



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

Rideau Ripples

June – July 2011



Commander's Comments

As you read my first article as your new Squadron Commander, the boating season will be under way and my new career as a retiree began on April 01, 2011 after over 33 years in law enforcement. These are two different challenges that I embark on with honour and hope to stay on course. It will be no easy task after serving under Past Commanders Carroll, Abry, Johnstone and Goulet; I know I have big shoes to fill. I certainly welcome the challenge and will work closely with all our new and seasoned returning Bridge Members elected on April 14, 2011. My door will always be open to new ideas and concepts. You have an issue, question, please send me an e-mail or call me so I will try to get you an answer or resolution.



There will be a lot of firsts in the next two years. I would like to make the name "*Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron*" a household word and for that I need everyone's help. The idea is not new but you need to spread the word at any chance you get whether on the dock at your marina, over coffee at your favourite spot, at the doctor's office by bringing your Canadian Yachting Magazine to read while you wait, get OPSS or CPS regalia to wear around town and you will see that they are great ice breakers and people will ask you about the different crests. Promote the Squadron and CPS at every chance you get and we will have more students attending our courses thus more safe boaters on the water in the future. It is a win-win solution, please jump on board!

On April 30, 2011, I organized our "*First Commander's Breakfast*" at Louis Steak House located at 1682 Cyrville Road in Ottawa. The country had just celebrated National Volunteer Week April 10-16, 2011, it seemed to be the perfect opportunity to say thank you to our volunteers (Instructors, Proctors, Watchkeepers and Bridge Members) by inviting them to a free breakfast. After breakfast, we pledged some of our 2010 Fall Boating Students Graduates as new CPS Members. Ottawa Police Marine/Dive/Trail Unit (MDTU) Constables Brent MacIntyre and Martin Dompierre provided us with an insight of their work. Their presentation was very well received and many questions were answered. They are eager to partner with us to make our water safer. I will be speaking with them to have them attend our Annual Picnic to continue their presentation and show us how they would like us to report abuse and infractions on our waterway within the City of Ottawa. Forty (40) people were in attendance. It was a success and I will be planning more events like breakfast in the future!

As we are all trying to get our boats ship shape for the season, your bridge officers are also hard at work planning your Annual Picnic and Graduation, compiling your information for the Roster to be distributed at the Picnic, finding new articles of Regalia for you to wear and setting up courses for the Fall Training Session.

Please enjoy this edition of your Rideau Ripples Newsletter. I would ask that you provide your information for the Roster as soon as possible if you want to be included in it. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Picnic and please make sure that I speak to you. I know around 70 members of our approx. 500 Squadron members. One of my goals for the next two years is to get to know another 70 members, please help me.

Have a wonderful safe boating summer and fly your CPS Flag and/or OPSS Burgee proudly!

Guy

Guy A. Ladouceur
Ottawa Commander



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The 2011-2012 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Immediate Past Commander	Bryan Carroll
Executive Officer	Terry Hamilton, AP
Treasurer	William Moyle, AP
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Squadron Examiner	Jim MacLeod, SN
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

Squadron Events Calendar

Jun 07, 2011 (TUESDAY) - BRIDGE MEETING
Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

Jun 20, 2011 (MONDAY) – ANNUAL PICNIC AND GRADUATION – Please look at the Poster in this edition of the Newsletter. Plan on attending as this is a free event!

Aug ??, 2011 (SUNDAY) – RIDEAU DISTRICT ANNUAL PICNIC - Rideau Ferry – More information forthcoming via e-mail messages. Check our website for more information in July 2011 or the District Website: <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/rideau/>

Sep 01, 2011 (THURSDAY) - BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

Please check the website for updates and latest information:
<http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html>

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<http://www.cps-halifax.ca/AGM2011/>
October 19 – 23, 2011

Ride the Atlantic Wave!
Book now not to be disappointed!

There's a place for all CPS members to contribute. If you

- Are a current member of CPS
- Want to make a difference and feel a sense of accomplishment and involvement
- Believe in the practice of safe boating
- Want to meet and connect with others in the boating community
- Want to share your knowledge and experience
- Want to use your skills in a productive way
- Are interested in learning new skills

then I encourage you to volunteer with your Squadron. Please give me a call NOW!

Guy A. Ladouceur, Cdr





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WHAT CAN YOUR SQUADRON DO FOR YOU?

