



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples Nov – Dec 2014



Ahoy from the Commander,

Summer days like this are almost at an end for those of us who boat on the Rideau Canal. I hope everyone had a great summer.

Now it is time to think about getting ready for storage and updating your knowledge by taking one of the courses we are offering during the fall and winter. I hope I see you at one of our courses or at any functions that we will have during the fall and winter.



Terry Hamilton, AP
Ottawa Commander

The 2014 - 2015 Bridge

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Why not help your Squadron and volunteer as Bridge Member or assistant!

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Squadron Events Calendar

- **Dec 04, 2014 - Bridge Meeting - XMAS Dinner with Santa** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. -. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend! See poster for more information
- **Jan 08, 2015 - Bridge Meeting** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.
- **Feb 05, 2015 - Bridge Meeting** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.
- **Mar 05, 2015 - Bridge Meeting** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.
- **Mar 28, 2015 - Annual Squadron Dinner** - Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave - Only dress up event of the year - Cash Bar opens at 1800 hrs - Buffet Dinner served at 1900 hrs - More information in January 2015 – Let's just say that the room is booked and the Guest Speakers have been chosen.

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 and we can work together to make it happen!

REGISTER NOW!

Thursday – December 04th, 2014

Dinner with Santa Claus

**** DO IT NOW ****

From the Membership Desk,



Well it is now true that you are the best Squadron Members in Canada!

Commander Terry and I were happily surprised to be awarded the National Star Award for the third year in a row at the 2014 CPS-ECP Quebec City Conference. Yes I was after everyone in 2013-2014 to renew early and it paid off. It will not be easy in 2014-2015 as I challenged the rest of Canada after we accepted the Award to attempt to take it away from us. I know we can do it but I need your help "Make my day, Renew Now! Oh yes you can, I just did it! So I am good till April 30, 2016. Don't wait till spring!

With the new Not-For-Profit-Act (NFPA) coming into effect for CPS-ECP in October 2014, our membership now has one category of Membership. This was accomplished by consolidating all of our Associate Members into the Regular Membership Category and making all Juniors and Associate Juniors to Associates of CPS-ECP. Life, Lady Associate and Honourary are captured in our Regular Membership. All regular members can proudly fly the CPS Flag so a lot of you will need to get in touch with the Regalia Officer (regalia@cps-ottawa.com) to get your CPS Flag and Squadron Burgee.

With all these changes, I hope that many of our newest members will continue being members and take advantage of the Members Benefit listed here. A real tangible benefit for being a member is the lower course prices for members. One very important benefit is that when you attend a Squadron function you are surrounded by people who share the same love of boating and will share their knowledge and experience just for the asking. Join us for any of our functions and if you have a question, please see me and I will put you in touch with the right person.

You may not be an active member but you can help the Squadron by promoting CPS-ECP by simply having conversation with friends, dock mates or anyone who will listen. You are our best ambassador, please spread the word.... CPS-ECP is the leader in Safe Boating Education.

In closing, have a wonderful Christmas Season and I hope that Santa brings you some nautical toys but I believe that new boats are out of the question. Remember if you get a new piece of equipment you will probably have lots of free time to read the User's Manual over the WINTER!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer
"Make My Day, Renew Now!"
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Part II of Nick & Hetty Baets Cruising Sarasota-Marathon in 2013 (For Part I see March 2014 issue)

Friday 13 December: We have breakfast on board followed by checking the weather on VHF. We go ashore and both have a nice shower at the Matanzas Inn facilities and catch up on e-mail



on our little travel laptop. We also do some cruise planning. At this stage, looking at the wind forecasts on the "Sailflow" and "Passageweather" web-sites, we are thinking of sailing to Marco Island on Monday the 16th, Little Shark River on the 17th and finally Marathon the 18th of December. By noon we are back on board for coffee and lunch. In the afternoon I go back ashore to get a bag of ice. A car with two ladies pulls up beside me and they politely ask the way to the bridge. They have been driving in circles trying to get off the island. I point out it's just ahead and immediately realize their problem. The good people of Ft. Myers Beach, intent on maximizing the tourist dollar intake have discretely

"camouflaged" the exit sign. It is well hidden behind some strategically positioned palm leaves. On the way back, in my shorts and T-shirt, a bright sun is pouring down on me causing sweat to drip in my eyes behind my sunglasses. I pull the corner of my shirt out of my pants to wipe the sweat off my forehead, all the while carrying a 20 lb. bag of ice. Walking down Crescent Street in all this heat I was treated to a Christmas song "Prancing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh an outside loud speaker at the Sun Deck Inn and Just what I need (not) to get into the Christmas hurry on with my by now heavily dripping bag. I still make a 15 minute hot dinghy ride to get back and I reach Solitude with a few precious ice cubes left.



