

Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples February 2008





Commander's Comments

Oh no, the February blahs are starting to settle in. It's that time when those of us that have not vacated our homes for destinations South to enjoy the warmer climates realise it's not a trick but there are many more cold and snowy days ahead.

To top this off, we have many members who are reading this newsletter while in a Southern location, trying not to chuckle out loud or laugh too hard at us hearty folk left to man the cold North post.

Of course, they will tell you that they are sorry that we are left up here, but really now, do we or should we believe them?

There are several activities available for us left up here to enjoy. The January Info Night was really neat. Forty-eight braved the cold and enjoyed a top notch presentation by Cowan Insurance Brokerage (a CPS Partner Company) on their Marine Insurance Program as well as their home and auto insurance. A Q & A session allowed attendees to discuss their own insurance situations.

We have a new Regalia Bridge Officer and it's Al Syberg. Thank you Al for taking on this position. We all look forward to seeing new items for sale.

When is the Boat Show you ask? It's February 21-24, 2008 at Lansdowne Park. Our booth number is 412. Want to have some fun and see the boat show? Well, do I have a deal for you ... volunteer for a 2 hour time slot to work the booth. If interested, please contact Pierre Garneau (234-8204) for what times are left.

Our Annual Squadron Dinner is on February 23rd, 2008 at Algonquin College. Please contact Fred

Cameron (745-5188) for tickets.

Burrr its cold,

Gord Abry, <u>AP</u>; Commander

commander@cps-ottawa.com

District Web Admin Position Open

At the Rideau District Council Executive meeting in January, 2008 it was announced that the position a District Web Admin position has become available and if you are interested please <u>email your contact</u> <u>information</u> to me as soon as possible.

Particulars of the position:

- You would be part of the Rideau District Bridge and expected to attended the District meetings (about 4 meetings a year, plus the AGM).
- Your role is to train all seven Rideau District Squadrons in how to use and the features of the new CPS Web Based Admin System. Basically, the new CPS Web Based Admin System is on the web and replaces a whole whack of paper forms that Squadron Bridge Officers have to fill out and send in. The CPS Web Based Admin System will let Squadron Bridge Officers fill out forms on the website (no more paper). The Squadron Bridge Officers need training on how to do fill in the forms, etc.
- You would be trained first. This may require a visit to CPS in Toronto.
- Your main Squadron training tool would be a PowerPoint presentation provided by CPS (the one you would have gotten trained on in Toronto).
- The seven Rideau District Squadrons range geographically from Kingston, Cornwall, Rideau Lakes and all the way up to Deep River. You would need to meet with Squadrons to train them. However, you would determine the schedule and the training session could be co-ordinated with a regular Rideau District meeting, so travel would be at a minimum.
- No you don't have to be a computer geek to do this.
- You should be comfortable using Internet Explorer, Excel and filling in forms that are on



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a website. You will have absolutely nothing to do with the programming of the Web Based Admin System, which is being developed by CPS, your role is to help Squadrons with how to use this system.

If you are somewhat interested and have some questions, please don't be shy, contact me at commander@cps-ottawa.com and I can either lay your fears to rest or scare you even more.

Regards, Gord Abry

The 2007 – 2008 Bridge

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Assistant Training Officer (Supply)	Monique Vallieres	
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<u>Regalia Officer</u>	Al Syberg	
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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 5 February 2008 - 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.

Saturday, 23 February 2008 - Annual Squadron Dinner at Algonquin College. Details to be announced.

Tuesday, 4 March 2008 - Bridge Meeting.

Thursday, 6 March 2008 - Info Night - A Tall Ships presentation by the Bytown Brigantine.

Tuesday, 1 April 2008 - Bridge meeting.

Tuesday, 17 April 2008 - Squadron AGM

Tuesday, 6 May 2008 - Bridge Meeting.

May Info Night - To be announced.

Tuesday, 3 June 2008 - Bridge Meeting.

Tuesday, 10 June 2008 - Squadron Picnic & Graduation

October 2008 – Info Night - 9 Years on the 7 Seas, with Anne & Martin Vennesland.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer social@cps-ottawa.com

The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.



