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DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 7th **BPSS Annual General Meeting**
7:30 PM - BYC
- May 9th & 10th **Rideau District Conference**
McIntosh Country Inn
Morrisburg, Ontario
- May 10th **Rideau District AGM**
2:30 PM - McIntosh Country Inn
Morrisburg Ontario

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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 Seidl
2000-2001	Jessica Austria-Henderson
2001-2002	Rino Thériault

Squadron General Information

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Two weeks ago it was -20 and I was virtually alone night skiing at Camp Fortune. This weekend I am going to take the cover off my boat. What a climate!

Please note, elsewhere in this issue, notices of meeting for both Britannia Power Squadron and Rideau District. Please try and attend. The reports of Squadron and District Nominating Committees are also published.

I'm delighted to report that our Squadron Bridge will remain intact for 03-04. Some folks will be wearing different hats as you will see in the report of the Nominating Committee.

We were extremely well represented at the recent Ottawa Sportsman Show. Our booth, organized by Nels Hardy, stocked by Bill Hall and assembled by Peter Bartosek was the best ever. Thanks to all squadron members who participated in manning the booth.

We registered for spring training after the show, hoping to parley public interest into students. The jury is still out on how successful our efforts were.

Graduation is scheduled for mid June. More information will follow as plans firm up.

See you at the AGM. ❖

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 7, 2003 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, 2003, 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 2003 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 26th day of March, 2003.

Christopher Brown, S
Commander

Report of the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron Nominating Committee 2003-2004

To the Members of the Britannia Squadron

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for the election as Squadron Officers for 2003-2004:

Commander (Cdr)	Nels Hardy	Ottawa
Executive Officer (Lt/C)	Fred Herrndorf	Nepean
Training Officer (Lt/C)	Jean Dupuis	Nepean
Secretary (1 st Lt)	Robert Dandurand	Ottawa
Treasurer (1 st Lt)	Robin Dingwell	Nepean
Public Rel. Off. (1 st Lt)	Vacant	
MAREP /Safety Off. (1 st Lt)	Burton Blais	South Mountain
Merbership Officer (1 st Lt)	Christopher Brown	Ottawa
Supply & Regalia Off. (1 st Lt)	Rod Doney	Gloucester
Historian & Port Capt'n	Larry Brown	Ottawa

2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers, with the rank of First Lieutenant, who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 6.2.1(d):

Assist. Training Off. (1 st Lt)		
Comm. Officer (1 st Lt)	Bill Hall	Orleans
Activities Officer (1 st Lt)	Peter Bartosek	Aylmer
Records Officer (1 st Lt)	David Goddard	Ottawa

3. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Auditor of the Squadron:

Auditor	Steve Testart	587 Bourne Place, Kingston
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Britannia Power and Sail Squadron

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Britannia Yacht Club

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

19h30

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Notice of meeting
3. Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held May 1,2002
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Reports of the Officers
7. Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee
8. Election of Officers
9. Squadron Change-of-Watch
10. New Business
11. Next meeting
12. Termination

Britannia Power and Sail Squadron

THIRTY-EIGHT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Britannia Yacht Club
Wednesday, May 1, 2002

19h30

DRAFT MINUTES

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron is called to order at 19:35 by Acting Cdr. Howard Peck who takes the Chair. Lt. Robert Dandurand acts as Secretary of the meeting.

1. Roll Call

The Secretary advises the Chair that a quorum of members is present and, therefore, the meeting is properly constituted for the transaction of business. A copy of the attendance list is attached to these minutes.

2. Notice of meeting

The Chair advises the meeting that the Notice calling this Annual General Meeting had been duly given in accordance with the regulations. Notice was given in the Spring 2002 Supplemental issue of the Running Fix.

3. Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held April 26, 2001

The Secretary advises that copies of the Minutes of the 37th AGM held on April 26, 2001 are available to members in this room.

Motion: Ken Finlay moves that the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with, that they be adopted as presented, and signed by the Chair and Secretary of this meeting.

Second: Venetia Moorhouse seconds the motion.

Vote: The motion is carried unanimously.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

There is no business arising from the April 26, 2001 minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Chair indicates that the Auditor, Mr. Bilous, has advised the Treasurer's report has been done in accordance with accounting and business practices and that everything is in order.

Treasurer 1st Lt. Robin Dingwell explains the deficit of approx. \$2,5000.00 and calls for recruiting new members and raise student enrollment. Our fixed costs have remained constant. He indicates we did very well with the Stuemers travelogues, showing a \$1,000.00 profit. He provides the Balance Sheet (Net Worth of \$16,032.02), the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002) and the Comparative Figures (from 1995 to 2002).

In response from a question from the floor about what is being done to promote enrollment, A/Cdr Peck replies that the grassroots must prevail on members to bring some students in and upgrade their own skills. The CCG will require, in short order, that courses be followed, rather than the current exam process, therefore we must grab the lion's share of the market. Lobby groups favour the challenge process whereas we favour education.

Motion: Robin Dingwell moves that the Treasurer's Report adopted as presented.

