



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron
Rideau Ripples

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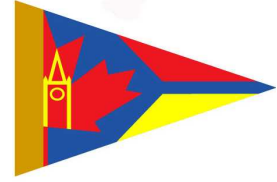


Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year





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The 2005 – 2006 Bridge

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Squadron Calendar

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the events/meetings listed below.

Tuesday, January 3rd 2006: *Bridge Meeting* held at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday to Sunday, January 14th to 22nd, 2006: Toronto International Boat Show.

Tuesday, February 7th 2006: *Bridge Meeting* held at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday to Monday, February 16th to 20th, 2006: Miami International Boat Show.

Saturday, February 25th, 2006: *Squadron Annual Banquet* held at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. More details in Social Officer's page.

Thursday to Sunday, February 23rd to 26th, 2006: Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage Show, Lansdowne Park, Ottawa.

Tuesday, March 7th 2006: *Bridge Meeting* held at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, April 4th 2006: *Bridge Meeting* held at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. All are welcome to attend.

April 2006: *Squadron's Annual General Meeting* held at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, June 15th 2006: *Annual Squadron Picnic.* Long Island Locks, further details will be published later.

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Vacant Position

Front Cover Picture

Cover photo of Rolly Nantel's "Tug-a-Long" modified to a Christmas theme of reindeer, dolphins, wrapped presents and colourful flashing lights. Orleans Parade of Lights, November 26, 2005. Rolly, our thanks to you for a fantastic parade float.



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Commanders Comments

Well, the boats are all wrapped up safely for the winter but that does not stop us from dreaming of the adventures to come next summer. Unless of course you are one of the lucky ones, and have trips planned for the winter. Jim and I are planning to attend the boat show in Miami in February, so we can at least touch and sniff fibreglass (and probably drool a little) before the summer. It also helps to shop in marine stores and scope out the “need to haves” for the next season.

I have been busy this fall on CPS work; I attended the National AGM & Conference in Winnipeg in October and have good news to report.

We (Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron) won the BELDON W. FOX MEMORIAL TROPHY. The trophy is maintained at HQ, and a small keeper trophy was presented to me at the CPS Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Fox was not a member of CPS, but he was the owner of a large craft, which was docked at Port Credit Yacht Club. He believed in the idea of the Squadrons, and supported the Port Credit Squadron in its endeavours, loaning his craft on countless occasions to assist in their work. He always planned to take the course and become a Member, but his business affairs would not let him bring this about. The “next year” never came for him, as he died suddenly without fulfilling his wish. His many friends in business and CPS donated the trophy, so that his co-operation and friendship would be remembered. The competition is at the Squadron level for the most improved results and performance in Advanced and Elective courses during the preceding year in relationship to the total membership.

I would like to congratulate our Training Officers and Instructors for providing, and thank our members for taking, advanced courses. Check out our website to see what is being offered starting in January. There may be something there to peak your interest.

As you may know, we, Rideau District, are in the planning stages to host this National event in Ottawa in 2007. The National Conference and AGM are attended by CPS members from across the country and members of the United States Power Squadron. Keep your eye out for more info on this and plan to attend. It is really fun meeting so many people that share our interest in boating. This is a forum to share ideas and learn from others.

Our Social Activities Officer, Fred Cameron, has been very busy organizing social activities for the New Year. The biggest event is the Annual Squadron dinner. This has been planned for February 25th at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. I am very please to announce that we will be honoured with the presence of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron’s Chief Commander, Serge St Martin. Serge has been a



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member of the National Bridge for a number of years and was just elected to the position of Chief Commander at the National AGM in Winnipeg this fall. Please come out and meet Serge, he is always looking to meet CPS Members and, as we are one of the largest squadrons in the country, it would be great to show him our appreciation for the work done at the National level to support this organization. Serge is also a volunteer just as our Bridge members and Instructors are however, once you meet him you will realize that he takes this "Volunteer" job very seriously and is dedicating most of his time to CPS.