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2008 Squadron Annual Dinner

Saturday, 23 February 2008 at Algonquin College, Building "D", 1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa. (Complimentary parking in lots 8 & 9, except in silver & handicapped areas)

Guest Speaker: Dr Richard Gimblett, CD, is Command Historian of the Canadian Navy, as well as President of the Canadian Nautical Research Society (<u>http://www.cnrs-scrn.org/</u>) and of the Ottawa Branch of the Naval Officers Association of Canada (<u>http://www.noac.ottawa.on.ca/</u>). Having served for 27 years in the Navy before retiring in 2001, he is widely recognized as a leading interpreter of the modern Navy. His many published works include Operation Apollo: The Golden Age of the Canadian Navy in the War Against Terrorism (on post-9/11 naval operations in the Gulf region). His audio-visual presentation will cover those and other activities of the Canadian Navy since the dawn of the 21st century.

Cash bar: opens at 1800 hours.

Dinner buffet: starts at 1900 hours.

Dress: Business suit or Sports jacket (We like this to be our one "Dress-up event of the year)

Tickets: \$ 30.00 per person, Payable in advance, to our Social Activities Officer, Fred Cameron. Tickets may be obtained from Fred at any prior social function, or at course registration. You can also send your cheque or money order to Fred at: 1861 Cloverlawn Cres., Ottawa, On K1J 6V4. Please make cheques or money orders payable to The Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron or (OPSS).

There will be no ticket sales at the door, as attendance numbers must be confirmed with the Catering Department by 20 February 2008. Tickets will be held at the door for those who have prepaid only.

Dinner is open to CPS members and interested members of the public.

Dinner Buffet Menu, will consist of: Relish Tray / Tossed Salad with House Dressing / Hip of Beef au Jus / Parisienne Potatoes / Buttered Baby Carrots / Platters of Sliced Ham & Turkey / Rolls with Butter / Assorted Cakes / Coffee & Tea.

We will have a great array of quality door & raffle prizes Provided by: Orleans Jeep Chrysler, Performance Mazda, The Chandlery, and The SAM Group. Also several books provided by the authors.





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RIPPLES CONTENT

f you have any stories, photos or articles you would like to share with OPSS members in the Rideau Ripples, send your submissions to <u>ripples@cpsottawa.com</u> to be considered for publication.

OPSS TRAINING

ur Winter Training Program has started with a good number of students. The boating class is full with 20 eager students being ably taught by our XO Bryan Carroll with our resident sage Pierre Garneau proctoring. We have a very good piloting class of 12 students being taught by Philip Harris and Monique Pelland. Monique who also teaches Advance Piloting is actively encouraging the Piloting students attend our Advance Piloting class planned for the Fall. We also have an Electronic Navigation class of 6 students being lead by our gadget guru Jim MacLeod (aka Mr. Nobody) And finally, we are running a Marine Maintenance course which is being taught by our very experienced ATO Advanced and Elective Courses, Dave Omond. It is very pleasing to see such a wonderful turnout for our courses this winter.

Upcoming courses we encourage our members to consider are the GPS Seminar and Marine Radio courses which will be starting in April. We also have our Spring Boating Course scheduled for March 19.This will be your last chance to take the Boating Course before next Fall. Please checkout at our web site www.ottawa-cps.com for course details and register for these upcoming courses.

If you know any family or friends who have not as yet received their Pleasure Craft Operators Card, please encourage them to do so. Our training program is a three evening course which is run at our local Ottawa Public Library Branches. We provide the best training in the city, and our PCOC is the only card recognized in the United States. Course locations and details can also be found on our website, and we encourage everyone to register for these courses.

Class Schedule, Spring 2008

Registration - 19h00 to 20h00 Classroom 115 March 3 2008

Boating: 13 Evenings Wednesdays - Mar 19 to Jun 11, 2008; Room 106

VHF Marine: 3 Evenings

Wednesdays - Apr 2 to Apr 16, 2008; Room 124 Mondays - Apr 28 to May 12, 2008 (French); Rm 115 Mondays - May 26 to Jun 9, 2008; Room 115

Navigating with GPS: 3 Evenings Mondays - Apr 7 to Apr 21, 2008; Room 124

Boat Pro Schedule, Spring 2008

VENU - OTTAWA LIBRARY						
Branch	Day	1 st Class	2 nd Class	Last Class		
Orleans	Thurs	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar-08		
Centrepointe	Tues	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar-08		
Beaverbrook	Wed	09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr-08		
Manotick	Tues	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr-08		
Greenboro	Wed	07-May	14-May	21-May-08		
Blackburn Hamlet	Thurs	08-May	15-May	22-May-08		
Ruth Dickinson	Tues	13-May	20-May	27-May-08		

The courses start at 18:30 and run to 20:30 Course registration Fees: \$50.00 Adults \$45.00 Students

We are currently putting plans in place for the Fall training program. This should be finalized and posted on our website in the next couple of months.

