

## COMMANDERS NOTES

*(from Acting Commander Howard Peck, SN)*

Once again, we have had a change in Commander of Britannia Squadron. Unfortunately, Gisele Gelinhas has had to resign her position as Commander due to family reasons. We shall miss her, and all her former bridge mates extend their thanks and best wishes for the future.

At its February meeting the Squadron Bridge appointed me Acting Commander until elections are held at the Annual General Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. I am quite happy to discharge these duties since they are all familiar from when I served as Commander in 1988-1990. At the February meeting I was also appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee and as you see elsewhere in the Running Fix, we are well on the way to fielding a strong Bridge in the coming year.

Your Bridge met in March and will meet again on April 17. So it is business as usual!

I mentioned the AGM and I hope that you will attend in order to keep in the picture on squadron activities and exercise your voting rights. A refreshment will be provided.

At the end of May we are going to do something quite different for Graduation on May 30, and it is hoped that this will stimulate participation. Instead of the traditional sit down dinner it is planned to have a BBQ and cruise on the Blackjack. Space on Blackjack will be limited with preference at the front of the queue given to graduates, instructors, and proctors.

It is membership renewal season and you can now avoid the fuss of mailing. This year you can renew your membership on-line. It is slick, swift, effective and reduces the effort to a minimum. Take a moment to renew your membership and continue the benefits and fraternity of being part of CPS.

This is my only opportunity to speak to all members before the boating season. Our classes have become quite small regardless that there are thousands of boaters in our region that has not taken a safe boating course. Previous surveys indicated that formal advertisements do not entice many students. The most effective way to get someone into the classroom is by word of mouth. So, this summer, I urge every member to seek out students for fall courses and I challenge you to take an advanced or elective course.

## FALL REGISTRATION

SAT SEP 07 0900-1200 Sir Robert Borden H.S.

TUE SEP 10 1800-1900 Sir Robert Borden H.S.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is information on Operator Competency Requirements for motor driven vessels and Age and Power Restrictions. These will answer any questions from prospective students.

Hope you have an enjoyable and safe boating season.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 19:30**

Bridge Meeting, BYC

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

BPS Annual General Meeting  
Britannia Yacht Club

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>,**

Annual District Conference  
Smith Falls, ON.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Graduation  
Barbeque & Sail on Blackjack

## Boat Sorcery and Electronic Wizardry

John Mason and Jonathan Watson dazzled their electronic crowd at their annual squadron seminar in February at Britannia Yacht Club. The subject was obviously new.

They promoted the use of the lead line when anchoring, especially in heavily weeded bays where depth sounders will give false readings. Lead lines can go wrong, like electronics however, especially if you let go of the line!

The old chip and log method for measuring speed was described if ever your speedometer gets clogged with weeds.

A beautiful Walker log was on display along with all of that electronic wizardry stuff.

Yes, they did explain how depth and speed, radar, electronic charts (ex. difference between vector and raster) and a bunch of other black boxes work, along with the strengths and weaknesses and pricing and sources; so if you are interested in magic, you had better attend next year!

They gave out lots of tips, like the best cost/value for a lap top that will work in a maritime environment, but until I get my hands on one I am not letting the secret out. Does anyone have an older Panasonic Tuff Book for sale? Contact Gratton Sheely. I will definitely be in attendance next year if I am not in the Caribbean.

Gratton Sheely

# The Running Fix



## Squadron Executive 2001 - 2002

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Historian	<i>vacant</i>
Past Commander	P/Cdr Jessica Austria-Henderson P/Cdr Laura Seidl P

## 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 Seidl
2000-2001	Jessica Austria-Henderson
2001-2001	Rino Thériault <u>AP</u>

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# Squadron Nominating Committee

APRIL, 2002

To: Members of Britannia Squadron

The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as squadron officers for 2002-2003.

Squadron Commander	Christopher Brown, S
Executive Officer	Nelson Hardy, <u>AP</u>
Training Officer	TBA
Secretary	Robert Dundurand
Treasurer	Robin Dingwell, <u>AP</u>
Public Relations Officer	TBA
Membership Officer	TBA
Supply Officer	Rod Doney
Assistant Training Officer	Fred Herndorf, P
Assistant Training Officer	Bart Tector
Activities Officer	TBA
Historian	Larry Brown, <u>AP</u>
Communications Officer	William M. Hall, P
Port Captain	Larry Brown, <u>AP</u>
Records Officer	David Goddard, S
Safety Officer	Burton Blais

The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following CPS member for appointment by the members as:

Auditor of Britannia Squadron: Walter Bilous

The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that in the absence of an Immediate Past Commander and Past Commander once removed, the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2002-2003 will consist of the elected Commander and two members to be appointed by the Squadron Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Howard Peck, SN P/Cdr  
Chairman

Ken Findlay, JN  
Member

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Fred Herndorf  
Member

## COMPLETE CERTIFICATE SENIOR NAVIGATOR N SN

At its February meeting the CPS Governing Board voted unanimously to change the title of our most senior educational grade from Complete Certificate to Senior Navigator.