The Ottawa Squadron involves itself in training, arranging information sessions for its members, arranging an Annual Dinner and Annual Picnic for the members and advocating on behalf of the members of the Ottawa Squadron in relation to boating matters. Over the past number of years, the number of participants involving the information sessions appears to have dropped. We have a good turn out for the Annual Dinner and Annual Picnic, but certainly nowhere close to the numbers that one would expect with a Squadron of our size. As outlined in earlier editions of the Ripples, we appear to be having more difficulty attracting students to the courses offered by the Squadron.

The Squadron wants to consider the services that it is providing to the members so that it can encourage more membership in the Squadron and encourage more participation by individuals already members of the Squadron. To assist us in these considerations, we ask for your input.

The major activity of the Ottawa Squadron is the training function carried out by offering boating related courses for both beginner boaters and more experienced boaters. The courses offered by the Squadron range from the Boating Course and Boating Basics (Boat Pro) which are directed to beginning boaters up to Celestial Navigation for the more experienced boater. Details about the courses offered and the content of those courses are found on the Squadron website. What can we do to improve the course offering? Are we offering the courses at the appropriate time of the year? Are there other topics, not covered by our present courses, that you would like the Squadron to consider offering? How can we make the course offerings more relevant to you and your family? Your input on this aspect of the Squadron's activities would be greatly appreciated.

How often during the course of year would you like to see information sessions given by the Squadron? What would encourage you and your family to attend at the information sessions? Are there particular topics, be they educational or otherwise that you would like to see the Squadron consider for future information sessions?

The Annual Dinner held in the latter part of February or early March is reasonably well attended. The Annual Picnic held in June is, depending upon the weather, is also relatively well attended in most years. Should there be more social gatherings of this nature? What would encourage you to participate in either one of these events or other similar events where you are not participating now?

If we could encourage you to take some time to consider the questions noted above and to contact the Squadron through its Past Commander, Bryan Carroll, all feedback would be greatly appreciated. We want to make this Squadron one that offers to its members the information and courses that the members require. Help us better achieve this goal by providing us with some input.

Bryan A. Carroll,
Past Commander - Ottawa Squadron



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Regalia

Come out and see the new regalia clothing! Samples will be on display at the Annual picnic on June 20th. Order your size, colour and your choice of emblem – National or Ottawa squadron. Show your support for the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron and look good while doing it!



Pins, hats flags and even lifejackets are also available.



Joy Moyle, Regalia Officer



Parks Canada - 100 years, Come Celebrate!

Experience the unforgettable as you join in the celebrations of the centennial of Parks Canada, the world's first national parks service! Throughout the country and throughout the year, Canada's historic and natural treasures are hosting special programs and activities put on to celebrate this special anniversary.

Founded on May 19, 1911, Parks Canada is celebrating a century of world leadership in protection, education and visitor experience that is admired around the globe. Parks Canada protects 167 national historic sites, 42 national parks and 4 national marine conservation areas, which together make up one of the most extensive networks of protected national heritage places in the world.



Come celebrate as we take our first steps into our second century. For more information, a calendar of events and links to exciting adventures awaiting you please visit www.pc.gc.ca.



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Annual Picnic & Graduation



(RCMP CAMP)

Turn on Nicholls Island Rd

Continue for about 200 meters and take the first right (visible sign age at this intersection). Follow this road to the camp.

This is our largest “FREE” event of the year
bring your family & have fun!

Support your Squadron
Help celebrate the start of the boating season!

RAIN
OR
SHINE

Monday - June 20, 2011

SET-UP 1600 hrs – START 1700 hrs

REFRESHMENTS: Burgers, Hotdogs, Soft Drinks, etc

Come out to meet your Fellow Squadron Members and Graduating Students

Bring an item to be auctioned off for the benefit of the Squadron

SQUADRON REGALIA & NEW MEMBER ROSTERS will be available!

Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas (For the sun) and any other comfort items you might need. This is a new location for us and we should be protected from the liquid sunshine!

P/Cdr Don Tanner needs to know how many supplies to get!

Please register on our Website by June 13, 2011 if you plan on coming!

