



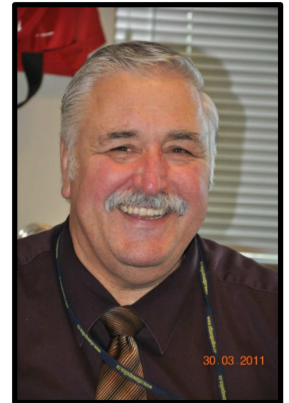
Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples June – July – August 2011



Commander's Comments

Imagine most of our boating season 2011 is all ready over! The weather has cooperated somewhat for most of our boating season. Marjorie and I have discovered several new boating areas. We travelled to the Oiseau Rock Squadron area and boated between Pembroke and Rapids des Joachims (Deep River). What a beautiful area and we will be back. We still have lots of time for boating left but Marjorie & I recently celebrated our daughter's wedding and looking forward to our Alaskan Cruise to enjoy the first week of September. We will be back on the water till well into October. Retirement has some privileges.

Our Annual Picnic & Graduation in June was a great success thanks to P/Cdr Don Tanner and his many assistants. The change of venue proved to be popular for everyone in attendance. It was great to meet many new people and get re-acquainted with others. The Weather God gave us a perfect day again. Thank You to everyone who attended and all who worked so diligently to make it a memorable event.



Everyone should have received their Squadron Roster 2011-2012 by now. To receive a Roster, you must first indicate that you want your information in the Roster and your membership must be up to date by the last week of May. I have been tabulating the information for our Roster for at least the last 5 years and yes there has been errors and omissions on occasion. I will continue producing it in the future but I need your help. If you notice anything wrong, want to be added, change your vessel name, etc, please send me an e-mail message at gladoun648@rogers.com. You will get an answer confirming receipt of your message. If I do not reply, please consider that I did not get it and send it again!

As many of you know, the Rideau Lakes Squadron unfortunately surrendered its warrant and pennant after 31 years of existence in April 2011. I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of our Squadron to CPS Members P/Cdr Bill Lea, P/Cdr Doug Horsfall and Lady Associate Pat Watson who transferred to the Ottawa Squadron.

The Training Department has been hard at work. The Boating Basics (PCOC) will again be offered at many of the Ottawa Public Library throughout the City of Ottawa this fall, winter and spring. The Boating Course will commence in September at the St-Patrick High School at 2525 Alta Vista Drive Ottawa. Attention Associate Members please read on! You can get a deal when you enrol in the Boating Course (13 weeks). You will save \$60.00 which is the cost of your original CPS Boat Pro Course. Your CPS membership must be current to be granted the saving. Hope to see many of you sitting in class in September.

On Saturday October 29, 2011 begins our 60th year of existence. To commemorate this special date, I am planning to organize a Commander's Breakfast. The planning is in its early stage but mark your calendar! P/Cdr Bryan Carroll formed a committee to celebrate our 60th Anniversary and is looking for your ideas and assistance.

Both Marjorie and I look forward to travel to Halifax NS in October for the Annual CPS Conference. If you have any issues you would like to bring forward, please ensure that you send them to me before September 15 in order that I present them at the Rideau District Meeting on September 22 in Smiths Falls.

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
Training Officer	Robin Craig, CN
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A/Training Officer (Boating Basics)	Court Harkness
A/Training Officer (Supply)	Monique Vallieres, S
Communications Officers	Frank Keating, AP
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets, CN
MAREP & safety Officer	Sue Baker, SN
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Membership	Position Open
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Secretary	Paulette Vineham
Social Affairs Officer	Position Open
Webmaster	Philip Harris, N
Squadron Examiner	Jim MacLeod, SN
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

Squadron Events Calendar

- Sep 08. 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.
- Sep 14, 2011 (WEDNESDAY)** – Boating Course begins
- Sep 22, 2011 (THURSDAY) – RIDEAU DISTRICT BRIDGE MEETING** – More Information to come at a later date.
- Oct 06. 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
- Oct 29. 2011 (SATURDAY) - COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST** commemorating 60 years of the Squadron - Mark your Calendar, More information to come
- Nov 03. 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

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FRESH OFF THE PRESS! Your Bridge has voted to extend a special price to all **Associate Members** who enrol in this fall's Boating Course. We will reduce the cost of your Boating Course by \$60.00 which you were charged for your PCOC course you took with this Squadron. Hope to see you in class and flying the CPS Flag in 2012!