The term "Complete or "Full" Certificate has been a misnomer for many years since it is not necessary for a member to have taken all courses to qualify for the grade. Changing the grade designation to Senior Navigator eliminates the discrepancy and still recognizes the members accomplishment in passing the specified courses.

In Britannia Squadron four of our members have achieved this milestone...Denis Clements, Colin Nicholson, Jim Dyer and Howard Peck.

## OPERATOR COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

All operators of motor driven craft born after April 1, 1983 required proof of competency beginning September 15, 1999.

All operators of motor driven craft under 4 m in length, including PWCs require proof of competency by September 15, 2002.

All operators of motor driven craft require proof of competency September 15, 2009.

## AGE - HORSEPOWER RESTRICTIONS

Under 12 years and not accompanied by someone 16 years of older      Max 10 hp (7.5kw)

Between 12 and under 16 years, and not accompanied by someone 16 years or older      Max 40 hp (30kw)

Under 16 years      Not allowed to operate PWCs

16 years and older      No power restrictions.

# **CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS** **ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE**



## **RIDEAU DISTRICT**

### **Report of District Nominating Committee**

1.

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2002-2003:

District Commander (D/C)	John Boocock, JN (Kingston)
District Executive Officer (D/Lt/C)	Barry Brown, (Brockville)
District Training Officer D/Lt/C)	Robert Wellwood, (Kingston)
District Administrative Officer (D/Lt/C)	Judy Hume, (Kingston)
District Secretary (D/Lt)	Freda Boocock (Kingston)
District Treasurer (D/Lt)	Christopher Brown, <u>AP</u> (Britannia)
District Public Relations Officer (D/Lt)	Fred Peterson, S (Kingston)
District Membership Officer (D/Lt)	Kathleen Hopkins, S (Ottawa)
District MAREP Officer (D/Lt)	Steven Testart, <u>AP</u> (Britannia)
District Electronic Communications (D/Lt)	To be advised
District Govt/Environ Officer (D/Lt)	Hans von Rosen, AP (Rideau Lakes)
District Assistant Training Officer (D/Lt)	To be advised
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2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates as :

District Auditor P/D/C Marilyn Gowan, S

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Howard Peck,SN

D/C Ron Hume, JN

P/D/C Stuart McNeely, AP  
(Chairman)

3. Additional nominations may be submitted by petition in writing signed by not less than five members of the district. Such nominations must be filed with the Secretary no less than two days before the meeting.
4. The District Nominating Committee for 2002-2003 will be: P/D/C Ron Hume, JN (Chairman); P/D/C Stuart McNeely, AP; and D/C John Boocock, JN

# 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, across Lake Erie and down the Welland Canal and now they are arriving into Lake Ontario.

September 3, Sunday: We're back on Lake Ontario and heading for 50 Mile Point Marina & Yacht Club. There is no wind. The water has an oily appearance, so it is motoring weather. By utilizing the charts, GPS, auto pilot and motor our four hour cruise to the marina was not very onerous. We had lots of time to snooze, stare at the shoreline and recount our passage through the Welland Canal.

50 Mile Point Marina & Yacht Club turns out to be the most attractive marina we have visited. It is part of the Hamilton Regional Conservation Authority Park system. In addition to the marina there is a beach area, picnic grounds, a trout pond, playing fields and parking for RVs. It is most impressive.

After taking on diesel, pumping out and tying up in a visitor's slip, there was time for a warm shower & shave. Around 2 PM Nickola arrived with provisions for our final legs of the journey. She also brought the Saturday edition of the Globe & Mail. It was nice to catch up on what was happening throughout the world.

Later in the afternoon we drove to Grimsby to have dinner with Joanne and her fiancée Rob. With some assistance from mom, Jo & Rob prepared an excellent meal for us seafarers.

I enjoyed meeting the young couple and seeing their new home. Nickola drove us back to the boat and shortly after sunset both Dave and I turned in, to catch up on some lost sleep from the previous two nights.

