



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

Rideau Ripples

June – July 2013



My name is Terry Hamilton and this is my first article in the Ripples as the new commander of the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron. I hope to carry on the initiatives started by my predecessor with his help as the new membership officer and the rest of the very competent and dedicated bridge members.

This is 75th anniversary of CPS and is going to be a year of celebration and change. The new Not For Profit Act has required that the organization must make a complete change of our governance model. The new BY Laws will be voted on at The National Annual General Meeting in Toronto in October 23-27, 2013, as well as a celebration of the 75th Anniversary. This would be a perfect time for more members to take part in the changes and celebration and get an idea how the rest of the organization functions.

This will be the last newsletter before another great summer of boating. We will be holding our final bridge meeting June the 6th at Louis Steak House. The annual free PICNIC/Graduation will be held at the RCMP Camp June 17 2013. I hope to see as many members as possible at this event, our last event before the boating season begins.

Have a great summer of boating and keep safe.

Terry Hamilton
Ottawa Commander

The 2013-2014 Bridge

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

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Squadron Events Calendar

Jun 06, 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.

Jun 17, 2013 (MON) – ANNUAL PICNIC – RCMP Campground
– See more info in this newsletter

Sep 05, 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.

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 social@cps-ottawa.com*



Plan on being there!

**** NEWS FLASH ****

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

June 17, 2013 – Annual Picnic (FREE) – RCMP Campground

Written by: Robert Dandurand, P

Britannia-Rideau Squadron

The District AGM was held 27 April last and the National Executive Officer Joe Gatfield was a guest speaker, enlightening us about the Organisational Effectiveness exercise CPS has been experiencing. The federal *Not-for-Profit Act* (hereafter the *Act*) requires all federally constituted not-for-profit organisations and registered charities to comply with the *Act* by 17 October 2014. Over the nearly 75 years of its existence, there have been attempts to bring change to CPS-ECP, with various degrees of success, but tradition often prevailed and undermined such attempts. The new *Act* forces CPS's hand. In July 2012, a Committee was formed and read through the nearly 200 pages of legalese and undertook the examination of CPS's governance from a clean slate, setting the foundation to building a new organisation.



There will not be substantial changes at the Squadron and District levels but some of the changes will be (not an exhaustive list):

- One class of CPS membership
- Each member in good standing will have a vote at the annual meetings
- The Board of Directors will be elected by the members
- The Board of Directors will elect the Executive Committee
- A new regulation manual will be developed for Squadrons and Districts
- Electronic voting is likely to be implemented

In summary, CPS must change to reflect new legislation. At the same time, we all want to improve the effectiveness of the organization, thus CPS will become a more democratic and participatory organization by giving each member one vote to choose the new Board of Directors. Some will say organizational effectiveness does not increase membership or improve training at the local level but it is early days. Without these changes, CPS would have faced dissolution (been legally wiped out of existence). More details will be available in the next edition of Port Hole in your issue of Canadian Yachting magazine and on CPS's website.

From the Membership Desk

This will be my first article for the Newsletter since returning as your Membership Officer. Most of you will remember that I was Membership Officer four years ago when I decided that I would like to be Squadron Commander and you allowed me! It was quite a ride and now I am coming back to something I really enjoyed doing before. Yes my motto is "Make My Day, Renew Now!" and that works for me.

As I write this article, we have 377 current members and 45 who have let their membership lapse for the moment. We are ahead of last year at the same time and I am looking forward to a strong finish. By now every outstanding member has received an e-mail message or formal letter. If you are planning on renewing do it now and if you are not going to please let me know as soon as possible.

These are some of the financial benefits of being a CPS Member. The greater benefit comes from being able to further your knowledge at a reduced price. I have been with CPS and the Ottawa Squadron since 2005 and I can say safely that I have met over 150 members but there are

many more that I would love to meet. The Squadron holds as many functions as possible and as time permits. Let's ALL make a point of attending the 2013 Annual Picnic on Monday June 17 and shake hands! Come out and meet fellow boaters to share stories and previous adventures. You might even make new friends and find new boating secrets.

