



# Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples Jan – Feb 2015



Ahoy from the Commander,



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's. We have started our winter courses and have about 40 students registered for the 4 courses we have available. It is not too late to register for a new course or audit a course you have already taken, free of charge, to update your knowledge. We are always looking for new people to volunteer to be a member of the Ottawa Executive. Just think you can volunteer for at least one term on the bridge and be eligible to take any course free of charge, something to consider over the next 3 months before the annual meeting in April. Enjoy the rest of the winter and maybe I will see you at one of our upcoming events, The Ottawa Boat & Sportsman Show Feb19-22, or the annual Squadron Dinner at Algonquin College March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Use our new QR code to “link” to our website:

Terry Hamilton, AP  
Ottawa Commander



## The 2014 - 2015 Bridge

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Squadron Examiner	Court Harkness, <u>AP</u>
Squadron Financial Review	Don Tanner, CN

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

## Squadron Events Calendar

- **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.
- **Feb 19-22, 2015 – Ottawa Boat and Sportsmen Show** - E&Y Centre, Uplands Drive - see their website <http://www.ottawaboatandsportshow.ca/>
- **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 – The only dress up event of the year - Cash Bar opens at 1800 hrs - Buffet Dinner served at 1900 hrs - More information see flyer below on Page 6.
- **Apr 02, 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

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Guy A. Ladouceur (613) 824-9490  
Social Activities (*Committee Chair*)

*If you have any ideas or a topic for an Information Night, please drop me an e-mail [social@cps-ottawa.com](mailto:social@cps-ottawa.com) and we can work together to make it happen!*

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Saturday – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Annual Squadron Dinner**

**\*\* DO IT NOW \*\***

## From the Membership Desk,



Well Santa has come and gone! I hope he left you a few nautical items under the tree. Remember new toys come with Instruction Manuals so take a bit of time to read it about the new Chart Plotter, Maritime VHF Radio, Compass and Fire Extinguisher! A warm parka might have been nice but we have little to complain, with about the amount of snow that has covered some of our boats.

Enough about winter and let's start focusing on our next boating season and proudly flying the CPS Flag and OPSS Burgee. Yes you can fly the CPS Flag but your membership must be current!

In my opinion, you folks made us the best Squadron in Canada as we have 3 Star Award Trophies (2012-2013 & 2014) to prove it. If you remember in my last article I mentioned that I challenged the rest of Canada to take it away from us well they will have to work for it! 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!

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**Method 2** Call me (613) 824-9490 Have your Member Number, Last Name and Postal Code and have your credit card ready

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**Method 4** Mail a cheque as soon as you get your printed renewal to **Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, 26 Golden Gate Court, Toronto ON M1P 3A5!**

Yes, I am a BIG pain but once you renew you will continue being part of the best boating organization in Canada!

No you can be my assistant when you are at your Marina, Park or anywhere please spread the word about CPS! Remember that everyone who has a valid **Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate** from any provider can be a member of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron and fly the CPS Flag! Members get lower course prices than non-members.

Some of the benefits listed above but one of the most important is the camaraderie when you attend functions like the Annual Squadron Dinner or the FREE Annual Picnic and Graduation.

Looking forward to meeting you at our next Bridge Meeting, Annual Squadron Dinner and the Annual Squadron Picnic.

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr  
Membership Officer –  
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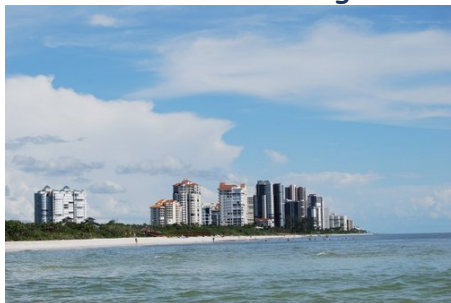


**Part II of Nick & Hetty Baets cruising from Sarasota to Marathon FL (for Part I see March 2014 issue and Part II November issue)**

