



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples February – March 2014



Ahoy from the Commander,



March is coming in like a lion so hopefully it will go out like lamb. Pictured below is what I am looking forward to a couple of months, with the hopes of getting an early start in April.

The Ottawa Boat & Sportsman Show was a great success and I would like to thank all those people who helped out manning our booth.

Our Annual Squadron Dinner took place at Algonquin College on March 1st and even though the attendance was lower than I would have liked, everyone enjoyed a great meal and an interesting presentation on the 2004 Tsunami, given by one of our Boating Essentials graduate who was in the area of Thailand when the tsunami took place.



The Squadron AGM is scheduled for April 10, 2014, and I hope to have a good turnout for the election of the new executive. Also coming up is the District AGM on April 26, 2014 at the Smith Falls Golf & Country Club. This would be a great chance for any of our members to meet others from the Rideau District. Further details of these two AGM's will be in this copy of the ripples.

I hope everyone has had a great winter and is looking forward to the new boating season just around the corner.

Terry Hamilton, AP
Ottawa Commander

The 2013-2014 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Terry Hamilton, <u>AP</u>
Immediate Past Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Executive Officer	Robin Craig, CN
Admin Officer	Christopher Friesen
Treasurer	William Moyle, <u>AP</u>
Training Officer	Court Harkness, S
A/Training Officer (Adv/Elective)	<i>Court Harkness, S</i>
A/Training Officer (Boating Basics)	<i>Court Harkness, S</i>
A/Training Officer (VHF Radio)	Peter Dalton, P
A/Training Officer (Supply)	Monique Vallieres, S
Communications Officer	Frank Keating, <u>AP</u>
A/Communications Officer	Nancy Richards, S
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets, CN
MAREP & safety Officer	Sue Baker, SN
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Membership	Guy A. Ladouceur
Public Relation / Marketing Officer	Donald Partridge, P
Regalia	Joy Moyle, S
Rideau Ripples Editor	<i>Philip Harris, N</i>
Secretary	Chantal Ladouceur
Social Affairs (Committee Chair)	Guy A. Ladouceur
Webmaster	Philip Harris, N

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Squadron Examiner	Court Harkness, S
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

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

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Cdr Terry Hamilton
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Squadron Events Calendar

Apr 03, 2014 (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 10, 2014 (THU) – Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Graduation – Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal
dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcome to
attend. More information is included in this Newsletter.

Apr 26, 2014 (SAT) – RIDEAU DISTRICT Annual General Meeting – The District AGM is to be held in Smiths Falls at the
Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club. Please find more information
in this Newsletter .

May 01, 2014 (THU) – BRIDGE MEETING - Louis Steak House
1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at
1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

June 16, 2014 (MON) – ANNUAL PICNIC & GRADUATION -
RCMP Campground. Please find more information in this
Newsletter.

Please check the website for updates and latest information:

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

Guy A. Ladouceur (613) 824-9490

Social Activities (*Committee Chair*)

*You have any ideas or a topic for an Information Night, please drop me
an e-mail social@cps-ottawa.com*



**** NEWS FLASH ****

REGISTER NOW!

April 10, 2014 – Annual General Meeting & Graduation



Notice of the Annual General Meeting

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 10th, 2014 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

DATED: March 10th, 2014

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 Guy A, Ladouceur (Chair), Past Commander Bryan Carroll and Commander Terry Hamilton, 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 10th, 2014.

Commander	Terry Hamilton (AP)	Immediate Past Commander	Guy Ladouceur
Executive Officer	Robin Craig (CN)	Treasurer	William Moyle (AP)
Admin Officer	Christopher Friesen	Secretary	Chantal Ladouceur
Training Officer	Court Harkness (S)	A/Training (Adv/Elec)	TBD
A/Trg (Boating Basics)	TBD	A/Training (Supply)	TBD
A/Trg (VHF Radio)	Peter Dalton (P)	Communications Officer	Nancy Richards (S)
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets (CN)	Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Membership Officer	Guy Ladouceur	MAREP & Safety Officer	Susan Baker (SN)
Regalia Officer	Joy Moyle (S)	Ripples Editor	Philip Harris (N)
Social Activities Officer	TBD	Public Relations Officer	Donald Partridge (S)
Webmaster	Philip Harris (N)		

Upon election, the Squadron appoints P/Cdr Don Tanner (CN) as the Squadron Financial Review representative for the year 2014-2015.

