



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples February – March 2013



Commander's Comments



I am sure we all survived the Christmas Season and maybe Santa left something under the tree to be used in a few months! Yes we are all dreaming of the upcoming boating season that is just around the corner. Some of us are counting the days and even hours before the big splash in May or April for some of us! Yes it is coming and Wiarion Willie said so!

Well your Bridge has not been hibernating for the last few months. We are working on the Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show, the Annual Squadron Dinner, a Draft Budget for the new Slate of Officers in May 2013, planning a few Information Nights and looking at producing an Electronic Version of our Annual Roster.

CPS began sending out the Electronic Annual Membership Renewal a few weeks ago. You noted a dues increase of \$5.00 per member and \$2.50 per family member. This increase is a key item in the process to balance the CPS budget and rebuild the financial health of CPS-ECP. I would like to thank those who have renewed already. I must report that this year I was surprised to see that one of our more self proclaimed electronically challenged members actually did renew on-line using the Quick Membership Renewal method. Well done so you can see that it can be *easily* done on-line. Please read the Membership Renewal article to find out how you could get your membership paid for by our Squadron. Make My Day – Renew Now and you may be surprised!

I know that many of you do not have much free time but your Squadron needs you. In two months, we will be electing a new slate of Officers and we need new blood. Every year we get a few new people and this year it could be you! Do not worry; we won't give you anything you cannot handle! Yes I will be the next Immediate Past Commander but I am coming back as Membership Officer. We have a few Bridge positions open but we can always have assistants to better distribute the duties. Your Nominating Committee consists of P/Cdr Gordon Abry, P/Cdr Bryan Carroll (Chair) and yours truly so if you want to volunteer or need concerns answered please call me (613) 824-9490 to get more information.

Marjorie and I had the pleasure of attending the Canadian Safe Boating Council Award Dinner in Toronto on January 13, 2013. Our Rescue of the Year Nominee Stefan McClelland was presented with his award. Please read the included article for more information and photos.

The Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show is being held Thursday February 21 – Sunday February 24, 2013 at the Ernst & Young Centre. Why not volunteer as a Watchkeeper and see the Show for FREE. For more information, please check out the flyer in this newsletter!

The Squadron Annual Dinner is just around the corner on Saturday, March 02, 2013 at Algonquin College. It is our only Dress-Up Affair and a chance to mingle with fellow boaters, family and friends. You will enjoy a culinary extravaganza and a great presentation by fellow members Jim MacLeod, Bob Morgan, Will Moyle and Bryan Carroll on their voyage to New York City. Join us for this great event by registering on line at http://cps-ottawa.com/forms/att_events.html. I would love to shake your hand at the Dinner, please register now!

Suffering the winter blues, here is a cure! Enrol in one of the following courses: Maritime VHF Radio & DSC (2 courses), Navigating with GPS (1 course) and Radar for Pleasure Craft (1 course). If any members of your family or friends need their Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate we have three different sessions that they could attend. Our Instructors are ready to assist you to further your knowledge.

Well I must end my comments but before I do I would like to remind you that in a few months we will be boating again and flying our CPS Flag and Squadron Burgee proudly. During the 2012, I noticed a few weather tired flags and burgees along the shores of the Ottawa River and the Rideau! Do it now, e-mail the Regalia Officer at regalia@cps-ottawa.com to make arrangements to have a new flag and/or burgee before the season opens!

Guy
Guy A. Ladouceur
Ottawa Commander



The 2011-2012 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Immediate Past Commander	Bryan Carroll
Executive Officer	Terry Hamilton, <u>AP</u>
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Training Officer	Robin Craig, CN
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A/Training Officer (Boating Basics)	<i>Court Harkness, S</i>
A/Training Officer (Supply)	Monique Vallieres, S
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Squadron Examiner	Robin Craig, CN
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

**Why not help the Bridge and volunteer
as Bridge Member or assistant!**

Squadron Events Calendar

Feb 21-24, 2013 (Thu-Sun) – OTTAWA BOAT & SPORTSMEN'S SHOW – 4899 Uplands Drive, Ottawa – Please see the flyer in this Newsletter.

Mar 02, 2013 (Sat) – SQUADRON ANNUAL DINNER - Algonquin College – Please see the flyer in this Newsletter.

Mar 07, 2013 (Thu) – BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

Mar 20, 2013 (Tue) – INFORMATION NIGHT - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Robert Beriault explains “*How I sailed on Other People’s Yachts and Lived to Tell About It*” – More info to come.

Apr 04, 2013 (Thu) – BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

Apr 11, 2013 (Thu) – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

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

Christopher Friesen (613) 837-3461
Social Activities Officer

*You have any ideas or a topic for an
Information Night, please drop me an e-mail
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Cdr Guy A. Ladouceur
(613) 824-9490



Plan on being there!