**Monday 16 December:** In the morning we meet a lady in the laundry room from a 36ft Island Packet named "Kismet" who has been to the Bahamas with her husband several times and we pump her for some information on how, where, when and the like. Right of the bat she tells us we should count on taking at least 6 weeks to visit the Bahamas and gives good pointers where to wait for a crossing in Biscayne Bay. She also tells us they just had another granddaughter born in New York but she has no plans to go visit with all the snow and cold going on there right now. The eastern US has already suffered three good winter storms in a little over a week's time. We say our goodbyes and I go to pick up a last bag of ice before our departure. I return to Solitude with most of the ice intact and we have to get her ready for the impending crossing, estimated to take close to 24 hrs. Prior to sailing all sorts of precautions are necessary before casting off: tying down the dinghy with cross-braced lines, closing down the hatches, and putting every loose item away so that nothing can roll around when we're heeling. At noon sharp we let go of our buoy line and slowly motor out of the harbor following the shipping channel. Once out we head for the Mo(A) 16ft "SC" marker in the San Carlos Bay, our starting waypoint. When we pass the marker I press the "Navigate" button on my GPS and we are seriously on our way to our next waypoint: FW0088 at Big Marco Pass. Unfortunately the northern wind is only 8-10kn and on our starboard hind quarter. Not what the forecast has said (10-15kn) so while we raise the jib, we leave the engine running at low rpms to ensure we are making at least 5kn or better. But it is sunny with only a few clouds and life is reasonably pleasant. Running before the wind, however, has a bit of a motion problem due to the waves. For whatever reason, the wind and waves come from different directions. A 2-3ft swell is slapping us on our starboard rear quarter resulting in an unpleasant rolling motion. We cruise by the banana shaped Estero Island and watch the familiar landmarks go by. First the new library building, then the sun's glitter on the rows of gleaming motor homes at the Red Coconut RV park, then the microwave tower. Finally we pass the two tall blue roofed apartment buildings right behind the Publix where we did our grocery shopping only days ago. The motor home park is interesting. While moored at the Ft. Myers basin we see many couples our age go back and forth in dinghies from their boat to shore running errands or simply to go for a meal on shore. They all tie up at the city dinghy dock under the bridge. While one jumps out and ties up, the other hands-over bags and then hops ashore. To go to Publix, the only decent grocery store at Ft. Myers Beach, we take the trolley bus along Estero Blvd, all for 25¢ for people over 65. On the trolley we meet folks staying at the RV Park, like us mostly retirees going about their business. When we observe them getting on and off the trolley with great concentration, carefully one step at a time often taking a full minute or so to get on or off, it is clear that there is a big disparity between the fitness and health of boat people vs. RV people. I'm glad we are boat people. We slowly head out further and aim for a course 2nm out, parallel to the coastline. Lunch consists of a couple of buns with Gouda cheese from Costco and a cold

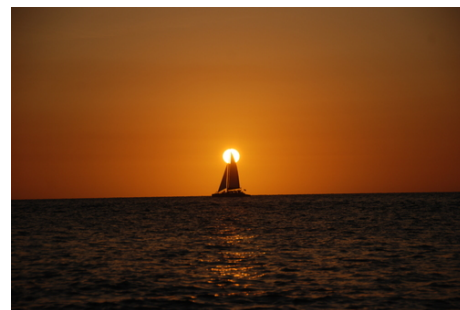


drink. We polish things off with an apple. Every now and then a couple of dolphins show up ahead of the boat. They usually head straight for our bow and linger for a while next to the boat before peeling off. I call Hetty who invariably comes running up with a camera in hand. But today, although curious, they approach us but don't stay long. Close to 1600 we are passing north Naples and the Gordon Inlet. I record our position every hour on the hour in my logbook. The north part of Naples' shoreline consists of miles of 20 story condominium towers vying for glitzy awards. But they are all grouped together single file along the shore, thus restricting beach access to the public. The condos all have gated entrances so nobody can get to the beach for a good five mile stretch I'd say. On the other hand, the south shore of Naples is adorned with beautiful residences, interspersed with many beach access points, where you can park your car and go for a beach walk; clearly far more neighbourly citizens or perhaps they simply have less clout with the local politicians. This is an area where a 5 million dollar home would be labeled modest. We see the last remnants of Ft. Myers tallest buildings disappear behind us and notice the first signs of the Marco Island apartment buildings up ahead. The sun is steadily heading for the horizon. A 50ft catamaran comes out of Gordon Pass for a sunset sail while a 30ft cruiser is heading home under sail. A bit later we see them furl both sails and they enter



Gordon pass on motor. From my GPS I figure out that moonrise for our location is 1720 and sunset 1738, so at least for a short while we should have both stellar elements in plain view. The catamaran makes a perfect silhouette in the red sky against the setting sun. But not long after the promised time we see a full moon poke its bright head over a low string of clouds as the sun, while turning orange and red is seeking cover behind a

similar string of clouds along the opposite horizon. The wind has picked up and we sail with only our jib out under peaceful serenity of the wind. Suddenly at twilight the condos at Marco Island become much more pronounced featuring a sea of white lights blazing along the shore line. Around 1900 we round red marker "2" at Big Marco Pass and I set the GPS to the FW0087 waypoint at Cape Romano. In the dark it is hard to judge the distance to a light aid but my plotter helps ensuring we don't accidentally hit the marker. Hetty suggests we have dinner but I ask her to wait until after we skillfully negotiate our way around a rectangle marked "Obstn Fish Haven" on our chart. Once we pass by Marco Island Hetty goes below and heats up dinner in the galley: left-over spaghetti. We sit together and consume our Italian treat in silence up in the cockpit. The moon shines bright overhead as the shore lights glide by in the distance. At 2000 we are skirting the extensive Cape Romano Shoals. We notice two bright white lights moving fast along our western horizon, heading north. We soon realize this is the Key West Express heading back to Ft. Myers; in an hour and a quarter it will arrive thanks to its 30kn (55km/h) cruising speed. One light is the bow light; the other a bit higher is the mast light. Amazing, we are well beyond the 3mile limit and still have to check our draft because of the shoals! But, an hour later we pass the shallow area and are



now settling in for the night while heading straight for Vaca Key and Marathon. The wind has really picked up and I have to reef the jib to calm the motion of the boat a bit. We are doing over 5kn on a 17kn wind, fine by me. There are no more lights, except for the moon that by now smiled upon us like the Cheshire cat. All we can see is the low silhouette of uninhabited Kice Island to the east and for the rest nothing but a watery horizon. Our ETA at Marathon is 1100 tomorrow morning, much like we have planned for. At 2200 Hetty goes down for a snooze while I keep watch.

