



Fall 2006 Boating course. Front row, left to right, Jennifer Roddick, Amalia Martinez, David Little, Centre row, Wayne Roddick, Dan Larose, Back row, Art Clare, Instructor.



Our first "Navigating with GPS" course class, with instructor, Jean Dupuis, at right.

Back Row, Left to Right,
Hugh McDowell, Shaun Clare, Jiri Kotler, Norm Sinclair,

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1981-1983	Jim Craig
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Commander's Message



I have just returned from the CPS National Conference which was held in Vancouver from October 25 to 28, 2006. The conference

was well organized and was well attended with CPS delegates coming from all parts of Canada as well as several from the US Power and Sail Squadrons. For me, it was very informative and interesting to meet the members of our National Bridge and to learn about the important issues and challenges facing CPS as well as some of the strategies which will be implemented during the next few years. On behalf of Britannia Squadron, I put forward 4 recommendations while attending the Squadron Commander's Meeting, 3 of which were accepted and referred to other committee meetings to be held in January 2007. Much discussion at this meeting centered around membership promotion techniques, retention of members, and CPS member participation in squadron activities. It was interesting to hear the comments put forth from squadron commanders from across the country on how they are dealing with these issues. C/C Serge St Martin spoke about his desire to improve communications between the National Bridge and the squadrons and announced that the minutes from all Governing Board Meetings as well as those from the various committee meetings held at National, will now be posted on Member's Moorings at the National web site in order to make them accessible to everyone. He encouraged all members of CPS to

visit this site in order to stay informed on decisions that are made by Governing Board and other departments of CPS, including the Training Department. For example, the minutes of all the meetings which took place at the National Conference will be found on Members Moorings so that our members can be informed of the Governing Board decisions regarding the results of the National CPS Survey in which our membership participated in last Spring. I wish to thank the numerous volunteers from the Vancouver area squadrons for doing a fine job of hosting the conference and for making us feel welcome. This was an event that I will fondly remember for a long time.

Next year, the National 2007 Conference will be held at the Mariott Hotel in Ottawa. This event will require several volunteers from our membership in order to make this event a success. If you think that you would be able to assist the 2007 Conference Organizing Committee, please visit our squadron web site to view a list of vacant positions which must be filled as early as possible.

In October the squadron held its' first social evening of the year. Our guest speaker, Nicole McLoughlin, a marine surveyor from Kingston, made a fine presentation on surveying pleasure boats. Her presentation was very interesting and informative. Many who attended the event were able to ask questions regarding their own experiences pertaining to their own boats. The wine and cheese social time followed the presentation which was a great opportunity to meet other boaters and discuss their boating experiences of the past summer. Our next social event will be the squadron Christmas Dinner which will be held on December

15, 2006 in the Sunset Room of the Britannia Yacht Club. More information regarding this event will be posted on the squadron web site.

The Navigation with GPS course held its first class on Tuesday November 7, 2006. The course will run for 4 weeks (including the exam). This is the first time that Britannia Squadron is delivering the newly revised version of the course and we wish these students every success with the course.

There are still some open positions on your squadron bridge which have to be filled as soon as possible. Over the past year, several bridge members have taken on dual roles in order to keep our training program available to our members, as well as provide social events. These are all volunteer positions and they give us an opportunity to see how CPS operates as well as meet some very interesting people. If you are a member of Britannia Squadron and can spare 2 to 3 hours a month to attend a bridge meeting, please consider joining us in supporting your squadron by becoming a bridge member. The more bridge members that we have, the better our training program will be and we will be able to implement more interesting activities for our membership. Interested persons can contact myself or any bridge member through our web site and we will be glad to welcome you aboard.

In closing I want to wish the students of our Boating and GPS Classes every success with their exams. I look forward to seeing many of them and many of you, at our Christmas Dinner on December 15th. Please refer to the squadron web site for reservation information.

Jean Dupuis
Commander ❖

Scuttlebutt

By Robert Dandurand, P

Our Commander has returned from the National conference, which was held in Vancouver this year, with news that our four proposals (that the cost of attending such conferences for small Squadrons like ours be supplemented by the District, that Districts pay costs of travel and accommodation of District Training Officers (DTO) attending annual conferences since the squadrons are dependent on the DTO for current information and changes related to training, that the latter debrief all Squadron TOs afterwards, and, finally, that changes in the Merit Mark Certificates be made so that MERIT MARK and GALON DE MERITE are highlighted instead of AWARD and CONTRIBUTION D'UN (which makes no sense) were not dismissed out of hand but

referred to appropriate committees.