**** NEWS FLASH ****

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 27, 2013 – District Annual General Meeting – Smith Falls G & CC

MORE INFO IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

2013 CPS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

“Make My Day, Renew Now!”



Folks,

In 2012, your Squadron was presented with the CPS National Membership Star Award. Executive / Membership Officer Terry Hamilton and I were so proud of that accomplishment that we want to have the name of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron on it again for 2013. It won't be easy but I think we can pull that off again!

The CPS Membership Renewals have gone out already and many of you have already renewed. Some of you have not received your renewal notice yet depending on your date of joining.

Yes your membership dues increased by a mere \$5.00 to support the advancement of Boating Safety across Canada. The benefits of your membership far out weigh its cost.

Please check the Squadron October-November 2012 Newsletter for more information; http://cps-ottawa.com/docs/2012_10_Ripples.pdf

Historically, every CPS Members had to renew by April 31 but in recent years, CPS-ECP started making the date of Joining CPS the Renewal Date. That said we have approx. 306 members having to renew between January 01-April 30 and approx. 77 members after May 01 to December 31.

To entice you to renew early, your Squadron Bridge would like to sweeten the deal by having your name entered in the draw for one free membership (\$55.00) and one Squadron Burgee (\$25.00) for those renewing before May 01 and the same package for those renewing by the end of the year. The Draws will be made at the May Bridge Meeting on Thursday May 02, 2013 and the second on Thursday, January 09, 2014.

Now you wonder how you renew so your name can be drawn, well it is so easy!

Method 1 https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard|K=221~0

Go to the CPS Website www.cpsboat.ca - **Quick Membership Renewal** (No Login required) - Your **Member Number**, **Last Name** and **Postal Code** are required to access the electronic invoice and credit card information.

Method 2 Call me (613) 824-9490 or Terry (613) 824-1362

Have your Member Number, Last Name and Postal Code and have your credit card ready

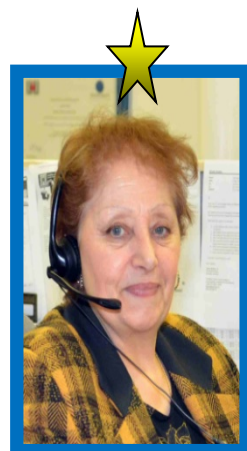
Method 3 Call CPS HQ 1-866-277-2628 ask for **Ginette Golden** at 0159

Have your Member Number or First/Last Name and have your credit card ready. Please call Ginette as a last resort as she is responsible for approx. 26, 000 membership renewals yearly. She is a great lady but call me first please or she will never speak to me again!!

Method 4 Mail a cheque as soon as you get your printed renewal!

Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons, 26 Golden Gate Court, Toronto ON M1P 3A5

Now I have thrown you the heaving line so pull yourself in and RENEW NOW to Make My Please help us do an Encore!



Day.

Guy A. Ladouceur
Commander

Terry Hamilton
Executive/Membership Officer



CANADIAN SAFE BOATING AWARDS RESCUE OF THE YEAR 2012

In Toronto on Sunday January 13, 2013; Marjorie and I represented our Squadron at the 2012 Annual Canadian Safe Boating Awards Dinner.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council is in the business of promoting safe & responsible boating across Canada. As an alliance of members committed to preventing boating injuries and drowning, the Canadian Safe Boating Council works to achieve its mission through a few

major events.

Each January, stakeholders in recreational boating safety assemble to honour the people, programs, organizations and marinas that help make boating safer and better for all of us and keep the environment clean.



Many awards were presented and the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons did very well this year. CPS National Executive Officer Joe Gatfield was chosen *Top Volunteer Dedicated to Safe Boating on his lifetime volunteer role* with the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron. Another Award accepted by National Training Officer Carolyn Reid for Best Boating Initiative on behalf of Rick Easthom (Fraser Power and Sail Squadron) and Jack Tang (West Bay Boating Club) of Richmond, BC for helping Chinese-speaking boaters in their community boat more safely.



The evening came to a close when Stefan McLelland was presented the award for Rescue of the Year. Our Nominee represented us well and was appreciative of our submission. Stefan was anxious to get his photo with his fishing idol Bob Izumi who also received a Special Recognition Award for his commitment to promoting boating safety and lifejacket wear on the Real Fishing Show!



The Award Dinner was well organized and in my opinion a great success recognizing all the accomplishments performed by the boating community!

