

To: Members of Britannia Power & Sail Squadron

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Britannia Squadron will be held at Britannia Yacht Club on Wednesday May 1st, 2002 at 1930 for the purposes of:

- receiving and if thought fit, approving the reports of officers of the squadron;
- receiving and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statement of the squadron for the year ending March 31st, 2002, and the report of the Squadron Auditor, thereon;
- electing the officers of the squadron;
- appointing the Squadron Auditor, and;
- considering such further business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the Squadron Nominating Committee was posted in the April 2002 Running Fix. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than five members of this squadron, who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2002.

Howard Peck, SN

Acting Commander

Dates to Remember

April 17th, at 19:30

Bridge Meeting, BYC

April 30th

Membership Renewal Deadline

May 1st

BPS Annual General Meeting
Britannia Yacht Club

May 3rd and 4th,

Annual District Conference
Smith Falls, ON.

May 30th

Graduation
Barbeque & Sail on Blackjack

Membership Renewal Notes

In addition to the normal means of paying your dues you may pay them via your bank by using any of the various forms of electronic banking or even over the internet at the CPS web site:
<http://cpsdues.cps-ecp.ca/>

Here is your chance to make sure your data is correct, address, phone numbers, e-mail address may be updated at this time.

Changes from last year's Roster with respect to boat or mooring should be forwarded to Bill Hall at: va3wmh@rac.ca. If you previously sent an update it would be appreciated if you could re-send since a computer crash destroyed some changes previously received.



NEWS RELEASE

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April 9, 2002

I-68 Canadian Border Boat Landing Program To Resume

WASHINGTON – The Immigration & Naturalization Service's (INS) District Director, _____ has announced that the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program shall be resumed with additional security enhancements.

The INS suspended the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program after the terrorist attacks of September 11. Due to enhanced security measures along our borders, both the Canadian Border Boat Landing Permits (Form I-68) and the Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS) programs have been modified for the 2002 boating season.

Only the current Form I-68, revised January 31, 2002, will be accepted this season. The Form I-68 will not be renewable by mail. Each applicant must appear in person for inspection, interview, and a name query against the Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS). The names and dates of birth of children under 14 years of age must be listed on one or both parents' Form I-68. If approved, a three-part Form I-68 will be issued to each applicant age 14 years and older. Each part of Form I-68 will bear the photograph and fingerprint of the applicant. The fees for both individuals and families will remain the same.

Under the Form I-68 program, applicants for admission into the United States by small pleasure boats are inspected and issued a single boating permit for the entire boating season. This permit enables them to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes without the need to report to INS for further inspection. United States citizens or lawful permanent residents and Canadian citizens or landed immigrants of Canada are eligible to apply for Form I-68. For those who are not United States Citizens (USCs) or lawful permanent residents of the United States, Form I-68 authorizes admission within the immediate shore area of the United States for no more than 72 hours at a time.

Boaters not in possession of a valid Form I-68 must either report in person for inspection at a port-of-entry or utilize one of the 33 OARS videophone stations each time they apply for admission to the United States. Under the OARS program, videophones installed at public marinas along the Canadian border provide an automated inspection service enabling two-way visual and audio communication between the inspector and the applicant for admission. Any non-USC who does not comply with these procedures will be subject to adverse actions under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Further information on the northern border small boat inspections program may be obtained from the INS internet site located at www.ins.gov or by calling a local port-of-entry.

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