



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples February/March 2011



Commander's Comments

On the Weekend of January 15th and January 16th, I attended the Toronto Boat Show. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the new boats, big and small, and to look at all the new equipment, mechanical gadgets, clothing and other things that we could all purchase and put onto our boats. Amongst the boats and boating items were any number of booths offering attendees at the Boat Show the opportunity to obtain the necessary license to operate power boats in the Province of Ontario. The "come on" at many of these booths was that you really didn't have to know a great deal in order to pass the test and it would cost you nothing until such time as you did pass the test. It was apparent that these organizations offered no opportunity for anyone to actually learn anything about boating safety. The individuals who obtain their licenses through these organizations will be no better prepared to engage in boating activities than before they obtained the license

Our BoatPro course and Boating course offer students an opportunity to not only obtain the appropriate licensing, but to actually learn something about boating safety. The Squadron had a Boating Class which commenced January 12th, 2011 and will continue for 13 weeks thereafter. We hope to offer a Boating Class commencing March of 2011, with the classes extending into the Spring. As you will see from our website, the Training Department will offer a number of BoatPro courses through the course of the year. I would encourage all of the members of the Squadron to promote these courses to their friends and families who are involved in boating and who have not as yet obtained the appropriate licensing Encouraging your friends and family to take these courses will assist them by putting them into a position where they can actually learn something about

boating safety and will at the same time assist the Squadron by encouraging people to take courses that are offered.

The first meeting of the Bridge took place on Tuesday, January 4th, 2011 and Bridge Meetings will continue through the course of the year on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and August when all of the Bridge members go boating. There are a number of members of the Bridge who are retiring in April after many years of service. The organization requires volunteers interested in sitting on the Bridge. Membership on the Bridge will offer an opportunity to participate in the direction of the Squadron activities through the course of the year. Would any members of the Squadron who are interested in sitting on the Bridge contact either myself, our Executive Officer, Guy Ladouceur, or our Past Commander, Gord Abry.

The "Annual Dinner" of the Squadron will be held at Algonquin College on March 5th, 2011. The food at Algonquin is excellent and a good time will be had by all. As you can see from the information contained in this edition of the Ripples, we have a very interesting speaker to entertain us after dinner has concluded. Please consider joining the members of the Bridge and your friends in the Squadron at the Annual Dinner.

Notwithstanding the snow on the ground and the freezing temperatures, we can all look forward to the Spring. Boat launching is about 12 weeks away and it can't come soon enough as far as I am concerned.

I will look forward to seeing you at Squadron activities and invite all of you to become more active in assisting the Squadron in carrying out its prime goal of promoting boating safety.

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The 2010 – 2011 Bridge

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<u>Assistant Training Officer (Adv/Elective)</u>	Position Open
<u>Assistant Training Officer (BoatPro)</u>	Rolly Nantel
<u>Assistant Training Officer (Supply)</u>	Monique Vallieres, S
<u>Archivist</u>	Position Open
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Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.

Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 1 Feb 2011 - 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 – Sunday, Feb 24-27, 2011 – Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show

Tuesday, 1 Mar 2011 - 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.

Saturday, 5 Mar 2011 – Annual Squadron Dinner – Algonquin College. More info in this newsletter.

Tuesday, 5 Apr 2011 - 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, 14 Apr 2011 – Squadron AGM. 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 Jun 2011 – Squadron Annual Picnic
More info to come.

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

Social Activities Officer

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Do We Have Your Correct Email Address?

The majority of our communication to members on upcoming training courses and social events is through email notifications along with notifications provided on our website.

Surprisingly, quite a few emails are returned with an error message "incorrect email address" or "address unknown". Stay current to receive timely information on upcoming training courses, social events, and the Rideau Ripples.

To help control printing, handling and mailing costs, we encourage all members to ensure we have a correct, up to date, email address. Please go online and verify we have your email address and that it is



correct.

Alternatively, you may contact your Membership Officer membership@cps-ottawa.com at and ask to verify your coordinates.

Terry Hamilton, Membership Officer
membership@cps-ottawa.com

UPCOMING COURSES

Registration:

- via a link on the CPS national website
- on the OPSS website under course dates and information
- St. Pats HS on January 5, at 1900hrs.

VHF: 1/ Mondays 21 Mar, 28 Mar and 04 Apr 2011
2/ Wednesdays 18 May, 25 May and 01 Jun 2011

YOU Want To Help Your Squadron!

