

Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples April/May 2010





Commander's Comments

The Ottawa Squadron had the responsibility to he Οτταwa ογμασιού τως που arrange the participation of the Ottawa and Britannia Squadrons in the Ottawa Boat Show held at the end of February 2010. The Rideau District Booth used for the show was in less than perfect condition prior to the show taking place. With the assistance of Rolly Nantel (and his well equipped garage/workshop), Linda and Terry Hamilton and under the direction of our Executive Officer, Guy Ladoceur, the display was brought up to good as new condition. Guy saw to upgrading the display posters and Rolly offered the use of two of his handmade model boats to attract attention and everything was set for the show.

Our Regalia Officer, Al Syberg, suggested that providing training for those representing the Squadron at the booth could improve the interaction between the members of the Squadron manning the booth and the public and could improve the benefit that the Squadrons obtained from our participation in the Boat Show. Al developed a training program for the individual Squadron members who would be watchkeepers at the booth and provided a training session for those individuals able to attend. The materials prepared by Al were forwarded to all of the watchkeepers for their review in the hope that we could improve the manner in which the members of the Squadron interacted with the public at the Ottawa Boat Show.

With the help of Guy Ladouceur, Rolly Nantel, Linda and Terry Hamilton, Al Syberg, Jim MacLeod, our Training Officer, and others, the booth looked great, attracted a good deal of interest from the public and with Al's training allowed us all to more effectively communicate with the members of the public. Thank you to all of the Squadron members who participated in this very important project.

Our Annual Dinner took place at Algonquin College on Saturday, February 27, 2010. The dinner was organized by Fred Cameron and was an unqualified success. Good company, good food and great speakers made the evening a highly enjoyable one. The scheduled speaker was unable to attend at the last moment because of family difficulties and our Training Officer, Jim MacLeod, and his able assistant, Cathie Johnstone, Executive Officer for the Rideau District, agreed to fill in at the last moment. Jim's talk on circumnavigating Mallorca in a power catamaran was a fascinating top-off to the evening.

The Annual General Meeting of the Squadron will be held on April 15th, 2010, at Robbie's Italian Restaurant. Robbie's Italian Restaurant is located on St. Laurent Blvd. All members of the Squadron are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Each year, the Squadron holds its Annual Picnic at the Long Island Lock Station. The Annual Picnic for 2010 will take place on 17th day of June, 2010. Rain or shine. Shine is preferred. Come and join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, soft drinks, cake and fun. All is free. Mark your calendars.

Spring is here – almost. Think boats in the water. FANTASTIC.

!PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Bryan A. Carroll , Commander – O.P.S.S.

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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 6 April 2010 - 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, 15 April 2010 - Squadron AGM. Details to be announced.

Saturday, 8 May 2010 - 39th District Conference and District AGM. Holiday Inn, 2 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

Thursday, 17 June 2010 - Squadron Annual Picnic. Long Island Locks.

Please watch the website for upcoming social events.

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

Recipes for a Clean Boat

Nothing beats a clean boat. We boaters spend a lot of time and elbow grease keeping our boats clean. Many manufacturers of boat cleansing products have gone "green" with a reduced impact on the environment. They use various qualifications that often don't mean much. Here are a few:

Biodegradable — According to US Federal Trade Commission voluntary guidelines this means that a product or its packaging degrades and returns to nature in a "reasonable period of time," given the location it is normally disposed in. A garbage bag marketed as "degradable," with no other qualifications is deceptive. It will only decompose naturally in soil burial and in the presence of water and oxygen. If the bag is disposed through incineration or placed in a landfill with little moisture and oxygen degradation will take a lot longer.

Compostable – A manufacturer can make an unqualified claim that its packaging is compostable. In municipal composting facilities this may work but the packaging will not break down into usable compost in a home compost pile or device.

Recyclable – Nationally marketed Plastic containers with the numbered recycle logo on the bottom constitutes a recyclability claim. But recycling facilities for these containers are available only in a small number of communities.

