



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples June 2007



Commander's Comments

We certainly seem to be lucky with this recent bout of beautiful weather. Our boat has been launched and we are now fixing all the little things I thought would repair themselves over the winter, but they didn't.

This is my first year as Commander of your Squadron and I look forward to being part of a Bridge that is staffed with a dedicated team of volunteers with the common goal of promoting Safe Boating through Education.

At our Squadron AGM, we had the honour of having Chief Commander Serge St-Martin, JN present the following:

41 merit marks

A plaque to our newest Life member, Pierre Garneau and

The Chief Commander's Citation to Pierre Garneau for his French translation work on the VHF course material.

I have been a member of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron since 1994 and joined the Bridge as the Communications Officer in early 2002, and then the Rideau Ripples Editor in 2004 and next the XO in 2005. I have enjoyed each of my responsibilities and look forward to this new challenging responsibility.

I have always been interested in boats and boating. Although I am a non-swimmer I find myself fascinated with the beauty and peacefulness of bodies of water. My boating pastime started way back in 1969 in Vancouver when I took a sailing course with a company called the Jib Set. This allowed me to rent

their 26' sailboats and I would continue to rent sailboats whenever the opportunity arose, including a bare boat charter in the Virgin Islands on a Hughes 40.

After more than 20 years away from the water, a chance over night stay in the St. Lawrence River on our neighbours wooden Chris Craft made us realise how much we missed boating. In late October of 1993 we purchased a 1956 35' Chris Craft Constellation (yup, a wood boat) which was already set away for the winter, up on wood pilings under cover at French Bay in Clayton, New York.

This turned out to be a lucky break as it allowed us to take the boating course with the idea that we would learn the skills necessary to bring the boat safely into Canada. Thirteen wonderful years later we sold the ole wooden boat to do something different. Well, how was I to know that; once a river rat, always a river rat, and consequently we only lasted one and half years on shore and in September 2004 we purchased a fibreglass boat in Maryland and had ourselves quite an adventure bringing the boat to Canada on its own bottom. We now cruise out of Williams Marine on the St. Lawrence River.

We started our CPS adventure taking a boating course and continued on with many more courses. I highly recommend that you consider taking a course. Our instructors are very knowledgeable and have a passion for passing this information on to our students.

I also highly recommend that you consider participating in some of our Squadron activities. We have many social and informational events throughout the year for you – all boating related and of course membership is not required to attend, so bring along a friend. We have a blast at our Annual Picnic.

The 2007 CPS Annual Conference will be held in Ottawa from October 24th to 28th this year. I encourage you to attend this National Event since it is happening right here in our back yard. If you have some spare time, why not consider donating a couple of hours of your time to help the Ottawa Squadron as well as all the other Squadrons in our District play host to boaters from all across Canada.

I extend to you my personal invitation to come out and enjoy friendship and camaraderie on and off the water with fellow members who share your love of the water and a desire for knowledge about boating.

We have a great squadron that is well organized, which reflects the work of many volunteers who freely



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give their time and energy to make us one of the best in the country. Let us share our boating knowledge and experience to help you create your own great boating memories. With our main purpose of Safe Boating through Education, I fly the CPS flag with pride and invite others to join our Squadron and do the same.

See you on the water,

Gord Abry, Commander

The 2007 – 2008 Bridge

<u>Squadron Commander</u>	Cdr Gordon Abry
<u>Executive Officer</u>	Bryan Caroll
<u>Treasurer</u>	Michael Crawford
<u>Training Officer</u>	Steve Highstead
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<u>Assistant Training Officer (BoatPro)</u>	Brian Forward
<u>Assistant Training Officer (Supply)</u>	Monique Vallieres
<u>Archivist</u>	Vacant Position
<u>Membership Officer</u>	Robert Milburn
<u>Environmental Affairs Officer</u>	Vacant Position
<u>Regalia Officer</u>	Vacant Position
<u>Secretary</u>	Sue Baker, (SN)
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<u>Public Relations / Marketing Officer</u>	Guy Ladouceur
<u>Past Commander</u>	P/C Cathie Johnstone
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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 5 June - Bridge meeting. At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Thursday, 14 June - Squadron Graduation & Picnic. Details to be announced. Please watch web page.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer

RIPPLES CONTENT

If you have any stories, photos or articles you would like to share with OPSS members in the Rideau Ripples, send your submissions to the [Ripples Editor](#) to be considered for publication.