We also learned that the passing mark for the Boating course has decreased from 80% to 75%. None of us had heard of this proposal and all were disappointed by its passage. It might have been done to attract more members but it also jeopardises the high standard of boating safety accrued from the training delivered. I remember an old adage from navigation: "If you are one degree off when you start, you are lost before you know it".

In a bow to modernizing the image of the CPS, the pledge will no longer be required to join the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron but will be maintained for the Bridge officers. Also, the uniform count has come down from nine to three. We applaud that one!

You might have heard that the 2007 National Conference will be held in Ottawa. The Ottawa Squadron has

the lead and all Squadrons from the District are invited to provide volunteers for the National Conference Committee. If you have a knack for organising, contact our Commander, Jean C. Dupuis, at [Commander at BoatOttawa.ca](mailto:Commander@BoatOttawa.ca) or call him: 613-443-7747.

As you read elsewhere in the newsletter, the Wine & Cheese was highly prized and praised by those who attended. The Bridge Officers are preparing the Christmas Dinner event, scheduled for December 15. Please mark your calendar now.

In a related matter, don't forget to advise us (me, in point of fact) of any changes to your e-mail account. The last e-announcement for the Wine & Cheese with Guest Speaker was bounced back for over a dozen members as invalid e-addresses. This will also be the case for the electronic version of the Running Fix. ❖

NAMING CLOUDS

By Robert Dandurand, P

I just finished a novel from French writer Stéphane Audeguy entitled *La théorie des nuages* (The Cloud Theory) that I received from a friend last Christmas.

In a nutshell, the story revolves around an aging eccentric Japanese designer and a young librarian he has hired to catalogue his huge collection of books dealing with his passion: clouds. The relationship between the two is what permits this old man to achieve inner peace after a rather traumatized life: he survived the bombing of Hiroshima physically unscathed.

Through this book, I discovered that clouds have not had names since ancient Greece or Rome, as I had always taken for granted. All those Latin names were bestowed barely two centuries ago. I read that an English manufacturing chemist and pharmacist, an amateur meteorologist named Luke Howard (1772-1864), is credited with developing the basis for our cloud

classification system. At the time (1800s), clouds were believed to be too transient, too changeable, too short-lived, to be classified or even analyzed. Howard, the old man conveys to his employee, had a love for nature and the weather, particularly the clouds, from an early age, and kept a record of accurate meteorological observations for over 30 years.

According to the fictional main character, Howard was required by his Quaker values to share knowledge. My own research in the matter indicated that he presented, in 1802, a paper, entitled "Essay On the Modification of Clouds" in which he proposed that one could identify several simple categories within the complexity of cloud forms. For this occasion, Howard provided his descriptive categories with Latin names, as was done for plants and animals, making his insight acceptable to the larger community and transcending boundaries. He identified four distinct groups: Cumulus, Stratus, Cirrus, Nimbus (Latin for heap, layer, curl of hair, and rain, respectively). Somehow, knowing

this *before* attending the CPS Introduction to Weather course might have been helpful, but I digress. Howard, aware of the transitory state of clouds, also identified intermediate categories, such as cumulo-stratus and cirro-cumulus. (It is only much later that meteorologists added the Alto, or middle, category.)

Howard made other contributions to meteorology, but the history of the naming of the clouds is what stuck with me. I trust that whenever from now on I look up from my cockpit to ascertain the weather, I will remember his cloud nomenclature.

Sources:

La Théorie des nuages, Stéphane Audeguy, Gallimard, 292 p. 2005

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luke_Howard

<http://www.islandnet.com/~see/wether/history/howard.htm>

http://www.cloudman.com/luke3/luke_howard3.htm ❖

Pleasure Craft Marine Survey

by Robert Dandurand, P

Your Squadron hosted a wine and cheese Thursday October 19 concurrent with a presentation by professional Marine Surveyor Nicole McLoughlin from Kingston. A Surveyor Associate of the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS) for the last year but with over 10 years experience in the industry, Nicole spoke about: what is a Marine Surveyor; why you should have a marine survey done (insurance renewal, pre-purchase, damage claim, appreciation for donation or for an estate). She also defined what is a survey (a forensic examination). She clarified that she, and good marine surveyors, don't determine if a vessel is seaworthy but if it is fit for the use intended.