The weather has turned hot and muggy.

September 4, Monday: The weather has changed! The temperature has dropped dramatically. The cabin temperature reads 18 degrees Celsius. The wind has piped-up to 20 to 25 knots out of the north and northeast.

Today is not cut out for us; what with the wind right on our nose and building up very large swells. Dave wisely elected to stay put in the marina and I agreed.

This afforded us the chance of again having supper with Nickola, Joanne and Rob. Tonight it was pub fare in Grimsby and Dave's treat. As we prepare for bed the wind is still howling so we will have to see what tomorrow brings. With blasts of thirty knots in the harbour area, sleep was somewhat fitful.

September 5, Tuesday: Weather conditions have not changed. It's windy, cool and blowing right out of the north and east. C'est la vie! We will spend another day at Fifty Mile Marina,

Two boats are going to brave the elements, one yacht is heading to Niagara on the Lake, while the other one was steering a course for Bronte. Two other yachts have arrived, one from Etobicoke and the other from Port Credit. We chatted with Dave & Linda about their trip in "Cloud Nine" a C&C 29. They thought it was a great sail having made the trip in 4 3/4 hours. It was record time for them.

Hopefully the winds will abate or blow from a different direction so we can resume our trip tomorrow.

September 6, Wednesday: When we heard the traffic noise from the QE Way that was the clue to go sailing. By 6:45 AM we were clear of the harbour and under sail. Double reefed we started knocking off the miles towards our next stopping point. By 13:00 hours we were 5 or 6 miles south of Toronto's CN tower. That's when the wind backed into the east and we were forced into motor sailing. Our destination was Oshawa.

During the 52 nautical miles we were never out of sight of the CN tower and Toronto's many skyscrapers. The CN tower is nothing more than a great big navigation aid!

We entered Oshawa harbour about 17:00 hours and were soon tied up and enjoying a cool tonic with lime in the lounge of the Oshawa Yacht Club.

September 7, Thursday: We departed Oshawa in time to watch the sun rise. It was a magnificent sight. Both of us were clipped on and totally enjoying the thrill of cresting down the huge rollers. It was hard work controlling the boat as it was picked up by these huge waves. Whoever was on the helm had to wrestle the wheel to keep the boat over its keel. It was an energetic activity!

Like yesterday the wind softened around one o'clock and it was time to motor through the lumpy seas. Fortunately as the day wore on the seas settled and the passage was quite comfortable. The GPS served us well and delivered us to Presqu'ile Bay and the entrance to the Murray Canal. Here we moored for the evening because the bridge over the canal only opens between 9:00 AM and 16:00 PM. We arrived at 17:00 hours.

After supper Dave treated me to an ice cream cone "Orange & Pineapple" The colour was almost fluorescent but tasted great.

As I write we are listening to some beautiful classical music from CBC radio. It is a pleasant way to wile away an evening after a 54 nautical mile sail.

September 8, Friday: We are off to a late start .It is 9:00 AM; however, we couldn't go very far until the bridge operator arrived to let us pass. With 3 other boats behind us we steamed down the canal towards the Bay of Quinte

Once clear of the canal it was up with the main and the start of a down hill slide throughout the length of the Bay of Quinte. Our average speed was 5.5 knots. While revelling in our good fortune, there were storm clouds surrounding us. They looked ominous but did not cross our path.

Long Reach lived up to its reputation. It was a case of long and short tacks with strong puffs and then lulls; however, once past the Glenora ferry docks we were back on a broad reach down the Adolphus Reach at 5 to 6 knots.

It was a sail to remember: wing & wing, small swells, the sound of gurgling water along the hull, the sun setting like a fireball only to be replaced by the moon and its silvery tether stretching across the water. All of these memories were complemented by Dave's culinary skills. Dinner was served in the cockpit, steak, potatoes, three vegetables all cooked to perfection.

But all good things must sooner or later come to an end. And so it was for us as we entered Collins Bay shortly after sunset. Six hundred and fifty -seven nautical miles from Killarney to Collins Bay Yacht Club, **Scherezade's home port** in Kingston.

Thanks Dave for inviting me to join you on this two week adventure.

# A Special Request

Received via e-mail

The World Canal Conference is being held this September in Montreal. My wife and I and another couple would like to attend. However it is very far to travel for just 3 days. We are looking at the possibility of swapping a boat preferably on the Rideau either before or after the conference for 10 - 14 days. This is probably the only chance we will ever get to go boating in Canada.