Read the labels on all products you use on your boat, realizing that manufacturers are not always required to list every ingredient in a product or provide qualifyers for recyclability claims they make.

Here are a few timelines for a few common products to bio degrade:

ITEM	TIME TO DEGRADE	
Cotton rags	1-5 months	
Paper	2-5 months	
rope	3-14 months	
Orange peels	6 months	
Wool socks	1-5 years	
Cigarette filters	1-12 years	
Tetrapacks	5 years	
Leather shoes	25-40 years	
Nylon fabric	30-40 years	
Plastic bags	10-20 years	
Plastic 6-pack holder rings	450 years	
Styrofoam cup	1-100 years	

Excerpt from "Boat Green" 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford. See also CPS publication "EnviroBoater" available on the internet.

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer <u>environmental@cps-ottawa.com</u>

Free Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks

f you are interested in doing Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC), please read on.

Transport Canada has asked the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS) organisation to raise awareness of boating safety issues and increase the number of pleasure craft operators following safe boating practices. CPS volunteers completed about 1,000 Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks in 2009 and CPS is looking forward to surpassing that number for 2010. 600 courtesy checks were completed in Ontario alone.



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In a nutshell, here is what a CPS Boating Safety Specialist does; referencing the appropriate section in the "Safe Boating Guide" (determined by the vessel length) the volunteer goes through the list of minimum safety equipment required to be on board as set by Transport Canada and using a Transport Canada form, checks off the safety equipment on board and if everything is there the CPS Boating Safety Specialist issues the boat owner a 2010 RVCC decal. Since boating laws have changed and fines are heavy we are assisting the boating community to keep them legal and providing them knowledge to boat safely. This knowledge will save the boater from getting a possible fine from the OPP and will enhance their pleasure boating experience.

I did many courtesy checks in 2009 and found that visiting with different boaters to be lots of fun and a very rewarding experience. I was amazed at some of the myths that boaters had about the safety equipment they were required to have on board. On February 25th, 2010 the following eight CPS members attended my 1st Boating Safety Specialist training session. A big thank you goes to these brave folks (remember, it was my 1st training session) who withstood a very easy paced 3 hour training session and passed with flying colours.

Congratulations to our newest Boating Safety Specialists

Luke LueckeCathie JohnstoneJim MacLeodPeter DaltonBernie GouletDavid ChaplinDean PopeTom Babcock

Please seek out these knowledgeable folks and have them assist you through a FREE recreational vessel courtesy check. If you are interested in participating in the CPS RVCC program, please contact me as I will be holding additional boating safety specialist training sessions in the Ottawa area. There is even a training session planned at the Rideau District AGM held in Kingston in the afternoon of May 8th, 2010.

To sign up please send me an email at pastcommander@cps-ottawa.com to get details about timing of the next training session.

Gordon Abry, AP Past Commander

pastcommander@cps-ottawa.com

Cowan Insurance Column

Dear Carla:

It's close to that time of year again – boating season! Can you please refresh my memory as to how I get a boat insurance quotation from Cowan?

Dear CPS Member:

The best and quickest way to get a quotation is through our website:

- Go to <u>www.cowangroup.ca</u>
- 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)

Your information will go directly to the person who handles the quotes. Our standard turnaround time is 24 hours; however, we usually get them back to you same day.

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

Once you receive your quote and it is acceptable, you can provide us with the hull serial # and effective date. We will then issue the policy.

Dear Carla:

What are all of the CPS discounts that we're entitled to?

Dear CPS Member:

If you have taken the first 3 month CPS course, you will receive an automatic 15% discount on your policy.

For each 3 month course thereafter, you will receive an additional 2.5% discount per CPS course to a maximum 7.5% discount.

If you are fully certified (taken all courses), we will add an extra 2.5% discount.

There are also discounts (2.5% ea./max. 10%) included in your premium for the following equipment:

- GPS/LORAN
- Satellite Navigation
- Radar
- Depth finder
- VHF Radio
- Engine Alarm



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Fume Detector Fire Detector

If you have an Automatic Extinguishing System (eg. Halon) or a Theft Prevention System (ie. Boomerang). vou will receive an additional 5% discount for each one.

