

Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples April/May 2009





Commander's Comments

Remember me lamenting about the cold January weather and not joining the number of people heading south in the last issue of Rideau Ripples? In fact, just two weeks ago this was not even on the dashboard but here I am, in a lovely KOA Kampground in St. Petersburg Florida putting my last Commander's Comments together. Of course a cold front is moving into the area, I wonder if it is due to our arrival, but the temperature will still be in the low 80's. My 2 year term as Squadron Commander will be over at Squadron AGM and Change of Watch held Thursday April 16, 2009 at Robbie's Italian Restaurant.

I know this will sound like a cliché but I can't believe the 2 years are already over with. They really do go by so quickly. I had a lot of fun being the Squadron Commander. And now for the truth ... it really was the fantastic Bridge that made everything a lot of fun. Thank you, thank you Bridge.

Our XO, Bryan Carroll is all set to take on the Squadron Commander responsibilities and I look forward to working with the new Bridge. Bryan is a wonderful person with a great sense of humour and hopes that you treat him as well as you have treated me.

I hope you were able to attend the Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show last month. Reports from the booth watch keepers are that a lot of people stopped by to visit the booth which hopefully will translate into a more people taking spring courses.

Our annual Squadron dinner held at Algonquin College last month was a huge success;

- 81 people in attendance
- As always the College staff put on an excellent meal (hip of beef and deserts to die for)
- Door prizes galore; The Chandlery provided mugs, caps, picture frame, stationary, & rigging knife and Orleans Chrysler & Performance Mazda provided mugs, a light, carry bags, poncho, shop towels, thermometer, flashlitepen-tire gauge- combo set. & pen
- The SAM Gp provided a \$25.00 gift certificate for each attendee
- Raffle Prizes of an inflatable PFD, & a carving set (about a \$400.00 value) was provided by the SAM Gp
- Regalia items for sale
- Fun impromptu draw worth \$25.00 cash to the 1st person with a door prize ticket and wearing a Squadron pin (yes, Squadron pins were on sale before the draw)
- Guest speakers were Dan Tremblay and Cindy Desormeaux. They did a lively presentation on their experiences cruising America's Great Circle Route (Kingston – Georgian Bay – Chicago – Mobile – Key West – New York City – Kingston)

Thank you Fred for putting on this wonderful event.

Well I have so much more to say but Lindy is calling for a walk along the beach. So let's see now, laptop writing or walking along the beach with Lindy. I choose life ... it's time for the walk.

Hope to see you at the Squadron AGM in April.

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





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The 2008 – 2009 Bridge

 Squadron Commander
 Cdr Gordon Abry

 Executive Officer
 Bryan Caroll

 Treasurer
 Don Partridge

 Training Officer
 Jim MacLeod, SN

Assistant Training Officer (Adv/Elective) Robin Craig

Assistant Training Officer (BoatPro)

Assistant Training Officer (Supply)

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Position Open

Membership Officer

Environmental Affairs Officer

Nick Baets

 Regalia Officer
 Al Syberg

 Secretary
 Sue Baker, SN

 Communications Officer
 Philip Harris

 Social Activities Officer
 Fred Cameron

Mailing Officer Marjorie Ladouceur

MAREP & Safety OfficerBill KerrRideau Ripples EditorSteve Lortie

Public Relations / Marketing Officer Position Open

Past Commander P/C Cathie Johnstone

Squadron Examiner

Squadron Financial Review Rep

Don Tanner

Webmaster Philip Harris

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Fred Cameron Steve Lortie

(613) 745-5188 (613) 596-9620

Squadron Events Calendar

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.

Thursday, 18 June 2009 - Squadron Picnic, Long Island Locks. Details to follow.

Please watch the website for upcoming social events.

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

Course Ammendment

For those who have taken the Maritime Radio Course, Module 1, Section 7.1.3 is being revised to show a change regarding the operation of EPIRBs; COSPAS-SARSAT is only monitoring EPIRBs on 406 MHz. They used to monitor 121.5 and 243 MHz as well as 406 MHz.

The EPIRBs still do transmit a signal on 121.5 and 243 MHz for the purposes of direction finding by the Coast Guard, but search and rescue will only be instituted when the Coast Guard receives the distress signal on 406 Mhz. Older EPIRBs (those that transmit the distress signal on 121.5 and 243 MHz) are no longer to be used and should be replaced with new ones. Units purchased in the last seven or so years will likely be the 406 models.