Second: Joan Feltham seconds the motion.

Vote: The motion is carried unanimously.

6. Reports of the Officers

- 6.1 A/Commander Howard Peck
- 6.2 Squadron Training Officer
- 6.3 Activities Officer by Venetia Moorhouse
- 6.4 Membership and Public Relations by Howard Peck
- 6.5 Supplies Officer by Rod Doney
- 6.6 Greetings from District Commander Ron Humes

Motion: Stu McNeilly moves that the Officers' Reports be adopted as presented.
Second: Burton Blais seconds the motion.
Vote: The motion is carried unanimously.

7. Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee

The Squadron Nominating Committee consisted of Howard Peck, as Chair, Ken Findlay, and Fred Herrdorf. The nominees' names were published in the Spring 2002 issue of the Running Fix and they are:

Commander	Chris Brown
Executive Officer	Nelson Hardy
Secretary	Robert Dandurand
Training Officer	Bart Tector
Financial Officer	Robin Dingwell
Public Relations Officer	Vacant
Supply and Regalia Officer	Rod Doney
Activities Officer	Peter Bartosek
Membership Officer	Vacant
Deputy Training Officer	Burton Blais
Deputy Training Officer	John T Partington

and Walter Bilous (2134 Hubbard Crescent, Gloucester, K1J 6L2 at 613 749-4343) will act as Auditor for 2001-2002.

8. Election of Officers

Howard Peck asks the Secretary to cast a single ballot for the election of the nominees, which is done, and declares the officers elected.

9. Squadron Change-of-Watch

Howard Peck asks the new Commander, Chris Brown, and the newly elected Bridge Officers to come forward. District Commander Ron Hume is asked to officiate the Pledge of Office, hand the pennants. He proffers congratulations.

10. New Business

10.1 The new Bridge Officers are congratulated and the out-going Officers are thanked for their hard work and contributions, as are the members of the Squadron Nominating Committee.

10.2 No new business is called from the floor.

11. Next meeting:

The next AGM will be held on or approximately May 2, 2002 at a location to be determined.

12. Termination

Motion: Nelson Hardy moves that the meeting be ended.

Second: Howard Peck seconds the motion.

Vote: The motion is carried unanimously.

The Cdr. adjourned the AGM at 20:20.
(Minutes prepared by the Secretary, 1st Lt Robert Dandurand)

Approved by Chair/Date

Approved by Secretary/Date

**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE
RIDEAU DISTRICT**

32nd ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, 9 & 10 May 2003

PLACE: McIntosh Country Inn, 12495 County Road 2, Box 1140, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0

PROGRAM:	Friday:	Informal no host Dinner	McIntosh Country Inn Restaurant
	Evening	followed by Hospitality Suite	Dundas Room
	Saturday:	0930 Coffee	McIntosh Room
		1000 Annual Training Meeting	McIntosh Room
		1200 Conference Lunch	McIntosh Room
		1430 Annual General Meeting	McIntosh Room
		1700 Commanders Reception	Dundas Room (Hospitality Suite)
		1830 Conference Dinner	McIntosh Room

COSTS: Accommodation: \$65.00 per night (Corporate Rate)

Meals:	Conference Dinner	\$20.00 per person (Cdn) (\$14.00 US funds)
	Conference Lunch	\$10.00 per person (Cdn) (\$7.00 US funds)

RESERVATIONS:

CONFERENCE MEALS:- Please make reservations with Rideau District by mailing the tear-off form below. Conference reservations should be received no later than April 25, 2003

ACCOMMODATION: - Contact the McIntosh Country Inn by mail (address above), by phone 613-543-3788, 1-888-229-2850, Fax 613-543-3160 or E-mail info@mcintoshcountryinn.com. (As this is a very popular location, rooms will be booked on a first come, first served basis.)

DRESS: - Uniform F, Blazer ensemble, or (men) jacket & tie and (ladies) suitable wear.

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this completed form with remittance by April 25, 2003 to:

D/Lt/C Judith-Ann Hume
22 Conacher Drive, Tel: 613-542-8537
Kingston, Ontario, K7K 2W3.

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: _____

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE

RIDEAU DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at the McIntosh Country Inn, Morrisburg, Ontario on Saturday 10 May 2003 at 1430 for the purposes of: a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of the Officers of the District; b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month period ending March 31 2003 and the Report of the District Auditor thereon; c) electing the Officers of the District; d) appointing the District Auditor; e) considering such further other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this Notice. Under the District Regulations any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of the District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the Meeting.

