



# Scuttlebutt

by Robert Dandurand, P

Some members might have noticed that for a few days the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron (BPSS) website had vanished. The domain name has been restored. The problem was not a technical one but an administrative foul up in that the domain name was placed in suspension since it was about to expire due to non-renewal. The ISP had just changed accounting systems and the automated notices for account renewal, etc., had not been issued.

Our Webmaster, Bill Hall, is working diligently at developing a means of providing on-line registration for scheduled courses. As it is now, people interested in a course must go to a venue at a precise day and time to register or, by default, register on the first evening of class. This method has the advantage of convenience, paperless record keeping and easing the paper burden of the Training Officer. The prototype has been simulated but a test run would be desirable. A pilot is likely to be attempted with the next VHF or GPS seminars.

For those of you wearing PFD/harnesses while steering your boat, take note that CO2 cartridges are very likely to affect, in varying degrees when in close proximity, magnetic compasses.

Here's a thought: since the law no longer allows boaters to dispose of out-of-date distress flares through learning demonstrations and, as a conscientious lot, boaters do not dump them unused into the drink, maybe CPS should start a petition requesting that manufacturers, through their agents/points of sale, be legally responsible for disposing of old flares.

The BPSS has a chronicle, a file in PDF format, of its first 26 years. Could you volunteer a few hours of your time to vet segments of the file against the original document? If so, contact me at [membership at boatottawa dot ca](mailto:membership@boatottawa.ca).

Found in an American magazine: "Plans are underway for the construction of a new schooner to replace the 43-year-old Bluenose II, the Canadian historical and cultural icon. A new organization was formed to raise the \$15 million to build the new ship. If all goes according to plan, Bluenose III will be launched in 2010. Project information is available at [www.SchoonerBluenose.ca](http://www.SchoonerBluenose.ca)" ❖

## Web Site News

By Bill Hall, P

There have been a number of changes and additions to the Squadron's web site.

### Early Squadron History

Several years ago I was given a floppy disk which contained the first twenty six years of the Squadron's history. I put the first year in the Summer 2003 edition of the Running Fix. I had intended to run the following years in later editions, it didn't happen. I would have liked to place it on the web site but the previous site lacked the space so it didn't happen. But finally it has been made available on the new Squadron web site. You may go directly to the introduction by clicking this link: Have a look, the early years are very interesting.

Members who can add to or add to the history or have photographs related to the activities are

encouraged to send them along to the Webmaster. It can only get better.

### Squadron Bridge Officer Photos and Biographies

I've added photographs and biographies of most Bridge members to the "Our Bridge" web page: When you move your mouse over the line for a member of the Bridge a photo and brief biography will appear below the line if available. When you move to the next member the previous photograph and biography will disappear and the photograph and biography of the next member will appear. I hope it helps members to identify the members of the Bridge.

### On-line course interest form

Is the Squadron offering the courses you wish to take? If not, it's now easier to let the Training Officer know that you're interested in a course. At the bottom of each course description web page is a link that when clicked presents a small pop-up window asking the user to identify themselves and how the Squadron may contact them so that when the course is offered we can contact them. The link reads "Interested in this course? Let us know, we'll let you know when the next course starts.". So no excuse for not letting the Training officer know you're interested in a course.

### Re-organized the BPSS Menu

Just a minor re-ordering of the BPSS menu links with the addition of the History link I've moved the more static menu items to the bottom of the list. Remember the best favorites link for the Squadron's web site is to the "Squadron Calendar" page. But always check the tickler at the

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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
2002-2003	Chris Brown
2003-2005	Nelson Hardy

## Past Training Officers

1964-1965	Peter Wilson
1965-1967	Paul C.M. LaDelpha
1967-1968	Lloyd H. McDermot
1968-1969	Paul C.M. LaDelpha
1969-1970	Arthur N. Huddleston
1970-1971	Ralph Smith
1971-1972	Jackson J. Brooke
1972-1973	George W. Booker
1973-1974	Erling Stollie
1974-1975	James Craig
1975-1976	George Schurman
1976-1977	Daryl Collard
1977-1978	Erling Stollie
1978-1979	Diane Henderson
1979-1981	Fred Kirk
1981-1982	Bruce Pettitt
1982-1983	John Grover
1983-1984	Edward Langham
1984-1985	Colin Nicholson
1985-1987	Howard Peck
1987-1988	Colin Nicholson
1988-1990	Andris Rezeberge
1990-1991	Steve Testart
1991-1993	Steve Boles
1993-1995	Dennis Clements
1995-1998	Jim Dyer
1998-1999	Bertrand Southiere
1999-2000	Larry Brown
2000-2001	Laura Seidl
2001-2002	Bart Tectar
2002-2003	Fred Herrndorf
2003-2005	Jean Dupuis

## Squadron General Information

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## Commander's Message



In this issue of the Running Fix, I would like to focus on the issue of the restructuring of CPS. I would also like to expand upon the 4 recommendations which I presented, on behalf of the squadron, to the National Bridge while attending the Squadron Commander's meeting at last Fall's National CPS Conference. Now that the January 13 Governing Board Meeting which was held in Toronto, is now over, the long anticipated minutes of the meeting have been published in Member's Moorings for everyone to read. All CPS members are encouraged to examine these minutes because they contain many of the important decisions which were made regarding the corporate restructuring of the CPS organization. The restructuring plan which is presently being implemented, is based primarily on the results of last Spring's online survey which all CPS members were invited to participate in. These changes will affect every member of CPS.