The Squadron Nomination Committee for 2015-2016 will consist of P/Cdr Guy Ladouceur (Chair), P/Cdr Bryan Carroll and Cdr Terry Hamilton.

Respectfully Submitted,

Original Signed by

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
(Chair)

Original Signed by

Bryan A. Carroll, P/Cdr

Original Signed by

Terry Hamilton, Cdr

RIDEAU DISTRICT 2014 Annual General Meeting – 26 April 2014

To: The Members of Rideau District.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dress Code: CPS casual

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at Smiths Fall Golf & Country Club on Saturday April 26, 2014 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, 2014 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; and 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

DATED this 3rd day of March 2014 on behalf of Valerie Hume, District Secretary

REPORT OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE March 3, 2014

1) The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2014/15.

District Commander	Bryan Carroll (Ottawa)
District Executive Officer	Guy Ladouceur (Ottawa)
District Training Officer	Robert Dandurand (Britannia-Rideau)
District Administrative Officer	Nancy Richards (Ottawa)
District Secretary	Valerie Hume (Britannia-Rideau)
District Treasurer	David Root (Britannia-Rideau)
District Public Relations/Marketing Officer	Court Harkness (Ottawa)
District Membership Officer	Terry Hamilton (Ottawa)
District Environment Officer	Nick Baets (Ottawa)
District MAREP Officer	Vacant
District Webmaster	Bill Hall (Britannia-Rideau)
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 Financial 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 his position as immediate Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment: André Dubois (Kingston)

(b) Pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for 2014/2015 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/D/C Chair – D/C André Dubois, P/D/C Cathie Johnstone, D/C Bryan Carroll

Respectfully submitted,
P/D/C Cathie Johnstone
District Nominating Committee Chair

**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
RIDEAU DISTRICT
43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, April 26, 2014**

**LOCATION: Smiths Fall Golf & Country Club
125 Golf Club Road, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4S9**

The Club House is the building in the far left corner of the parking lot. Enter right side of building, up the path, and turn left.

(2.7 Km South of the Rideau River Bridge, On Hwy 29, Turn West, 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)

Representing our Chief Commander, come and meet our CPS National Executive Officer Robert Pepin, AP

TIME:

0930 – 1000 Registration & Coffee Social

1000 – 1230 Annual General Meeting & Change of Watch

1230 – 1430 Lunch and Guest Speaker Ken Watson will speak on 'The Rideau Canal and Parks Canada - an outside view'.

COSTS: Lunch: \$ 20.00 per person (pay at the door)

DRESS: CPS casual

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail, or email, this information by April 23, 2014; to:

Guy A. Ladouceur Tel: (613) 824-9490

District Admin Officer Admin@rd-cps.ca

6901 Bilberry Dr,

Ottawa, ON

K1C 2E8

I wish to reserve ____ AGM Lunch(es).

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province or State _____ Postal or Zip Code: _____ Squadron _____

Email: _____

*Dietary Issues? Please tell us _____

First Aid on the Water – Sue Baker MAREP and Safety

What do you do if you are caught on the water with a real medical emergency?

You should have a first aid kit that suits the skills of you and your crew. Any treatment will probably last about 30 minutes if you are boating locally, longer for offshore. In this case, all the crew should take a comprehensive first aid course. Remember that the coast guard can't arrive as quickly as an ambulance.

Conditions may be wet and rough on the boat so be aware of what you keep your kit in and where it is stored. One of the most important factors is whether the crew knows where it is. Is it easily accessible? Is it dry? Does the crew know what to do?

It is handy to have a first aid manual on board so you can refresh your memory if necessary. Someone can read while another can perform the needed steps for stabilization of the patient. Don't forget that hypothermia and/or sunstroke can have real effects to someone on board.

Your kit should include items that pertain to the crews' needs also. If someone has a particular problem, the kit should have the necessary things to help with that situation. If they carry their own medication etc, then the crew needs to know where it is and how to use it. This is especially important for allergy epi-pens.

This kit must be restocked regularly and checked for outdated medication. It will not help if things are missing. Add a flashlight for night sails.