I plan on being a regular contributor of the Newsletter so get ready for membership statistics, new development with CPS and let's get on the bandwagon to make our Squadron the best across Canada. I cannot do it alone, please get involved and attend our functions.

I almost forgot! Two hundred and thirty-seven (237) members renewed early. We held the draw at the May 02, 2013 Bridge Meeting and the lucky winner of the Free 2013 Membership and Squadron Burgee was Martin Rheaume.

Gone fishing

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer

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Merit Mark Certificates & Awards

At our last Squadron Annual General Meeting, I was fortunate to present the 2013 Merit Mark Certificates and Awards. Each Member who donates 20 hours a year is awarded 1 merit mark.

As you know, no one gets paid for volunteering with CPS including the Chief Commander and everyone down the ladder.

The Ottawa Squadron is very fortunate to have such willing volunteers who donate of themselves selflessly for the enjoyment of everyone. Forty-four (44) members contributed 2,966 hours. The following members were presented with their Merit Mark Certificate:

Christopher FRIESEN (1)
Chantal LADOUCEUR (1)
Jason LADOUCEUR (1)
Court HARKNESS (2)
Joy MOYLE (2)
William MOYLE (2)
Grant WOOLSEY (2)
Peter DALTON (3)
Paulette VINEHAM (3)
Mark DALZELL (4)
Linda FISCHER (4)
David KERR (4)
Donald PARTRIDGE (4)
Nancy RICHARDS (4)
Robin CRAIG (8)

Philip HARRIS (8)
Guy A LADOUCEUR (8)
Marjorie LADOUCEUR (8)
Nelson GUILLEMETTE (9)
Monique VALLIERES (9)
Steve HIGHSTEAD (10)
Gordon ABRY (11)
Dave BODNER (11)
Bryan CARROLL (11)
Monique PELLAND (11)
Rachel MORGAN (12)
Rolland NANTEL (14)
Don TANNER (14)
John HARRISON (17)
Susan BAKER (18)

Nick BAETS (19)
Frank SCHILDER (19)
Walter BILOUS (20)
Terry HAMILTON (20)
Frank KEATING (23)
Robert MORGAN (23)
Bill KERR (24)
Jim MACLEOD (24)
E H Pierre GARNEAU (26)
Cathie JOHNSTONE (28)
Linda HAMILTON (30)
Dave OMOND (32)
Paul WEISBROD (32)
Evelyn CLUE (44)

The following people volunteered more hours at District and National for another 2,577.75 hours:

Court HARKNESS (2)
Guy A LADOUCEUR (8)
Nelson GUILLEMETTE (9)
Bryan CARROLL (11)
Monique PELLAND (11)

Don TANNER (14)
Nick BAETS (19)
Frank SCHILDER (19)
Walter BILOUS (20)
Frank KEATING (23)

Robert MORGAN (23)
E H Pierre GARNEAU (26)
Cathie JOHNSTONE (28)
Linda HAMILTON (30)

As a Squadron Commander, I had the privilege of presenting a Commander's Citation to members who do not meet the number of hours to receive a Merit Mark Certificate but contribute to the Squadron. The next three people are always there when I come calling and act as Boat Show Watch Keepers year after year:

Karen CRAIG Kathleen HOPKINS Pierre LAPLANTE

I also had the discretion to present a Commander's Citation to anyone in the Squadron who in my opinion contribute so much to the Squadron. The next four gentlemen are like the Invisible Man, never hear from them and they keep sending money to the Treasurer regularly. They are our Maritime VHF Radio Instructor:

Peter DALTON Pierre GARNEAU Steve HIGSTEAD Paul WEISBROD

My last duty as Commander was to present the Commander Trophy to Peter DALTON for all his hard work managing our very successful Maritime VHF Radio program.

Well done everyone,

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr

2013 ELECTRONIC ROSTER

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Yes as you are reading this newsletter, I will be working on compiling all your information for the Squadron 2013 Electronic Roster. YOU want your information to appear in it, well it is easy!