OPSS Website - <http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html>



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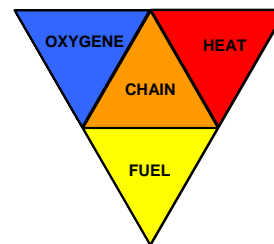
Prevent Onboard Fires - Reduce the risks to your crew and the environment

Having a fire onboard your boat has to be one of the worst scenarios a boater can experience. Fire prevention has long been an obsession with boaters. You may be familiar with a nautical term “Charlie Noble”, which has its origin in maritime fire prevention. In the 1850’s, a British merchant captain by the name of Charles Noble, insisted that the brass/copper galley smokestack be cleaned and polished every day to reduce the fire hazard built up soot presented. Eventually the smokestack itself became known by this captain’s name. Cooks on old wooden ships would periodically fire a gun with buckshot up the stack to reduce the risk of fire by dislodging the soot and tar, a practice they called “shooting Charlie Noble”.

Fire prevention aboard vessels has fortunately progressed markedly since the days of Charlie Noble. However, modern day vessels have many new potential sources of fire, unknown in bygone days. Today’s principal construction material for recreational boats is fibreglass, a fuel source equal to, if not greater than, wood. Resins like vinyl ester, used in fibreglass boat construction, are petroleum derivatives, basically oil. Once ignited, a fibreglass boat can be consumed more rapidly by fire than denser wood and burn quickly to the waterline. While a wood fire may spread ashes over the water, a fibreglass fire always produces an oil slick as it is consumed and rendered back into petroleum.

The Fire Pyramid

In addition to the traditional Fire Triangle, Oxygen-Heat-Fuel, suggested an update fire model that reflects the essential accurately. According to newer model, what was missing the chemical chain reaction that sustains the fire. Even in the and heat, without a sustaining chemical reaction, a fire will important for boaters to know because halon and other fire-used aboard vessels act to interfere with the chemical legs of the fire triangle.



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Three Biggest Causes of Boat Fires*

1) AC and DC wiring and appliances account for 55% of boat fires; DC shorts/wiring accounts for 30%; DC engine regulators for 12%; shore power problems for 4%. Wire chafe is the biggest problem for all of these causes. 2) Engine/transmission overheating accounts for 24% of boat fires, mostly due to obstructed intake or exhaust-cooling water passages. 3) Fuel leaks account for a further 8%, with fuel lines, fuel connections on the engine itself and leaking tanks the main culprits.

Steps You Can Take

- Periodically check wiring for chafe and deterioration
- Inspect and change impellers within the cooling system
- Keep oil & grease out of bilges
- Use proper containers for flammable liquids
- Be alert for suspicious odors and fumes



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- Vent all spaces thoroughly before starting the engine
- Keep propane tanks in a locker that vents overboard
- Cook remains in galley whenever stove is on, especially close if it's on low heat!
- Once a month check smoke alarm is functioning OK
- Discard oily cloths after use
- Ensure number of fire extinguishers meet Coast Guard regulations
- Swab propane fittings and lines with soapy liquid, check for bubbles.
- When refueling follow the steps outlined in the Boating course & the Safe Boating Guide from the Canadian Coast Guard

Excerpt from “Boat Green” 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford. Canadian Coast Guard Safe Boating Guide. *) Additional information is from US Coast Guard & BoatUS Marine Insurance.

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer

Ontario Fire Service Messenger

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The Ontario Fire Code requires every ‘**dwelling unit**’ in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and **outside all sleeping areas**. The term ‘**dwelling unit**’ includes seasonal homes such as park model trailers, cabins, cottages and **boats with sleeping quarters** and also includes trailer homes (e.g., 5th Wheels), motor-homes (e.g. Class A, B and C) and other recreational vehicles (e.g., pop-ups).

Note

**Only members of a fire department who are designated as an Assistant to the Fire Marshal have authority to issue tickets under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act.*

If the vessel is being used as a residence, that is for sleeping and cooking, it would therefore meet the definition of a dwelling unit, and if the vessel is moored at a municipal facility, which would include any location that a municipal fire department would respond to a fire call. The vessel must meet both conditions to be required to have a working smoke alarm. The fines for non-compliance start at \$235 and can go as high as \$25000 if loss of life or serious injury results from a fire onboard.



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PLANNED TRAINING COURSES FOR THE FALL 2011

Boating Basics for PCOC

The Boating Basics prepares you for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam. The Pleasure Craft Operator Card is now mandatory for all persons operating a motorized Pleasure Craft in Canada.