Suggested Basic First aid Kit

Antiseptic / Cleaners

- 4 Alcohol Gel Hand Wipes
- 4 Benzalkonium Chloride Antiseptic Towelette
- 4 Providone-Iodine U.S.P. Prep Pad (or buy a bottle of 10%)

Antibiotic / Wound Treatment

- 4 Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- 4 Burn Gel

Medications

- 3 Advil / (Ibuprofen) (200 mg x 2 Tablets)
- 3 Tylenol / (Acetaminophen) (500 mg x 2 Tablets)
- 3 Aspirin (325 mg x 2 Tablets)
- 2 Antihistamine
- x Motion Sickness (3 tablets each of 2 different over the counter medications)

Misc

1 Adventure Medical Wound Closure Kit
Barrier Gloves (Nitrile preferred (non-allergenic / non-latex))
1 Tweezers
1 Scissors – Fine and larger

Bandages / Dressings

2 1 3/4 x 4 Flexible Fabric Adhesive Bandages
5 1"- x 3" Flexible Fabric Adhesive Bandages
10 3/4"- x 3" Flexible Fabric Adhesive Bandages
10 5/8"- x 3" Flexible Fabric Adhesive Bandages
2 Flexible Fabric Knuckle Bandages
2 Flexible Fabric Large Fingertip Bandages
6 Butterfly Closures (Medium)
2 2" x 2" Gauze Pads
2 2" x 3" Adhesive Telfa Bandages (These are non-stick)
2 2" x 3" Island Bandages
1 2" x 5 yd Conform Bandage Roll
1 1 1" x 10 yd Flexible Clear Tape
1/2 x Adhesive Tape (Above list suggested by captmike.com)

Extras

4 Tongue Depressors (for setting broken fingers)
Flexible cast material
4 Triangle bandages
4 Safety pins
(The latter 3 for setting a broken limb)
Note a magazine works well for a forearm or wrist (Suggested by Sue Baker)

Hope this helps. Have a safe and fun filled season.

TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

COURSES	SEASON	Dates Offered		Weekday	Locations
		Start	Finish		
VHF Maritime Radio	Spring	09 Apr	23 Apr	Wed	St-Patrick High School
Radar for Pleasure Craft	Spring	07 May	21 May	Wed	St-Patrick High School
Boating Basics	Spring	13 May	27 May	Tue	Gloucester Library
VHF Maritime Radio	Spring	09 Apr	23 Apr	Wed	St-Patrick High School

TRAINING COURSES INFORMATION



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*

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

***You can view all our courses and register at:
<http://www.boatingcourses.ca>***

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HELP!

S O S !

MAYDAY!

Here are few points to ponder.....

You would like more of something; maybe it is time to get involved!

The Squadron needs more Information Nights; maybe you could help!

It seems to be the same people that always help; you are right!

Okay enough of my lamenting.....

I am the Chair of the Squadron Nominating Committee and along with P/Cdr Bryan and Cdr Terry, we have been discussing who would be a great asset to our Bridge and without calling everyone we are at our wits end. We tried our best to fill our slate of officers but as you saw we were not able to get volunteers for many positions. How about helping!

We are not asking you to volunteer 40 hours a week or more.... We may need you to help us organize a few events, order supplies, make phone calls and even if you are not a meeting person we can even cut those out for you!

I think you get my message now..... We need you to get involved....Most of us have all been recycled on the Bridge and we still love what we do but one position would be enough.

HELP US BY JOINING THE BRIDGE!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr

Cruising from Sarasota to Marathon - Florida Keys



Wednesday 11 December, 2013: Hetty and I leave Marina Jack behind us around 0900 aboard "s.v. Solitude", a 42ft Catalina sailboat. We are on our way for an extended cruise south with few loosely established parameters. The first obstacle is to head out through the tricky Big Sarasota Pass. Initially we keep the Siesta Key to port while rows of pelicans sunbathe on the



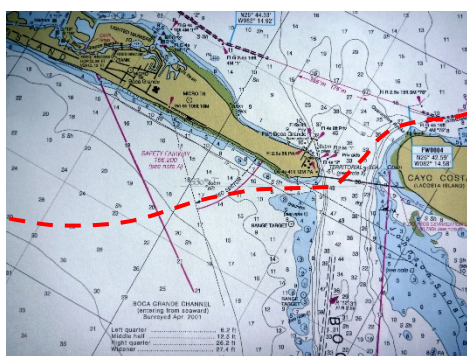
shallow sandbars to starboard following our every movement. Once past the key we follow the markers and buoys. At the green halfway buoy we see the waves rolling over the shallow sand bank. As usual we trigger the depth alarm set at 7ft several times but the waves are not bad, so I push on and after 20 minutes we reach the Gulf of Mexico without incident. The moment we are out we unfurl both sails and turn off the engine. Quiet and serenity descends on the boat. The goal for today is simply to make it to the Boca Grande pass, some 40nm to our south. Initially the wind is from the north-