Yes, we need you! We have many duties that you can assist the Squadron without signing all your free time away. You would like to volunteer well the Social Activities, Assistant Training Officer (Adv / Elective) and Archivist positions are presently up for grab. This may be too much for you but you still want to volunteer for your squadron, please e-mail Executive Officer Guy Ladouceur at xo@cps-ottawa.com.

Three key people can also assist you and they are the 2011 Squadron Nominating Committee which consisting of P/C Gordon Abry (AP) (Chair), P/C Cathie Johnstone and Cdr Bryan Carroll.

To make it easier for you, just send an e-mail to our Communication Officer at info@cps-ottawa.com.

Guy A Ladouceur, XO
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Bottoms Up

Choose the right bottom paint and protect the Marine Environment

This is something that anyone owning a boat treated with bottom paint should pay special

attention to.

When your boat is in the water, the bottom of the hull becomes part of the marine ecosystem – the marine environment affects the hull, and the hull affects the marine environment. Given the location of your boat or type of paint, both can affect each other harshly. If left untreated algae and other aquatic organisms on the hull will not only interfere with the performance, but they can actually damage the surfaces they attach to. On the other hand, chemicals in bottom paint are designed to prevent their attachment; in fact, they kill marine life. In recent years, many of the most harmful products have been curtailed in order to reach a compromise between protecting the hull and not harming the marine environment. For example, Tributyltin (TBT), for many years the active compound in bottom paints, has shown to have disastrous and irreversible effects on marine organisms and the food chain. As a result, the EPA issued a limited ban on TBT bottom paints in 1988 and the IMO issued a similar ban in 2001. In response to the ban, copper rather than tin was introduced as a biocide in bottom paints. Some manufacturers have introduced other active agents such as the herbicides iragol and diuron. Still, the environmental challenge is that these agents build toxic levels that affect organisms throughout the food chain. The US Coast Guard has turned to an innovative bottom paint from the US company ePaint (they also have an outlet in Victoria BC). It contains a catalyst that reacts with oxygen in the water to produce a continual low level of hydrogen peroxide. This prevents barnacles, mollusks and tubeworms from attaching to hulls. No doubt, similar products will find their way to the marine market. The right choice of bottom paint is one-step towards protecting the marine environment. Here are some guidelines you can follow for your boat.

Steps You Can Take:

- Choose a new non-metallic, non-toxic bottom paint like ePaint.
- Read up on reviews in trade magazines and *Practical Sailor* on product reviews for most effective but eco friendly products.
- There are two basic types of paint; referred to as hard and soft. The latter is designed to wear off as you go. It is best to stick with the type of paint used previously on the bottom.
- A tip from the old timers is to add a half-cup of cayenne pepper to a gallon of antifouling paint.
- When removing the old paint, use a dustless

or vacuum sander and place a tarp under the vessel to collect paint and scrapings. If possible, skirt or tent your boat.

- Check out the Bottom Paint Tutorial at www.allatsea.net/bottompaint
- I found a good article on Applying Bottom Paint by Don Casey (he has several articles) at www.boatus.com/boattech/casey/15.htm

Excerpt from "Boat Green" 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford. See also CPS publication "EnviroBoater". Other sources: www.epaint.net and www.yachtpaint.com (check antifouling)

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FOR SALE

The Squadron has a couple of inventory items that have been surpassed by improvements in technology and should really be disposed of. Remember this 1st item:



What we have here is a functioning viewgraph projector, with spare bulb.

Our 2nd item is a Brother inkjet colour printer:



Our 3rd and final item is a pair of speakers for use with a computer:



If you have a use for any of the above or know someone who might, please contact P/C Gord Abry at bogart@sympatico.ca to arrange price/pick-up. Please don't let the perceived historical value stop you from getting the item you want. Good luck shopping.

KIDS

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.



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OPSS ANNUAL DINNER 2011

Saturday, 5 March 2011

Algonquin College , Building “D”
1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa
Complimentary parking in lots 8 & 9, except in silver & handicapped areas

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

Cash bar opens at 1800 hours

Dinner buffet starts at 1900 hours

Dinner is open to CPS members & associates, their families, friends and interested members of the public.

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

Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Ken Watson. You will learn many new facts about our famous Unesco World Heritage Site, the Rideau Canal. Ken Watson has written several books and developed several websites promoting our Rideau Canal. It will be an evening to remember!

NOW, the price for this evening of extravaganza and camaraderie is only \$35.00 (per person).

OKAY so you want to attend? Well don't wait, the number of tickets is limited and will be going fast so if you snooze, you may lose! You can buy your ticket by cash, cheques, money orders or credit card!

