

New Course Registration and Training Location

The Squadron has moved the location at which it conducts its registration for courses and training. Registration for this fall's training program will be held on:

- Saturday, 26th August
10:30 A.M.

and

- Tuesday, 29th August
7:00 P.M.

At St Pius X High School
1481 Fisher Avenue

This fall's offering include:

- Boating
- Seamanship Sail
- Navigating with GPS (Seminar)

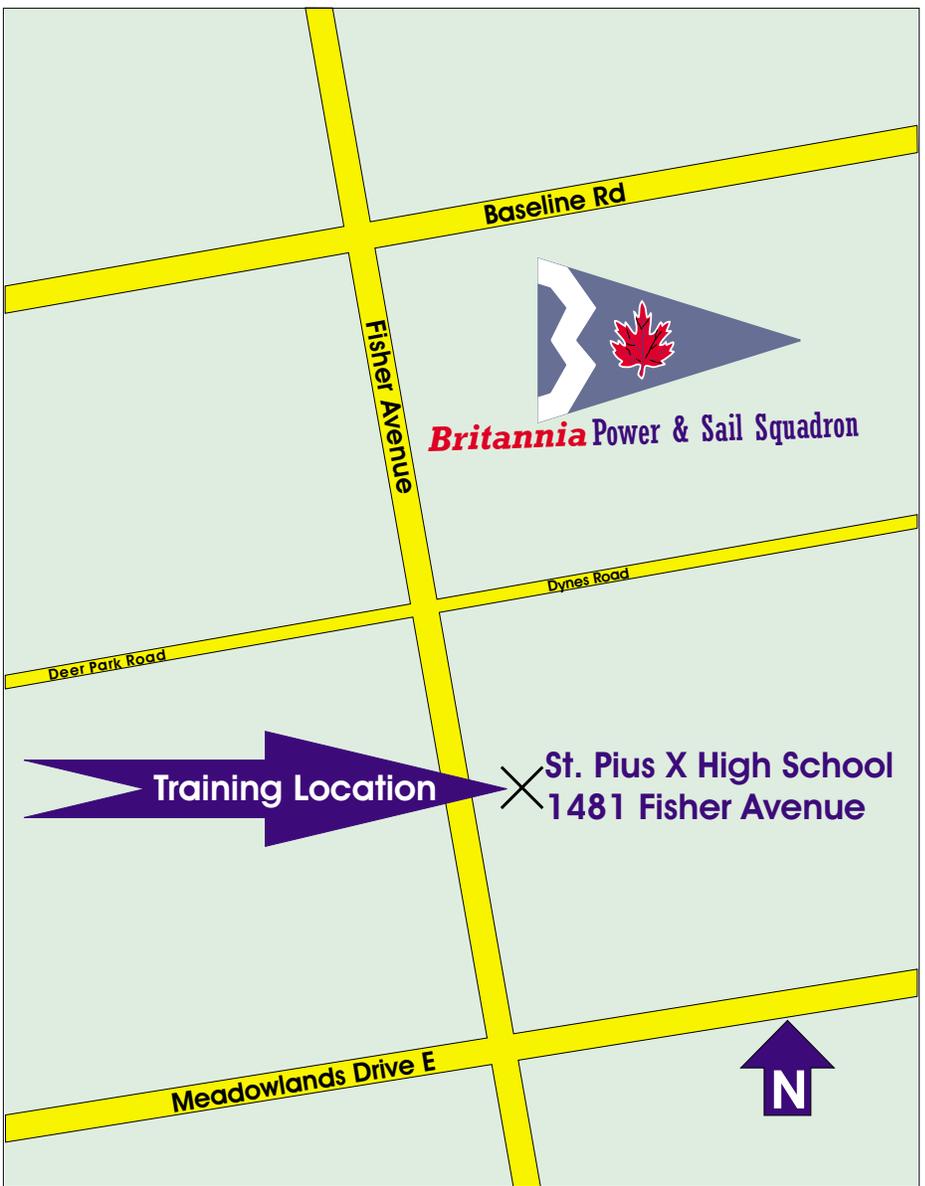
Training will begin, Tuesday, 19th September and courses will run for 13 weeks. The details for the Navigating with GPS seminar has not yet been firmed up.

Currently planned for this winter are:

- Boating
- Powerboating
- Piloting
- Fundamentals of Weather
- Global Weather

Please check the Squadron's web site for the latest details on our training program:

www.boatottawa.ca



Dates to Remember

Aug 26th	Fall Registration
Aug 29th	Fall Registration
Sep 19th	Training Begins
Sep 21st	Bridge Meeting

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Commander's Message

By Lt/Cdr Jean Dupuis AP



It's is difficult to believe, but the summer boating season has already past the halfway mark. Some of us are already dealing with

back to school issues and the upcoming Fall season. It is also time to begin thinking about CPS training courses. For this Fall, our Executive Officer (and Acting Training Officer), has prepared a training schedule which offers some new courses which have never been offered by the squadron before. I hope that you will find this lineup of courses interesting and that you will take advantage of these offerings while they are available. Also, we have a new venue for the delivery of our training program. This year, our courses will be taught at the St. Pius X High School which is located on Fisher Avenue, just north of Meadowlands Drive in Ottawa. Registration for these courses will also be carried out at this location. More information regarding the timetable for these events can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Running Fix. Members are also encouraged to visit the squadron web site for up to date information regarding our training program and social calendar. If you have a friend, relative or neighbor who has recently purchased a boat, or plans to do so, please refer them to the Britannia Squadron Training Program. Our instructors are only too pleased to pass on their knowledge and boating experiences to new boaters in order to help them attain the degree of self confidence that our current members enjoy.