Please note that you must renew your CPS membership every year to qualify for the discounts.

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

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You should be! CPS members have access to discounted group insurance rates. Find out how much money you can save. Just contact Aviva Traders at 1-877-787-7021 or visit

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

Upcoming Courses

Start times and Registration: Unless indicated otherwise, all courses will start at 7:00 pm. Course Registration will be held on 03 March 2010 for the Spring courses at St. Patrick' High School starting at 7:00pm. Course sessions usually last about two hours.

Course Location: Unless indicated otherwise. registration and courses will be held at:

> St. Patrick's High School 2525 Alta Vista Drive Ottawa, ON K1V 7T3

> > Need a map?

www.cps-ottawa.com/images/St.Patricks.jpg

Rooms that will be used are: 227, 229, and 230

Global Weather: Wednesdays, 21 April to 26 May

2010

Navigating with GPS: Wednesdays, 05 May to 19 May 2010

VHF

English #1: 22 & 29 March, 07 April (UPDATED) French: 21 & 28 April, 05 May English #2: 19 & 26 May, 02 June

Help Wanted

am looking for one or two sailors who would be interested in crewing aboard my vacht 'JAFTICA' for a voyage from Halifax, N.S. to a marina in the Prescott Ont. area. This will be an excellent opportunity to experience a little coastal sailing and navigation as we sail out of Halifax harbour to Canso, Caraquet, Quebec, Montreal and Prescott. The voyage begins in May and could take up to three weeks to complete. I would be pleased to provide more details upon request.

Peter Dalton

Email: gotojaftica@gmail.com

Phone: 613 875-1777



Sail the Thousand Islands and Lake Ontario

irk Paul, who was an OPSS instructor for many years, can often be seen sailing "Margaret Anne" out of Trident Yacht Club. Like most of the members at Trident Yacht Club. Dirk hails from the Ottawa area and considers the club to be his home away from home. He spends most of his time just cruising in the sheltered waters of the Thousand Islands but also enjoys sailing on the open waters of Lake Ontario. Most summers he manages to circumnavigate the lake with stops at reciprocal clubs on both sides of the border.

Occasionally he'll anchor out overnight in one of the many nearby anchorages but generally he returns to the club where he likes to relax and socialize with his sailing and power boating friends. These friendly



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gatherings usually extend well into the evening when everyone gathers around the BBQ for dinner.

He is an avid racer and, although "Margaret Anne" is one of the smaller boats at Trident, his PRHF handicap has allowed him to collect his share of winner's flags.

Apart from his passion for sailing, Dirk is an active participant in various club activities. If you want to see more of his sailing and partying exploits, take a look at the photo album at http://www.trident-yc.ca/



Mike Ircha (forward) and Dirk Paul (aft) sail "Margaret Anne" in a brisk breeze.

or 2010, the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron was responsible to organize the Ottawa Boat &

February 25 to 28, 2010 Sportsmen's Show with the assistance of members of the Britannia Power and Sail Squadron.

An event like this does not just happen. It takes a lot of dedicated people to assist in various ways. This year we did a few things differently:

1. Boat Show Dry Run - The purpose of this dry run was to learn how to set up the Booth and

- iron out any issues that might arise. Well, let's just say it was a surprise! The Booth needed a lot of tender love and care.
- Watch Keepers Training/Information Session -Sunday. ALL registered Watch Keepers were invited to exchange information and learn how the professionals handle tradeshows by Al SYBERG. The session was very well received by all participants.