Listening to her talk of the vessels she has surveyed, her extensive cruising, and her studies in Florida

at the Chapman's school, the evidence points to her vast experience. She detailed what she would look into if you were to ask her to perform a survey: documentation, hull and deck, machinery, fuel systems, electrical systems, navigation, safety, and deck equipment, as well as sails and rigging.

Her report, which might run 25 pages, would reflect all of the above. It would indicate a) what needs immediate attention, b) what needs attention but not immediately, and c) her observations. It would contain an appraisal and, if she has made recommendations, she will cite references. She would also include photos, especially of the areas or "issues" that we as owners might have only given a casual glance at or become accustomed to over time. All reports are signed, sealed and delivered.

How to find a good marine surveyor was her next topic. She also offered tips on purchasing a

boat. The 20 people present got to hear this while sipping wine and munching on vegetables, savouring four different cheeses or choosing from quite a selection of fruit. Before taking questions, our guest speaker educated us on what to do to prepare for a survey. Her preference, after obtaining permission to survey, is for the engine to be cold and all lockers empty. She does not forage to get to that seacock. You want her to see it, you must ensure she can get to it! Same with covers. If the boat is in the water, she will return when it is hauled out to complete her survey.

All in all, Nicole McLoughlin is an articulate, experienced professional that delivered an informative insight into a matter of interest to boaters and we intend to invite her again. She can be reached at McLoughlin Marine Survey in Kingston, 613-544-4532 or at [nicole at gmail dot com](mailto:nicole@gmail.com) ❖

2007 Winter Courses

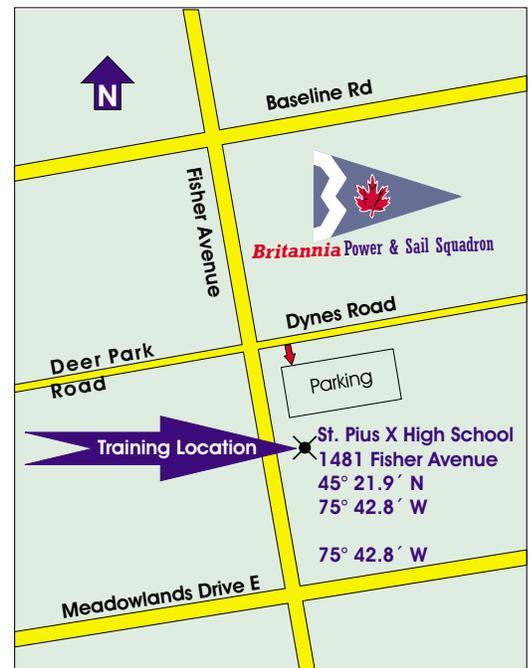
The following courses are being offered for the winter 2007 semester:

- **Boating** – \$160.00;
- **Piloting** – \$110.00 (prerequisite Boating);
- **Seamanship Sail** – \$110.00*;
- **Fundamentals of Weather** – \$115.00*; and
- **Global Weather** – \$115.00*.

Registration: 4th January 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Nepean Sailing Club, 3259 Carling Ave. Or first day of classes.

Courses begin, Tuesday, January 16th and exams will be Tuesday 10th of April 2007. All courses will be held at St. Pius X High School, 1481 Fisher Ave.

Classes require a minimum number of students.



*Non-CPS Members add \$37.00 to prices shown.

Boating Through History

Celebrating 175 years on the Rideau - Ottawa, 24 - 28 October 2007

The CPS Annual Conference will be hosted by the Rideau District at the Ottawa Marriott, located at 100 Kent Street in downtown Ottawa.

2007 marks the 175th anniversary of the opening, in 1832, of the Rideau Canal, North America's oldest continuously operating waterway. CPS and the Rideau District will join Parks Canada in its yearlong celebration of the culture, heritage and uniqueness of the Rideau Canal, which runs from Ottawa to Kingston.

The Rideau Canal and Waterway, which provides some of the finest boating in North America, has been designated a "National Historic Site" and Parks Canada has applied to have the Canal designated a UNESCO "World Heritage Site". The decision, from UNESCO, should be announced shortly before our Conference.

The Canal is expected to be closed to navigation prior to the beginning of the Conference, however we have been offered the opportunity to have a conducted tour of the Ottawa

Locks, a flight of eight locks joining the Rideau and the Ottawa River below Parliament Hill, and the Bytown Museum (located adjacent to the locks).

