



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples February/March 2009



Commander's Comments

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My hat goes off to those of you that picked the coldest days in January to head south to warmer temperatures - one of these days I too will be joining the herd south. To prevent freeze-up the Squadron has been very busy organising events and courses - no quiet time around here.

Mid January I attended the Rideau District Council meeting held at the Swan on the Rideau near Manotick. At this meeting, D/C Linda Hamilton used group break-out sessions by area of responsibility to flush out new Squadron issues. This was a fun exercise and yielded some good results as it allowed the attendees with common interests to discuss current issues amongst themselves before giving a short report to the whole group.

It may be a bit cold to start to thinking of the Ottawa Flotilla, but not in the opinion of Rolly Nantel who wants to remind everyone that, the Ottawa Flotilla is now under the umbrella of the "UNESCO World Heritage Festival" and it will take place on the "Civic Holiday" weekend annually. This is the one & only "Ottawa" nautical event and since we are a nautical organization, maybe keep this in mind when planning summer vacations. If you are interested in having your boat participate in the Flotilla mark your calendar and stay tuned.

I assume that you have your MMSI number? Don't know what I am talking about? Take our VHF radio course and you will know about the MMSI number. If you already have your MMSI number I would like you to consider a couple of additional steps;

1. Email your MMSI number to Guy our

Membership Officer at membership@cps-ottawa.com who will include it in this year's Roster, and

2. Provide your MMSI number to the Burnaby Power Squadron as per the following article:

MMSI Number Directory Compiled by the Burnaby Power Squadron

This was posted on CPS Forums and may be of interest to our readers.

If you have a VHF radio with DSC on your vessel and you are registered (which is free) and possess a 9 digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number, then you may want to participate in this Directory.

This MMSI number uniquely identifies the vessel and all transmitters on board that vessel (VHF DSC radios) i.e.: 316-XXX-XXX.

The availability of a Directory of MMSI numbers to enable direct Selective Calls to other known boaters enhancing vessel-to-vessel communications now becomes a pressing need.

Coinciding with the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Burnaby Squadron, we issue an open invitation to all CPS members and non-members that wish to be included in such a Directory - to be published in time for our 50th Anniversary Gala in May, 2009 - to provide the following information to develop such a Directory:

1. MMSI Number: 316- to 318- (Canada) or 366- to 369- (USA) plus the trailing 6 digits.
2. Vessel Name:
3. Proprietor: (Name and Last Name and/or AKA)
4. Organization Member: CPS, USPS, CSA, a yacht club or other organization or N/A if not.
5. Squadron/District: e.g., Ottawa/Rideau
6. Province or State of Boating activity:
7. Sail or Power: S/P
8. LOA:
9. Home Port:

To be included in this Directory email the above information directly to jcb-02@telus.net.

This is not a closed CPS Directory so other boaters from other organizations are welcome if they desire. Points 4, 5 and 6 are recorded to



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enable a quick search according to affinity and or area of activity. Points 7 and 8 are to enable identification on the water.

Once the Directory is available a copy will be sent as a PDF to all those registered, and future updates will be mailed on requested - about once a year.

John Churchill-Browne
Burnaby Squadron, PMD

Why is it that as the weather gets colder, the number of boat shows increases? The Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show (www.sportshows.ca) runs from February 26 to March 1, 2009 at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. I hope you have time to attend the show and please stop by and visit us in booth #519 in the Civic Centre building (same spot as last year).

Mark your calendar for our annual Squadron dinner which is held at Algonquin College on February 28th, 2009. The folks at the College put on an excellent meal for us. Visit the Squadron website http://cps-ottawa.com/evt_09_02_28.html for details about the evening and don't forget to let Fred Cameron our Social Activities Officer know you will be attending (if you wait too long – no hip of beef for you).

September 15th, 2009 is the date when everyone needs to have a Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) to operate a motorized boat. Seems so far away but really it isn't. We know that there are millions of people who enjoy being on the water but unfortunately only a small percentage have their PCOC. This begs the question, when will the remaining boaters get their PCOC and with what organization?

