



# Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples March – April 2012



## Commander's Comments



It is a busy time of the year; the Toronto Boat Show, the Miami Boat Show and our own Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show are now over. We participated in the latter under the direction of our Executive Officer Terry Hamilton and many volunteer Watchkeepers. This year, we utilized the CPS Booth and all new handout material. The CE Centre was new for everyone and it is real nice location. I would like to thank all the Watchkeepers for their dedication and they are: Gord & Lindy Abry; Robin & Karen Craig; Linda & Terry Hamilton; Court Harkness; Philip Harris; Kathleen Hopkins; Bill Kerr; Marjorie Ladouceur, Pierre Laplante; Joy & Will Moyle; Dave Omond; Don Partridge; Paulette Vineham and Steve Weeks. I was there but I did more visiting and networking with exhibitors than working the Booth. D/C Cathie Johnstone dropped in for a visit! Working with the members of the Britannia-Rideau Squadron was very enjoyable and time will tell how successful when possibly we see more people register for our courses.

Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Squadron Dinner was very well attended as usual. The Decorating Committee consisting of Linda Hamilton, Marjorie Ladouceur and Rachel Morgan worked really hard to make the decorations. His Worship City of Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson sent his regrets by way of a letter (included in newsletter). We were fortunate to have as our guest recently appointed member of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada Capt. John A. Clarkson (Master Mariner). District Commander Cathie Johnstone presentation a Chief Commander Letter of Commendation to Senior Navigator Nelson Guillemette awarded at the 2011 CPS Annual Conference and AGM. We completed the evening with a presentation on the War of 1812 from Parks Canada Historian Robert (Bob) Garcia. At least 10 people went home with the table decorations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted and those of you who attended to make it such a success. Thank You!

As I write my comments, my mind keeps on wandering to the upcoming boating season and with the warmer temperature like 26° Celsius outside. Unfortunately we still have a few more activities to do before we can proudly fly our CPS Flags and/or OPSS Burgee.

It is renewal time for those expiring on April 30, 2012. Please do not delay and renew online, it is fast, easy and secure. Please refer to the article submitted by the membership officer for the easy way to do it. I am also working on our 2012 Annual Squadron Roster to be distributed at our Annual Picnic in June. I will be contacting you but if you need to update your information or you want to be included in the Roster, please send me an e-mail at [commander@cps-ottawa.com](mailto:commander@cps-ottawa.com). It will save me a lot of time and typing to send the e-mails.

Here is what we are working on for the coming weeks and few months: our Annual General Meeting on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at Louis Steak House, the third Commander's Breakfast on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at Louis steak House and the Annual Picnic on June 18 at the RCMP Campground near Long Island Locks.

In closing, are you planning to buy or do you have a newer VHF Maritime Radio with DSC capabilities? Well you're in luck, the Squadron is holding a course Wednesdays 23 May to 06 Jun 12. Maybe you're interested in Electronic Navigation Wednesdays 11 April to 30 May 12. Why not enroll at <http://cps-ottawa.com/courses.html> or at least get more information!

*Guy*

Guy A. Ladouceur  
Ottawa Commander



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Mayor / Maire



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March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

On behalf of Members of Ottawa City Council, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to all those in attendance of the Annual Dinner celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron.

I am delighted to acknowledge this milestone anniversary for the Squadron and the members' valuable work to teach and encourage safe boating on the multitude of scenic waterways in the National Capital Region.

The first waterway tourist was Colonel John By, master canal builder and city founder. He cruised in from Kingston inspecting canal works aboard the Bytown Pumper in 1832. Numerous boaters have followed his route and even now a journey up the Rideau to Ottawa is a trip of a lifetime. The Rideau also has the distinguished honour of being a Canadian Heritage River and the Rideau Canal a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Allow me to convey my best wishes to everyone present for a very entertaining evening, and to all Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron members for a very memorable diamond anniversary.  
Sincerely,

Le 3 mars 2012

Au nom des membres du Conseil municipal d'Ottawa, je souhaite la plus cordiale bienvenue à tous les participants au dîner annuel visant à célébrer le 60<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'*Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron*.

Je suis ravi de souligner cet anniversaire important pour l'escadrille de plaisance et ses membres, qui accomplissent un travail précieux, en enseignant la sécurité nautique et en incitant les plaisanciers à adopter un comportement sécuritaire sur les nombreuses et panoramiques voies navigables de la région de la capitale nationale.