On another topic, your squadron is still looking to recruit some new faces to serve on the bridge. Your bridge has been understaffed for over a year and several positions are presently vacant. Serving on the squadron bridge does not require any special skills. If you are a squadron member in good standing, and can spare a little time, (one evening per month), you may contact myself or any bridge officer and we would be pleased to hear from you. There are many benefits to serving on the bridge, some of which include having your say in the planning of social events and other activities, and being kept informed of the latest training issues. I urge all squadron members to give this some thought, as we begin a new training year.

In closing, I look forward to meeting many of you at our Fall Course Registration at our new location.

Jean Dupuis AP ❖

Poker Runs

By 1st Lt Robert Dandurand P

My sailing buddy Burt loathes powerboats, especially cigarette boats, and even more so those that take part in Poker Runs. A few years back, we were sailing from Prescott to Kingston and motoring near the Thousand Islands Bridge where he wanted to take a photograph as we approached the span. As fate would have it, nearly thirty cigarette boats were converging on that same spot at the same time we were. As they were all powering down, we were caught in their wake. You might just imagine how our little Tanzer 22 was bobbing every which way. Burt never

got his photo, hanging onto the mast as he was avoiding being catapulted overboard, but he did spew quite a few invectives, which doubled in volume (still no match for the monster machines) when he noticed many competitors were wearing gear to protect their own ears from the loud exhaust noise.

Now Burt gets carried away every so often but he knows that many, if not all, the participants of these events and their organizers are responsible boaters, concerned with safety. But let's not kid ourselves: most of the boats entered at these events are high performance, powerful craft capable of very high speeds. Indeed, it is the thrill of traveling at high speeds on the open water that attracts many of the participants. I say most because all types of boats from dinghies to canoes are featured in Poker Runs. I don't know that there is a Canadian governing body similar to the American Poker Run Association but the latter does have a number of common sense rules, laid out in a 32-page manual, applicable to the poker runs they sanction.

What are we talking about here? Poker Run events are not races, per se. There is no prize for arriving at any destination ahead of any other participant. Winners are determined not by the order of their arrival, or by the time it took them to get there, but by the poker hand they hold at the end. In fact, the slowest boat in the event has the same chance of winning as all other participants. It's a game of cards where boaters are the players - a game of chance.

A Poker Run is described as an event where registered entrants follow an established route, stop at predetermined locations, and draw

a card to be used to form a poker hand.

They depart from a starting point with four to six stops on a predetermined course on the water. The course can be around a lake or bay or on a river. The players pick up one playing card, typically sealed in an envelope, at each stop on the course. When they reach the last stop or return to the start of the established route, each participant presents to officials their poker hand. The poker hands are ranked by traditional poker rules, the boat with the best poker hand wins, and prizes are awarded.

To find out more, check the following source:

<http://www.pokerrunsamerica.com/apra/apra.html>

and for Canadian events:

<http://www.powerboating.com/pokerrun.html> ❖

Scuttlebutt

By 1st Lt Robert Dandurand P

The summer has been favorable to power boaters this year, again, what with its high pressure zones and sunny days lacking wind for those members with sailboats. Might as well start planning the fall activities.

Registration for courses will start August 26 and 29 as well as on the first evening of classes Tuesday September 19, 2007. What is new is that Squadron courses are changing location. We have reached an agreement with the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board to use classrooms at St. Pius X High School (1481 Fisher Ave-

nue, Ottawa). Much credit is due to the Squadron's XO, Fred Herrndorf.

A new offering this fall will be Navigating with GPS. Our Commander, Jean C. Dupuis, has taken on the task of delivering the course. Details as to when it will be offered will be determined shortly.

Distress Signaling will also be an addition to our curriculum. Keep an eye open for delivery dates in the spring of 2007. ❖

Bookshelf Review

Reviewed By 1st Lt David Root S

Wayward Sailor
In Search of the real Tristan Jones

by Anthony Dalton - copyright 2003, Ottawa Public Library 910.45092 J79

I would not recommend this book! But if you appreciate detailed investigative biographies, then this who was Tristan Jones will appeal to you!

Any reader of sailing exploits, knows Tristan from his many books and magazine articles that describe his sailing on Lake Titicaca in South America, losing his legs and then sailing by catamaran in the Gulf of Thailand. However some wondered if the stories were all tall tales. Perhaps we just accepted the tales as Samuel Taylor Coleridge's line suggests "That willing suspension of disbelief for the moment which constitutes poetic faith" (page 178 - Wayward Sailor)

This book, voyage by voyage, nautical mile by nautical mile, drunken row by port and tale by tale seeks to document a man most of us had heard of but no one knew. From his faked passports, to his hidden sexual pleasures, from his hidden early life to his major accomplishments Tristan was an enigma until Anthony Dalton did the digging! Unless it's a tall tale too!! ❖

Road ?

By 1st Lt David Root S

"a sheltered piece of water near the shore where vessels lie at anchor in safety"

This definition dates back to the 1300's. No doubt you have heard of the definition in modern times - the college Royal Roads.

per "Six Words you never knew had something to do with pigs" by K. Barber. ❖

Sailboat for sale

Niagara 26' - 1978 Hinterhoeller
Sail drive
\$13,000.00

S. Bemis 613-829-7008 ❖

Running Fix

"A position determined by the use of bearings that have an appreciable time between them."

Piloting Course
Student's Notes
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Glossary
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