## Now for some details:

Boat :Our boat Duiske is a steel Dutch style motor cruiser, 34' X 11' . She is fitted out as a comfortable family boat with all mod cons. She is ideal for a family as there are 7 berths, or for 2 couples. We have travelled all the waterways in Ireland in her both summer and winter. See [www.iwai.ie](http://www.iwai.ie) for charts and details of the Irish waterways. Duiske is usually berthed in Shannon Harbour where the Grand Canal meets the Shannon. Duiske is available to swap almost anytime this year or next year.

## Transport:

The easiest way to get here is to fly to either Dublin or Shannon.

See [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com) from Boston

[www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com) from Toronto

We can arrange transport from either airport

## Crew:

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## Another Special Request

“When requesting a personal information data (address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.) change please include your CPS membership number with your request. This will make it easy for headquarters staff to find your records in the data base and help ensure that they are updating the correct ones. Thanks.”

David Goddard, S

*Ed Note: Dave handles incoming correspondence from the website.*

Mike & Rosaleen Miller

We have been Cruising on the Irish waterways for over 30 years. In the last few years we have swapped for boats in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. We are presently building a 56ft steel boat in the back garden and plan to launch her in 2 years to liveaboard in Europe. Rosaleen is the National Secretary for the (IWAI) Inland Waterways Association of Ireland. I can get by in French but Rosaleen is fully fluent.

If you know of any interested people we can E-mail photos and full details.

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## “Found” Nav. Equipment Donated to BPS

Amazing what you can find as you do a winter sort through that old sea chest. Ask John Murray, AP. A BPS member since 1972, two years a member of the BPS Bridge and two years an instructor, John recently found a sextant and a pelorus and generously donated both to the squadron. He’s now looking for an artificial horizon and its ours if ever he puts his hands on it. John sails his CS34 Coromandel out of Gananoque.

The BPS wishes to thank John Murray for donating to the Squadron a sextant and a pelorus for use at our discretion. These will, no doubt, come in handy.

# CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE

RIDEAU DISTRICT

## 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, 3 & 4 May 2002

- PLACE:** The Mariners Inn (under new management & completely refurbished)  
33 Centre St., Smiths Falls, Ontario K7A 3B8
- PROGRAM:**
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| Friday:   | Informal no host Dinner          | The Smiths Falls Restaurant                           |
| Evening   | followed by<br>Hospitality Suite | (17 Chambers Street)<br>District's Room, Mariners Inn |
| Saturday: | 0930 Coffee                      | Harbour Room, Mariners Inn                            |
|           | 1000 Annual Training Meeting     | Harbour Room  |
|           | 1200 Conference Lunch            | Harbour Room  |
|           | 1430 Annual General Meeting      | Harbour Room  |
|           | 1700 Commanders Reception        | District's Room (Hospitality)                         |
|           | 1830 Conference Dinner           | Harbour Room  |
- COSTS:**
- Accommodation: \$55.00 (King size bed) \$60.00 (2 Queen size beds) per night (plus taxes) including continental breakfast at no charge.
- Meals: Conference Dinner (Prime Rib) \$20.00 per person (Cdn)  
Conference Lunch \$10.00 per person (Cdn)

### RESERVATIONS:

**CONFERENCE MEALS:** Please make reservations with Rideau District either by mailing the tear-off slip below or by e-mail. Reservations should be received by April 19, 2002

**ACCOMMODATION:** Contact the Mariners Inn by mail (address above), by phone 613-283-5150 or Fax 613-283-5000. Our block of rooms will be held until April 26.

**Dress for Saturday:** Uniform F, blazer ensemble or jacket and tie  
**Door Prize for Dinner:** 2 Dinner Tickets

### MEAL RESERVATION SLIP

Mail this completed slip or e-mail the information by April 19, 2002 to:

D/Lt/C Kathleen Hopkins  
Unit 92, 3691 Albion Rd. S.  
Gloucester, ON K1T 1P2.

e-mail: [hopskot@sympatico.ca](mailto:hopskot@sympatico.ca)  
Tel: 613-248-9217

I enclose my cheque payable to Rideau District in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to reserve \_\_\_ Conference Lunch(es) and/or \_\_\_ Conference Dinners. I understand that monies cannot be refunded if I cancel after April 26.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province or State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal or Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Britannia Power & Sail Squadron 2001/2002 GRADUATION**



## **Barbeque & Sail on Black Jack**

**Thursday, 30th May  
Britannia Yacht Club  
2777 Cassels Street**

**For further details &  
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