The four recommendations which were presented at the National Conference are listed below along with the results on how they were addressed by the National Bridge Officers who were present at the meeting.

### Recommendation 1.

Participation by squadron commanders in formal conference style AGM's is often too expensive and cost prohibitive for small squadrons such as ours. Britannia Squadron recommends that a formal National AGM be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> year instead of annually.

C C Serge St-Martin addressed this issue and stated that it is a legal requirement that CPS hold an annual AGM. However, Governing Board has already been looking at perhaps alternating between an informal AGM and a more formal conference style AGM the following year. He acknowledged the fact that formal conference style AGM's are very costly to CPS and that Governing Board is looking at this issue. He also acknowledged that the event will have to continue to be an annual one for the next 3 years since plans are already being undertaken by the hosting cities, over that time frame, including our own Ottawa conference which will be held in October 2007.

### Recommendation 2.

Districts should be required to provide some financial support for their squadrons by paying the cost of the conference registration fee of one representative of each squadron, to assist that person to attend the national conference.

This issue was not addressed by the National Bridge, perhaps because it was deemed a District issue rather than a National one and therefore does not appear in the minutes of the Squadron Commander's Meeting.

### Recommendation 3.

Districts must be required to cover the costs of sending the District Training Officer to the National Conference as a representative of all the Squadron Training Officers, with the requirement that the DTO debrief the latter on the discussions and results of the meeting, upon his / her return from the conference.

This apparently is already being implemented at the District level and no further discussion took place on this issue.

### Recommendation 4.

The Merit Mark Certificate should be modified to highlight the words **MERIT MARK** and **GALON de MERITE** in bold text, instead of the current practice of highlighting the words **AWARD** and **ACQUISITION D'UN**.

The National Bridge addressed this issue by stating that this would be looked at by the Flag and Etiquette Committee. We should see something regarding this recommendation in the minutes of the January Governing Board meeting.

It is important to note that there is much to be debated regarding the restructuring of CPS, by all levels of the organization. One of the main considerations of the restructuring process is the proposed cost reduction measures which may mean significant changes in how Districts are structured, perhaps re-zoned, and how they operate withing CPS. Please stay tuned.

### TANKS for Nothing

It was brought to my attention last Fall by P/Cdr A. Ken Findlay that there is grave concern for boat owners who have internal fibreglass fuel tanks. He presented me with a copy of an article which appeared in the September 2006 issue of Boat U.S. magazine, titled **TANKS For Nothing**.

The article highlights the potential danger for boaters who have internal fibreglass tanks and use Ethanol blended gasoline in them. This is of a particular concern for owners of older and larger power boats which were built prior to 1995. Some boaters have experienced some deterioration along the seams of their tanks when using ethanol blended gasoline. Some boat manufacturers have claimed that they have used

improved resins in the construction of their tanks and that this is not an issue for their particular boats. However, we all know of the potential dangers of leaking fuel tanks and what could happen when gasoline fumes enter the bilge area of a boat. If you are an owner of a boat with fiberglass fuel tanks it is important to be extra vigilant following every fueling stop and before commissioning the boat for the season. While you are at it, go ahead and check the integrity of the fuel lines that lead to and from the tank as well. This is a recommended procedure that should be implemented on a regular basis before the engines are started and the boat leaves the dock.

For more information on this article, you may try and obtain a back issue of Boat U.S. Magazine, September 2006. You may also be able to see this article on the magazine's web site; [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com).

In closing, I wish to remind all the membership that the squadron AGM will be held in May and with that date approaching quickly, your squadron is eagerly looking to recruit some new officers. If you are one of those members who have never volunteered to serve on your bridge, I urge you to give this some thought. The survival of this squadron is dependant on volunteers like yourselves. It's a great way to meet some very interesting people while staying informed on changes in the regulations and the training issues pertaining to the sport of boating. Interested members may contact myself or any bridge officer and we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Fair Winds.

Jean Dupuis AP  
Commander ❖

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bottom of each page for special announcements.

In addition, we'd like to add a couple of new features to the web site but require the assistance of Squadron members.