2012 CANADIAN SAFE BOATING AWARDS (CASBAs)

**Nomination for "Rescue of the
Year"**

**heroic deed or rescue executed on
the water in Canada**



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Leave no wake, No Trace Behind

Adopt this wilderness ethic when going ashore

After spending hours in the relatively confined spaces of your boat nothing is more exhilarating than anchoring, lowering the dinghy and putting ashore off to an excursion. It's an opportunity to stretch your legs, walk your dog, let the kids play, see interesting plants and wildlife, encounter stunning vistas – in short one of the main reasons we boat. Boats can take us to remote places landlubbers can't visit and many humans seldom get to see. Advances in navigational technology make it possible to safely arrive at wilderness areas that are not even well charted. But with these awesome areas we visit comes an equal awesome responsibility to leave the areas we visit as pristine as they were before we got there. There is a long standing wilderness ethic, "Leave no trace behind", divers have a similar credo, "Take only pictures, leave only bubbles". With only slight modification, we boaters can strive to leave little evidence of our visit, "Leave no wake, no trace behind".

Eight Principles of Leave no Wake, No Trace Behind

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impacts
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other boaters and visitors
8. Don't anchor on top of other boats

Internet Search Terms; "Leave no Trace Behind"

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

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer

A group of boaters who had not yet taken the CPS Boating Essentials Course was navigating in Georgian Bay among its thirty thousand islands. After several hours they became hopelessly lost. One of them studied the chart for some time, turning it up and down, sighting on distant landmarks, consulting his compass, and finally looking where the sun was setting.

To group he said, "OK see that big island over there?"

"Yes", answered the others eagerly.

"Well, according to the chart, we're standing on top of it."

Donald Partridge, P

ROSTER 2013-2014

Your Squadron has been producing the Roster on an yearly basis for decades now! The information used for the Roster has been gathered for many years by several membership officers and updated as required. As you read this article, we require 262 copies of the Roster for this year.

I have been the Editor and maintaining my own database for the last five years. The exorbitant cost of printing and mailing the document to each member who shares his/her information in the Roster has become a great concern to me and the Bridge. Every other Squadron across Canada that produces an annual Roster is facing the same issue. We have to find another way of distributing the Roster.

The answer has been staring us in the face, and now that everyone is using I-Pad, I-Phone, I-Pod, Laptop, etc. Let's produce the Roster electronically! I have the information on a USB Stick and it is just a matter of producing a PDF file and e-mailing it to the members. The same quality of document will be maintained.

At our last Bridge Meeting on Thursday February 07, 2013, your Bridge decided that starting this year 2013 the Roster would be produced electronically from now on. Here are the requirements that the members and Squadron must meet:

- You, the members, must want to share your information electronically.
- The Squadron maintains a file with your permission to share your information.
- Your membership must be current on June 01 in order to be added to the Roster.

I can see you thinking now! Well I do not have an e-mail address so I guess I will not get a Roster anymore. That is not the case; we will still be producing a paper Roster copy for those who do not have an e-mail address. It will be a black & white copy produced on the Squadron printer and stapled. There will be no color photos or spiral bound copies.

There will be a follow-up article in the next newsletter to start the process of producing an Electronic Roster. For those who do not receive the Roster and would like to, please send me an e-mail and we can talk.

Guy A. Ladouceur
Roster Editor
Squadron Commander



<http://www.rideau-info.com/canal/save/index.html>

Get the latest information here!

Please make your feelings known as a boater.

The Rideau is here to stay and for use to enjoy.

Don't let the bean counters and politicians take in away from us!



2013 Ottawa Boat & Sportsmen's Show

ERNST & Young CENTRE

4899 Uplands Drive

February 21-24, 2013

Thu 1100-2000 – Fri 1100-1300 – Sat 1000-1900 – Sun 1000-1700

2013 Admission	Prices
Adults	\$14.00
Juniors (Ages 10 to 15)	\$9.00
Seniors (Ages 65+)	\$9.00
Children (Under 10 years)	Free when accompanied by an adult
Cash only at the ticket booths. Be prepared and avoid line-ups at the ATM's	

Parking

Parking Rates: Daily (Monday to Sunday) - \$7.00 all day

Visa, MasterCard and Amex are all express parking payment options, as well as cash.

BRING YOUR STUB INSIDE TO PAY BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

WANT TO SAVE \$14.00, STILL SEE THE SHOW * VOLUNTEER AS A WATCHKEEPER!**

With the Britannia-Rideau Squadron, we staffed Booth 1341 for the Show!

Cover a spot and get to see the Show for FREE!