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ECO RATED MARINAS Dedicated to Keeping our Waters Clean

The Ontario Marine Operators Association (OMOA) along with over twenty marine industry professionals and Ontario's boaters' and anglers' associations formed the Clean Marine Partnership to develop a voluntary program of "Environmental Best Practices" for the marine industry that is recognized as the leader in North America. OMOA member marinas have been enrolling in the Clean Marine Program to ensure that their marinas are following these environmentally sound practices and protecting our waterways for all to enjoy.

Eco-Rated Marinas - What Are They? They are marinas that have adopted Environmental Best Practices as a policy and way of doing business. Using a Clean Marine Manual developed in 1997 and rewritten in 2008, participating marinas are guided through environmentally responsible practices in all marine operations. The manual was produced through the cooperation of Boating Ontario, Environment Canada, and Ontario Ministry of Environment.

Eco Ratings are achieved in an audit covering more than 200 environmental practices. Greenleaf Environmental Marketing, an Ottawa-based certification company, completes this audit. Results are then converted to a rating system with a low of one and a high of five green anchors. There are now almost 100 marinas with the highest rating. For those who have achieved that goal, 12 additional new criteria may bring them Gold, Diamond and Platinum additions to their rating.

This is an opportunity for you to choose the certified, most responsible homeport for your boat. If you are cruising in Eco-Rating flag lets you choose a destination marina knowing can to preserve our lakes and rivers.



environmentally unfamiliar waters the they are doing all the

For more info see www.boatingontario.ca/industry/CleanMarine.aspx

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer

Congratulations to our Fall 2010 & Winter 2011 Boating Graduates:

Harmen Boersma; Heather Borquez; Craig Cernak; David Cernak; Lilliane Cossette; Nancy Davis; Andre de Loe; Benjamin de Loe; Julie de Loe; Lyne Dugas; David Elliott; Randall Fleming; Greg Frieday; Le'Anne Frieday; Christopher Friesen; Anne Friesen; Jean-Pierre Gravel; Carol Harkness; Lori Hahn; Cathy James; Daniel Landry; Michel Maillet; Lisa Stafford; David Thibodeau; Robert Wener.

Thank you to their Instructors and Proctors.



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Flare Gun Determined to be Restricted Firearm



The Zoraki Model R1 double action blank firing revolver flare gun has been identified, based on criteria set out in the *Criminal Code*, as a restricted firearm. All existing stock of these firearms must be registered immediately, and all future imports of these firearms will require registration.

Zoraki Model R1 double action blank firing revolvers are made by ATAK Arms in Turkey. They are available in various finishes (black, chrome and nickel), very closely resemble a genuine firearm and are available for sale in Canada. They are being sold as a flare gun kit which includes a flare adapter and flares. They can be used as a blank firing revolver if the owner chooses not to attach the flare adapter to the barrel.

The RCMP Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) recently inspected one such revolver. Based on criteria set out in the *Criminal Code*, the inspection determined that this type of revolver is a restricted firearm because an identical frame is used in both the manufacturer's flare gun and a genuine firearm. A record (number 134161) for this type of firearm has been entered into the RCMP Firearms Reference Table (FRT).

If you purchased this type of flare gun, you may wish to consider calling your local Police Service or give me a call and I get assist you in legally disposing of it.

Guy A. Ladouceur, Commander

THE CPS MEMBER'S PLEDGE:

I solemnly pledge to loyally support Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, to promote high standards of navigation and seamanship, to operate all boats in a legal and environmentally friendly manner, to render assistance wherever possible, and to conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige and respect to the organization whose flag I am now privileged to fly.