Here is our LIST OF WATCH KEEPERS: ABRY, Gord & Lindy (OPSS); BAIN, Chuck (OPSS); BABCOCK, Tom (BPSS); BASTON, John (BPSS); BEAVER, Tom (BPSS); CARROLL, Bryan (OPSS); CRAIG, Robin (OPSS); DALTON, Peter (OPSS); DANDURAND, Robert (BPSS); DEVRY, (BPSS); GELINAS, Gisele (BPSS); GOULET, Bernie (OPSS); HAMILTON, Linda & Terry (OPSS); HARRIS, Philip & LUNN, Catherine (OPSS); HOPKINS, Kathleen (OPSS); HERNDORF, Fred (BPSS); JOHNSTONE, Cathie & MACLEOD, Jim (OPSS); KERR, Bill (OPSS); LADOUCEUR, Guy & Marjorie (OPSS); LITTLE, David (BPSS); LUDLOW, Linda & Philip (BPSS); MULVIHILL, Tom (BPSS); NANTEL, Rolly & Sandie (OPSS); OLCHOWSKI, Carole (Rideau Lakes PSS); OMOND, Dave (OPSS); ROBINSON, Charles & Pamela (BPSS); ROOT, David (BPSS); SAPER, Art (OPSS); SYBERG, AI (OPSS).

Now here come the statistics: the Show lasted 4 days; we had 19 shifts of either 1.5 or 2 hours in length; 38 people worked the Booth for a total of 115 ½ hours. Imagine, the show was only opened for a total of 34 hours. Lastly, as far as Watch Keepers, the Britannia Squadron provided 15, Ottawa Squadron 22 and 1 member from the Rideau Lakes Squadron who assisted by working the Booth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted me in making the 2010 Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show a resounding success. YOU made it possible!

Guy A Ladouceur, Executive Officer xo@cps-ottawa.com



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2010 BOATPRO COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

	Branch	Day Of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
Nepean Centrepoi	inte 101 Centrepointe - 580-2710	Tues	16-Mar-10	23-Mar-10	30-Mar-10
Blackburn Hamlet	199 Glen Park - 824-6926	Tues	13-Apr-10	20-Apr-10	27-Apr-10
Nepean Centrepoi	inte	Wed	14-Apr-10	21-Apr-10	28-Apr-10
Blackburn Hamlet		Tues	11-May-10	18-May-10	25-May-10
Alta Vista	2516 Alta Vista - 737-2837	Wed	12-May-10	19-May-10	26-May-10
Manotic 5	499 South River Rd - 692-3854	Thur	13-May-10	20-May-10	27-May-10

Courses given at the Ottawa Public Library Branches start at 18:30 and run to 20:30. Arrive at 18:00 on the first night to complete the registration process. Fees include course materials, (PCOC) examination, and the Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate.

For ON LINE Registration, visit the website http://www.cps-ottawa.com/courses.html

Course Price: \$50.00 for adults and \$45.00 for students. Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

Notice of the Annual General Meeting For the 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, Ontario on Thursday, April 15th, 2010 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.



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Report of the Nominating Committee Of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

Dated: March 15, 2010

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 Gordon Abry (AP) (Chair), Past Commander Cathie Johnstone and Commander Bryan Carroll, 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 15th, 2010:

Commander: Bryan Carroll
Executive Officer: Guy Ladouceur
Treasurer: Jim MacLeod (SN)
Secretary: TBD
Membership: Terry Hamilton (AP)
Ripples Editor: Steve Lortie
Regalia Officer: Al Syberg
Public Relations: Donald Partridge (P)
Marep & Safety: Officer Bill Kerr (S)
Environmental Officer: Nick Baets (CN)

Past Commander: Gordon Abry (AP)
Training Officer: Robin Craig (CN)
Asst Trg (Adv/Elec): TBD
Asst Trg (Boat PRO): Rolly Nantel
Asst Trg (Supply): Monique Vallieres
Webmaster: Philip Harris (N)
Social Activities: Fred Cameron (S)
Mailing: Marjorie Ladouceur
Communications: Frank Keating (AP)

The Squadron Nominating Committee for 2011 – 2012 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 (CN) as the Squadron Financial Review representative for the year 2010 - 2011.