At this time I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Cathie Johnstone

Commander

Executive Officer: Gord Abry

In addition to wishing everyone Happy Holidays, we would like to remind you that the Squadron's Winter 2006 season starts next month. To ensure that everyone gets a copy of the course schedule and descriptions this newsletter is mailed to 100% of our members.



As we brace ourselves against the next few months of cold weather, we can take pleasure in thinking back to the great season (no, make that an exceptional season) of summer boating 2005. No, not even knowing about repairs that wait for me (need to rebuild two diesel engines) can deter me from my happy summer boating thoughts.

The Training Officer is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to teach the Marine Maintenance course this coming January. If you can help out, please contact the training Officer at training@cps-ottawa.com.

The other announcement is that OPSS will have a booth at the Ottawa Boat Show in February and we are hoping that you would like to volunteer a couple of hours of time to man/woman the booth. I believe volunteers receive very inexpensive (ok, free) entrance into the show. Pierre Garneau has offered to be the Watch Keeper, so if you are interested in helping out, please let him know (613) 234-8204 or pilu.garneau@sympatico.ca.

Lindy and I wish you and your family a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a wonderful New Year. The water is starting to freeze as the wait continues. See you at a boat show.

Gord Abry

Feel like exploring on the web? If so, check out this cruise site forwarded by Rolly Nantel www.integritycruise.com and take a look in the Captain's Log especially at the pictures for Day 93. Recognise anyone? [Hint: It's Tug-a-Long Gord]

Long-time members Jim (AP) and Pat (JN) Drummond will be giving a seminar on "Boating with Cats and Dogs" at the Toronto Boat Show, National Trade Centre: Friday, January 20th at 1400 hours and Saturday, January 21st at 1100 hours. Jim is a Past Commander of OPSS and Pat is the webmaster of "Pat's Boating in Canada".



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Training Officer: Bryan Carroll



Winter 2006 and Spring 2006 Course Schedule

New Location: **Ecole Franco-Cité**
623 Smyth Road
Ottawa, ON K1G 1N7

Winter Courses:

Registration Dates: Monday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 11th
Start Dates: Monday, January 16th and Wednesday, January 18th

BOATING: Mondays and Wednesdays
ADVANCED PILOTING: Mondays
Start Wednesdays, March 8th
Wednesdays
Depending on number of registrants
Dates to be determined
Dates to be determined

WEATHER:
CELESTIAL NAVIGATION:
EXTENDED CRUISING:
VHF:
BOAT PRO:

Spring Courses

BOATING: The 13th week of the Boating course would then be the week of April 10th, 2006.
IT COURSE: Depending on number of registrants

Did we mention the new location?

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Please check the training portion of the Squadron website www.cps-ottawa.com/courses/index/index.htm for the latest information regarding courses.

Are you or your family members thinking of expanding your boating knowledge? Sign up for a course this winter and learn new skills while dreaming of the summer months to come. Here is a summary of what's being offered this Winter/Spring.

BOAT PRO

This course is open to the public.

This Canadian Coast Guard accredited course is designed for you and your family to obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), the proof of competency required under government regulation. This operator card is valid for life. "BoatPro" is a highly acclaimed eight-hour safety related course held in three sessions, over three consecutive weeks. "BoatPro" is suitable for fishermen, cottagers and Personal Watercraft (PWC) boaters. This course provides an excellent introduction to water safety for all members of the family. We encourage youth from age twelve and over to participate and obtain their PCOC. Everyone that operates a pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes will require a PCOC after September 15, 2009. Until that time, you need a PCOC right now in the following circumstances, if: your craft is under 4 metres in length, or you were born after April 1, 1983.

BOATING

This course is open to the public.

The Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron's (OPSS) premier introductory course is the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) Boating Course. Whether you're interested in power or sail, this 13 week course is for you. From this course you will know how to be safe and secure on the water, you will acquire your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and you can become a regular CPS member upon successful completion of the course. You will also learn the basics of navigation and plotting. In addition, you will gain new boating friends, be able to network with your peers about the waterways within our district and beyond (places to go and not to go) and should you wish, you can join in on any of the OPSS social events. There is more beyond safety and CPS membership benefits, when you take the Boating Course.

Course Content:

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| 1. Characteristics of Boats | 2. Licensing, Registration, and Other Requirements |
| 3. Mandatory Equipment | 4. Optional Equipment |
| 5. The Magnetic Compass | 6. Preparing To Launch |
| 7. Ropes, Lines and Knots | 8. Handling a Boat under Power |
| 9. Handling a Boat under Sail | 10. Weather |
| 11. Skipper's Responsibilities before Setting Out | |
| 12. Skipper's Responsibilities When Under Way | |
| 13. Collision Regulations | 14. Canadian Aids to Navigation |
| 15. Emergencies | 16. Global Positioning and Charts |
| 17. Navigation | 18. An Exercise in Conning |
| 19. Introduction to Plotting | 20. Plotting and Labelling |
| 21. Cruising Single-handed | 22. Anchors and Anchoring |
| 23. Supplementary | |

The regular course material includes Student Notes; Homework Folder; Training Chart and Chart No. 1 (Symbols and Abbreviations); Collision Regulations; Government Publications, and CPS Course Plotter

PILOTING

Boating course certificate is a prerequisite.

This Course will provide you with the theoretical knowledge to be able to handle a boat in rough weather, and to deal with emergency situations. The content includes subjects such as Relative Bearings and the Running Fix; effects of current and leeway, and new skills in marlinespike and coastal navigation are taught. As well as an advance on the chart work started in the Boating course, there is a short cruise included as part of the course.



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ADVANCED PILOTING

The skilled navigator of today certainly must be confident, precise and in fact, able to keep his head. While the advent of electronic equipment has made navigation easier, there is still a need to use the traditional tools and methods of plotting to check position, especially in case of equipment or power failure. This course is approximately thirteen weeks long and concludes with a two-part exam. The course stresses competence and accuracy in chart work to standards recognized in the maritime industry.

Course Content:

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| 1. Charts | 2. Compass |
| 3. Course, Bearing and Position | 4. Electronic Navigation |
| 5. Effects of Current and Leeway | 6. Running Fixes |
| 7. Tides and Tidal Currents | 8. Cruise of the M.S.Aypee |

The course kit for the classroom includes, Student Notes, Homework Folder, Tides in Canadian Waters and two charts.

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION

Prerequisite is the Advanced Piloting Course.

The art and science of Celestial Navigation while being overshadowed by the new electronic systems is still a valuable asset especially to the offshore boaters and those in the Cruising World. This course provides the student with the fundamental knowledge and practical skills of celestial navigation, this involves the use of a sextant for taking sights and the Squadron has several that students can borrow for that purpose. The student will also require a scientific hand held calculator with trigonometric capability.

SEAMANSHIP SAIL

This introductory course will teach some of the basic sailing techniques for safe sailing under various conditions, and it will assist and encourage the participant to become a more competent sailor.

Course Content:

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| Spars and rigging | Sails and theory of sail action |
| Sailboat handling | Pilot and cruising under sail (day sailors and keelboats) |
| Fire safety | Sailboat racing |

EXTENDED CRUISING

This course is open to the public.

Whether you are power or sail this course focuses on the unique aspects and challenges of Extended Cruising, it concentrates on the planning and preparation of cruising in order to maximize the enjoyment and minimize the risks for those on board.

Course Content:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The Boat | 2. Sails |
| 3. The well-found vessel | 4. Passage planning |
| 5. Passage making | 6. Oceanography and weather |
| 7. Instrumentation | 8. Adverse conditions |

With several useful Appendices.

MARINE ELECTRONICS

This course is open to the public.