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Canadian Red Cross
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Weather Conditions

Courtesy of The Canadian Red Cross

Are you aware of the weather and water conditions and any hazards that may affect your trip? **Plan ahead!** The operator and all passengers should be well prepared. **Work together** and share the duties necessary to prepare.

Personal and Environmental Planning:

- Check the local weather forecast.
- Review marine charts or maps of the area to determine and mark local hazards.
- Consider the seasonal changes of the area.
- Talk with local boaters concerning hazards especially if no marine charts are available.
- Complete a trip plan and leave it with a responsible individual.

Preparation:

- Inspect the craft, repair damage and tighten loose fittings.
- Review emergency procedures and practice skills.
- Review each passenger's responsibilities before boarding.
- Show everyone where the equipment is stored and ensure required equipment is easily accessible.

Equipment:

- All required safety equipment is on board and is in good working condition.
- Have enough approved flotation devices of the correct size for everyone on board.
- Have the required and recommended safety equipment. This could include a first aid kit, repair kit, spare parts, necessary tools and survival rations.
- Have enough fuel for the trip. Follow the rule of thirds.
- Have a means of communication like a cell phone or VHF radio.
- Make sure everyone on board has the appropriate clothing for protection from the weather.
- All extra gear should be stored in waterproof bags.

Sue Baker SN, MAREP and Safety



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TRAINING COURSES FOR 2011-12

Please Register On-Line!

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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.

OPSS Boating Basics - Schedule 2011 - 2012				
Library Branch	Day of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	11-Oct-11	18-Oct-11	25-Oct-11
North Gloucester	Thursday	13-Oct-11	20-Oct-11	27-Oct-11
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	13-Mar-12	20-Mar-12	27-Mar-12
North Gloucester	Thursday	15-Mar-12	22-Mar-12	29-Mar-12
North Gloucester	Tuesday	10-Apr-12	17-Apr-12	24-Apr-12
Nepean Centrepointe	Monday	16-Apr-12	23-Apr-12	30-Apr-12
Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday	08-May-12	15-May-12	22-May-12
Manotick	Wednesday	09-May-12	16-May-12	23-May-12
North Gloucester	Thursday	10-May-12	17-May-12	24-May-12

Courses 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, Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (PCOC) examination, and the PCOC card.

Course Price: \$60.00 for adults and \$50.00 for students. (Photo ID required).

Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard.
Please make cheques payable to "Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron".

Challenging the Boat Pro EXAM to get your **PCOC**, \$30.00 - Available on Lesson # 3 of any course.

Nepean Centrepointe	101 Centrepointe
Manotick	5499 South River
North Gloucester	2036 Ogilvie



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Maritime Radio Course



boating friends.

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 it's function is to enable you to call for assistance, call on behalf of someone else requiring assistance, report hazards such a floating trees/logs, get the latest weather reports and of course contact and talk to other

OPSS –VHF MARITIME RADIO – SCHEDULE 2011-2012			
ST-PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL – 2525 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa			
Day of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
Wednesday	05-Oct-11	12-Oct-11	19-Oct-11
Wednesday	16-Nov-11	23-Nov-11	30-Nov-11
Wednesday	18-Jan-12	25-Jan-12	01-Feb-12
Wednesday	21-Mar12	28-Mar-12	04-Apr-12
Wednesday	23-May-12	30-May-12	06-Jun-12

Course Price (Modules 1 & 2): \$70.00 (Manual/Instruction/Exam.)

1st Night: arrive at 1830 hrs to complete the registration

Payment may be made in Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard.

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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)!

Dates for the Course: September 14, 2011 to December 07, 2011

Course Price: Primary \$225.00, Secondary \$165.00 (*spouse sharing course materials with primary*)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - PCOC Upgrade to Boating Course – Saving of \$60.00 each

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