



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples August – September 2013



Ahoy from the Commander,



It has been quite a busy, enjoyable summer. My wife, Linda, and I have spent most of our time on our boat Sassy Jody. We picked up the travelling CPS 75th Anniversary Flag on Canada Day in downtown Ottawa and had a chance to fly it on our boat for two days thereafter. I posted a picture on the CPS Facebook site of Linda dipping the flag in the Big Rideau Lake. I delivered the flag to the Kingston Squadron and made the official hand over to Commander Bill Corcoran at an official ceremony with the town crier and a member of Kingston city council.

Linda, her mother Evelyn and I attended the Kingston Power and Sail Squadron Picnic along with Guy and Marjorie. It was a great event highlighted by friendly fellow boaters, great weather and held on an absolutely beautiful property along the Bateau Channel on the St Lawrence River.

Linda and I have spent the last 3 weeks cruising from Portland on the Big Rideau to Kingston, Gananoque and several of the Thousand Island Parks Islands. We have had a great time, great weather and met a number of friendly CPS members.

I hope you all have had as great a summer as we have and may it continue for another month or so. I hope to get to meet many of you at our upcoming fall events, courses and Bridge meetings.

Terry Hamilton
Ottawa Commander

The 2013-2014 Bridge

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

Squadron Events Calendar

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.

Oct 03, 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.

Nov 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.

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

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REGISTER NOW TO FURTHER YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

THE COURSES START

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 – BOATING ESSENTIALS

http://www.cps-ottawa.com/crs_btg_ess.html

OCTOBER 09, 2013, ADVANCED PILOTING

http://www.cps-ottawa.com/crs_advpltg.html

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Plan on being there!

**** NEWS FLASH ****

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

December 17, 2013 – Christmas Dinner and Bridge Meeting!

TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

COURSES	SEASON	DATES OFFERED		WEEKDAY	LOCATIONS
		Start	Finish		
BOATING ESSENTIALS	2013 Fall	11-Sep	13-Nov	WED	St-Patrick High School
ADVANCED PILOTING	2013 Fall	9-Oct	15-Jan	WED	St-Patrick High School
BOATING ESSENTIALS	2014 Winter	8-Jan	19-Mar	WED	St-Patrick High School
SEAMANSHIP	2014 Winter	8-Jan	9-Apr	WED	St-Patrick High School
VHF MARITIME RADIO	2014 Winter	15-Jan	29-Jan	WED	St-Patrick High School
BOATING ESSENTIALS	2014 Spring	26-Feb	7-May	WED	St-Patrick High School
VHF MARITIME RADIO	2014 Spring	9-Apr	23-Apr	WED	St-Patrick High School
RADAR <i>for Pleasure Craft</i>	2014 Spring	7-May	21-May	WED	St-Patrick High School
BOATING BASICS	2014 Spring	13-May	27-May	TUE	Gloucester Library
VHF MARITIME RADIO	2014 Spring	21-May	4-Jun	WED	St-Patrick High School

TRAINING COURSES INFORMATION



BOATING ESSENTIALS

Requirements: *Any Canadian Coast Guard approved PCOC is a prerequisite for this course.*

Course Duration: 10 two-hour weekly session

Course Price: Primary \$200.00, Secondary \$150.00 (*example spouse sharing course materials with primary*) and \$140 for Ottawa Squadron Associate Members and \$90 Ottawa Squadron associate member's additional family members sharing course material.

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron's (OPSS) premier introductory course is the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) "Boating Essentials 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, 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) and should you wish, you can join in on any of the OPSS social events.

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 much more.

***One year complimentary Regular Membership with PCOC and Boating Essentials**

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ADVANCED PILOTING

Recommended Prerequisite: Seamanship

Course Duration: 10 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$195.00 and CPS Member \$150.00.

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Knowledge of the basics of navigation and planning cruises on a maritime chart is just the start. Expand that knowledge by using a variety of electronic devices to chart your course and enable you to plan your course under tidal, current and windy conditions. By learning more about dead reckoning, fixes and running fixes you will have attained a high degree of proficiency in navigating through coastal waters. In the CPS AP Course we cover GPS, Chart Plotters, Radar, SONAR, Autopilots and more.

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SEAMANSHIP

Recommended Prerequisite: Boating Essentials

Course Duration: 12 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$195.00 and CPS Member \$150.00.