CPS Annual Conference

The CPS Annual Conference (October 24 - 28, 2007) 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



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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.

Four tours have been planned.

Thursday, October 25, 2007: **Rideau Canal Tour & Luncheon** (Price \$50.00)

Bytown Museum/Parliament Hill (Price \$20.00)

Friday, October 26, 2007: **Canadian War Museum** (Price \$25.00)

National Aviation Museum (Price \$25.00)

Tour details can be found in the Port Hole (Spring 2007 Issue) or on the National Web Site;

www.cps-ecp.ca

Preparations are well underway and we have a number of Volunteers who have joined the organizing committee. However, there will be a need for a number of Volunteers to assist with various functions at the conference. These individuals will be asked to provide their services for whatever time frame they have available. The greater the number of volunteers, the shorter the time periods will be. If you are able to assist at the conference, please contact us by Email (address below).

Attendance at the National AGM is free to all members, however you must be registered. Therefore, we have to emphasise to CPS Members that to attend the National AGM, they do not have to buy a "Meal Package", but they will not be entitled to receive a "Ditty Bag" or other "Freebies" which come with the "Meal Packages".

The Registration Form is available on the National Web Site; www.cps-ecp.ca and in the Port Hole (Summer 2007 issue).

Contact Information:

Frank W Keating, AP, P/Cdr
Rideau District Chair
2007 National Conference Committee
Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
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SPRING 2007 COURSES

Maritime Radio VHF as follows:

VHF (English), Monday, 11 June 2007

CCG Officer Recruitment Program

My name is Andrew Schuh and I am a retired Canadian Coast Guard Officer. In 1976 I joined the Canadian Coast Guard and spent some ten years at sea in various capacities as an exec, navigator, search and rescue coordinator and many other tasks at various ranks. I am also a former member of the CPS/ECP in the North York Squadron in 1973-1976.

Recently, alumni of the College in Sydney Nova Scotia have been contacted by the service to make members of the public aware that the Coast Guard is pursuing it's Officer recruitment program for 2007 (Engineering and Nautical Sciences) offering candidates an avenue to obtaining certification as a Coast Guard Officer in the federal government.

Consequently, I was wondering if you could do me the favour of letting the general membership know that this recruiting program is now underway. I thought that some of your members may well be interested in a professional career at sea. It would be much appreciated.

Information about the program can be obtained at the college website or by calling the numbers below.

I wish you all smooth sailing.

Regards,

Andrew H.C. Schuh
(CCGC Class of '79)
<http://www.cgc.gc.ca/CGC.php>

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Registrar's Office (902) 567-3208
Facsimile (902) 567-3233

Annual Squadron Picnic & Graduation

When: Thursday, 14 June 2007



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Where: Long Island Lock Station, River Road, 4 km north of Manotick (see main events page for map)

Time: 1700 hours (5 p.m.), till dark

Admission: free

Refreshments: Hamburgers, hotdogs, home made beans and soft drinks.

Free parking is available and there is limited docking space for boats.

- This is the largest event in the squadron calendar each year, so bring your family, have fun, support the squadron and help celebrate the start of the boating season.
- Come out and congratulate the graduating students and meet your fellow squadron members. Pledging of new squadron members will be high on the agenda. Bring an item to be auctioned off for the benefit of the squadron. Squadron regalia and new member rosters will also be available.
- The Ropeman will be in attendance along with a number of other boating related organizations who will display their products.
- Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas (for the sun) and any other comfort items you might require.
- If you can help out in any way, by providing a bar-b-que, help with the cooking or assist with the set up and clean up or by purchasing items, providing tarps, tables etc. , please contact Fred at telephone number below.

