

The Running Fix

The Official Newsletter
of the
Britannia Power & Sail
Squadron



CPS booth at the recent 2006 Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage Show manned by Britannia and Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron members.

Tweedie, Bill JN

Passed away December 29, 2005. Mr. Tweedie was a member of CPS and Britannia Squadron since 1978. His long time dedication and support to the squadron earned him 11 Merit Marks. He was also an avid power boater and a member of the Chrysler Park Marina. The Britannia Squadron wishes to express their thanks and their condolences to Bill's family.

Petersen, Nels, S

Passed away suddenly on January 29, 2006. Mr Petersen was a member of CPS since 1982 and his support of the squadron earned him 6 merit marks. He was also an avid sailor and a member of the Nepean Sailing Club. The Britannia Squadron wishes to express their thanks and condolences to his wife Audrey and his family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 11 th	VHF Seminar Nepean Sailing Club
Mar 16 th	Bridge Meeting
May 6 th	Rideau District AGM
25-27 Oct 2007	CPS National Conference Marriot Hotel, Ottawa

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1988-1990	Howard G. Peck
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Commander's Message

Jean Dupuis AP
Commander



The winter training program is now well under way. We were able to run all of the courses that were advertised for this semester. I wish to thank all the instructors, students and bridge officers who took part in a very successful January Registration. Currently, planning is underway for the upcoming squadron AGM and squadron Graduation. The dates and times for

these two events will appear in the Spring issue of the Running Fix.

In this issue you will find an article regarding the Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks (PCCC) program. CPS is now recruiting volunteers who would like to become Boating Safety Specialists (BSS). Any CPS member can participate by applying on line at the National CPS web site. Additional information regarding this program, and its objectives is also available on the National CPS web site.

There are many VHF Marine Radio operators in our squadron who have been wondering when the Digital Selective Calling service (DSC) would be implemented in the Great Lakes region. As many of you know, Britannia Squadron has been offering VHF Radio seminars which include the DSC endorsement for the past year. However up until now the service has only been available on both the East and West coast. The latest information regarding the VHF/DSC Service is that it will not be implemented on the Great Lakes by April 01, 2006 as previously advertised.. It is now expected that DSC will be installed on the shore sites which are controlled by MCTS in Sarnia by early summer 2006 followed by the installation on sites controlled by MCTS in Prescott and Thunder Bay by the Spring of 2007.

There are still several vacant positions remaining on our squadron bridge. We would like to urgently find a Training Officer, a Public Relations Officer and a Supply Officer. If you can spare just a few hours of every month and one of these positions is of interest to you, please contact myself or any bridge officer. We would be very happy to discuss the job descriptions with you.

Britannia Squadron is presently establishing a new web site. The name of the new site will be easier to remember and be more synonymous with boating. I will have more information on the status of the new web site in the next issue of the Running Fix.

Once again, Britannia Squadron and Ottawa Squadron manned the CPS display booth at the Ottawa Boat and Sportsman Show. The show ran from February 23 until February 26, 2006 at Lansdowne Park. If you visit the show, we hoped you dropped by and visited our booth and signed the visitor's log.

Fair Winds!

David Root - Treasurer

I was recently married when my spouse suggested that we buy a cottage. Never having wanted one, I suggested we get into boating, not that I had ever owned or sailed a boat. She said yes!

So within a year it was CPS - Introduction (1983); CYA-Basic Cruising (1984) and our first boat - Midnight Run, a Bayfield 25 foot sloop which we sailed out of the Nepean Sailing Club. Follow up courses included Seamanship Sail, Advanced Piloting and Marine Electronics.

In the late 80's we got two footitis and another Bayfield - a 29 foot cutter TIKI MARU which we still sail in the Thousand Islands from Village Quay Marina.

2006 RIDEAU DISTRICT SUMMER PICNIC

The Date: August – most likely a Sunday –see below

The Place: Don and Nan Bell's Property at Rideau Ferry

Rideau District of CPS/ECP is fortunate once again to be able to hold its Annual Picnic at one of the nicest waterside locations there is.

The format is again a social one. It is for all CPS members in District. It won't cost you anything to attend (but you do have to bring your own barbecuable food) and you don't even have to book! Come by water or by road.