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Do you know what to do if a boat on fire calls you for help? Can you deal with emergencies on your own boat? Build your confidence on the water, and make your boating a safe and fun experience, by taking the CPS Seamanship Course. You will learn how to cope with these situations, as well as many other aspects of boating, such as relative bearings, knots and spicing, medical emergencies, coping with adverse weather, and much more.

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MARITIME RADIO COURSE

Prerequisite: none

Course Duration: 3 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$70.00 and CPS Member \$70.00 - **VHF DSC only:** \$50.00 - **VHF Manual (no exam):** \$25.00 - **Maritime VHF Radio Home Study:** \$45.00

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form "automatic" radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.

This complete package with CD, and the new Digital Selective Calling, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law!

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RADAR FOR PLEASURE CRAFT

Prerequisite: none

Course Duration: 3 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: Non-Member \$100.00 and CPS Member \$70.00

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the different types of RADAR equipment, their capabilities and limitations. Understand the available features and how they apply to your needs. Learn to navigate using RADAR, and to determine where you are.

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BOATING BASICS (PCOC) THE OPERATOR CARD COURSE

Prerequisite: none

Course Duration: 3 two-hour weekly sessions

Course Price: \$60.00 and \$50.00 for students – Exam Only \$30.00

ONLINE
<http://pcoc.cps-ecp.ca/>

Payment: Payment at the National site is by credit card only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency. All you need to know for the Transport Canada test is presented in an easy to read format that is both informative and entertaining. You can be confident that this study guide meets all the standards established by Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety.

As an extra benefit, if you pass the test offered by Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons, your Card is recognized by BOTH Transport Canada and The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). You may contact Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons to locate a testing facility in your area.

**One year complimentary associate membership upon passing*

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Training Officer Court Harkness at trainingofficer@cps-ottawa.com.

Cruise Number One Friday, July 26, 2013 – Ischia, Naples, Italy

The Basics:

Captain - Jonathan

Crew - Jennifer (Adm) and Olivia (First Mate)

Pax - 3 Colleagues

The Vessel - 19 Foot RIB, 40 HP, Centre Console, Bimini Top

The Destination - Circumnavigate Ischia Island with long stop for swim and snorkel en route.

Depart - 0900 hrs

Route - See attached

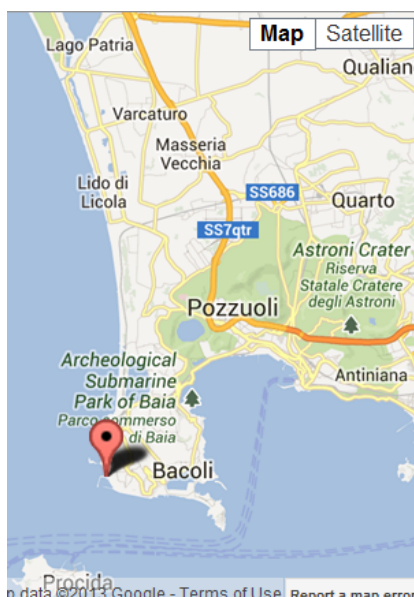
Sea State – Calm

Winds - SSW light

Return to Start Point - 1830 hrs.

Fuel Used - 30 litres

Wx - Sunny, Hot (35C)



The Start Point: Latitude: N 40 47.635 Longitude: E 14 02.566

The Story:

Well we were one excited family I must say. The big move to Italy was done and we were moved in, more or less, to our new home. Some pictures left to hang and the car would arrive in a week or so. Time for our first crack at boating on the Med! The Canadian community here had organized a day of boating, so we had decided to join in.

Thursday evening saw us packing the supplies for lunch and refreshments, as well as all the gear to boat, swim, snorkel and enjoy the day. Given my recent lessons from Bryan Carroll, I diligently tried to plan the route, download a chart, ensure we had some safety equipment and review the Zone A buoyage differences. Little did I know that this was a well rehearsed route and excursion...so most of my preps were just a good review (!).

Left the house early Friday to make it to the pier for 0830 hrs. This was our first drive into the Bacoli area. Lots of switchbacks, narrow roads, gorgeous scenery and very soon we were there. It's a big marina with boats and yachts of all types, including a thriving RIB rental company...that's where we came in. A very efficient registration and quick lesson on the RIB's motor, a review of the plasticized chart they provided and we were off. We loitered near the breakwater until all six Canadian boats were away from the dock, and we set off towards the island of Procida through very busy ferry and commercial traffic.



Procida is the small island between the mainland and Ischia. We used it as an intermediate point to navigate towards, and proceeding carefully around the North side, through commercial and pleasure traffic, we spotted the larger island of Ischia.