*The contact person for tickets is **Rolly Nantel** at (613) 742-6271. Rolly will be present at the bridge meeting and social functions to assist you. You can also reserve by MAIL at Rolly Nantel, 6873 Notre Dame St., Ottawa, ON K1C 1H6.*

There will be no tickets for sale at the door and tickets must be purchased before March 01, 2011. Tickets will be held at the door for those who have prepaid only.

We will have a great array of quality door & raffle prizes.

If you have any questions, please contact Executive Officer Guy Ladouceur at xo@cps-ottawa.com or (613) 824-9490.

DO NOT MISS THIS SPECIAL NIGHT!
CALL ROLLY NOW TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET(S)



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2011 Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show

February 24th – 27th, 2011

Please Plan On Attending!

The Annual Ottawa Boat & Sportsman's Show is an opportunity to showcase the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons to the public. We are a premiere organization promoting safe boating by in-class education.

The Britannia Squadron is the lead organizer for this year's Show. The Ottawa Squadron will assist them by supplying Watch-keepers to handle inquiries and promote CPS to the public.

THURSDAY, February 24 th , 2011				SATURDAY, February 26 th , 2011			
Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper	Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper
1	1100	1300	Set Up Crew	1	1000	1200	
2	1300	1500		2	1200	1400	
3	1500	1700		3	1400	1600	
4	1700	1830		4	1600	1730	
5	1830	2000		5	1730	1900	
FRIDAY, February 25 th , 2011				SUNDAY, February 27 th , 2011			
Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper	Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper
1	1100	1300		1	1000	1200	
2	1300	1500		2	1200	1400	
3	1500	1700		3	1400	1530	
4	1700	1830		4	1530	1700	Take Down Crew
5	1830	2000		All Over For Another Year!			

Volunteers are needed to fill the available slots on the above schedule. Why not volunteer a few hours and get free admission to the Show after. You will save \$14.00 per person (\$9.00 if over 65). That is a great deal!

You want to volunteer, please e-mail our Executive Officer Guy Ladouceur to pick your slot.

We will have an Information Session for Watch-keepers on February 05, 2011. We will give you more information when you volunteer!



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2010 – 2011 BOATPRO COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Branch	Day Of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
Nepean Centrepointe	Wednesday	09-Mar-11	16-Mar-11	23-Mar-11
North Gloucester	Thursday	10-Mar-11	17-Mar-11	24-Mar-11
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	12-Apr-11	19-Apr-11	26-Apr-11
North Gloucester	Wednesday	13-Apr-11	20-Apr-11	27-Apr-11
North Gloucester	Tuesday	10-May-11	17-May-11	24-May-11
Manotick	Wednesday	11-May-11	18-May-11	25-May-11
Nepean Centrepointe	Thursday	12-May-11	19-May-11	26-May-11

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: \$60.00 for adults and \$50.00 for students. Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron". / PCOC Exam Challengers \$30.00

This Canadian Coast Guard accredited course is designed for you and your family to obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), the proof of competency required under government regulation. It is also recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). This operator card is valid for life.

Boat Pro is a highly acclaimed safety related course held in three sessions, over consecutive weeks. Boat Pro is suitable for fishermen, cottagers, and Personal Watercraft boaters. This course provides an excellent introduction to water safety for all members of the family. We encourage youth from age twelve and over to participate and obtain their PCOC. Everyone who operates a pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes must have a PCOC after September 15, 2009.

Ottawa Public Libraries website: bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/main/library/location

North Gloucester - (East end)	2036 Ogilvie Rd.	Ottawa ON K1J 7N8	613-748-4208
Centrepointe - (West end)	101 Centrepointe	Ottawa ON K2G 5K7	613-580-2710
Manotick - (River Rd Sth)	5499 South River Rd.	Ottawa ON K4M 1J3	613-692-3854
Greenboro - (South East)	363 Lorry Greenberg Dr.	Ottawa ON K1T 3P8	613-580-2957

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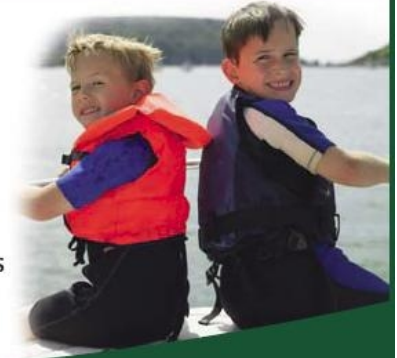
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