At press time we don't have the date or the details. Closer to July - August the information will be posted on the Ottawa Squadron web site www.cps-ottawa.com/social or please contact Linda Hamilton 613-824-1362 linham2004@rogers.com or John Boocock 613-832-2370 jboocock@cyberus.ca



The "Howard G. Peck"

PCCC Program

Subject: Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Program

January 23, 2006

To: District Commanders and
Squadron Commanders in the province of Ontario

The official launch of our joint initiative with Transport Canada to promote greater awareness of boating safety was kicked off at the Toronto International Boat Show on Saturday January 14, 2006.

In cooperation with the Office of Boating Safety, and alongside the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, our organization will begin to conduct Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks (PCCC) within the province of Ontario this year.

The goal of this program is to provide a free 'safety check' of vessels at a convenient time and location to the boating public in as many areas of Ontario as possible. We hope individual Squadrons will take this opportunity to reach out to the public and actively promote this program within their areas. A registration form has been set up on our National web site inviting anyone to sign up for this service, which will allow us to coordinate the efforts of our volunteers.

To accomplish this we are asking members to volunteer to become Boating Safety Specialists (BSS).

Volunteers will need to participate in a training seminar presented by the Office of Boating Safety - Transport Canada. These six (6) to eight (8) hour training seminars, with materials supplied, will be scheduled between March 2006 and June 2006 on a regional basis, starting in the GTA. This will allow the participants to be trained locally. Members willing to participate as a BSS volunteer are asked to register online at our web site as soon as possible. Unfortunately, each session is limited to 10 participants at this time. Our organization will be responsible for providing a suitable venue, ideally with access to boats so that participants can have an opportunity to do an actual PCCC.

I would ask the D/C's arrange a suitable location, as soon as possible, so that we can set up a schedule with Transport Canada.

Please encourage your members to actively participate in this new program, as a volunteer and/or to undertake a PCCC.

The boating public and members are invited to register online at our web site for a PCCC. A new brochure, courtesy of the Office of Boating Safety, is available through Headquarters for distribution in your area.

As more information becomes available I will forward updates.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

J Connor

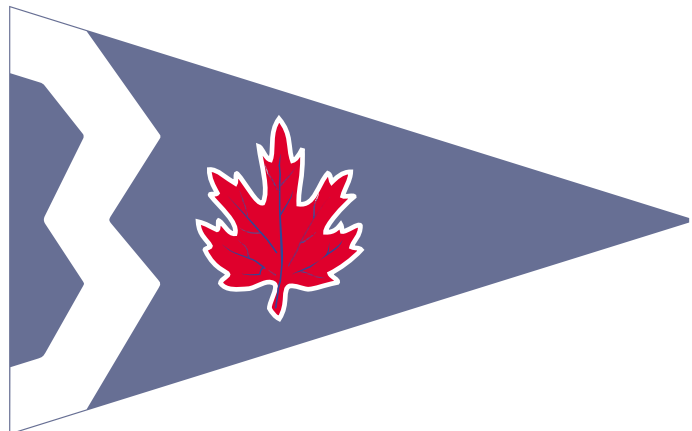
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Redrawn Squadron pennant.

The pennant shown at the right has been redrawn based upon the best available versions. It is in a vector format which should permit it to scale without loss of quality. Although problems have been encountered when the scale is reduced. It should first be sized in the PDF version of this Running Fix and then captured at the desired size before use in other graphics. Comments may be submitted to editor@storm.ca



40th Anniversary Quiz

Robert Dandurand

Britannia Power and Sail Squadron feted its 40th Anniversary this year and to mark the occasion the Bridge Officers approved the development and running of a Quiz. The questions are collated from diverse CPS course material and the answers can be easily found. You are invited to test your knowledge and submit your answers electronically to rdandurand360@yahoo.com or in writing at P.O. Box 32101, 1386 Richmond Road, Ottawa, ON. K2B 8L4 before March 31, 2006. The winners will be announced at the Annual General Meeting and in the Running Fix. First prize is a \$50 gift certificate from The Chandlery and your name (and your boat's, if applicable) on the Seamanship Trophy. Second prize, a CPS Polo shirt (a \$35 value) and a copy of *Boat Docking – Close quarters manoeuvring for small craft* by our 2005 AGM guest speaker, Charles T. Low. Additional prizes include CPS caps and *Boat Docking* books.