Ischia looks big from a RIB, and there was a bit of menacing looking cloud around the high ground at the centre of the island - but the weather stayed sunny throughout.



We saw an amazing variety of boats and yachts, commercial and pleasure craft while underway. Huge super yachts, lots of high end express cruisers, and sailboats everywhere. We all took the opportunity to slide up alongside a massive sail catamaran easing her way to port.

Ischia is famous for its thermal spas. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ischia>. The scenery is very Mediterranean, red tiled roofs, closely built villages on steep slopes, and the surrounding water was that beautiful blue. After a good two hours we reached our desired spot to raft up and hit the water. Here's where some CPS training paid off -

anchoring. As you can imagine there is a fairly decent swell on the sea, and lots of very big boats moving around our anchorage, so setting the anchor and rafting up securely was important. I did the math and got a 7:1 scope out on an all nylon rode with a smallish Danforth holding us well in the flawless sandy bottom. We kedged out a couple more anchors in the raft to ensure a good hold - no problems all day, but can't say the same for a few others in the anchorage!

The snorkeling was amazing. The water was very clear and we were about 200m away from a very lively reef. Schools of every kind of fish, lots of crab - truly enjoyable. Olivia tried hand feeding, but the swarm forced a releasing of the crackers she was holding and a slight retreat.

We broke up the raft at around 1600 hrs and continued around Ischia, back to Procida, again through a tremendous amount of boat traffic. Saw my first ever South Cardinal Buoy on the way back to port.

No problems tying up and disembarking all of our stuff. Happy, sunburned, and having made some new friends, we headed home exhausted. The attached photos will give you a sense of the day.

We look forward to sending you our next dispatches...likely to be called, The Day the Vances Learn to Sail...

Yours Aye,

Jonathan Vance

AHOY OPSS Members!

61th Annual Picnic & Graduation - CPS 75th Anniversary



The weather held for another year but the temperature was a little cool to sit outside for the most of us. We moved inside to stay warm and it proved to be a great idea.

This year 109 members and family registered for the Picnic. We had 8 walk-ins and 12 were No Show. The final count was 105 people in attendance.

The chefs were really busy trying to feed the masses and under the guidance of Cdr Terry Hamilton everything went without a hitch!



It was a very successful picnic and I was able to present Charles Villanyi Bokor with his Boating Essentials Graduation Package.

Our Commander Terry Hamilton shared a few words with the group while P/Cdr Bryan Carroll represented the District Commander Andre Dubois as the District Executive Officer.

Almost every one enjoyed a piece of cake and a few people went home from the Picnic with some boating stuff purchased during the Auction.

Well mark your calendar for next year on Monday June 16, 2014 at the same place! Hope to see many of you there.

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr

From the Membership Desk,



Yes, I went fishing and no there are no fish stories as I have photos to prove what was caught. It would have been nice to get a photo of the one that got away!

I hope everyone was able to get out on the water to make new memories, finding great anchorages and meeting new boating friends.

Membership unfortunately does not stop for the boating season but it slows down. Since my last report, our membership stands at 383 current members and 45 who have not renewed so far.

Since the Annual Picnic, I would like to welcome the following new members: *Karam, Betty - Karhunen, Katelin - Leblanc, Diane - Leblanc, Marcel - Masson, Christopher - Shestalo, David - Strasser, Michael - Thompson, Robert - Vallevand, Claudia - Wiwchar, Orest.*

For those members renewing from now till the end of 2013, I want to remind you that if you renew early you will be eligible for the draw to be held at the January Bridge Meeting to win

a free CPS Membership and a Squadron Burgee. Good luck everyone!

I include the list of benefits again for our new members. Remember that as a member you get a reduced price for most of the CPS Courses. Why not take advantage?

Now for the outstanding members, I would like to inform you that if your dues are not paid by Sunday September 01, 2013, you will be dropped from our Membership List. As a Squadron, we hate doing this but it is time consuming to send e-mails, letters and making phone calls. After all we are all volunteers and have busy schedule, now the ball is in your court. Renew or be dropped! Still not sure if you are outstanding, please send me an e-mail message at membership@cps-ottawa.com or call me at (613) 824-9490. I will help you!

Now it is time for me to start preparing for the Boating Essentials Course starting on Wednesday September 11, 2013 at St-Patrick High School located at 2525 Alta Vista Dr. I know that three of the new members mentioned above will be joining me so why not come too.