Dated: 20 February 2003. Signed "Freda Boocock", "John Boocock" District Secretary

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2003/2004

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, <u>AP</u> (Kingston)
District Administrative Officer (D/Lt/C)	Jean-Yves Bordeleau, (Cornwall)
District Secretary (D/Lt)	John Boocock JN (Kingston)
District Treasurer (D/Lt)	Don Tanner, <u>AP</u> (Ottawa)
District Public Relations Officer (D/Lt)	Fred Peterson, S (Kingston)
District Membership Officer (D/Lt)	Kathleen Hopkins, S (Ottawa)
District MAREP Officer (D/Lt)	To be advised
District Electronic Communications Off. (D/Lt)	John Boocock, JN (Kingston)
District Govt/Environment Officer (D/Lt)	Hans von Rosen, AP (Rideau Lakes)
District Assistant Training Officer (Dt/Lt)	Bill Kerr, S (Ottawa)
District Assistant Training Officer (D/Lt)	Gord Binnington, (Kingston)

2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates P/D/C Marilyn Gowan, S as District Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Ron Hume JN
(Chairman)

P/D/C Stuart McNeely AP

D/C John Boocock, JN

3. The District Nominating Committee for 2004/2005 will be: P/D/C John Boocock, JN (Chairman), P/D/C Ron Hume, JN and the D/C nominate.

4. Upon election, the District Commander appoints the following Staff Lieutenants:

P/D/Lt/C Joan Feltham, AP (Britannia)
S/Lt Linda Hamilton AP (Ottawa)

USPS District 6 Liaison Officer
District Port Captain

Timing

P/Cdr Christopher Borgal AP

They say that timing is everything. I'm not so sure about that, but it does seem to have something to do with luck - good and bad.

This summer I intend to relocate Sloop du Jour (again) by sailing up to Toronto Island from Cobourg and taking up a mooring at Queen City Yacht Club (which is funky and probably older than Britannia) on Toronto Island. Thought it would be a good idea in that the commutes to Cobourg eat up a long part of the day (even though I do it by VIA which is nice - although the arrival timing of the trains is something that must be orchestrated in another reality!). I'll be able to live on the boat and sail it during the week, which will be great. Trouble is, a friend just pointed out my bad timing in that it will be a mucky summer in Toronto harbour as they install a major water intake pipe. Visions of SdJ with her skirts up around her waist tip-toeing through the muddy waters come to mind.

Mind you, two years ago when SdJ was tied up in Collins Bay a similar situation occurred - that summer was when the marina there (otherwise normally a great spot) was dredged. Between the sound of the backhoe, the trains across the water (that dang VIA again), and the low level flights landing about 10 feet above the mast, it was an "interesting" summer. It may get to the point that I'll buy my own operating dredging barge and tow it behind me on my sailing junkets - just so I can feel at home!

Timing may indeed be everything. Particularly when it relates to engines. Several years ago, I was heading up the Ottawa River late in the summer. Seems I had a screw loose in the distributor (won't talk about the one in my head) which meant that as I motored along, one cylinder after another started to quit. It was pitch black by the time I passed Pinheys, and friends anchored there heard me go by thinking how nice it was that a new boat on the river came equipped with a "make and break" engine (the one-cylinder kind that powered my grandfather's last fishing dory - nifty engine that went "put-put-put-cough-put-cough-put-put-etc"). It had a wooden flywheel (with a peg dowelled into the rim) the bottom of which sat down in a starfish-encrusted well. The ignition was wired up with four Burgess dry-cell batteries (total of 6 volts) and to start the engine you had to jump on the wooden peg and dive out of the way in case the thing fired and broke your

leg). Anyway, the next morning while anchored off the beach at Constance Bay I was quickly able to get the points sorted out - but the events leading up to that morning were of an entirely different order of timing.

The reason for the night run was to meet up with your present Commander in his boat "Enchantress". Interesting name. I'm sure he wasn't referring to himself when he named it - but you never know. . . . At any rate, the message I had was that he would be anchored near the shore to the south of the sandbar between the bay and the river. By the time I got to the bay there was enough wind to sail and I was able to ghost along at about 1 knot. Pitch dark remember, so finding an anchor light against the glare of cottage lights on the shore was pretty darn near impossible. Finally, I spotted what looked to be a light to the north and, although confused as to the location, turned in that direction only to - minutes later - feel the kiss of the beach under the keel. Not as bad as it might seem though - SdJ's secret weapon is her swing keel, which at times doubles as a dandy depth sounder. Realizing I was on the sand bar, I cranked up the keel, wore around and did a big loop out to the river to come at the anchored boat from the north east. 20 minutes later, I was within hailing distance.

Now, friends of mine claim I seem to have quite good night vision - borne out by spotting race markers in pitch dark during late races - and in the murk I have to admit that although the hull seemed to be close in size and shape to Enchantress, it seemed a bit different. What the heck. I pulled out the 500,000 candlepower spot, plugged it in and trained it on the cockpit. Two heads popped up. The heads were attached to two entirely unclothed bodies. There was indeed an enchantress on that boat, but her name was not on the transom!. Luckily, they will never know who it was. I started the engine, did a quick 180 and took off back around the bar to find my quarry further up the bay a half an hour later. Blinded by my spotlight, their only description of me had to have been the sound of my engine - which could only be identified as an east coast fishing vessel out hunting for enchanting mussels (muscles??) in the pitch dark of the Ottawa River!

Time to go to Cobourg harbour - it's spring and I've got to hack the ice out of the bilge. Have a good time (boating) this summer!❖