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Membership Update

Membership - Spring 2009 has sprung itself upon us and there is still time to renew your membership. Take advantage of the early renewal discount. Also, take advantage of the benefits offered by:

- Cowand Group Insurance
- CPS Members* Boat Insurance Program
- CPS Associates* Boat Insurance Program
- CPS Group Home & Auto Insurance
- BOAT/US Membership
- Delta Hotels
- Weems & Plath
- MariTech Industries *Revised*
- Satellite Communications *New*
- ICOM Canada
- CPS/Choice Hotels Program Book now
- Canadian Yachting Magazing
- Ports Cruising Guides
- Boat Sell (web site)
- JT Yachting
- Canada Propeller
- National Car Rental (Canada)

Wow this is impressive! Now it is your turn to do the same as your fellow members who have renewed. Please do not wait till spring do it when you read this! You can see 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~
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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.

If you do not want to do on-line give me a call at home (613) 824-9490 or see me at any of the Squadron functions, I am always there so you can attend and pay your membership. Make sure that you bring at least a toonie extra because I am going to hit you for tickets for the draw Fred made me say that! Not sure when is the next Squadron event, well browse our MANY functions/events/etc at http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html.

The boating season is comingJust around the corner

Take care and keep dreaming summer!

Guy A Ladouceur, Membership Officer

membership@cps-ottawa.com

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

GO GREEN

Do you want to leave a "Green Wake"?

Try using the following alternative household products for those everyday boat chores*.



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PRODUCT	ALTERNATIVE
Bleach & Borax	Hydrogen peroxide
Detergent & Soap	Elbow grease
Scouring Powders	Baking soda
General Purpose Cleaner	Bicarbonate of soda and vinegar or lemon juice combined with borax paste
Floor Cleaner	One cup white vinegar in 8 l water
Window Cleaner	One cup vinegar + 1 ℓ warm water. Rinse and squeegee
Aluminum Cleaner	2 tbsp of cream of tartar + 1 \ell of hot water
Brass Cleaner	Worcestershire sauce or paste made of equal amounts of salt, vinegar and water. Pour on ketchup. Let sit, then polish.
Stainless Steel	Clean and polish with a baking sods/water paste
Copper Cleaner	Lemon juice and water
Chrome Cleaner/Polish	Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil polish
Fibreglass Stain Remover	Baking soda paste
Mildew Remover	Paste with equal amounts of lemon juice and salt or vinegar and salt. Scrub mildew spots with borax/water solution (½ Cup borax to 4 \ell water) using a nylon scouring pad. To pre- vent mould or mildew from forming, don't rinse off the borax.
Drain Opener	Disassemble or use plumbers snake; toxic substances should not be used in a through-hull drain
Wood Polish	Olive or almond oil (interior wood only)
Outside Teak	Let it go natural as boaters did for hundreds of years. Wash it down with salt water
Hand Cleaner	Baby oil or margarine
Air Freshener	Pour vanilla extract on a cotton ball

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	in a saucer. Set out a dish of vinegar, or boil 1 tbsp white vinegar in 1 Cup of water to eliminate cooking doors. Use baking soda in refrigerators, closets and other enclosed areas to absorb odours.

*) From Chapter 33, Boat Green.

Want to know more, get a copy of: BOAT GREEN – 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters.

Boat Green is a highly welcome book for boaters, written by a boater. It is pragmatic, practical and well researched and supportive to the challenges facing boaters. Overall, this is a terrific resource for boaters who want to leave a "green wake."

Author: Clyde W. Ford
Paperback - 224 pages
Width: 6 Inches x Height: 9 Inches
Weight: 390 Grams
BISAC: SPORTS & RECREATION / Boating
Publisher: New Society Publishers
ISBN: 9780865715905
Pub. Date: 2008-02-01
To order call: 1-800-567-6772 ext. 111
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DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ...



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



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Cowan Insurance Column

It's getting warmer....and boating season is just around the corner!

A great time to start sharing our stories and questions!

DEAR CARLA:

I just bought a new boat. How do I go about getting insurance?

DEAR CPS MEMBER:

At Cowan, it's a very simple process!