Le premier touriste à avoir emprunté la voie navigable fut le colonel John By, maître bâtisseur de canaux et fondateur de la ville. Il la remonta depuis Kingston, inspectant le canal à bord du *Bytown Pumper* en 1832. De nombreux plaisanciers ont suivi le même itinéraire. Aujourd'hui encore, remonter la rivière Rideau jusqu'à Ottawa constitue une excursion unique. La rivière Rideau se distingue aussi par le fait qu'il s'agit d'une rivière du patrimoine canadien et le canal Rideau figure sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO.

Je souhaite à toutes les personnes présentes une soirée très divertissante et à tous les membres de l'*Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron* un 60<sup>e</sup> anniversaire très mémorable.

Recevez mes sincères salutations.

Jim Watson  
Mayor/Maire



## 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 Louis Steak House, 1682 Cyrville Rd, Ottawa, Ontario on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 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 12, 2012**

In accordance with Article 9.14 of the Squadron Regulations of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron, the Nominating Committee, which comprised of Past Commander Bryan Carroll (Chair), Past Commander Gordon Abry (AP) and Commander Guy Ladouceur, proposes and seconds the nomination of the following members for 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Commander	Guy Ladouceur	Environmental Officer	Nick Baets (CN)
Immediate Past Commander	Bryan Carroll	Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Executive Officer	Terry Hamilton ( <u>AP</u> )	MAREP & Safety Officer	Susan Baker (SN)
Treasurer	William Moyle ( <u>AP</u> )	Membership Officer	<b>TBD</b>
Training Officer	Robin Craig (CN)	Regalia Officer	Joy Moyle
A/Training (Adv/Elec)	Court Harkness (S)	Ripples Editor	<b>TBD</b>
A/Training (Boating Basics)	<b>TBD</b>	Secretary	Paulette Vineham
A/Training (Supply)	Monique Vallieres (S)	Social Activities Officer	Christopher Friesen
Communications Officer	Frank Keating ( <u>AP</u> )	Webmaster	Philip Harris (N)

The Squadron Nomination Committee for 2013-2014 will consist of P/Cdr Bryan Carroll (Chair), P/Cdr Gordon Abry (AP) and Cdr Guy Ladouceur.

Upon election, the Squadron appoints P/Cdr Don Tanner (CN) as the Squadron Financial Review representative for the year 2012-2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Original Signed by*  
Bryan A. Carroll, P/Cdr  
(Chair)

*Original Signed by*  
Gordon Abry (AP), P/Cdr

*Original Signed by*  
Guy A. Ladouceur, Cdr

# Make the Commander's Day, Renew Now!

## If your renewal date is 30APRIL 2012

CPS and your Squadron are the middle of Membership Renewal. Your Commander saw this as an opportunity to renew your information for the Annual Squadron Roster and is firing off e-mail messages to all members who renew their membership once he is advised by CPS by way of an electronic daily report.

Here are general facts about membership renewal:

**Membership Year:** Since 2008, we are operating on anniversary membership year. As per the 2008 Governing Board resolution, new applicants have an expiry of exactly one year after their join date: for example, if the join date is January 15, 2009, the expiry date will be January 14, 2010. **The majority of members who joined prior to 2008 still have a membership expiry date of April 30.**

**The early Renewal Discount** was **discontinued** by resolution of the members at the 2010 Annual General Meeting in Nanaimo. Renewals by Internet banking or by cheque with insufficient funds will be rejected and the issue directed to the appropriate membership officer.

**Members that renew online** and have a valid email address receive a **confirmation email** with a link to a detailed paid invoice.

Help CPS control operating costs by using the most efficient way to renew and obtain your new membership card is online.

The easy "**Quick Membership Renewal**" online method introduced three years ago does not require a login. To renew, all that needs to be entered are your Membership Number (no space), Last Name and Postal Code to identify you as a member, and the credit card information when the detailed electronic invoice is presented to pay the invoice. You will get a "Type mismatch" error if any of the information is incorrect. These three pieces of information are readily available on the members' invoices and in your membership lists.

Please visit: [https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public\\_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard|K=221~0~1|W=|Tag](https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard|K=221~0~1|W=|Tag) for "**Quick Membership Renewal**".

The CPS system does not keep full credit card information in its database; the credit card numbers are encrypted and sent directly to the banking authorities for validation.

You still do not have a computer you can call me Terry Hamilton Executive Officer / Membership Officer at (613) 824-1362 or send me an e-mail message to [membership@cps-ottawa.com](mailto:membership@cps-ottawa.com) asking me to call you with the best day and time.

You can always send a cheque but CPS is still hiring additional staff, at extra cost, to process returned invoices and payments by mail. Renewal by mail is labour intensive and usually results in a 3 to 4 week processing backlog when we reach the middle of April. Please keep that in mind when you send your cheque.

Let's keep the Commander busy by all renewing earlier so he has to send out e-mails to everyone to update their information for the Roster!