No:	Question	Multiple Choices	Answer
Choose the best answer for the following multiple choice questions			
1	What is one advantage of inboard installations as opposed to outboards?	a) they give the boat a lower centre of gravity; b) a sleek look; c) less noisy.	
2	What is required if the engine space is enclosed?	a) two blowers to bring in fresh air; b) two ventilation cowls to expel fumes; or c) two ventilation cowls – one to bring in fresh air and one to expel fumes.	
3	Off a power boat's port bow appears a steady green light with a white light above it. What action should the power boat take?	a) alter course to port; b) slow down and give way; or c) maintain its course and speed.	
4	How long are flares valid from the date of manufacture marked on the flare?	a) two years; b) three years; c) four years; or d) five years.	
5	What is the most useful weather instrument on a boat?	a) thermometer; b) barometer; c) hygrometer; or d) wind vane.	
6	What is the angular difference between true north and magnetic north called?	a) correction; b) compensation; c) variation; or d) deviation.	
7	Which material is recommended for use as anchor rode and dock line?	a) nylon; b) polyester; c) polypropylene; or d) natural fibre.	
8	When docking a boat with the current/wind astern, what docking line should be secured to the dock first?	a) the bow line; b) the stern line; c) the after spring line; or d) the forward spring line.	
9	What is the forecast wind speed when a small craft warning is issued?	a) 20 to 33 knots; b) 34 to 47 knots; c) 48 to 63 knots; or d) over 63 knots.	
10	Skippers must assist any vessel in distress. What is the exception?	a) it is a naval vessel; b) it is after dark; c) it would put the rescue vessel and passengers in danger; or d) the vessel in distress did not ask for help.	
11	If a boat signals you with five short blasts, what could it mean?	a) you are standing into danger; b) it is testing its horn; c) it is altering course; or d) it is requesting fuel.	

40th Anniversary Quiz (Cont'd)

No:	Question	Multiple Choices	Answer
12	What is the primary cause of "slew" in the compass?	a) the compass is not aligned with the boat's beam line; b) the compass' built-in compensating magnets are skewed; or c) the compass is not aligned with the boat's fore and aft centre line.	
13	The light characteristics of an isophase light are -	a) a steady light with brief eclipses; b) a light of equal intervals of light and darkness; or c) a steady light with long eclipses.	
14	When proceeding out of harbour (or downstream), you must keep a green can marker on -	a) the starboard hand; b) the port hand; or c) it does not matter.	
15	At any particular time, the position of the centre of buoyancy in any hull depends on one specific factor, which is -	a) the amount of the weight it carries; b) the amount of superstructure; c) the underwater shape of the hull; or d) the amount of freeboard the boat has.	
16	On a surface weather map, the closer the isobars are together -	a) the steeper the gradient and the weaker the wind; b) the shallower the gradient and the stronger the wind; c) the steeper the gradient and stronger the wind; or d) the higher the pressure.	
17	If air is cooled to its dew point -	a) condensation will occur; b) the relative humidity will be 100%; or c) it will start to rain.	
18	When temperature cools to the dew point, further cooling of the atmosphere will cause -	a) precipitation to occur; b) fog formation; c) condensation to occur; or d) relative humidity to increase.	
19	Continuous precipitation can be expected from -	a) cumulonimbus; b) cirrostratus; c) stratus; or d) nimbostratus.	
20	The passage of a cold front would be indicated by -	a) clouds clearing, precipitation ceasing, temperature increasing; b) slight drop then abrupt rise in pressure, temperature decreasing and a wind veer; or c) pressure increase, temperature increase and wind backing.	
21	Wind shear is -	a) a violent increase in wind speed; b) a sudden change in wind speed and/or direction; or c) a sudden decrease in wind speed.	
22	What protects the gear train of small outboards from damage if the propeller hits an object?	a) insurance; b) a shear pin; c) a propeller guard.	
23	When is the side thrust of the rudder at its greatest?	a) in reverse; b) in neutral; c) in forward.	
24	What is used to lubricate a two-cycle outboard engine?	a) oil; b) grease; c) oil mixed in fuel.	
25	Why are baffles installed in fuel tanks?	a) to muffle the sound; b) to prevent sloshing; c) to prevent vapour lock.	
26	What might result from a dirty flame arrestor?	a) failure to function; b) a fine; c) it could ignite.	
27	What is the usual cause of an engine overheating?	a) idling too long; b) sustained high RPMs; c) insufficient supply of cooling water.	