This highly acclaimed seminar was one of the first to be accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard and clearly the best of the PCOC seminars available.

Crossing the border? CPS is one of the few providers of safe boating courses that are approved by both the Canadian Coast Guard and the U.S. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Boating Basics is a great introduction for your family to boating safety, operation and navigation.

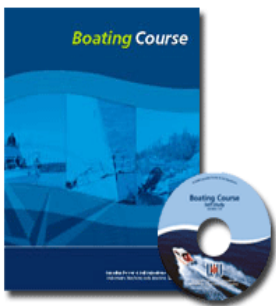
Maritime Radio Course

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques.

I have a cell phone so why VHF? Many boaters do have a cell phone. So what's the phone number of the closest boater/Coast Guard when you are in trouble?

VHF radio is for boaters. It is a general broadcast system used by boaters, and its function is to enable you to call for assistance, call on behalf of someone else requiring assistance, report hazards such as floating trees/logs, get the latest weather reports and of course contact and talk to other boating friends.

Boating Course



This course is for you whether you're interested in power or sail. You will learn how to be safe and secure on the water, you will acquire your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and you can become a regular CPS member upon successful completion of the course.

You will also learn the basics of navigation and plotting. In addition, you will gain new boating friends, be able to network with your peers about the waterways within our district and beyond (places to go and not to go)!

The Training Officers are presently planning the Fall Courses, booking classes in local schools and libraries, lining up instructors and looking to offer more courses than listed here.

The updated list of Fall Courses will be published in the next Ripples Newsletter in August 2011 and on our website.

Please plan to check back on-line to register for a new course!



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Safe Boating Week

The Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron joins the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in promoting boating safety during the 2011 Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week. For 2011, this is ramping up for May 28 to June 3, 2011. It is held in partnership with Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety. Watch for displays, newspaper articles, radio spots and more as we try to ensure that recreational boaters are equipped with the information they need to enjoy boating safely.



The five main components of CPS 2011 Canadian Safe Boating Awareness week will focus on:

Safe Boating Week Key Messages

Wear Your Lifejacket (or PFD)

Don't Drink and Boat

Take a Boating Course

Be Prepared

Beware of Cold Water Risks



It is important to note that these key messages were not simply picked from the air but were distilled from a very interesting, 68 page, and research study conducted by the Canadian Red Cross with the support of the Office of Boating Safety of Transport Canada. The title of the study is self explanatory: “Boating Immersion and Trauma Deaths in Canada: 16 years of Research.” It can be found on either Transport Canada's or the Canadian Red Cross's websites. The study clearly shows that boaters who make multiple errors in judgement put themselves and their crew in greatest danger.

Donald Partridge, Public Relation Officer



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A World Heritage Celebration!

Now in its fourth year, the Rideau Canal Festival is a true celebration of Ottawa's UNESCO World Heritage Site! Whether you're an heritage buff, an art lover, active living enthusiast or just want a great day with the family, the Rideau Canal Festival has what you're looking for.

From July 28th to August 1st, it's 5 days of celebrations and family fun. Why not decorate your boat and promote CPS and your Squadron!

For more information, please refer to their website at <http://www.rideaucanalfestival.ca/flotilla.html>

Interested in getting involved, please send me an e-mail at commander@cps-ottawa.com



Attention Boaters

There are Changes in Applying for a Pleasure Craft Licence

Did you know that any pleasure craft powered by a motor over 10 hp (7.5 kW) must have a valid licence? A pleasure craft licence allows search and rescue personnel and other agencies to quickly identify your boat in the event of an emergency.

As of November 1, 2010, to get your free pleasure craft licence, you must mail the following documents to the [Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre](#):

1. a completed application form;
2. proof of vessel ownership; and
3. a signed copy of a valid piece of government-issued identification.
(Further information is available on the form.)

Application forms are available for [download](#) http://www.tc.gc.ca/wwwdocs/Forms/84-0172E_1007-04_E.pdf

or for pickup in person through your local Service Canada Centre. For Service Canada locations, visit www.servicecanada.gc

Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre

Applications for pleasure craft licences along with supporting documentation must be mailed-in for processing to the Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre:

Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre
P.O. Box 2006
Fredericton, New Brunswick
E3B 5G4

Please allow five (5) business days plus mailing time to process your application. Applications cannot be processed unless you provide complete information and include all required documents.





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