Two simple requirements:

- Your membership must be up to date.
- You must want to share and give me your authorization to be included.

You can do it by completing the form listed on our Squadron Website:

- <http://www.cps-ottawa.com/>
- http://www.cps-ottawa.com/forms/Electronic_Roster_Info_2013_distributed.pdf

Or simply send me an e-mail at membership@cps-ottawa.com telling me that you want to be included at the your information in last year`s Roster was correct. That is all I require!

Do not delay because on **June 12th, 2013**, I will be finalizing the Roster and I will not be adding any further names, information, etc. to the 2013 Electronic Roster.

This will be our first Electronic Roster and I think you will be pleasantly surprised. I am also working on a version for I-Phones, etc.

Help me by sending your information now! The Electronic Version will be available on Monday June 17th, 2013. See you all at the Picnic!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Roster Editor, Membership Officer

Do you have Fuelling problems? A pesky problem that turned out easy to solve

If you have problems fuelling your boat without spilling during filling at the fill port take the following precautions:

- Be certain that fuel is going into the proper fill entry.
- Use an absorbent donut or pad around the deck fill to catch spills. You can buy a donut or a bib made especially for this purpose or simply make your own on the spot.



Fuel Donut



Fuel Bib

- Spilled fuel can ruin gel coat, paint, striping, trim, and upholstery. Use a donut or collar if you're filling up your outboard.
- Don't fill up your dinghy's outboard directly over the water. If it's attached to the boat, swing it around so the fuel cap is inside the dinghy. Place an absorbent pad on the floor of the dinghy underneath the fill opening while you're fuelling.

On my boat I had another pesky problem; fuel frothing out of the vent port during refuelling. Smelly red diesel bubbling out of the vent is the last thing you need. It took me a while to figure out what was going on. Apparently the vent line running from the tank back to the vent on deck had a low spot that collected small quantities of fuel as it sloshed around in the tank while sailing. The result was that air tank while refuelling would push the fuel up through the diesel fuel to froth from the vent port. After a bit of boat's web site the problem turned out easily solvable by in-line filter. I acquired one made by Racor but I am sure suppliers on the market as well. The filter is installed in-fuel tank vent hose to prevent spillage into the clamps for the unit came provided in my case. All you a screwdriver and Bob's your uncle. Just be sure you orientation as indicated in the installation instructions filter.



displaced from the vent line causing research on the simply installing an there are other line in your existing waterways. The hose need is a sharp knife, mount it in the "Up" that come with the

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer

AHOY OPSS Members!

61st Annual Picnic

Monday June 17th is the 2013 Annual Picnic and Graduation. This event is open to all OPSS members and is free! The picnic begins at 1700 hours and is being held at the RCMP Camp Ground – Long Island just off River Road (a map is on the OPSS Events Page) and the BBQ begins shortly thereafter. This is a great opportunity to get out with the family, meet your fellow OPSS members and enjoy some burgers, sausages, salads, refreshments and cake. You must register for this event by following this link. **Philip please put link here**

As always, following the BBQ, there will be an auction with proceeds to the squadron - so bring a nautical item to be auctioned.

Don't forget your lawn chair, sun umbrella and any other personal items you may require.

This is a no cost event but we would like to give something back to the community so we are asking each member to bring non-perishable food items which we will collect and present to the Ottawa Food Bank.

Last year was the best attended event in recent memory and we want to make this year's picnic even bigger! Don't forget to register by following the link below to the Events Page so we can order the correct amount of food. Mark June 17th off on your calendar and see you at the Picnic!

Registration [link here](#)

[RCMP Camp Grounds RCMP Campground](#) (HTML)

Regalia items will again be available at the Annual Picnic. Come and place an order for a jacket or T-shirt. There are many styles and colours to choose from. You have the choice of the national or squadron logo to be embroidered on the clothing item and for \$12.00, you can add the name of your boat. Hats, bags and the special Power Squadron 75th Anniversary Pin will also be on hand for purchase.

Some items are discounted, so come early and see if you can find a deal!

Joy Moyle

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