I encourage you to take a moment to think of a couple of friends to whom you could pass a copy of the Ripples back page. I think we have a duty to make sure that everyone we know has the opportunity to enjoy safe boating. A course makes so much sense, yet we notice that course enrolment is down. So please let your friends know we would love to teach them how to boat properly.

Once this snow and ice thing is over and done with I will see you on the water.

Gord Abry, *AP*; Commander
commander@cps-ottawa.com

The 2008 – 2009 Bridge

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No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.



Squadron Events Calendar

Saturday, 28 February 2009 - Squadron annual dinner at Algonquin College. Details to follow on web page.

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Tuesday, 3 March 2009 - Bridge meeting. At Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 7 April 2009 - Bridge meeting. At Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Thursday, 16 April 2009 - Squadron Annual General Meeting. Details to follow on web page.

Tuesday, 5 May 2009 - Bridge meeting. At Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Thursday, 7 May 2009 - Info Night, The Liveaboard Experience, with Barrie & Janet Smith. Details to follow.

Tuesday, 2 June 2009 - Bridge meeting. At Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

[Please watch the website for upcoming social events.](#)

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

Notice to Mariners

If you want to receive updates to your paper navigation charts, visit the Canadian Coast Guard website: Aids to Navigation, Notices to Mariners. Create a profile, specify the charts you are interested in and your email address. You will then receive monthly, any changes to you charts. If your charts are older, the site has an archive of changes.

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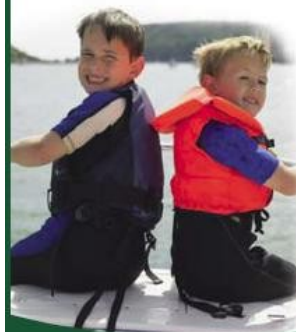
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Membership Update

Enough is enough with all these freezing temperatures, shoveling snow and slippery driving conditions. Let's start thinking Boating Season and by the time you read this portion of the Rideau Ripples, Warton Willy will have seen his shadow on February 2, 2009. It is coming but not soon enough for me!

Here I go again, it is renewal time! Last year at this time, no one had renewed their membership. I just checked to see that 27 members took advantage of the on-line system and two paid their membership to me. Wow this is impressive! Now it is your turn to do the same, please do not wait till spring do it when you read this. You know the benefits and great camaraderie in the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron. Make my day.... Do it now!

It is easy to renew your membership:

1. ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE
 - Short Version :



<https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public.asp?WCE=C=Wizard%7CK=221~0>

• Long Version:

<https://www.cps-ecp.ca/members/members.asp>

2. BY RETURNING YOUR CPS RENEWAL FORM WHEN RECEIVED

3. BY PHONE - 1-888-CPS-BOAT (277-2628)

You will require the following information:

- Your 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) and
- A valid Visa or, MasterCard credit card

4. IN-PERSON – At any of our upcoming 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.

Enough from me, I am hoping to see most of you at Squadron Dinner on February 28, 2009.

Take care, be warm and dream summer!

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

Editor's note: I guess the short and long versions don't refer to the URLs!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

If you have any changes regarding your membership, i.e. change of address, name, phone number, e-mail address or boat name, mooring, etc.

Please contact Guy A. Ladouceur
(613) 824-9490 or e-mail him your information at
membership@cps-ottawa.com

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger.....and then it hit me.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

2009 Lockage, Mooring and Camping Fees

(GST included)

(2008 fees are in effect until March 31, 2009)

Note: all figures are in \$Canadian.

| Type of Permit | 2008 Rates | 2009 Rates |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Single Lockage and Return | \$0.90/ft | \$0.90/ft |
| One Day Lockage | \$1.60/ft | \$1.60/ft |
| Six Day | \$5.05/f | \$5.05/ft |
| Transit (one way) | \$4.65/ftt | \$4.65/ft |
| Seasonal Lockage | \$8.80/ft | \$8.80/ft |
| Overnight Mooring | \$0.90/ft | \$0.90/ft |
| Seasonal Mooring | \$9.80/ft | \$9.80/ft |
| Power (per 24 hrs)** | \$9.80 per night | \$9.80 per night |
| Camping | \$4.90 per person | \$4.90 per person |

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: (up to March 31, 2009) - Purchase a six day or transit permit at the 2008 price and get a free night of mooring. Purchase a Seasonal Pleasure Craft Lockage Permit at the 2008 price and get 10% off the price of a Seasonal Overnight Mooring Permit.