Steve Highstead, Training Officer trainingofficer@cps-ottawa.com

> THE MORSE CODE When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

Membership Update

This is my THIRD article for the Ripples as the new Membership Officer. Please help me reduce our Expired / Outstanding Memberships. This is a short article!

I can put you to sleep with numbers, statistics as I did in my last two articles but YOU and I know if your membership is current or not. I am attempting to manage over 600 members and it is no easy task but I like a challenge.

Renewals of Expired/Outstanding are coming in



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extremely slowly. Well if you were waiting for the new Renewal Year, well it is here! SO make my day and call CPS HQ at 1-888-CPS-BOAT (277-2628) and get the ball rolling.

If you are still not sure of your membership status! Well its is easy, if you are ready the newsletter that you received by mail look at the label on the front of the envelope. If you are reading the newsletter on line, send me an e-mail at membership@cps-ottawa.com and I will tell reply to you with your status in a few days. If you simply wished to be removed from the membership, please let me know and I will remove you. Should you decide at a later date to come back it would be no problem?

For all those members whose membership will expire April 30, 2008 you can renew on line via the Internet. Remember that two family members cannot have the same e-mail address for security reasons I am told!

It is easy to update your membership:

BY PHONE - 1-888-CPS-BOAT (277-2628) You will require the following information:

 Your old membership number or your First/Last Name

- Your Date of Birth
- Your Postal Code (use the last one we have on record: you can change it later)
- A valid Visa or MasterCard credit card.

IN-PERSON – At any of our Information Nights or Squadron functions. I also instruct the Boating Course so if you send me an e-mail or phone call I will make myself available.

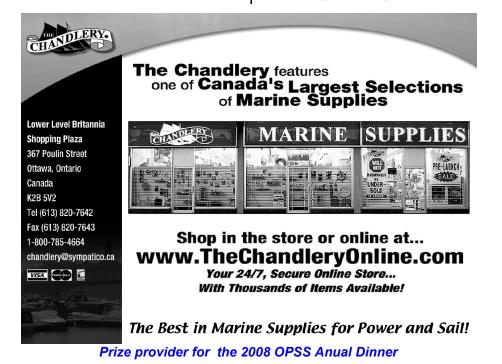
I said it would be short. I am hoping that your winter has not been too hard and that spring is just around the corner!

Guy A Ladouceur, Membership Officer membership@cps-ottawa.com

Cowan Insurance Column

We are going to try something a bit different here. Based upon the interest generated at the January Info Night presentation from Cowan Insurance Brokerage representatives, Carla Lettenbauer and Debbie McKenzie we are going to have a specific Cowan Insurance column in Rideau Ripples.

It will be something like a Dear Abby column except for insurance. So just like in Dear Abby, people's identity who pose situations/questions are kept anonymous and the replies are open for all to read. We hope this





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type of information will be of benefit and interest to all members.

This is done in other organisations like the Aviation Industry and closer to home, BoatUS, with their insurance magazine, Seaworthy. Except they get right into an analysis of major dollar insurance claims. It's quite interesting from the perspective to see what types of boating claims there are, and the thought here is that by reading about other people's claims, we will not put ourselves into a similar situation, thereby avoiding damage to ourselves and/or boat.

So, who wants to start? How about you? Any boating insurance claim story you wish to share, anonymously???? What about a general boating your insurance question??? Email question/ directly story/comments/ to Carla at carla.lettenbauer@cowangroup.ca.

Regards, Gord Abry, AP Squadron Commander <u>commander@cps-ottawa.com</u>



Discontinuation of Single Vessel Label Program

Collowing consultations held as part of the Canada Shipping Act 2001 regulatory reform process, Marine Safety has concluded that the Single Vessel Label Program will be discontinued. In order to prevent causing any inconvenience to pleasure craft owners, it has been decided to discontinue the program before the regulations contained within the CSA 2001 come into effect.

As part of the phasing out process, vessels that are

not serially produced will no longer be required to have a single vessel label. If you are in the process of building your own pleasure craft, or if your pleasure craft does not presently have a Capacity or Conformity Label affixed, you will no longer be required to obtain a Single Vessel Label.