THURSDAY - February 21st, 2013				SATURDAY - February 23rd, 2013			
Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper	Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper
1	1100	1300	SET UP	1	1000	1200	TAKEN
2	1300	1500		2	1200	1400	TAKEN
3	1500	1700	TAKEN	3	1400	1600	TAKEN
4	1700	1830		4	1600	1730	TAKEN
5	1830	2000	TAKEN	5	1730	1900	
FRIDAY - February 22nd, 2013				SUNDAY, February 24th, 2013			
Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper	Slot	Start	Finish	Watchkeeper
1	1100	1300		1	1000	1200	TAKEN
2	1300	1500	TAKEN	2	1200	1400	
3	1500	1700		3	1400	1530	
4	1700	1830	TAKEN	4	1530	1700	TEAR DOWN
5	1830	2000	TAKEN	All Over For Another Year!			

Contact Terry (613) 824-1362 or Guy (613) 824-9490



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron 2013 Annual Squadron Dinner



Saturday March 02, 2013

**Algonquin College, Building “D”
1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa
Parking is free in lots 8, 9 & 12**

STILL HAVE A FEW TICKETS AVAILABLE

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 hrs

Dinner is open to all CPS members, their family, friends and interested members of the public.

The **BUFFET MENU** will consist of Assorted Artisan Breads and Rolls with Butter, Relish Tray, Garden Salad with Vegetable Wisps, House Dressing, Balsamic Tomato & Mozzarella Salad, Citrus Couscous Salad, Sliced Ham & Turkey Platter, Carved Hip of Beef au Jus, Yorkshire Pudding, Roasted Parisian Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Assorted Cakes, Coffee & Tea.

This year the Title of our Presentation is; *“Aground in New York Harbour, and the Tales of our Cruise to the Big Apple”*. During the Summer of 2012, four vessels from the Ottawa Squadron set out on a four week cruise to New York City. Come hear the tales of their adventures crossing Lake Ontario, transiting the Erie Canal and cruising the beautiful Hudson River, on their journey to “The Big Apple”.



Now the price for this evening of fine food, great presentation and camaraderie is only \$40.00 (per person). We will have a great array of quality door and raffle prizes. You may be a lucky winner.

Yes you decided to join us. Well don’t wait, the number of tickets is limited and they will be selling fast. First come first serve, don’t be disappointed and reserve now! You can buy your ticket(s) with cash, cheque, money order or credit card!

The Contact Person for ticket(s) is **Christopher Friesen** at (613) 837-3461. Christopher will be present at the next bridge meeting Thursday February 07, 2013 to assist you. You can reserve by Mail at Christopher Friesen, 1720 Smithers Cr Ottawa ON K1C 4X3 or by e-mail at social@cps-ottawa.com.

There will be no tickets sold at the door and tickets must be purchased by Tuesday February 26, 2013. Tickets will be held at the door for those who have prepaid only.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher or Commander Guy Ladouceur at commander@cps-ottawa.com or (613) 824-9490.

DO NOT MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENING!
WHY NOT GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR BOATING FRIENDS!
GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRISTOPHER NOW
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET(S)

TRAINING COURSES – WINTER / SPRING 2013

Please Register On-Line!

www.cps-ecp.ca or <http://cps-ottawa.com/courses.html>

WINTER/SPRING 2013 COURSE DATES AND INFORMATION

Registration: Online Registration form at the National CPS website

Boating Essentials - *Boating Basics get you out there, Boating Essentials brings you back.*

The Boating Essentials course replaces the old Boating course, for boaters who already have a PCOC from CPS or any other accredited provider. This course continues where the Boating Basics course leaves off and offers instruction in navigation, charting, plotting and an introduction to electronic navigation. Topics include: the magnetic compass, global positioning and charts, navigation, conning, plotting, digital charting, anchoring, lines and ropes, electrical hazards, towing, boating and the environment, and more. The duration is 10 weeks, 1 night per week. Boating Essentials graduates are entitled to regular membership in CPS.

Advanced Piloting – *a necessary course in advanced coastal navigation for short duration trips out of sight of land.*

The new Advanced Piloting course includes an updated and enhanced chapter on Electronic Navigation Tools, composed by our squadron's AP Instructor Monique Pelland. You will be taken out of the realm of conning and visual plotting to coastal cruising out of sight of land: navigating in tidal waters; dealing with winds and current; standing clear of danger; using radar, an autopilot, and other instruments; and determining position by visual observation or with the use of electronic devices. Advance your piloting skills by taking this exciting course.

Course Calendar /Spring 2013:

St. Patrick's High School

Marine Radio 2: Wednesdays Apr 10 to Apr 24

Marine Radio 3: Wednesdays May 22 to Jun 5

Nepean Centrepointe Library

Boating Basics: Tuesdays Apr. 9th, 16th, 23rd

North Gloucester Library

Boating Basics: Tuesdays April 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Boating Basics: Thursdays May 9th, 16th, and 23rd



Robin Craig CN

Training Officer

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