For more information contact:

Rideau Canal Office
34 Beckwith St. South,
Smiths Falls, Ontario K7A 2A8

Tel: 613-283-5170

Toll Free: 1-888-773-8888

Fax: 613-283-0677

email: RideauCanal-info@pc.gc.ca

Submitted by D/C Linda Hamilton

OPSS Commander's Trophy

Do you know of someone who has been an extra special ambassador for the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron. Someone who has worked hard for the Squadron. Guidelines are really quite simple;

1. candidate must not be a member of the



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- current 2008-2009 Bridge and
2. candidate has not received the Commanders' Trophy before and
 3. time period is the current 2008-2009 session.

Past recipients of the Commander's Trophy are ineligible for this recognition and they are:

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| James Drummond | Ann Taylor | Rosine Weisbrod |
| Johannes Ottens | Glen Steiner | Stephan Richards |
| D. Macgillivray | W. Fraser | Allen T. Huff |
| Barbara Aubrey | Bob Brule | John Grant |
| Murray Harris | Pierre Garneau | Jocelyne Richard |
| Len Oddy | Rick Aubrey | Bill Kerr |
| Dave Omond | Patricia Drummond | Robert Lawson |
| Bernard Poirier | Rachel Morgan | Rolly Nantel |
| Jim MacLeod | Walter Bilous | Paul Weisbrod |
| Jim Dean | Frank Keating | John Harrison |

Please send me your suggestions with a few words as to why you submitted their name. Please get back to Commander Gord by Tuesday, March 31st, 2009.



In addition to the Commanders Comments:

The inaugural edition of the Rideau Canal Festival was held the August Civic Holiday long weekend (August 1st – 4th, 2008) coinciding with Ottawa's Colonel By Day (Also known as Simcoe Day). The Rideau Canal Festival Committee was formed in anticipation of the Rideau Canal becoming a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Rideau Canal Festival was that celebration and will be an annual event. This years celebration is a ways away yet but the Squadron would like members to consider participating this year, representing the Squadron. The 2009 Edition of the Rideau Canal Festival will be held from July 31

to August 3. Hope to have more info in the next Ripples also.

Visit the website for more information:
<http://rideaucanalfestival.ca/>

Cowan Insurance Column

We believe in answering questions and sharing information so we can all learn from each other. Contact us!

Question:

On the Declaration Page of my insurance policy, it says "Uninsured Boater". What does this refer to?

Answer:

"Uninsured Boater" is exactly as it sounds. It refers to a boat owner or operator who does not have any insurance (which we do not recommend!). It also includes people who cannot be identified, for example, in a hit-and-run scenario. If you have an accident with an uninsured person, your policy will pay for any bodily injury to protected persons aboard your boat.

Question:

I have a trailer, dinghy and dinghy outboard. Are these items covered under my policy?

Answer:

Yes. Your trailer, dinghy and dinghy outboard are covered, but they must be listed separately on the Declaration Page of your policy. We require the year, make, value, serial # and length (dinghy) and horsepower (outboard). And remember, in case of a claim, the more information you provide us, the better!

We encourage you to share any stories or ask any insurance-related questions. Please email: carla.lettenbauer@cowangroup.ca

The Q & A's and information will be included in future newsletters.