If you plan to attend, please advise us before 12 June 2007, so we can plan for the required amount of food and drinks.

Use the link to our Online Registration form on the upper right side of our Picnic and Graduation webpage at [PICNIC REGISTRATION](#) , or contact Fred Cameron at 613-745-5188.

Fred Cameron,
Social Activities Officer

2007-2008 Training Season

Here is a sneak peek at the next training schedule starting in Sept 2007.

Boat Pro: Length: 3 Evenings
Cost: \$50.00 Adults \$40.00 Students
Course #1: Monday, Sept 17 to Oct 1, 2007

Courses #2 to #10 Mar, Apr, May 2008, Dates: TBD

Boating: Length: 13 Evenings
Cost: \$165.00 (primary) \$120.00 (Secondary)
Course #1: Monday, Sept 10 to Dec 17, 2007
Course #2: Wednesday, Sept 12 to Dec 5, 2007
Course #3: Wednesday, Jan 16 to Apr 16, 2008
Course #4: Monday, Jan 14 to Apr 21, 2008
Course #5: Wednesday, Mar 19 to Jun 11, 2008

***Piloting:** Length: 12 Evenings
Cost: \$115.00 (Primary) \$95.00 (Secondary)
Monday, Jan 14 to Apr 14, 2008

***Advanced Piloting:** Length: 13 Evenings
Cost: \$150.00
Wednesday, Sept 12 to Dec 5, 2007

***Celestial Navigation:** Length: 20 Evenings
Cost: \$200.00
Wednesday, Jan 16 to June 5, 2008

VHF Marine: Length: 3 Evenings
Cost: \$70.00
Course #1 Monday, Nov 19 to Dec 3, 2007
Course #2 Wednesday, Apr 2 to Apr 16, 2008
Course #3 Monday Apr 28 to May 12, 2008 (French)
Course #4 Monday May 26 to Jun 9, 2008

Electronic Navigation: Length: 8 Evenings
Cost: \$100.00 Non-CPS: \$55.00 CPS
Monday, Jan 21 to Mar 31, 2008

Navigating with GPS: Length: 3 Evenings Cost:
\$100.00 Non-CPS: \$55.00 CPS
Monday, April 7 to April 21, 2008

Fundamentals of Weather: Length: 10 Evenings
Cost: \$160.00 Non-CPS, \$115.00 CPS
Wednesday, September 12 to November 14, 2007

Global Weather: Length: 6 Evenings
Cost: \$160.00 Non-CPS, \$115.00 CPS
Mondays Oct 22 to Dec 17, 2007

Extended Cruising: Length 12 Evenings
Cost: \$160.00 Non-CPS, \$115.00 CPS
Monday, Sept 10 to Dec 10, 2007

Marine Maintenance: Length: 10 Evenings
Cost: \$160.00 Non-CPS, \$115.00 CPS
Wednesday, Jan 14 to Mar 26, 2008

Seamanship Sail: Length: 12 Evenings
Cost: \$160.00 Non-CPS, \$115.00 CPS
Monday, Jan 14 to Apr 14, 2008



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AGM

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Photos provided by Robert Motgan and Gord Abry



Cathie being presented with roses at her last meeting as commander.



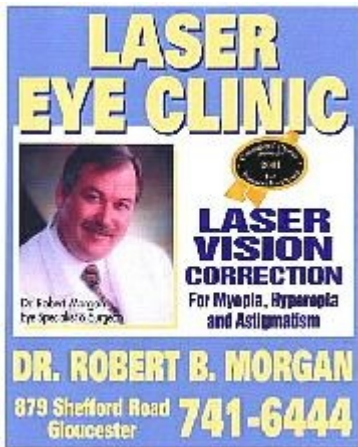
Frank K was presented with the Commanders trophy for his support to Cathie during her term



Cathie receiving a Past Commander plaque



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Why do they call it a TV "set" when you only have one?

Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?

Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?

Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?

Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?

Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?

Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?

Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?

Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?

If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?

Why is bra singular and panties plural?

Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?

Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?

How come abbreviated is such a long word?

Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?

DAMFEST 2007

"The Best Dam Party South of the Nation"
June 16, 17, 2007

Outdoor Exhibits June 16th & 17th

Classic Car Show Competition- Sat Jun 16th 1:00-4:30 only (contact Noel Farley 987-5284) **Engine Blowout at 4:30 p.m**

Vintage & Custom Motorcycles (contact Glen MacIntosh 987-2271)

Classic & Modified Snowmobiles (contact Frank Forques 987-5709)

Classic steamboats on the Nation River

Activities for the kids : Airbounce, face painting, games

Exhibitors

Many other sights to see.....

Baseball tournament - Sat Jun 16th (contact Vince Bouchard 613-987-2730 to register)

Indoor's at the Flood Zone June 15th

Arm Wrestling Tournament - Fri Jun 15th at the Flood Zone - for info call Kevin Lapp 613-987-1612

Indoor Exhibits Crysler Community Centre Jun 16th

Rest area for St-John Ambulance

Red Cross presentation

South Nation presentation

Friends of the library Book Sale



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Entertainment Under the Tent:

Saturday June 16th (10:00am - 1:00am)

Maria Hawkins - "the Blues Lady " 11:00pm -1:00pm
 Mad Science 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 Music by DCL DJ services 3:00pm - 7:30pm
 Barrel House Blues Band (tickets \$10.00 each)
 8:00pm -12:30am

Sunday June 17th (10:00am - 4:00pm)

Father's Day brunch (\$8.00 for admission & breakfast)
 9:30am.-11:30am
 Lawn tractor and 4 wheeler pulls (Register by
 10:00am) 11:00am- 2:00pm
 Junkyard Symphony 2 :30pm - 4:00pm

Lots of free parking (handicapped parking available)
 Food concession & Cash bar

**Admission to the grounds: \$5.00 per person - kids
 under 12 free
 Gates open at 10:00am**

NO PETS, BICYCLES or COLOURS ALLOWED

Purchase a ticket for \$5.00 and buy a chance to win:
 1st Prize - 150cc chopper bike
 2nd Prize - a pair of Tim McGraw/Failth Hill tickets

My Resume

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried to be a Tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it - mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, I tried to be a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.
6. I attempted to be a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it I couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but I didn't have any patience.

9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. I tried but I just didn't fit in.

10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

11. I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.


12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.


13. After many years of trying to find steady work! , I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

15. SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND FOUND THAT I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

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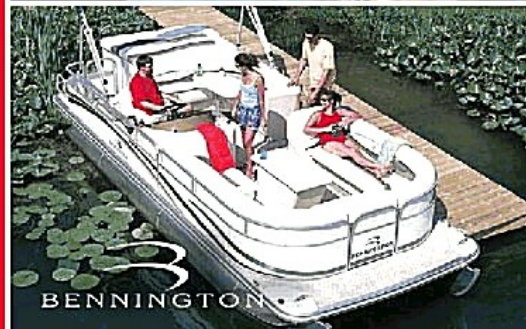
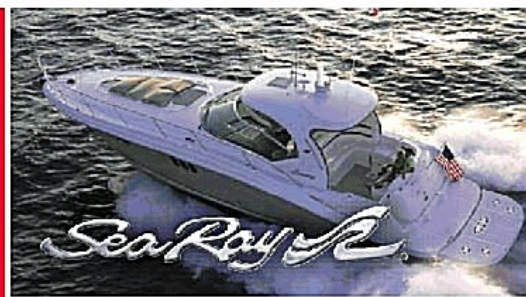
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