Electronic systems in good working order are key to a safe and enjoyable summer of boating. This 12 week course focuses on what electronic systems to have on board, their description and installation requirements. Whether you perform your own installation or contract it out, the Marine Electronics course is designed to provide you with the knowledge to keep your inboard systems performing well.

Course Content Includes:

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| Basic electricity | Direct current systems (batteries and charging systems) |
| Alternating current systems (shore and generators) | Electrical wiring systems |
| Galvanic and stray current corrosion | Lightning protection |
| Electrical interference | Electrical interference suppression |
| Marine radiotelephone | Electronic depth sounder |



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Radar
Satellite systems

Loran-C
Auxiliary equipment

MARINE MAINTENANCE

Open to the Public.

The boating season is short and to minimize "down time" during the season our boats must be well maintained. Whether you perform your own maintenance or contract it out, the Marine Maintenance course is designed to provide you with the knowledge to keep your boat in top shape. The Marine Maintenance course, among other subjects, will cover protecting your boat from the elements, commissioning in spring and decommissioning in the fall for safe winter storage.

Course Content:

Seasonal maintenance and repairs to wooden, fibreglass and metal hulls

Maintenance for electrical and mechanical systems

Spars, rigging and ground tackle

Fire and safety protection

Moorings and berths

Trailers

Tools and fittings

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF WEATHER

This course is open to the general public and CPS members.

"As the skies appear to a man, so is his mind. Some see only clouds; some, prodigies and portents; some rarely look up at all."

(Thoreau 1852)

If there is a major controlling factor in the boating world, it is the weather. This revised course was introduced in 2000 and has become very popular. This introductory course teaches "The Fundamentals of Weather" which can be directly applied by you. You will be able to make informed and sometimes critical decisions related to the safety of all concerned.

Course content:

1. How the sun causes weather
2. What causes the wind to blow?
3. Water in the atmosphere
4. Clouds - signposts of the Sky
5. Fronts and frontal weather
6. Thunderstorms and tornadoes
7. Forecasting the weather.

Just nine 2 hour weekly sessions and you can impress your friends with statements like "the barometric tendency, north east wind and alto stratus clouds – warm front with a day of rain approaching," Taught by an instructor known to bring blowtorches, tea kettles, garbage bags, paint stripping gun and other weird things to demonstrate in class, this is weather that's fun – you do it all indoors. Best of all no one has been known to fail the exam – join that unique group that actually knows what a kilopascal is!

ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION

This course is open to CPS members and the general public.

An eight-week seminar with a lot of "hands-on" demonstrations.

Course content:

Basic Navigation (a quick review using traditional methods), GPS System (configuration, accuracy), LORAN-C, Waypoint Navigation (navigational computer, averaging, waypoint vs. DR), RADAR Navigation (closest point of approach, electronic bearing, range measurement, collision avoidance, target identification, simulation usage), Electronic Charts (vector vs. raster charts, interfacing, simulator usage).

VHF RADIO

Open to the Public.

I have a cell phone so why VHF? Many boaters do have a cell phone. So what's the phone number of the closest boater/Coast Guard when you are in trouble?



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VHF radio is for boaters. It is a general broadcast system used by boaters, and its function is to enable you to call for assistance, call on behalf of someone else requiring assistance, report hazards such as floating trees/logs, get the latest weather reports and of course contact and talk to other boating friends.

As there is only one "contact channel" radiotelephone-operating procedures are required. The VHF course teaches you that protocol. Industry Canada requires that everyone who wishes to use the VHF have a "Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate". This course will enable you to pass the exam for that certificate.

Course Content:

The phonetic alphabet

Correct radiotelephone-operating procedures

Emergency radio calls

NAVIGATING with GPS

This course is open to CPS members and the general public. Boating certification is recommended. A three week seminar with "hands-on" demonstrations.