Owners of vessels that are required to have Hull Serial Numbers (HIN) and which do not have one, will be directed to the manufacturer, builder or importer. If the owner is unable to obtain a Hull Serial Number (HIN) from the manufacturer, builder or importer, the owner need take no further action, but must be able to demonstrate that they have made reasonable attempts to obtain one.

http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/news/discont-single-vessel-label-prgm.htm

SEE ALSO http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/news/menu.htm

ICOM PROMOTION

Correspondence to Gord Abry:

com Canada recently sent a package of information to you by Canada Post which described a special promotion for members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. I am sending this note to you so that it may be easier for you to pass it along to other members of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron.

Remember that more information about these radios and other Icom Canada products can be found at our web site <u>www.icomcanada.com</u>. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

With my best regards, Jack Sikonia Icom Canada

REBATE FORM on last page

Law of Mechanical Repair:

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

Law of the Workshop:

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.





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A 'FLARE' FOR RESCUE

At 12:45 AM, April 15, 1912, the first of eight rockets shot into the sky over the Atlantic Ocean. These distress flares were from the HMS Titanic and were her last attempt to summon help for the stricken ship. Aboard the Leyland Liner, the Californian, lying not too far from the stricken Titanic, crew members witnessed the flares and stars but failed to recognize them for what they were. The use of flares was fairly new in 1912 and that is the primary reason for the lack of immediate response. Thankfully, times have changed and emergency signaling devices are commonplace aboard commercial and recreational vessels.

But if you were out on the water would you recognize the signs from a vessel in distress? And more importantly, do you have all of the required safety equipment on board and do you and your crew know how to use it?

While you may not know it, all pleasure craft operating on Canadian waterways must carry the specified safety equipment for there size and type of vessel, as set out in Small Vessel Regulations. It's the law. Regardless of the boating activity you enjoy, from power boating and riding personal watercraft, to canoeing, kayaking, sailing or sailboarding you must have the minimum required safety equipment on board. The right safety equipment may be the only thing between you and a tragedy, should things go wrong on the water.

The Small Vessel Regulations set out the specific requirements for sailboards; paddleboats and watercycles; canoes, kayaks, rowboats and rowing shells; unpowered and powered pleasure craft under 6 meters; PWCs; and all pleasure craft over 6 metres in length. As your recreational vessel's size increases, so do the requirements for additional equipment.

So let's look at the requirements for a typical 7 metre pleasure craft.

The first thing up is Personal Protection Equipment. The law requires that you have one Canadianapproved personal flotation (PFD) device or lifejacket of an appropriate size for every person on board. Pay special attention to your children's PFDs. These should be selected by size and weight, and have collars to keep their heads up in the water, a handle on the collar to lift them and a safety strap so the PFD does not slide up over their head. You might also wish to look into the new lines of inflatable PFDs. These recently approved devices, are lightweight, comfortable and cool in the summer's heat but must be worn while underway to qualify as an approved PFD.

The next key piece of your Personal Protection Equipment is a buoyant heaving line or an approved lifebuoy or ring. Both of these devices must have a line attached of at least 15 metres in length, providing for a good throwing distance to rescue someone who has found themselves in the water and in trouble. These pieces of equipment should be kept where it can be retrieved for instant use. To rescue some one from the water, every vessel with a freeboard (the distance from the water to the gunnel or edge of the boat) that is greater the 0.5 metres must also have a re-boarding device or ladder.

Boat Safety Equipment is next on the list of mandatory safety equipment. For our sample 7 metre craft you must carry a manual propelling device or an anchor with not less than 15 metres of rope, chain or cable. Should you find yourself with a mechanical failure or out of wind, you must be able to paddle or row yourself to safety, or anchor to avoid drifting into danger.

To keep your boat safe, you must also carry a bailing device. A bailer made from a bleach bottle or a manual pump meet the requirements for this size of boat. One key thing to remember is that the outlet hose on the manual pump must be long enough to reach from the bilge and over the side of the boat.

For all pleasure craft that are power driven, the law requires one class 5BC fire extinguisher. If your boat is equipped with a fuel burning-cooking, heating or refrigerating device, a second 5BC fire extinguisher is required. Remember to have your fire extinguishers inspected regularly.

To summon aid in case of emergency, specific Distress Equipment is required. Your boat must have a watertight flashlight for signaling and a minimum of 6 Canadian approved Type A, B or C flares. Keep the flares in a waterproof container to protect them from the damp.