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Boat Pro Schedule Spring 2009

| Branch | Day Of Week | First Class | Second Class | Last Class |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Orleans Branch 1705 Orleans Blvd. | Thur | 19-Mar-09 | 26-Mar-09 | 02-Apr-09 |
| Nepean Centrepointe 101 Centerpointe | Tue | 10-Mar-09 | 17-Mar-09 | 24-Mar-09 |
| Beaverbrook 2500 Campeau Dr. | Wed | 08-Apr-09 | 15-Apr-09 | 22-Apr-09 |
| Manotick Branch 5499 South Rvr Rd | Mon | 13-Apr-09 | 20-Apr-09 | 27-Apr-09 |
| Greenboro Branch 363 Lorry Greenburg Drive | Wed | 06-May-09 | 13-May-09 | 20-May-09 |
| Blackburn Hamlet 199 Glen Park | Thur | 07-May-09 | 14-May-09 | 21-May-09 |
| Ruth Dickinson Brh 100 Malvern Drive Barrhaven | Tue | 12-May-09 | 19-May-09 | 26-May-09 |

The courses start at 18:30 and run to 20:30.

Course registration Fees: As per website

2009 Squadron Annual Dinner

Topic: "America's Great Circle Loop"

An Ottawa couple completes a dream of a life time while cruising for one year aboard their vessel "Triumph", covering 7000 miles, 17 states and one province. They will take you on an exciting journey, sometimes on stormy waters, covering places visited, great people met and wildlife encountered. Join Cindy Desormeaux and Dan Tremblay and see how anyone's dreams can be realized within a budget. You too can do this and live your dreams. Join us and find out what it takes.

Saturday, 28 February 2009 at Algonquin College, Building "D", 1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa.
(Complimentary parking in lots 8 & 9, except in silver & handicapped areas)

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 are \$ **32.00** 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 **24 February 2009**. Tickets will be held at the door for those who have prepaid only.

Dinner is open to CPS members, their families, friends 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.

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Icom Canada Announces the MXA-5000

January 14, 2009

New Product Information

Icom Canada proudly announces the release of a new Marine AIS (Automatic Identification System) receiver, the MXA-5000. By connecting it to third party navigation equipment or a PC, the MXA-5000 will provide AIS data for monitoring other vessel traffic. It provides useful information for collision avoidance even where marine radar won't.

What is AIS?

The AIS (Automatic Identification System) provides real time vessel navigation information to the vessel traffic centre or other nearby ships by using digital data over VHF channels. The AIS transponder sends accurate navigation information such as:

Static information - Vessel call sign, name, MMSI number, dimensions, type

Voyage related information - Draft, cargo type, destination and estimated time of arrival

Dynamic information - Time in universal time, latitude/longitude position, course over ground, speed over ground, heading, rate of turn, navigational status

Features:

Dual Channel Receive Capability

The MXA-5000 receives both Ch 87B (161.975MHz) and Ch 88B (162.025MHz) simultaneously and improves accuracy of data received. This dual channel receive makes the MXA-5000 more flexible for obtaining AIS information from transmitters that operate on only one of the AIS channels.

Third Party Navigation Equipment Connection

The MXA-5000 has an IEC 61162-1 standard (38400 bps) interface using a RS-422 balanced connection for third party navigation equipment. Navigation equipment such as a marine radar or GPS chartplotter which accept the VDM sentence format will show the AIS data on the display.

PC Connection

The MXA-5000 also has an RS-232C unbalanced connection for PC connection. When using with AIS plotter software, the MXA-5000 allows you to monitor the vessel's traffic from land for professional or hobby use.

GPS Input

When installing the MXA-5000 to a vessel, the MXA-5000 can be connected between GPS receiver and navigation equipment for data input and output. The GPS position information such as RMC, GGA, GNS and GLL formats can be multiplexed with AIS data (VDM format)

Sharing a Single VHF Antenna with a VHF Radio

The MXA-5000 has two antenna connectors for installing the MXA-5000 between a VHF antenna and a VHF radio. The MXA-5000 eliminates the need of a new VHF antenna for AIS reception. When you transmit from the connected VHF radio, TX signal bypasses the MXA-5000 protecting the internal circuit of the MXA5000.

Compact Size and Light Weight Body

The MXA-5000's dimensions are 132(W)x34(H)x155(D) mm and weighs only 400g for easy and flexible installation. Mounting bracket is not included.