Course content:

Basic Navigation (a quick review using traditional methods), GPS System (configuration, accuracy), Waypoint Navigation (navigational computer, averaging, waypoint vs, DR). An introduction to the use of Electronic Charts (vector vs. raster charts, interfacing, simulator usage), combined with GPS, will be given.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES

This course is open to CPS members only.

A two night course for Squadron Members who are interested in instructing one of our courses, it also may be of value to Proctors who may be thinking of instructing in the future. Squadron Courses range from three nights (GPS and Boat Pro) through to 13 weeks (Boating, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting). Instructing can be a one person task or a multi-person task depending on the subject matter, for instance Extended Cruising used three or four people with expertise in different fields.

Course Content:

The Course content shows how the training material can be best presented in a classroom setting.

Membership Officer: Robert Milburn



Member Roster 2005/06

A copy of the Roster can be obtained from the *Membership Officer* by any current member of the above types, or by a person on their behalf:

- at any regular Bridge Meeting;
 - at the September and January Course Registration nights;
 - at selected OPSS functions; or
- by sending a request to the Membership Officer, along with a pre-addressed and stamped envelope, minimum size 9"x12"; for addresses in Canada the required postage is 6 times regular postage (6 x 50¢ = \$3.00).

Membership Officer: (613) 749-8013, 1859 Cloverlawn Crescent, Gloucester, Ontario K1J 6V4. E-mail: membership@cps-ottawa.com

Regalia

** You have been boating this summer and proudly flying your CPS Pennant – how about adding an OPSS Burgee **



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Our burgee is highly recognizable, attractive, and consists of patterns and colours with symbolic mean. Get one so you can proudly display it on you boat and find out about the fully meaning of the symbology of the burgee. The Peace Tower and Maple Leaf is obvious, but have you figured out what the gold, blue, red and yellow means? A full explanation is contained in the document provided with each burgee.

The burgee is 10' x 15', 4 colours, fitted with grommets and can be yours for just \$25.

To purchase this Burgee see the Membership Office at any OPSS function or meeting; or contact him through the OPSS website, phone service or postal address – as shown in this newsletter.



CPS (National flags):

Member Flag Small	8"x13"	\$10.00 (in stock at OPSS)
Member Flag Large	12"x20"	\$11.00 (in stock at OPSS)
Member Flag Appliquéd (sewn coloured fabric)	12"x20"	\$60.00 (will need to order)
Full Size Flags 24"x50", 30"x50", & 40"x60"		\$50.00 (will need to order, price may vary)

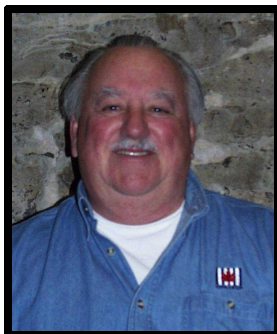
OPSS (Squadron):

Burgee	10"x15"	\$25.00 (in stock at OPSS)
Full Size, Flag or Pennant shapes (sewn coloured fabric)		\$200.00 (will need to order, prices may vary)

No taxes charged.

Robert Milburn, Membership Officer

Social Activities Officer: Fred Cameron



June 2005 Picnic follow-up

I would like to thank everyone who attended the squadron picnic at the Long Island Locks. This year, efforts were quite rewarding as the estimated attendance was 115 + people. Mother Nature co-operated to the fullest and held the rain till it was time for us to go home.

An event like this does not happen without a great deal of help and I want to thank the 20+ people that looked after the large and small details to bring it all together and make it enjoyable for everyone.

At the risk of missing a name I will just recognize the people who: made all the purchases; provided bar-b-ques; prepared and handed out the meals; presented course certificates; swore in and welcomed new members; conducted and assisted with the auction, also those who made purchases; processed the monies; provided vehicles and boats; installed and maintained the PA system; put up the foul weather protection; provided information displays; sold regalia; distributed new rosters; renewed memberships; and stayed to help clean up the grounds afterwards. That represents a great deal of activity and your efforts were truly appreciated. It was a great team effort!