Respectfully Submitted

Original Signed by Gordon Abry

Gordon Abry

Cathie Johnstone

Original Signed by Bryan Carroll

P/C Cathie Johnstone

P/C Bryan Carroll, Cdr Committee Chair

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dress Code: CPS casual

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at the Holiday Inn, 2 Princess Street, Kingston on May 8, 2010 at 10:30 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, 2010, and the Report of the District Internal Audit Review Committee thereon;
- c) electing the Officers of the District:
- d) appointing the Internal District Audit Review Committee;
- e) considering such other business as may come properly before the meeting.

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of this Notice. Under District Regulation 12.1any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not fewer 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 fewer than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 28th day of February 2010; Val Hume (Signed), Rideau District



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REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1) The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2010/11.

District Commander: Cathie Johnstone (Ottawa)
District Executive Officer: Andre Dubois (Kingston)
District Training Officer: Ralph Ogilvie (Brockville)
District Administrative Officer: Frank Keating (Ottawa)
District Secretary: Valerie Hume (Britannia)

District Liaison to Parks Canada: Brook Dunning (Rideau Lakes)

District Treasurer: Don Tanner (Ottawa)

District Public Relations Officer: Don Cruickshank (Brockville)

District Membership Officer: Gord Abry (Ottawa)

District MAREP Officer: TBA

District Communications Officer: Linda Hamilton (Ottawa) District Web Based Administrator: Guy Ladouceur (Ottawa)

District Environmental Officer: Hans von Rosen (Rideau Lakes)
District Port Captain: Herman Kuipers (Kingston)
District Roster Editor: Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock)

- 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). The District Nominating Committee also advises that:
 - (a) The following Member will serve on the District Executive Committee by virtue of her position as immediate Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment: Linda Hamilton
 - (b) pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for 2010/2011 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment: P/D/C Linda Hamilton (Chair), P/D/C Barry Brown and D/C Cathie Johnstone

Respectfully Submitted- D/C Chair Linda Hamilton, P/D/C Jean-Yves Bordeleau, P/D/C Barry Brown,

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS RIDEAU DISTRICT 39TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, May 8, 2010

Holiday Inn Kingston, 2 Princess St., Kingston. Sir John A. Macdonald Rm, Ground Floor

PROGRAM:

Saturday: Rideau District Annual General Meeting, Sir John A. Macdonald Rm.

TIME: 0930 – 1000 Registration & coffee social

1000 – 1130 Annual General Meeting & Change of Watch

1200 – 1330 Lunch in Sir John A Macdonald Room

1330 Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check Training, P/Cdr Gord Abry

COSTS: Lunch: \$ 18.00 per person

DRESS: CPS casual



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MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this completed form with remittance by April 26, 2010

To: Phil Newsome, Dist. Admin 1210 Millwood Ave, Brockville ON K6V 6Z6 Tel: 613-345-0579

E-Mail: pnews2010@aol.com

enclose my cheque payable to Rideau District in the amount of \$	to reserveAGM Lunch(es)
Name:	Phone
Address:	City:
Province or State Postal or Zip Code:	Squadron
Email:	
*Dietary Issues? Please tell us	

IT'S ROSTER TIME AGAIN

Yes before the boating season starts, I am compiling the information for the 2010 Roster and I need your help!

It is simple, you supply me the information and I will put it all together in time for our SQUADRON ANNUAL PICNIC & GRADUATION (June 17, 2010).

It is your choice if you want to have your information displayed but you must let me know either way. If your information was in the Roster last year and it has not changed, please let me know anyway. If you changed your boat, your mooring etc, let me know. Remember, YOUR information will only be added in the Roster if your membership dues have been paid for 2010.

Here is the information I require:

Name: Street: City: Prov: Postal:

Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell: E-Mail:

Name of Vessel: Power or Sail: Mooring Location: Licence number: MMSI (DSC):

I await your e-mail and I will reply acknowledging receipt. Please indicate in the subject line "ROSTER". You can e-mail me at xo@cps-ottawa.com or call me at home (613) 824-9490.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Guy A Ladouceur, Executive Officer

xo@cps-ottawa.com



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