east at 10-speed drops trap buoy are not in out. At on motor famous for gray or

15kn but as usual, around 1100 it starts to wane and our from 7kn to 6kn. Hetty grabs a book and I go on crab watch. We do overtake a 36ft Island Packet but they any rush and sail on just the jib while we have both sails Venice I see the other sailboat furl their jib and head in while Hetty makes coffee. The wide Venice beach is the finding of fossilized shark's teeth. They are either black and have triangular shapes with razor sharp edges. They are in abundance there. No teeth from predatory real estate agents have been discovered there yet. We hear quite a bit of chatter on the

VHF between cruisers and the "Crow's Nest Restaurant, Tavern and Marina" at the entrance to Venice's lagoon. By 1245 the wind has died down completely, the land breeze is being overtaken by a sea breeze as the land is warming up. This is a normal occurrence here. The air over land warm up, starts to rise and starts sucking in air from the Gulf, thus causing a change in the wind direction. For a while we proceed on motor to maintain our ETA. At Gasparilla Island we are heading towards the shore and nose into the "swash"



channel. This is a narrow channel of water very close to the beach and using it makes for a significant shortcut to get through the pass. Tidal effects create currents of water with such a speed that sediment does not settle here thus preventing shoaling. The first time I passed through this channel it was very unnerving but once I figured it out I've always used it provided the waves were under a foot high. Today the gulf flow-in meets the ebb-tide flow-out creating very spikey waves around the tip at the quaint Boca Grande lighthouse. The waters around Boca Grande Pass are one of the world's great

tarpon fishing grounds. In a bygone era, the quaint village of Boca Grande was a winter resort and fishing retreat for northern socialites and tycoons. J.P. Morgan died here. For the most part, the gracious old homes they once occupied have been faithfully maintained, preserving the elegance of the past. There's old and new money here and lots of it. We push on and 45 minutes later we safely anchor behind Useppa Island in 9ft of water just as the sun is setting behind Cabbage Key.

Thursday 12 December: I wake up at 0700 and look out through the cabin porthole and see nothing. I immediately wonder if we have dragged anchor or if perhaps I forgot my glasses, but no, they are on my nose. Then I realize I see nothing because of a thick dense fog. Good thing we are not in a rush. We take our time having breakfast and an hour later the sun has burned off most of the fog. Soon the wind picks up and we sail all the way towards Ft. Myers except for the last bit of the dredged channel where the wind is dead on our bow. For this one mile narrow use the diesel engine. At the end of the channel (Mile enters the unpronounceable Caloosahatchee River. We toward the Gulf of Mexico and pass the luxury resorts at Rassa. Around noon we pass under the bridge to Sanibel course for the Ft. Myers Beach lagoon where we arrive at tie up to buoy #22. It feels good to be back again; we coming here every year for the past 3 years and the



stretch we zero) one head south Punta and set 1315 and have been facilities



are all you need as a cruiser. We register and have happy hour and a dinner of very unhealthy but finger licking good chicken & fries at "Bonita Bills", a popular eatery right on the water next to the bridge to Estero Island. It is famous for its sea food and has a shrimp boat named "Miss Cher" with a huge "Shrimp" banner permanently tied up at the end of their dock. A pitcher is barely the price of two drafts so everyone around has pitchers in front of them. A younger couple is sitting next to us deep in conversation. He talks calm and subdued but she has an irritating voice and is loud and obnoxious to boot. Not until they get up and walk away do I figure out what he sees in her. Our table faces a number of sail boats and motor cruisers that are tied up along the restaurant's docks. They are all handsomely decorated for Christmas with strings of coloured lights and the like. The cruiser in front of us has an inflated Santa complete with sleigh and reindeer on top of the cabin. Alas, despite the skipper's best efforts with straps and strings, the whole contraption

hangs on precariously at half past six. A steady cross breeze threatens to push the somewhat deflated reindeer, which are hanging on crookedly over water, over the edge. The unsteady reindeer look decidedly intoxicated. Santa is clearly not in control.

Nick Baets, CN
Environmental Officer



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

invites everyone to their

Anniversary Picnic and Graduation

Monday June 16, 2014 at 1700



RCMP Campground – Long Island off River Rd

Turn on Nicholls Island Rd – Follow the Signs

This is the largest event of the year, bring your family & have fun!