Now the challenge for next year is to top the 2005 event. Your input and suggestions for next year will be most appreciated.



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We also have some interesting social activities coming up this year, so watch Ripples or go to the squadron web site calendar at: www.cps-ottawa.com/social.

See you on the water,

Fred Cameron
Squadron Social Activities Officer

To everyone that was involved in this year's **Parade of Lights**:

Please see attached message from the Parade of Lights organizers. While we did not win any awards, we can all take pride in representing our Squadron & CPS, with an excellent entry. The other plus was we all had FUN!

I would like to add my thanks to all who braved the cold (the walkers) and helped make this a success. For Rolly Nantel we owe a debt of gratitude for his creativity and energy in the preparation of "Tug-a-Long". It was a class act.

Thank you,
Fred Cameron
Sqn. Social Activities Officer

Note: forwarded message attached.

Hello everyone,

Once again our Santa's Parade of Lights turned out to be a great success on Saturday night.

On behalf of the Parade Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" everyone who helped bring this Parade to Life once again.

This year we were blessed with great weather, great crowds in excess of 100,000 people and the most impressive floats to date.

Listed below are the names of the category winners who are asked to send a representative to the awards ceremony being held at The TD CANADA TRUST on St-Joseph BLVD. and Orleans BLVD. Wednesday November 30th at 6PM.

Please accept our best wishes to you and yours through the Holiday Season.

We hope to see you next Year,

Bob Rainboth
Chairman, Santa's Parade of Lights
www.paradeoflights.org

Category Winners

Best Band
Best School Entry
Best Novelty Entry
Best Clown
Best Christmas Spirit
Best Commercial Entry

632 Phoenix-Telesat Air Cadet Squadron
École Secondaire Garneau
Ottawa Fire Services Mini-Bikes
Tryxs the Clown
Scouts St-Joseph d'Orleans
Club Pro / Campbell Pools



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Media Challenge Award
Michael McIntyre Memorial Award
(Best community entry)
Jim Anderson Memorial Award
(Parade Grand Champion)

Ottawa Sun / Bytowne Fire Brigade
Beacon Hill Optimist Club

Community Pentecostal Church

Parade of Lights Follow up.

Again this year, our Squadron entered the Orleans Parade of Lights with a familiar yet not so familiar entry. While most of us would recognize "Tug-a-Long", her decorations were in keeping with this holiday season. Gone were the flowers and décor of the Tulip Festival Flotilla, replaced by the Christmas theme of reindeer, dolphins, wrapped presents and colourful flashing lights. All of this would not be possible without the long hours of hard work, creativity and dedication of Rolly Nantel. To you sir, our sincerest thank you.

In keeping with our squadron tradition of having great influence with the weatherman, Mother Nature cooperated to moderate the temperature to a crisp level, hold back the snow, calm the wind and gave us a great atmosphere for the parade.

The parade attendance was estimated at over 100,000 people. That means that the Squadron message was seen by one of the largest audiences in the area.

A special thanks to all who came out to help distribute candy canes to the children, large and small. From the squadron, were our Commander, Cathie Johnstone, Jim MacLeod, Rolly Nantel, Robert Milburn and yours truly. We were fortunate to have five additional volunteers who were non members, namely: Sandy Nantel, Lynn Pressacco, Robert, June Gauthier and Larry Martin. Some of these people have already volunteered for next years float.

We look forward to seeing many of you next year.

Fred Cameron
Sqn. Social Activities Officer

OPSS Activities Calendar

In addition to our monthly meetings listed on the inside cover the following are Squadron Activities that we would like you to come out to.

Monday & Wednesday, 9 / 11 January 2006; Course Registration, at Ecole Franco-Cite, 623 Smyth Road at 1830 hours.