The last requirement is to equip your boat with the specified Navigation Equipment for your size and type. You must have a sound signaling device, consisting of a whistle or air horn and navigation lights that meet the applicable standards set out in the Collision Regulations.





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Remember this is a list of the minimum safety equipment required by law. It is a great idea to outfit your boat with extra safety that meets you type of boating ad takes into consideration where you boat. Store all of your equipment in an easily accessible location and make sure all of your passengers know where the equipment is and how to use it.

Training in the use of safety equipment is important, especially when it comes to flares. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in co-operation with Orion and Transport Canada have developed a hands on course in the proper use of signaling flares. They can be contacted at 1-888-277-2628 or <u>www.cps-ecp.ca</u> and click on 'courses'.

To learn more about safety equipment and determine the required equipment for your type and size of vessel, you can also visit <u>www.boatingsafety.gc.ca</u> or call the Boating Safety Infoline at 1-800-267-6687 and remember, Boat Safe – Return Safe. Enjoy your time on the water and "have many happy returns."



Canada Shipping Act, 2001

The Canada Shipping Act, 2001 came into force on July 1, 2007. For information on how this change affects pleasure craft, please see the following Backgrounder.

CANADA SHIPPING ACT, 2001 PLEASURE CRAFT Canada Shipping Act, 2001

The Canada Shipping Act, 2001 (CSA 2001) replaces the Canada Shipping Act (CSA) as the principal legislation that governs safety in marine transportation, recreational boating and the protection of the marine environment. It applies to Canadian vessels operating in all waters and to all vessels operating in Canadian waters (all vessels from canoes and kayaks to cruise ships and tankers).

The CSA 2001 is the result of extensive consultations with a wide range of marine stakeholders. It represents an updated and streamlined version of the original CSA, making it clearer and easier to understand. This will greatly assist the marine community to operate in a manner that is safer, more efficient and environmentally sound, and responsive to the needs of Canadians in a global economy.

Many regulations that apply to pleasure craft have been updated or added. These include: Small Vessel Regulations, 2007; Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations; Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations; Collision Regulations; Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and for Dangerous Chemicals; Environmental Response Regulations and Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations.

For more information:

Owners and operators of pleasure craft are encouraged to participate in education and awareness initiatives and contribute to a safety culture within the industry.

You can learn more about CSA 2001 and the regulations that affect pleasure craft at the Canadian Marine Advisory Council website at <u>www.cmacccmc.gc.ca</u>. You can also call toll-free 1-866-879-9902 or 613-998-7764 in the National Capital Region.



www.youtube.com/user/CPSECP

CALLING ALL PROUD BOAT OWNERS

Would you like to showcase your pride and joy in the Ripples? Maybe you have done a lot of work on your boat or it has an interesting history. Tell us about it! Send your story and some pictures and I will consider it for a future edition. Provide the boat particulars and your ownership history along with anything else you would like to share with us.

Submit your articles to <u>ripples@cps-ottawa.com</u>



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Special Offer for CPS Members

ICOM Canada is now a Safe Boating Partner of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS). Under this three-year arrangement, ICOM and the CPS will promote safe boating through the proper use of marine electronics and communications equipment. In celebration of this partnership and to show our appreciation to CPS members, ICOM Canada is offering rebates on its complete line of marine products.



IC-M504D

- Submersible PLUS up to 1.5 m for 30 minutes
- Superior receiver 0.22 µV typical sensitivity
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- Large LCD easy to see channel and other data

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\$10.00	IC-M504
\$25.00	IC-M604
\$50.00	IC-M802, IC-MR570



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ICOM CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON REBATE OFFER: Purchase an ICOM Marine radio from an authorized Canadian dealer between 01/08/08 to 04/30/08. Mail the following three items: 1. Copy of sales receipt showing authorized ICOM Canada dealer name, purchase price and date. 2. Copy of CPS membership card. 3. This completed rebate form. This is a limited time offer. Rebates must be postmarked 30 days from date of product purchase and mailed to: ICOM Canada. Attn: CPS Marine Rebate offer, 150-6165 Hwy 17, Delta, BC, V4K 5B8. Please allow 4 weeks for delivery. This offer is valid for Canadian residents only. Rebate may not be acknowledged for incomplete forms. This form may be reproduced or visit www.iconcanada.com or http://www.cps-ecp.ca to receive a new form. For more information contact Corinne Allen at 604-952-4266 or email corinneallen@icomcanada.com.

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