any sub-committees, I am reiterating my invitation. As you can see on the Executive Committee listing we have a few vacant positions. Might you wish to try out any of them, please contact us.

The holiday season is a time to pause and consider the year that has passed – and a time to look forward to the future. It is a time for reflection, and a time to count our

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blessings. As it is our last issue before the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the support you have provided me during the past year. I am privileged to work with each and everyone of you. May 2002 bring you and your family, love, health and happiness.

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present both of you with a maple-leaf with CPS logo lapel pins. We are sure you will wear them proudly!

Since November 1<sup>st</sup>, Rino gladly assist me and other members on the bridge to facilitate the transition. I thank you for it and for the support you will, I am sure, send us from back east, as Past Commander.

Again Thank you for having serve on this bridge and it's members and good luck in your new endeavours.

Don't be a stranger, visit now and then

Gisèle Gélinas

Commander

Britannia Power and Sail Squadron

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001

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## **Don't Forget Registration!**

**Tuesday 8th of January**

**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

**Sir Robert Borden High School  
131 Greenbank Road, Nepean**

- ✓ Boating (Accelerated)
- ✓ Marine Maintenance
  - ✓ Piloting
- ✓ VHF Operator
- ✓ Boat Pro

## **Annual Christmas Dinner**

**T**he Britannia Power and Sail Squadron held its Annual Christmas Dinner at the Britannia Yacht Club

Friday December 14, 2001. Ramsey and Paul of Boathouse Catering did a magnificent job, laying out mussels, pork roast, apple sauce, new potatoes (patates nouvelles) and vegetables, capped with Black Forest Cake and Fruit Salad. There was also Pecan Tart and other goodies, but I just didn't have room left for it!

The event was ably organized by Venetia Moorhouse, who received from Acting Commander, Gisèle Gélinas, her Five Years Merit Mark Certificate marking five years of voluntarism.

Conversation at all the tables was spirited, and not only because of the wine but because of the diversity of people the Squadron attracts. After coffee, members mixed with BYC members in enjoying the entertainment. All in all, it was a great launch to the festive season.

The event was ably organized and set the stage for Acting Commander Gisèle Gélinas to finally presented Venetia Moorhouse with her Senior Five Years Merit Mark Certificate, marking five years of voluntarism . I say finally because Venetia has now accumulated six Merit Marks but is always off cruising somewhere with Ted at graduation time, when the Marks are usually handed out.



# Fall Students & Instructors



Back row, left to right: Teacher: Bertrand Southière, Students: Michael Clapman, Iain Calder, Daniel Leonard, Geoff Kelland, Teacher John Moss **Front row, left to right:** Students: Ann MacGillivray, Jane Williamson, Jane Calder, Jean Kammermayer, Jean-Paul Lacroix *N.B. : Some students might not have been there on the day the picture was taken.*

## COMMUNICATING together...

Now more than ever, we need a good vehicle to spread the word around.

In communication today, things are somewhat simpler. E-mail arrives instantly...

Members,

if you want it, support it by using and contributing.

Update your e-mail address to have instant news by sending a note to our Membership officer at [giselegelinas@hotmail.com](mailto:giselegelinas@hotmail.com) who will then pass it to National Headquarters so that their database will be updated.

Also, to the greatest extent possible all business, news and articles of interest will be posted on the web site. It is therefore possible for you to keep up to date on BPSS courses, activities on a day to day basis. Accordingly, it is recommended that all BPSS members having access to the Internet visit our web site regularly. This will ensure that you have all the latest relevant news, information and articles of the day.

With this advance of technology we are now able to provide a lot more content in a timely manner. As a result you will find that as the site develops there will be many more pictures and articles than we have been able to display in the past. For instance when we take pictures at the next event you can expect to find them on the BPSS web site shortly after the event. Who knows? You could find yourself there on the World Wide Web as we report on that gala event. With this new content we hope to enhance membership participation and attract new members which in turn will contribute to improving safe boating on our waterways.

### Volunteers Needed !

To work the BPSS/OPSS exhibit at the  
**Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage Show**

February 21 - 24

Lansdowne Park  
1015 Bank Street

For further information contact:

Gisèle Gélinas at: (819) 669-7515 or  
e-mail at: [giselegelinas@hotmail.com](mailto:giselegelinas@hotmail.com)

# SCHEHEREADE

This is the continuing story of

## Wilf Pilsworth's log and Dave Budd on "SCHEHEREADE"

They had left Kilarney and travelled down Lake Huron to Sarnia then down the rivers and now they are arriving into Lake Erie.

Around 11:00 am we cleared the river and entered into Lake Erie and could point the boat in an easterly direction. Our longitude west was 83 degrees 10 minutes and according to Dave the farthest west Scherezade has been this year. Pelee Island is at 41 degrees 48 minutes point 77 seconds north and is Canada's furthest south inhabited location.

Flies again attacked us in numbers. We won the battle and stymied the pesky invaders but not without casualties. Wilf's fly swatter was damaged in the heat of battle and had to be splinted and duck taped before returning to action.