Monday & Wednesday, 16 / 18 January 2006, Course start Dates, at Ecole Franco-Cite, 623 Smyth Road at 1900 hours.

Thursday, 19 January 2006; Information night. Topic to be announced. Watch the Squadron Social Activities web page for details.

Thursday to Sunday, February 23rd to 26th, 2006: Ottawa Boat, Sportsmen's & Cottage Show, Lansdowne Park, Ottawa. Drop by the Squadron Booth while at the show.

Saturday, 25 February 2006; Squadron Annual Banquet, at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. Guest speaker will be **Gary Wiseman, Chairman of the Ottawa River Navigable Waterway**. Starts at 1900



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hours, cash bar. See Squadron Website for details and how to obtain tickets. Members and non-members welcome.

Thursday, 15 June 2006; Annual Squadron Picnic, held at Long Island Locks. Details to be published later.

The Classifieds

Please visit the Squadron website www.cps-ottawa.com/forsale for a complete list of what is available from a sale and/or wanted to buy perspective. *It's only money, right!* [Gord]

For Sale: 1975 Grampian 28' named 'Momigi'. Beam: 9'6", Draft: 5'. This boat has been owned by the present owner for 20 years and has been sailed extensively - 10 years in Eastern Canada and 10 years in the Caribbean. It is equipped for cruising with an 'A' frame for mast lowering, dinghy and outboard, harken furling, autohelm, refrigeration and everything required for cruising. Boat is lying at Rockliffe Yacht Club.

Asking \$22,000. For more information please contact Ronald Cunningham at (613) 747-5597 or e-mail cunningham@sympatico.ca.

For Sale: 1974 Marine Trader 34' - Double Cabin. Single 120 HP Lehman diesel (approx. 3000 hrs.).



Maintenance records (for last 8 years while in fresh water). 7.5 KW Onan generator. All equipment is in good working order. Many new items (Radar, batteries, prop shaft etc.). Adequate electronics for long distance cruising. Adequate docking and ground tackle. 11 ft. Achilles dingy on davits. Air conditioning available. Spares included (prop, engine parts, belts, hoses etc.). Winter storage frame. 1 gallon white Imron type paint (\$525 value).

Turnkey condition.

2002 insurance survey available. \$65K (negotiable). For more interior photos or more information please contact Peter (613) 692-0706 or pm_labbe@sympatico.ca.

For Sale: 1987 CS 30. Length 30', beam 10' 3", draft 4' 6" (Wing Keel). Displacement 8,000 lbs. Anchor with 120 feet of line including 8 feet of chain. Lots of sails. New dodger windows in 2004. Complete set of cockpit cushions. CS30 Folding Steel Cradle. Complete set of manuals. Harken Furling System for Genoa. Battery Charger (installed). 12 volt accessory plug. 3 110 volt outlets (on shorepower). Inverter. 2 deep cycle batteries (both less than 2 years old). WindVane (top of mast). VHF Radio. Numerous Lines for docking plus spares. Spare engine Parts. There are many more items included in this sale – too numerous to list here.



This yacht is exceptionally clean, and the bottom is in excellent shape with annual VC17 applications. I am the second owner purchasing the boat from the original owner in 2000. E-mail me for more photos. Asking \$58,000. Contact Howard Sutton (416) 368-1024 or hsutton@teracap.com.



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News & Views

The following is a short excerpt from an address given by Loreena McKennitt at a Safe Boating Conference in the USA. It is on the topic of "Wearing Your PFD". Loreena's 9 page address is too long to print here, but we strongly encourage you to take the time to read the whole address from her website at www.cookreesfund.com/speech001En.html. Thanks to Bill Kerr for suggesting this as a topic. Gord]

Address To The International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Newport Beach, California
March 16, 2005
By Loreena McKennitt

Thank you so much for inviting me here tonight.



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I consider it a great honour for me to speak to North America's leaders in water safety. This organization is at the very forefront of what my own efforts have attempted to help achieve: a change in the way that our society behaves on the water. So, you've given me a real gift in inviting me here. And it's truly a kind act to a Canadian.