wailing . . ." from Suites. spirit! I have to eventually

Saturday 14 December: Still on buoy #22 and keeping a keen eye out on the weather. Hetty, as part of her daily routine, raises our three the spreader halyard. The Canadian Flag, the Dutch the Sarasota Yacht Club burgee. Wind directions change every 6 hours. Not much to do but to go for on the beach. We motor over to the dinghy dock along the Old San Carlos Boulevard. Me on bare because I want to buy some simple flip-flops on the



burgees up flag and seem to a nice walk and walk feet way to the



beach: great for loafing and salt water proof. At an illustrious beach ware place called the "Shipwreck Trove Store" we find a pair of "Mediums" for under ten dollars. We walk toward the pier picking our way in between beach tourists, a lone musician and a few buskers. Once at the pier it is easy to take a boardwalk straight to the beach. The beach is only busy close to the pier, beyond that there are hardly any people out. We notice a few para-gliders soaring over the water and rows of sea-doo's are

lined up for rent on the beach. Para gliding is very popular here and at any given time one can see a couple of tourists being pulled high through the air. It looks like fun and the view must be fantastic.

Sunday 15 December: Hetty and I have been holed up at the Ft. Myers basin for a couple of days now. We are waiting for a weather window to make the 116nm crossing to Vaca Key, one of



the Middle Keys, on which the municipality of Marathon lies. The main reason for our destination is because of a 65ft clearance hump in the famous 7 Mile Bridge starting in Marathon. The bridge is high enough to let our 60ft mast pass through so we can enter the Hawk Channel in the Florida Strait. From there we figure it would be only a three day sail to get to the Bahamas, our ultimate destination, we hope . . . The Florida Keys, starting at Key Biscayne

all the way to Key West, are connected by 42 bridges totaling some 18 miles over which travels Highway US 1. From Key Largo to Key West is easily a drive over this road, also known as the Overseas We notice on "Passage Weather" that Monday the like the start of at least three days of a stiff north 15-20kn. Life on buoy 22 in the Ft. Myers lagoon has become routine with us by now. We daily watch the Express leave early in the morning, then have



100 mile Highway. 16th looks breeze of nearly Key West breakfast

on board with one of our truly luxury items: real toast thanks to our little Fisher Panda generator and an old fashioned landlubber's toaster. I like to layer it with Smucker's Natural peanut butter, handy to have on board. Besides, it has the half-life of strontium 90 so is very easy to keep. Afterwards we lower the dinghy and go ashore to perform our ablutions at the Matanzas Inn provided stationary loo, as opposed to our wavy wobbly head on board. From there the program continues with shopping and getting a bag of ice before returning to Solitude. For fun we walk across the San Carlos Bridge, simply to enjoy the view of the lagoon. Originally there was a small wooden draw bridge built here in 1921. Destroyed in 1926 it was re-built as a concrete swing bridge. Finally it was replaced by the current 65ft clearance bridge in 1979. From the elevated vantage point we can see our boat peacefully tied to her

buoy in the distance. In the afternoon we sit in the cockpit, read books, have tea and watch the pelicans zoom mere inches over the water in search of a snack; the feathers on their wingtips nearly touching the water while their reflected shadow follows them inseparably on the water's surface. Today at supper time we go ashore to pick up a pizza for dinner. The pizza we select is a vegetarian's nightmare; cheese and tomatoes loaded with pepperoni, bacon and meatballs. Fortunately we have a healthy salad on the side to balance things out. We talk things over and decide to leave at noon tomorrow. We base this on our experience of two years ago,



when we sailed from Key West back to Ft. Myers in 23 hours. The leg to Marathon is roughly the same distance. The rest of the evening we read, bringing our Kindles with us comes in handy in the absence of TV.

Nick Baets,

Environmental Officer

Have you heard of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup?

This initiative started out in 1994 with a small group deciding to cleanup a beach in Vancouver. From here it grew to a BC Province wide beach cleanup in 1997. A mere five years later it had grown nation-wide and volunteers participated in every province and territory. By 2003 there were 477 registered sites with a combined shoreline of 771 km. Some 20,000 registrants filled over 5000 bags with garbage. The program continued to grow with the support of sponsors, donors and an increasing visibility in the media. More and more Canadians could relate to this issue and clearly public interest rose to get in on the action. People have become more aware of the harmful effects of shoreline litter on fragile aquatic ecosystems, birds, animals and humans. By 2013 it had expanded to some 2,000 sites with combined shoreline of 3,035 km.

Some 58,500 registrants filled close to 11,000 garbage bags! The type and quantity of items recovered are tabulated by province and are nothing but astonishing. They make for a sad and highly embarrassing reflection of our lifestyle. It is hard to realize the state of our shorelines had nobody bothered to clean up. Can you imagine a picture had all this garbage gone uncollected? From cigarette butts, food containers, plastic bags, plastic and glass bottles, to large items such as construction materials, automotive parts etc. would make for a truly ugly sight let alone the devastating environmental impact. So, if you want to volunteer and make a difference you can visit their web-site at www.shorelinecleanup.ca and sign up as a site coordinator or participant and tackle shoreline litter and aquatic debris in your area.