By my calculation, I am the first Pilsworth to set foot on Pelee Island since 1925. In those days my uncle Joe whom I never met, used to come here with his cronies to hunt.

Dave prepared a great supper. We had barbecue steak, fresh green beans, baby carrots, and potatoes. The house red went down very smoothly. How could anyone ask for more?

Scutters Marina is quiet and not like last night when a big cruiser decided to leave about 12:45 in the am. And to think that earlier in the evening I helped him to tie up.

To date we have travelled 300 nautical miles. Tomorrow we are aiming for Rondeau Park and its' harbor called Erieau.

August 31, Thursday: Thursday turned out to be a good sailing day. Once clear of Point Pelee it was a "no sweat" reach to Erieau.

The main excitement was the result of two power cruisers, going like hell on auto pilot. They came at us from dead astern. The first one passed us to starboard 100 feet off. The second one was closing quickly on us, on a collision course. Dave's air horn

blast awakened the idiot who drastically altered his course and sped by to port. (I'm guessing they were drug runners.) The marina at Erieau was the most expensive one we visited! There was even an additional charge to use the washrooms! The marina was mainly filled with American fishermen in their very big cruisers. They were also very boisterous!

Dave went exploring and found us a great place to eat in this summer resort. The meal and service made up for many of the deficiencies of the marina .

Around 2 AM our sleep was shattered by the arrival of 2 American yachts. The noise of their engines was puzzling and foreign to me. The sound was something you could not rationalize and required getting up to see what caused the noise. Dave was already on deck and helping the boat tie up next to us.

After a short deliberation on our chances of getting some more shut-eye, we decided to cast off and set sail for Port Mainland 112 nautical miles east.

September 1, Friday: Turn on the running lights and fire up the diesel , because we are underway. It's 02:30 in the morning under a starlit sky.

Once clear of the harbour and settled away, Dave took the first watch, while Wilf crawled back into his bunk. A couple of hours later the pattern was reversed. Wilf clipped on his safety harness and David went below.

The skipper did double duty. He not only stood his watch but made breakfast as well. His specialty is blueberry pancakes and are they good! September 1" was Lake Erie's day to be calm. Consequently we powered the entire trip with minimal assistance from the wind. To pass the time we observed streams of green algae blooms streaming off our stern wave; spotted oil drilling rigs at work and other rigs under tow to new drilling locations, fishing boats with no running lights, satellites flaring across the sky, aircraft travelling to

many airports of the world, and the lakers and salties either up-bound or down-bound.

Port Maitland Sailing Club turned out to be helpful and generous but not necessarily very clear on the light characteristics of their harbour. We were met by no less than four members who assisted us in docking. Then there was an invitation to sit and join them in a beer. After a pleasant interlude we said good night. Sleep came quickly after our 21 hour day.

September 2, Saturday: Morning found us fogged in. You could not see across the Grand River; however, this gave us an opportunity to chat with the early risers. Later there was time for a hot shower and shave. By ten thirty the fog started to lift so we slipped our lines and headed for Port Colborne .

Upon our arrival at Port Colborne the word was no room at the inn. It was the Labour Day weekend. The only alternative was the Welland Canal assembly area near lock 8. There was one power cruiser at the docks when we arrived. The

skipper of "Heat Seeker" said he had been waiting for 4 hours but would be cleared through the canal in a few hours. Since our plans to have Nickola rejoin the boat at Port Colborne were arbitrarily changed, Dave decided that we should join the cue and lock through with Heat Seeker.

At four PM we were given the go ahead sign and proceeded to enter lock 8 and our decent to Lake Ontario was underway. Lock 8 was a drive through. Lock 7 was the real test which proved very easy and required little manual labour. Downbound is much much easier than Upbound!

By 11:45 PM we exited the canal and tied up at the Port Weller assembly area. Our passage through would have been an hour sooner had we not been delayed by an upbound laker.

Overall, it was an interesting and pleasant experience.

***TO BE CONTINUED !!***

***Merry Christmas***

# They're back !!!

**Jonathan Watson & John Mason**

on

Thursday, February 14/2002,

at

Britannia Yacht Club 7:15 P.M.

***“Radar, Electronic Charting, and other Boating Fun Things”***

See you there !

# Coming Soon

## "THE STUEMERS"

If you can't remember! they, as a family, travelled around the world on their sailboat. Their story was published weekly in the Ottawa Citizen.



Northern Magic

Photo by: Bruce Starling

Thursday, April 4/02  
Britannia Yacht Club  
7:15 P.M.

Pictures & Story

# Confused?



If you operate a power-driven boat less than 4 metres in length (13.2 ft), including personal watercraft, you have to show proof of operator competency by September 15, 2002\*.

Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (CPS) has the courses and study material to assist you. To find the Squadron nearest you, or to order material, go to [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) or call 1-888-CPS-BOAT (277-2628).

\*If you were born after April 1, 1983, you cannot operate a power-driven boat, including PWCs, without proof of operator competency right now!



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