You see, in Toronto in March, "water safety" means not falling in vast puddles of melting snow, and PFD stands for "profoundly frozen digits." Some Canadians will do anything to get to California in March. So thank you. When your past chair, Marty Law, and Barbara Byers, from the Canadian Safe Boating Council invited me here, they made note in their letter of my own story. As you may know, I lost my fiancé Ron Rees, in a boating incident seven years ago, on Georgian Bay, which is located in the northeast half of Lake Huron.

Shortly after that, I launched the Cook-Rees Memorial Fund for Water Search and Safety which went on to raise well over \$3 million dollars, from personal donations and largely from sales of a recording I was mixing at the time of Ron's death. Because I had little background in this whole area, I was assisted in assembling an advisory group with some of Canada's top experts in water safety and search and rescue. And we've now spent close to seven years funding water search and safety initiatives across the country - including many run by police forces, by the Canadian Coast Guard, and by community organizations.

Three years ago we also funded a landmark study called "Will It Float?", which took the most rigorous look to date at all the issues surrounding the mandatory use of Personal Flotation Devices. That report was done for the Canadian Safe Boating Council by a very innovative research group in Canada called SMARTRISK.

It has really changed the nature of the PFD/lifejacket debate in Canada and, I understand, is becoming quite well known here too. I'm told that the report is starting to find its way in front of many legislators and industry leaders across the U.S. So we've been hard at work for the past while. But for all of that, I must say, I don't normally talk much in public about Ron's story. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, it is very personal, and it is still very painful. I do want to talk about it here tonight however, because I sense a rare kinship in this group.

Some of you are here because you have experienced the kind of pain that I have. Many of you - most of you, I imagine - are here because you dedicate your lives to making sure that others don't have to feel this pain. All of us are here because we want to help others enjoy the water as a blessing, not as a threat. And so I do want to take you through this and tell you what I think could have saved my fiancé Ron Rees' life, and the life of his brother Rick, and of their friend Greg Cook.

On Friday, July 17, 1998 at the end of their work day, Ron, Rick and Greg headed over to a friend's cottage which was about two hours north of Toronto on Georgian Bay.

To continue with Loreena's address please visit her website at www.cookreesfund.com/speech001En.html.

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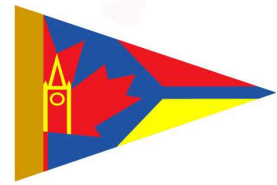
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In the near future security on the Members' Discussion Forums will also be enhanced. Presently login is required for posting; login will also be required to read the postings.

CPS DIGITAL LIBRARY

The CPS Digital Library (DL) has been launched. Contributions (Presentations, photos etc.) are welcomed from instructors and other CPS members.

The site is password protected as we wish DL to be available only to CPS members. For the login information please contact:

Rik Hall, DL Co-Chair - hall@unb.ca or Jean-Robert Lavergne, DL Co-Chair - lavergne_jean-robert@videotron.ca or Michael Dunn, Multimedia Chair - mdunn@nbn.net.nb.ca.

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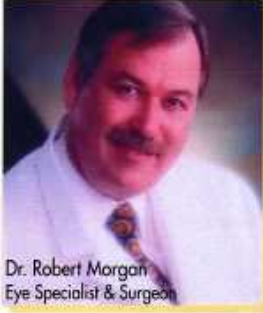
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SCIENTISTS DISCOVER NEW ELEMENT - GOVERNMENTIUM

A major research institution has just announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been named "Governmentium."

Governmentium has one neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons, and 224 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 311. These 311 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons.

Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected, as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium causes one reaction to take over 4 days to complete, when it would normally take less than a second.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 4 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes.

This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "Critical Morass."

When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element which radiates just as much energy, since it has 1/2 as many peons but twice as many morons.