Nick Baets,

Environmental Officer

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## **What is MAREP?** Sue Baker SN

### **What does MAREP stand for?**

It is a short form for **Marine Reporting**. It is a joint effort run by The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron (CPSS) and The Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) to correct misplaced navigational equipment or report dangerous items to other boaters such as logs just under the water or buoys whose lights have been extinguished. These will come out as “Notices to Mariners” until charts or objects have been corrected.

They could be from THS Nautical Charts, List of Lights, Sailing directions or Tide and Current Publications.

### **What to do?**

If you encounter something untoward on the waters, you should report it to your MAREP officer in your local CPSS who will in turn pass it along to the proper authorities and will follow up to make sure things have been tended to and corrected.

- These include:
- Submerged objects
  - Objects of danger above or below the water
  - Problems with sailing directions
  - Problems with the List of Lights
  - Problems with the publication of Tides and Currents
  - Suggestions for better and/or safer boating for all

It is also where you can go to suggest changes to charts or navigational aids. Quite often, those who boat in the area are more aware of problems than the “powers that be”.

Don't be shy to report! Call or email your MAREP officer for everyone's sake.



# Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron 2015 Annual Squadron Dinner



**Saturday March 28, 2015**  
**Algonquin College, Building “D”**  
**1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa**  
*Parking is free in lots 8 & 9*

**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 Fresh Artisan Breads Rolls with Butter; Antipasto Tray including assortment of olives, pickles, marinated vegetables; Fresh cut crudité’s with dip; Individual cucumber wrapped garden greens with two house vinaigrettes; Classic potato salad; Greek style salad with feta cheese and peppers; Assorted devilled eggs; Fresh cut seasonal fruits and assorted cubed cheese; Chef carved hip of beef au jus; Herb roasted potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables; Yorkshire Pudding; Assorted French pastries; Chocolate truffle cake; Fresh baked apple strudel with custard; Coffee & Tea.



## *Cruising the Shores of Lake Ontario*

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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!

**The easiest way to get your tickets is by going to <http://www.cps-ottawa.com/events.html> and buying your tickets online! Deadline for tickets is Tuesday March 24, 2015**

The Contact Person for ticket(s) is **Guy Ladouceur** at (613) 824-9490. You can send a cheque by Mail at **Guy Ladouceur, 6901 Bilberry Dr Ottawa ON K1C 2E8** or by e-mail at [gladoun648@rogers.com](mailto:gladoun648@rogers.com). Guy will meet you so you can buy your tickets. Any questions please e-mail him or call him!

Again there will be no tickets sold at the door and tickets must be purchased by Tuesday March 24, 2015. Tickets will be held at the door for those who have prepaid only.

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**WHY NOT GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR BOATING FRIENDS!**  
**DO IT ONLINE OR GET IN TOUCH WITH GUY NOW TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET(S)**



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2015

## HELP!

## MAYDAY!

Here is what I have been hearing on occasion while attending functions or just talking to members.....

*The Squadron needs more Information Nights!*

*It seems to be always the same people doing the work!*

*I wish they did whatever!*

*Etc., Etc.!*

I think you get the point! ..... Here is your chance to make a difference!

I am the Chair of the Squadron Nominating Committee and along with P/Cdr Bryan Carroll and Cdr Terry Hamilton, we have been discussing who would be a great addition to our Bridge.

## YOU!

We presently have a great slate of very caring Squadron Bridge Officers who are working very diligently to make our Squadron one of the most recognized across Canada. Most of our Bridge members wear many hats as Instructors, members of the District Bridge and some of us have also somewhat demanding positions at the National Level.

No one is complaining but it would be nice to see some younger members assisting our present slate of officers with some of the planning of events, making phone calls, instructing not the entire course or just a portion to test your skills. I have met many of you and I know you have lots to offer! Oh yes you are very busy .... We are not asking for massive time commitment but just a few hours once in a while and no need to attend meetings unless you wish to do so.

I think you get my message now..... We need **YOU** to get involved.... We still love what we do but a little help would be great! Set **YOUR** new course and we will give you all the support and guidance you need to help us make our Squadron even better!

As I kept hearing in the last week or so ..... Let's Talk!

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## TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

<i>Courses</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Dates Offered</i>		<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Location</i>
		<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>		
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:**

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.

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**Prerequisite:** none

**Course Duration:** 3 two-hour weekly sessions

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



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

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