40th Anniversary Quiz (Cont'd)

No:	Question	Multiple Choices	Answer
28	What puts the biggest strain on an anchor rode?	a) wave action; b) wind action; c) water currents.	
29	What is the preferred type of bottom for anchoring?	a) mud; b) rock; c) shale.	
30	Beyond immersion in cold water, what else can cause hypothermia?	a) cold beverages; b) high winds; c) exposure to cold air while wet.	
Fill in the blank in the following questions -			
31	The _____ is the most useful weather instrument on a boat.		
32	The lubber's line is a reference line on a _____.		
33	The wind felt on a moving boat is the _____ wind.		
34	The fuel nozzle must be held firmly against the fill pipe when refuelling to avoid _____.		
35	A "Q" light flashes _____ times per minute.		
36	If you encounter a north cardinal buoy, it means that the _____ water lies to the North of it.		
37	On a chart, "Cy" represents a _____ type of bottom.		
38	A boat travelling at a speed of 6.6 knots for 2 hours and 24 minutes will travel _____ miles.		
39	The _____ is the direction in which a boat is pointed at any given moment.		
40	A generally satisfactory minimum scope for anchoring is _____.		

Squadron Scuttlebutt

by Robert Dandurand P

Catching up on news, nearly 40 people showed up at the Christmas dinner at the Britannia Yacht Club. Peter Bartosek and Alan Gitterman will have by now received their autographed copy of Boat Docking – Close quarters manoeuvring for small craft by our 2005 AGM guest speaker, Charles T. Low.

The CPS has acquired a runabout that was named "Howard G. Peck", in memory of our past Squadron leader and C/C, to be displayed and used at special events. See photo on page 3.

The next Annual General Meeting is being planned for early May and the Nominating Committee (past Commanders Chris Brown and Nels Hardy and current Cdr Jean C. Dupuis) are looking to fill a few Bridge Officer positions (Training Officer, Supply Officer, Public relations/Marketing Officer) as most of the people currently volunteering will stand for re-election. Many hands make the work light!

The Bridge Officers are constantly looking for ways to increase registration to classes and membership. It was moved and approved at the last meeting that members who register for a Fall course will get 20% off their registration fee if they bring along a friend to register for Boating. So why not raise your skill level, introduce someone to safer boating practices and save money? Think about it.

Speaking of courses: the next VHF Radio Seminar (including DSC endorsement) is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th, starting at 09:00 and running until 17:00, with exam, at the Nepean Sailing Club.

The Squadron now has a domain name, at least for the next twelve months, when it will have to be renewed.

The Boater's Bookshelf

By Robert Dandurand P

Ahoy, book lovers! Time now to share your perspectives and thoughts on a sailing or boating book that you have read recently. RF will publish one review in each issue, as long as we receive them! Our gratitude for your published review of approximately 750+ words comes in the form of a BPSS gift of your choice: a CPS cap; a CPS licence plate frame; or a CPS lapel pin. Send your submissions electronically to or by mail to c/o Robert Dandurand, P.O. Box 32101, 1386 Richmond Road, Ottawa, ON. K2B 8L4

Rideau District AGM Notice

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 May 6 2006 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 2006 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: February 21 2006. Signed : "Kathleen Hopkins", District Secretary.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2006/7

District Commander (D/C)	Jean-Yves Bordeleau (Cornwall)
District Executive Officer (D/Lt/C)	Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
District Training Officer (D/Lt/C)	Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock)
District Secretary (D/Lt)	Steve Testart (Kingston)
District Treasurer (D/Lt)	TBA
District Marketing Resource/Pub.Rel.Off. (D/Lt)	TBA
District Liaison Officer, Parks Canada (D/Lt)	Kathleen Hopkins (Ottawa)
District Membership Officer (D/Lt)	Jack Bell (Oiseau Rock)
District MAREP Officer (D/Lt)	Larry Grover (Ottawa)
District Environmental Officer (D/Lt)	Hans von Rosen (Rideau Lakes)
District Communications Officer (D/Lt)	Joan Feltham (Britannia)
District Assistant Admin Officer (D/Lt)	Marnie McNeely (Kingston)

2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates P/D/C Marilyn Gowan (Cornwall) as District Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C John Boocock
(Chair)

D/C Barry Brown

D/Lt/C Jean-Yves Bordeleau

3. The District Nominating Committee for 2006/2007 will be: D/C Barry Brown (Chair), the D/C nominate and P/D/C John Boocock.

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

P/D/Lt/C Joan Feltham, (Britannia)USPS District 6 Liaison Officer
Larry Grover (Ottawa)District Port Captain

Note: The above notice and Nominating Committee report, along with the agenda and booking forms will be published in the next edition of the Running Fix.