Nick receiving his CPS Life Member Award

Nick Baets

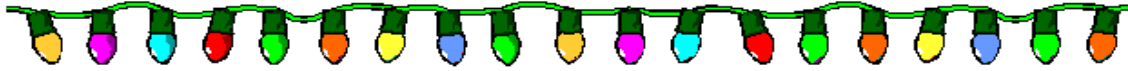
Officer Environmental Affairs

Nick Baets, Environmental Affairs Officer



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CHRISTMAS DINNER and SQUADRON BRIDGE MEETING



LOUIS STEAK HOUSE, 1682 CYRVILLE RD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2014 @ 1800 HRS

Everyone is cordially invited to join us for our Annual Squadron Christmas Dinner before the Bridge Meeting.

Again, the Commander was able to invite Santa Claus and Mrs Claus to visit us early since you have all been good little boys & girls most of the time. Bring your camera and get your photo taken with Santa. What a great idea for your Xmas Cards!



Serving will start at 1815 hrs and we would ask that you make every effort to be on time!

Roast Turkey Dinner - Traditional Holiday Style

\$30.00 per person

6oz Turkey (White and Dark) served on bed of Seasoned Stuffing, topped with White Sauce. Your dinner comes with Mashed Potato side dish and Assorted Steamed Vegetables and Whole Cranberries. This year, the salad bar is included. For dessert, apple pie will be served. The price per person includes all taxes and gratuities.

The Bridge Meeting will be shortened and we will have more time for socializing and exchanging Season's Greetings.

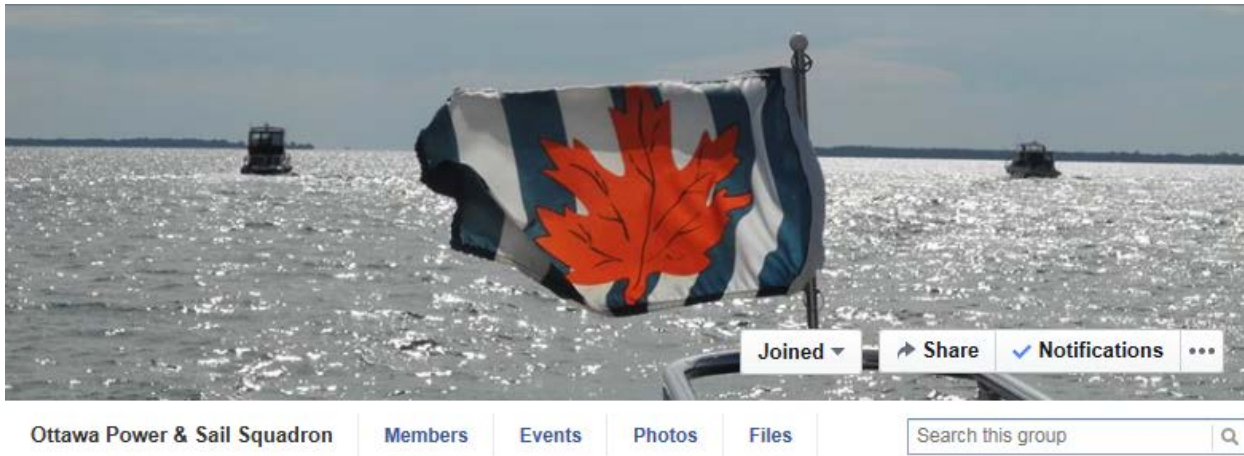
We hope to have a great turnout so please REGISTER **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** as places are limited on Santa's knee! **You must be registered by Tuesday, December 02, 2014.**

DO IT ONLINE AT:

Guy A. Ladouceur
Social Activities Committee Chair

TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

Courses	Season	Dates Offered		Weekday	Location
		Start	Finish		
Boating Essentials	2015 Winter	7 Jan.	18 Mar.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Seamanship	2015 Winter	7 Jan.	15 Apr.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Global Weather	2015 Winter	7 Jan.	25 Feb.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
VHF – Maritime Radio	2015 Winter	14 Jan.	28 Jan.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Boating Essentials	2015 Winter	25 Feb.	6 May	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Electronic Navigation	2015 Spring	8 Apr.	27 May	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
VHF – Maritime Radio	2015 Spring	8 Apr.	22 Apr.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School
Boating Basics	2015 Spring	13 May	27 May	Wed	North Gloucester Library
VHF – Maritime Radio	2015 Spring	20 May	3 Jun.	Wed	St. Patrick's High School



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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:

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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.

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