### Marine Items For Sale

From time to time we've received requests to post either on the web site or in the Running Fix for sale notices. This is certainly a capability we're happy to provide to our members. However, to date there hasn't been sufficient demand to justify a separate web page. However, if sufficient number of requests are received a separate "For Sale" web page can be created. So if you wish the Squadron to advertise some boating related item for sale please do not hesitate to drop a line to the Webmaster or Editor of the Running Fix. We'd be happy to assist.

### Photos of members boats

We now have an on-line a listing of members boats. Yours is there and accurately identified I hope. If not please click the Webmaster link at the bottom of the page and complete the pop-up form.

I know how proud most members are of their boats. I'd like to provide a link from each boat to a photograph of the boat. I think it would be interesting and helpful to be able to identify other members boats. So if you have a digital picture of your boat that you'd like to share please send it along to the Webmaster.

There are at least two pop-up forms on the web site that result in automatically generated e-mails being sent to various members of the Bridge or to the Webmaster, i.e., me. They are the boat info submission form on the "Members Boats" page and the course interest pop-up available from the bottom of each course description page. If you use either of these pop-ups and do not receive a response from a

member of the Bridge or me within approximately three days please e-mail me directly letting me know which one you used and when you submitted it. Until we have used these tools sufficiently we'd like to make sure they're working as intended so please let us know if the expected response is not forthcoming.

Also if you have suggestions for improving the usability of the web site or observe any errors on the web site I would really appreciate hearing from you. ❖

## Small Craft Warning is Dead !

Courtesy of David Root, S

We (*Environment Canada*) changed the small craft warning to a strong wind warning was because several persons were confused about should be considered a small craft. They were always inquiring what was considered a small craft. It was not clear that the small craft warnings were referring to wind speed rather than the size of the boats. The criteria for issuing strong wind warnings remains the same as the small craft warnings: winds between 20 to 33 knots. ❖

**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 April 28 2007 at 14:30 for the purpose 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, 2007 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: January 30, 2007. Signed “Steve Testart” , District Secretary



**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1) The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2007/8.

District Commander D/C .....	John-Yves Bordeleau (Cornwall)
District Executive Officer.....	Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
District Training Officer.....	Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock)
District Administrative Officer.....	Cathie Johnstone (Ottawa)
District Secretary .....	Steve Testart (Kingston)
District Treasurer .....	Don Tanner (Ottawa)
District Public Relations Officer.....	Kathleen Hopkins (Ottawa)
District Liaison to Parks Canada.....	Kathleen Hopkins (Ottawa)
District Membership Officer.....	Jack Bell (Oiseau Rock)
District Marep Officer.....	Roger Duchesne (Brockville)
District Environmental Officer.....	Hans Von Rosen ( Rideau Lakes)
District Communications Officer .....	Joan Feltham (Britannia)
District Assistant Admin Officer .....	Marnie McNeely (Kingston)

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
P/D/C Barry Brown Chair      D/C John-Yves Bordeleau      P/D/C John Boocock

3) The District Nominating Committee for 2007/8 will be P/D/C Barry Brown(chair) the D/C Nominate and John-Yves Bordeleau.

4) Upon Election the D/C appoints Joan Feltham (Ottawa) as USPS District 6 Liaison .

# CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

## RIDEAU DISTRICT 36th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**Friday-Saturday April 27-28, 2007**

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

**PROGRAM:** Friday Informal no host Dinner 6:15pm McIntosh Country Inn Restaurant  
Followed by Hospitality Suite Dundas Room

Saturday:	0930 Coffee	McIntosh Room
	1000 Annual Training Meeting	McIntosh Room
	1200 Conference Lunch	McIntosh Room
	- Speaker TBA	
	1430 Annual General Meeting	McIntosh Room
	1700 Commander's Reception	Dundas Room
	1830 Conference Dinner	McIntosh Room

**COSTS:** Accommodation: \$70.00 per night plus taxes (conference special)

Meals:	Saturday Dinner (Buffet)	\$26.00 per person
	Conference Lunch	\$12.00 per person

**RESERVATIONS:**

**CONFERENCE MEALS:** Please make meal reservations by mailing the tear-off form below. (To be received no later than April 13, 2007)

**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](mailto:info@mcintoshcountryinn.com).

(As this is a very popular location, rooms will be booked on a first come, first served basis.) The Inn features a whirlpool, sauna, exercise area and an outdoor hot tub.

**DRESS:** Uniform A or F, Blazer ensemble, or smart casual.

**EARLY BIRD DRAW:** 2 Dinner Tickets (Drawn from reservation forms received by April 3)

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**MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Mail this completed form with remittance by April 13, 2007 to:

D/Lt/C Linda Hamilton  
290 Kennedy Lane E.  
Orleans, ON K1E 3M4

Tel: 613 824-1362

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 13. I will arrive on April \_\_\_.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I will arrive in time for dinner on Friday night. Yes /No

\*Dietary Issues? – Please tell us —