Support your Squadron

THE PICNIC IS FREE TO ALL MEMBERS & FAMILY!

REFRESHMENTS: Burgers, Sausages, Salads, Soft Drinks and Cake

BRING AN APPETITE!

Bring your lawn chair, umbrellas (for the Sun) and any other comfort items you might need! The location has washrooms and building to protect us from the liquid sunshine

IT IS A GREAT EVENT!

BRING A NAUTICAL ITEM TO BE AUCTIONED OFF!

REGALIA will be there with the latest fashion in Boating Attire!

Our Social Activities Committee Chair Guy A. Ladouceur needs to know who is coming to ensure that we have adequate supplies to feed everyone!

Please register on our website by June 13, 2014 if you plan on attending!

YOU MUST REGISTER AT: <http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html>

From the Membership Desk,



Mahamadou Tounkara. *By the way, mark your 2015 calendar; the Dinner is booked for Saturday, March 28, 2015 so there should not be any reason why you cannot attend!*

On the membership front, our Squadron Renewals are going well and I would like to personally thank everyone who has renewed early. Please do not wait till the last minute, do it now!

If your membership is expired or about to, please give me a call at home (613) 824-9490 and I can renew your membership immediately online. I have all the information required and if you provide me your credit card number we are done. That way, you will be able to continue receiving the Canadian Yachting Magazine and possibly enjoy some of the many benefits the membership offers.

If you prefer to send me an e-mail message at membership@cps-ottawa.com to set up a time for me to call you to renew your membership we can do that.

Remember I am here to help you so just get in touch with me. Any ideas to make the Squadron more appealing to members or just want to talk Call me!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member Peter Levick. Peter is a long-time member of Muskie Canada – Ottawa Chapter. I look forward to working with Peter to further our knowledge (maybe mine) on this wonderful fishery and all their great initiatives they are involved with and I am sure we will be able to promote our courses to advance their knowledge of safe boating. I hope this can be a win-win for both organizations.

Take care and be safe till boat launch time,

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer

"Make My Day, Renew Now!"

Well it looks like March came in like a LION so boat launching should be just around the corner! I have been dreaming of netting its older cousin since May 2013 and it is going to happen in May or June 2014 as I have two fishing trips to Lake Temagami planned!

Okay Santa brought you some new toys for the boat well it is time to start reading how to install it and how to operate it when you are not shovelling!

We missed you at the Squadron Dinner on Saturday March 01, 2014. It was a great evening of fine dining, wonderful camaraderie with friends having similar interests and a very informative presentation on experiencing first hand a Tsunami by Dr

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:

CPS GROUP INSURANCE
by [Cowan Insurance Brokers *](#)

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Save up to 15% with [Choice Hotels](#)
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Save \$20 mail in rebate on any 3 Canadian made [Natural Marine](#) Products you buy over a boating season

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- [Delta Hotels](#)
- [National Car Rental](#) (Canada) Affinity and Association Benefits Program

BOATING EQUIPMENT

Save on boating equipment from premier manufacturers:

- Save 15% on selected PFDs at [SALUS Marine Wear](#)
- WEEMS & PLATH
Order online and save 25% on precision navigation tools and products ordered directly from [Weems & Plath](#).
- ICOM CANADA
Save on high quality radio equipment from [Icom](#).

Safe Boating Partners

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<http://ow.ly/tTg2S>

Your membership saves you a little on ICOM Radios!



ICOM Radio Rebates for CPS Members

Without question a Marine VHF Radio is one of the most valuable pieces of safety equipment on board your vessel. ICOM is a worldwide leader in producing Marine Radios and has a reputation for setting the measures that everyone else follows. Measures such as submersible construction, Military Spec and the industry's first floating handheld radio.

As a partner in safe boating, ICOM Canada is offering an instant rebate to all members of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. These discounts are available at any of our participating Authorized Marine Dealers across Canada. As a member you are eligible for the following discounts:

Rebate	Product	ICOM Model Number
\$10.00	Handheld Radio	IC-M24, IC-M36, IC-M72, IC-M73, IC-M88, IC-M92D
\$10.00	Fixed Mount Radio	IC-M412, IC-M424
\$20.00	Fixed Mount Radio	IC-M504A
\$25.00	AIS Receiver	MXA-5000
\$40.00	Fixed Mount Radio	IC-M604A
\$50.00	AIS Transceiver	MA-500TR
\$150.00	HF SSB Radio	IC-M802

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