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer
"Make My Day, Renew Now!"

Member Benefits

Benefits from our corporate sponsors can more than cover the cost of your annual membership; many more benefits negotiated by individual squadrons (chapters) are also available to members across the country:

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Go Green: Use alternative natural cleaning products

A few more weeks and most of us boaters will be facing the pre-winter storage chore of cleaning our boat. This time try using the following alternative household products for some of those pesky chores.

PRODUCT	ALTERNATIVE
Bleach & Borax	Hydrogen peroxide
Detergent & Soap	Elbow grease
Scouring Powders	Baking soda. Mix vinegar and salt for a good surface cleaner. Pour some baking soda and vinegar on a damp sponge. It will clean and deodorize all galley and head surfaces.
General Purpose Cleaner	Bicarbonate of soda and vinegar or lemon juice combined with borax paste
Floor Cleaner	One cup white vinegar in 8 l water
Window Cleaner	One cup vinegar + 1 l warm water. Rinse and squeegee
Aluminum Cleaner	2 tbsp of cream of tartar + 1 l of hot water
Brass Cleaner	Worcestershire sauce or paste made of equal amounts of salt, vinegar and water. Pour on ketchup. Let sit, then polish.
Stainless Steel	Clean and polish with a baking sods/water paste
Copper Cleaner	Lemon juice and water
Chrome Cleaner/Polish	Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil polish
Fibreglass Stain Remover	Baking soda paste
Mildew Remover	Paste with equal amounts of lemon juice and salt or vinegar and salt. Scrub mildew spots with borax/water solution (½ Cup borax to 4 l water) using a nylon scouring pad. To prevent mould or mildew from forming, don't rinse off the borax.
Drain Opener	Disassemble or use plumbers snake; toxic substances should not be used in a through-hull drain
Wood Polish	Olive or almond oil (interior wood only)
Outside Teak	Let it go natural as boaters did for hundreds of years. Wash it down with salt water
Hand Cleaner	Baby oil or margarine
Remove grease spots	Immediately pour salt on grease spots to absorb and prevent staining.

*) Source: Boat Green by Clyde W. Ford and "Canadian Living" web-site

http://www.canadianliving.com/life/green_living/natural_and_cheap_household_cleaners.php

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer

CPS-ECP 75th Anniversary Memories



* 1 – General Director Linda Hamilton dips the 75th Anniversary Flag in the Rideau * 2 – Cdr Terry Hamilton turns over the Flag to Kingston Cdr Bill Corcoran * 3 – P/D/C Evelyn Clue and Marjorie Ladouceur relax at the Kingston Annual Picnic * 4 – Cdr Terry still enjoys BBQing in Kingston * 5 – Rideau D/C André Dubois presented a CPS 75th Anniversary flag to District Commander Judy Swanson. The other couple in the picture is Tess and Jeff Freedman, co-chairs of the USPS 2013 Rendez-vous in Alexandria Bay, NY, on July 23, 2013.



THE 2013 ELECTRONIC ROSTER IS NOW HISTORY!

The 2013 Electronic was created and distributed a few days after the Annual Picnic on Monday June 17, 2013.

The Roster was sent electronically to all those members who indicated that they wanted to share their information with the rest of the membership and their membership was up to date (current).

At the time that I was working on the Electronic Roster, the actual strength of the Squadron was 383 paid up members. 142 members indicated that they wanted to share their info so we e-mailed 120 Electronic Rosters and we mailed only 5 printed copies. Yes the numbers do not match but the reason is that some are family members and we provide only to those who have an e-mail address and one per family if we have to print. For those who received the Roster by e-mail, I included a smaller file containing only the vessel portion of the Roster for those who have the use of iPhone, iPad, and etc. while out boating.

As long as we produced the Roster in the past it was a major financial burden on the Squadron. This year, I estimate the cost of producing the Roster under \$50.00 compared to well over \$1,500.00 in 2012. There has been no complaint so far so I think we will continue producing the Roster electronically from now on.

You missed all the requests for your information or you are a new member who would like to share, here are the requirements:

- Your membership must be up to date at the time of Annual Picnic (June).
- 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_2014_distributed.pdf

Or simply send me an e-mail at membership@cps-ottawa.com telling me your information and that is all I require. I can also be reached by phone at (613) 824-9490

If you have any suggestions for the 2014 Electronic Roster, please send them to me at any time as I work on the file whenever information comes available. It is your Roster so tell me what you want!

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



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