Terry Hamilton  
Executive Officer / Membership Officer

# CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE

Rideau District  
NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at Smiths Fall Golf & Country Club on **Saturday May 5**, at 10:00am for the purpose 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, 2012 and the report of the District Internal Audit Review Committee thereon; c) electing the officers of the District; d) appointing the District Internal Audit Review Committee; e) considering such further 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 the District Regulations any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of the 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 two days prior to the meeting. Details of the AGM will be posted to [www.cps-ecp.ca/Rideau](http://www.cps-ecp.ca/Rideau)

Dated: 2012 03 04 on behalf of Valerie Hume, District Secretary

## To: The Members of Rideau District

REPORT OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE March 4, 2012

1) The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2012/13.

District Commander & Communications Officer	André Dubois (Kingston)
District Executive Officer	Bryan Carroll (Ottawa)
District Training Officer	Robert Dandurand (Britannia)
District Administrative Officer & Web Based Admin	Guy Ladouceur (Ottawa)
District Secretary	Valerie Hume (Britannia)
District Treasurer	Don Tanner (Ottawa)
District Public Relations/Marketing Officer	TBA
District Membership Officer	David Root (Britannia)
District MAREP Officer	Art Clare (Britannia)
District Web Master	Bill Hall (Britannia)
District Roster Editor	Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock)
District Officer Training	P/D/C Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)

2) The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following member for appointment by the Members as Member of the District Internal Audit Review Committee-Walter Bilous(Ottawa)

3) 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: Cathie Johnstone (Ottawa)

(b) Pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for 2012/2013 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/D/C Chair – Cathie Johnstone, P/D/C Linda Hamilton, D/C André Dubois

Respectfully submitted,  
P/D/C Linda Hamilton  
District Nominating Committee Chair

**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS  
RIDEAU DISTRICT  
41ST ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, May 5, 2012**

**PLACE:** Smiths Fall Golf & Country Club  
125 Golf Club Road, Smiths Falls, Ont K7A 4S9

(2.7 Km South of the Rideau River Bridge, On Hwy 29, Turn West,  
and proceed 1.9 Km West on Golf Club Road)

(6.6 Km South-West of the Rideau River Bridge, On Hwy 15, Turn East,  
and proceed 3.0 Km East on Golf Club Road)

**PROGRAM:** Rideau District Annual General Meeting

**TIME:**       **0930 – 1000**     Registration & Coffee Social  
                 **1000 – 1200**     Annual General Meeting & Change of Watch  
                 **1230 – 1400**     Lunch  
                 **1400 –**            Training Session (if needed)

**COSTS:**        Lunch: \$ 10.00 per person (pay at the door)

**DRESS:**        CPS casual

Come and meet our CPS National Administration Officer, Catherine McLeod

Proceed to building far left corner of the parking lot. Enter right side of building, up the path, and turn left.

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**MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Mail, or email, this information by April 23, 2012; to:

Frank Keating  
Dist Admin Officer  
504-641 Bathgate Dr,  
Ottawa, Ont  
K1K 3Y3

Tel: 613-746-0026  
[Admin@rd-cps.ca](mailto:Admin@rd-cps.ca)

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_AGM Lunch(es).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dietary Issues? Please tell us \_\_\_\_\_

## The 2011-2012 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Immediate Past Commander	Bryan Carroll
Executive Officer	Terry Hamilton, <u>AP</u>
Treasurer	William Moyle, <u>AP</u>
Training Officer	Robin Craig, CN
A/Training Officer (Adv/Elective)	Court Harkness, S
A/Training Officer (Boating Basics)	<i>Court Harkness, S</i>
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MAREP & safety Officer	Sue Baker, SN
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Membership	<i>Terry Hamilton, <u>AP</u></i>
Public Relation / Marketing Officer	Donald Partridge, P
Regalia	Joy Moyle
Rideau Ripples Editor	<i>Philip Harris, N</i>
Secretary	Paulette Vineham
Social Affairs Officer	Christopher Friesen
Webmaster	Philip Harris, N
Squadron Examiner	Jim MacLeod, SN
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

## Squadron Events Calendar

**Apr 05. 2012 (THU) - BRIDGE MEETING** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

**Apr 12. 2012 (THU) – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend. Please join us and see the Change of Watch, Merit Mark Presentation and the award of the Annual Commander's Trophy.

**Apr 21. 2012 (THU) – COMMANDER' BREAKFAST** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. More info in this newsletter.