Other possibilities for tours include:

- * National War Museum
- * National Aviation Museum
- * National Art Gallery



Boating Through History
Celebrating **175 Years on the Rideau**

* Museum of Civilization

* Science and Technology Museum

As noted above, the Theme for our Conference will be "Boating Through History: Celebrating 175 Years on the Rideau". This theme will allow for a very wide interpretation of costumes for the PARTY, ranging from "Historic" boating attire to "Bikini's", if you dare. ❖

CPS Boat, the "Howard G. Peck" receives the first license in Canada

by R/C Jeff Evans, AP, Chairman Admin Department Marketing and PR Committee

On March 30 I was able to announce that the "Howard G. Peck" was to become the very first vessel in Canada to be issued a license from Service Canada under the new vessel licensing program. It was subsequently formally presented to CPS-ECP at a news conference at the Cottage Life Show by Parliamentary Secretary Lynne Yelich and MP Peter Van Loan.

Although the boat's license number is actually "1", there is in fact no



such thing as a single digit license number. The actual license therefore reads "ON 19". The license number is indeed "1" and the "9" is what is called a verification number used as part of the licensing algorithm.

It is great that the Howard G. Peck will be the number 1 boat in the country. After all, we are the number one safe boating organization in Canada! ❖

Members' Boats

A new web page has been added to the Squadron's web site to permit visitors to view the information that the Squadron maintains on members' boats. The data is presented sorted by Boat Name but by clicking on the radio button labelled Member Name the list may be viewed sorted by members' names.

If a member observes an error or if the boat is no longer owned by the member or the member has acquired a different boat they can easily have the information updated by contacting the Webmaster via the link at the bottom of the page.

The link leads to pop-up form the member may use to identify the details of any required changes.

Boat Name	Type	Model	Moored	Member Name
A CLASS ACT	Power		Home	BOWES K.
ALCYONE	Sail	Challenger 24	BYC	BECK R.
AMADEUS	Sail	Tanzer 27	NSC	CALCI G.
AMETHYST BLUE	Power	Doral Proastencia	Kingston Confederation Basin	BURKHOLDER B.
ANHINGA & FREE SPIRIT	Sail	CL16/Barkley 20	Melmerby Beach	MELNE S.
ARCHIMEDES	Sail	Tanzer 26	NSC	FARRELL J.
AUNT "E"	Power	Maxum 2100 SD	Pirate Cove Marina	CHERNICK K.
AVALANCHE	Sail	C&C 38	Trident	THOMAS-REID G.
BAIAN GAL	Power	Owens 33	Island Cove	MCKENZIE C.
BAYMAN	Sail	Bayfield 23	NSC	NELSON J.
BEAU ZEPHYR	Sail	Catalina 30	Nepean Sailing Club	MCEVOY M.
BELUKA	Sail	Albin 25 motorsailer	Collins Bay, Lake Ontario	CLARKE R.
BISHOP 4	Power	Sunray Mirage	Constance Bay	BISHOP W.
BLUE ZONE	Power		Hurst Marina, Manotick	BROWN P.
BLUEY II				WEAGANT M.
BLUEY II				WEAGANT B.
CHAMPAGNE LADY	Power	Sea Ray	Bridgview M.	MACCAUL D.
CHAMEA	Sail	Pearson 30	BYC	DONEY R.
CLARISSA	Sail	HR 28	Prescott	BLAIS B.

Members are also encouraged to create a book mark to the Squadrons Events and Calendar page which may be found at:

www.boatottawa.ca/BPSS/BPS/Events.asp

Two features of this page are that placing the cursor over any red date in the calendar the Event will pop up at that point as shown below. In addition, if more details than presented in the Up-Coming Events are exist they may be accessed by clicking on the "Details..." link.

Members are encouraged to review the data and if there is a change required to contact the Webmaster so that the data may be corrected. The URL for the page is:

www.boatottawa.ca/BPSS/BPS/Boats.asp

This page may be reached under the BPSS tab on the web page menu located at the left of the page.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, 15th December, 6:30 P.M.
Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Britannia Yacht Club, Sunset Room

Cost: \$22.00 (Turkey Dinner)

Wine Included - Cash Bar

Reservations: Fred Herrndorf, XO@boatottawa.ca, 613-226-2964



Boating Through History
Celebrating 175 Years on the Rideau

Volunteers Required:

- Prizes Chairman,
- Entertainment Chairman, and
- Volunteer Coordinator.

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There will also be a great need for volunteers immediately before and at the Conference to assist with all aspects of the Conference.

For further information please see:
<http://www.cps-ottawa.com/cpscomf2007.html>