We provide you with a quote - you let us know if you accept it.

To request a quote:

- Go to http://www.cowangroup.ca
- Click on "Marine Insurance" (under "Get a Quote" section)
- Click on the box that says "Boat Insurance QUOTE"
- Fill in the blanks. (Note: no need for serial #s for quotes)

If you prefer, we can also fax or email you a copy of the application. Just call us at 1-800-268-2628.

Our standard turnaround time is 24 hours (but, we are very accommodating!)

If our quote is acceptable, let us know the effective date and hull serial #. We will then set up the policy.

It's that simple – just the way we like it!

We encourage you to ask us any insurance-related questions. Please feel free to email me: carla.lettenbauer@cowangroup.ca

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http://www.avivatraders.com/cps.

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

2009-2010 Membership Roster

Dear fellow member.

volunteered several years ago to gather the information to be included the Annual Membership Roster. I have corrected the information every year with new Merit Mark, new Grade Level, and New Members and removed Outstanding Members.

The rules are still the same if you want to receive the 2009-2010; you must agree to have your information printed in it, your membership must be up to date by Sunday May 31, 2009 to be included. The "FREE" Squadron Picnic usually held in the middle of June is where you can pick-up your copy and mingle with other members, friends and eat hot dogs & burgers carefully cooked by seasoned mariners. Keep an eye on the Website for the Squadron Events at http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html. It is a great time and the more people, the better the picnic it is!

I have all the information from last year but it is up to YOU to send me an e-mail message to let me know what information you would like printed in the this year's edition. Yes, I can hear lots \$&@!\$ word of puzzled mariners out there without E-mail. Lower your anchor for a second and call me at (613) 824-9490. For those with e-mail. please e-mail gladoun648@rogers.com (ONLY THAT ONE. PLEASE).

The SQUADRON ROSTER compiles your following information: Family Name, First name, Address, Home Phone, Work Phone or Cell, Level (i.e. P., AP, etc), Merit Marks, Location of vessel Mooring, Vessel Name, Type (Power, Sail, etc), MMSI [(Maritime Mobile Service Identities(MMSIs) are nine digit numbers used by maritime digital selective calling (DSC)] and your e-mail address.

I plan to have a page on the OPSS website in the very near future where you can also provide that information.

If there are two members or more in your family please include their name to assist with the compilation for the data. Please do not wait; I plan to be on the water before the grass turns from brown to green!

Guy A. Ladouceur, Squadron Roster Compiler! (613) 824-9490 if you do not access to email. gladoun648@rogers.com (Only this one for Roster Information)



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Boat Pro Schedule Spring 2009

Branch	Day Of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
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

Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – OTTAWA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron will be held at Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St-Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON

On Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1900 for the purpose of:

- Receiving and if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
- Receiving and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the previous fiscal year.
- Electing the officers of the Squadron for the coming year.
- Appointing the Squadron Financial Review representative.
- · Considering other business as appropriate.

The report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is provided below as part of this notice. Any additional nominations must be made by way of petition; in writing, signed by not less than five members of the Squadron, who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE OTTAWA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Dated: March 27, 2009

In accordance with Article 9.14 of the Squadron Regulations of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron, the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Past Commander Cathie Johnstone Bernard Goulet (S) (Chair), Past Commander Bernard Goulet (S) and Commander Gord Abry (AP), proposes and seconds the nomination of the following members for the office as indicated hereunder for consideration, and if thought fit, for election at the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009:

Past Commander Commander Bryan Carroll Gordon Abry (AP) Exec. Officer Guy Ladouceur Training Officer Jim MacLeod (SN) Asst Trg (Adv/Elec) Donald Partridge Robin Craig (CN) Treasurer Susan Baker (SN) Asst Trg (Boat PRO) Rolly Nantel Secretary



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Membership: Terry Hamilton (AP)
Ripples Editor: Steve Lortie
Regalia Officer: Al Syberg
Public Relations: Vacant

Marep & Safety Officer: Bill Kerr (S) Communications: Frank Keating Asst Trg (Supply): Monique Vallieres
Webmaster: Philip Harris (N)
Social Activities: Fred Cameron (S)
Mailing: Marjorie Ladouceur

Environmental Officer: Nick Baets

The Squadron Nominating Committee for 2010 – 2011 will consist of P/C Gordon Abry (AP) (Chair), P/C Cathie Johnstone and Cdr Bryan Carroll.