**May 03. 2012 (THU) - BRIDGE MEETING** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

**Jun 07. 2012 (THU) - BRIDGE MEETING** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.

**Jun 18. 2012 (MON) – ANNUAL PICNIC** – RCMP Campground – More info to come – It is FREE!

Please check the website for updates and latest information:

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

Christopher Friesen  
Social Activities Officer

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**Cdr Guy A. Ladouceur**  
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## Let's Keep in Touch!

From time to time, we need to communicate with you and the easier way is by e-mail! Please ensure that the messages are not going into your recycling bin or your spam filter.

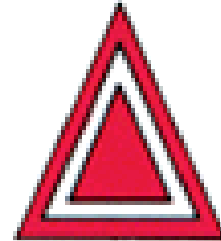
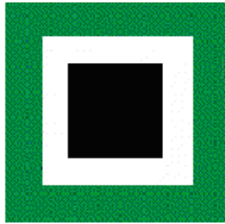
Yes at time we send a lot of messages but we feel that we need to keep up to date with events, changes in laws, recalls, etc.

For those of you are reading this on your mailed newsletter, please help the Squadron save money in mailing cost and send us your e-mail to [info@cps-ottawa.com](mailto:info@cps-ottawa.com).

Frank Keating, AP, P/Cdr  
Communication Officer



# Commander's Breakfast



**Saturday – April 21, 2011 – 0900 hrs**  
**Louis Steak House**  
**1682 Cyrville Rd (near Innes Rd)**

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- Come out and have breakfast with the Commander, the Bridge, Instructors and Proctors, Watchkeepers, etc.
  - The 2011 Fall Boating Graduates will be pledge in as CPS Members and presented their CPS Flag.
  - We are attempting to secure the attendance of the Members of the Ottawa Police Service Marine Unit.
  - There will be many draws to be won.
  - You will make new friends before the boating season starts!



## Keep Your Batteries Going...and Going...and Going

Keep lead-acid batteries an environmental success story

Batteries are widely used in boating. In my sailboat alone I have 4 of them; a house battery, a starter battery, a battery for the electric anchor winch and finally a starter battery for my generator. The Lead-acid battery can be classified as an environmental success story. More than 97% of all battery lead is recycled, compared with 26% of tires and glass bottles, 45% of newspapers and 55% of aluminum soft drink cans. Used batteries are sent to registered recyclers who reclaim the 60-80% of the lead and plastic before sending it on to new battery manufacturers who reuse these elements. While recycling is important, keeping our batteries supplying power for as long as possible is also important. There are no secrets to extending the life of your batteries, but there are some basic principles and steps that you can follow. Regardless of the kind of lead-acid battery you have (wet, gel or glass mat), here are some steps you can take toward longer battery life.

### Steps You Can Take

- Size your batteries properly for the electrical load aboard your boat. An undersized battery system will result in a shorter battery life.
- Keep your batteries in a cool place. Higher temperature accelerates the chemical reactions going on inside, shortening its usable life.
- Very cold temperatures can also adversely affect batteries as well. A deeply discharged battery can freeze solid effectively ruining it.
- Keep your wet cell batteries topped off with distilled water.
- Don't let your batteries sit in an uncharged state. It is best to once in a while put a load on them and then recharge them. Say every 6-8 weeks if stored.
- Use solar or wind power to trickle-charge your batteries.
- Always practice safety around batteries: wear rubber gloves and safety goggles, remove jewelry and be careful with metal tools around batteries.

Internet Search Terms: batteries recycling, extending battery life, battery desulfators

Excerpt from "Boat Green" 50 Steps Boaters can take to save our waters by Clyde W. Ford.

*Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer*

# TRAINING COURSES – Winter / Spring 2012

Please Register On-Line!  
[www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) or <http://cps-ottawa.com/courses.html>

## 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 2012				
Library Branch	Day of Week	First Class	Second Class	Last Class
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).

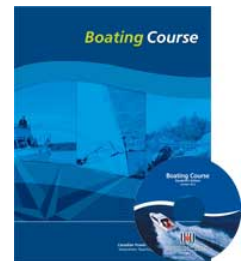


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Challenging the Boat Pro EXAM to get your **PCOC**, \$30.00 - Available on Lesson # 3 of any course.

**Nepean Centrepointe**  
**Manotick**  
**North Gloucester**

**101 Centrepointe**  
**5499 South River**  
**2036 Ogilvie**



**Boating** Course # 3: **Wednesdays 04 April to 20 June 2012** – Primary \$225.00, Secondary \$165.00 (example spouse sharing course materials with primary) and \$165 for all CPS Ottawa Associate Members

## VHF MARITIME RADIO

### SPRING 2012 COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

**Registration:** Online Registration form at the National CPS website  
**VHF Course #5:** Wednesdays 23 May to 06 Jun 12



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