Upon election, the Squadron Commander appoints P/C Don Tanner (N) as the Squadron Financial Review representative for the year 2009 – 2010.

Respectfully Submitted

Original Signed by Cathie Johnstone

Original Signed by Bernard Goulet Original Signed by

Gord Abry

Cathie Johnstone, P/C Committee Chair

Bernard Goulet (S), P/C

Gord Abry (AP), Cdr

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dress Code: CPS blazer ensemble or business

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at the McIntosh Country Inn, 12495 County Road 2, Morrisburg Ontario on Saturday May 9, 2009 at 1430 for the purposes of:

- a. receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of the Officers of the District;
- b. receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2009, and the Report of the District Auditor thereon;
- c. electing the Officers of the District:
- d. appointing the District Internal Audit Review Committee;
- e. considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is below, and forms part of, this Notice. Under District Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 Members of this District, who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 26h day of February,

Tom Babcock, District Secretary

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

 The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2009/10.

District Commander & Communications Officer District Executive Officer District Training Officer District Administrative Officer

Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
Cathie Johnstone (Ottawa)
Ralph Ogilvie (Brockville)
Phil Newsome (Brockville)



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District Secretary Valerie Hume (Britannia)
District Treasurer Don Tanner (Ottawa)

District Public Relations Officer Don Cruickshank (Brockville)
District Liaison to Parks Canada Brook Dunning (Rideau Lakes)

District Membership Officer Gord Abry (Ottawa)

District Marep Officer Roger Duchesne (Brockville)
District Web Based Administrator Guy Ladouceur (Ottawa)

District Environmental Officer Hans von Rosen (Rideau Lakes)
District Port Captain Herman Kuipers (Kingston)

2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following member for appointment by the Members as Member of the District Internal Audit Review Committee P/D/C Marilyn Gowan (Cornwall). Respectfully Submitted- P/D/C Chair Jean-Yves Bordeleau, D/C Linda Hamilton. P/D/C Barry Brown

3. The District Nominating Committee for 2009/10 will be John-Yves Bordeleau (Chair) D/C Linda Hamilton and P/D/C Barry Brown.

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
RIDEAU DISTRICT

38TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, May 8 - 9, 2009

PLACE McIntosh Country Inn, 12495 County Road 2, Box 1140, Morrisburg, ON. KOC IXO

PROGRAM Friday Informal no host Dinner McIntosh Country Inn Restaurant

Followed by Hospitality Suite Dundas Room Saturday: 0830 Coffee McIntosh Room

0900 Officer Training Meeting Dundas Room 1230 Conference Lunch McIntosh Room

Speaker TBA

1430 Annual General Meeting McIntosh Room

1700 Commander's Reception Dundas Room (Hospitality Suite)

1830 Conference Dinner (Buffet) McIntosh Room

COSTS: Accommodation \$ 70.00 per night plus taxes (Conference Special Rate)

Meals: Conference Dinner(Buffet) \$32.00 Conference Lunch \$15.00

RESERVATIONS

CONFERENCE MEALS: Please make meal reservations with Rideau District by mail using the Tear off

form below. Conference reservations should be received no later than April 24,

2009

ACCOMMODATION: Contact the McIntosh Country Inn by mail (address above), by

Phone 613-543-3788, 1-888-229-2850, Fax 613-543-3160 or e-mail info@mcintoshcountryinn.com. (As this is a very popular location,

rooms will be booked on a first come, first served basis.)

DRESS: Blazer ensemble, or smart casual.

EARLY BIRD DRAW: 2 Lunch Tickets (Drawn from reservation forms received by. April 10th)



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MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Tel: 613-345-0579

Mail this completed form with remittance by April 24,2009 to:

Phil Newsome, Dist. Admin 1210 Millwood Ave, Brockville ON K6V 6Z6

pnews2010@aol.com

	
I enclose my cheque payable to Rideau District in the amount of \$ Lunch(es) and/orConference Dinners. I understand that monies of 24th	
Name:	Phone
Address:	City:
Province or State Postal or Zip Code:	Squadron
Email:	
*Dietary Issues? Please tell us	
I will arrive in time for the no host dinner(1800) on Friday n	ight. Yes No





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