



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples Mar – Apr 2015



Ahoy from the Commander,

This will be my last ripples submission as Commander. I have had a great 2 years, working with a great group on the bridge. We have maintained our membership and have been awarded the National Membership Award during my 2 years, again thanks to a great group, especially our Membership Officer Guy Ladouceur. Our Executive Officer Robin Craig will take over on April 17 and will continue with a great group.

I hope to see many of you at our annual dinner on March 28 at Algonquin College and I hope everyone has a great boating season in 2015.



Terry Hamilton, AP
Ottawa Commander



The 2014 - 2015 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Terry Hamilton, <u>AP</u>
Immediate Past Commander	Guy A. Ladouceur
Executive Officer	Robin Craig, CN
Admin Officer	Christopher Friesen
Financial Officer	William Moyle, <u>AP</u>
Educational Officer	Court Harkness, <u>AP</u>
A/Educational Officer	Axel Obenauf, <u>AP</u>
A/Educational Officer)	Richard Gregory
A/Educational Officer (VHF Radio)	Peter Dalton, P
Communications Officer	Nancy Richards, S
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets, CN
MAREP & safety Officer	Sue Baker, SN
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Membership	Guy A. Ladouceur
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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

- **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
- **Friday Apr 17, 2015 – Annual General Meeting (AGM)** - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Louis Steak House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, AGM starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend – please register via our website so that we know how many will attend..
- **May 07, 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
- **Jun 04, 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
- **Jun 15, 2015 – Squadron Annual Picnic** – RCMP Campgrounds – watch website for more details.

Squadron Mailing Address

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Cdr Terry Hamilton
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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 and we can work together to make it happen!

REGISTER NOW!

Friday – April 17th, 2015

Annual General Meeting

Plus watch website for Mon. – 15th Jun 2015 Squadron Annual Picnic

**** DO IT NOW ****

From the Membership Desk,



Yes Noah, we will go boating soon but the ice and snow must go first! It has been a long winter but we will be fishing soon, Mon Chum!

Spring brings membership renewal for 213 members on April 30 each year. So far 52 of you "Have Made My Day by Renewing Early". Yes, you have more than a month to do it but why not do it now then you will be able to concentrate on Spring Commissioning your Vessel for that so important first outing of the year! The Squadron presently has 380 current members and we have been holding course for several months. Please renew early and make my job a lot easier!

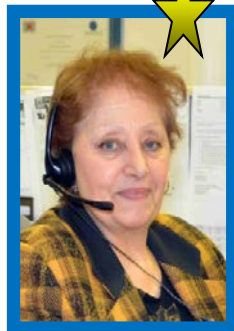
You still have to renew, here four (4) easy ways to do it:

Method 1 https://www.cps-ca/public_home.asp?WCE=C=Wizard|K=221~0

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Method 2 Call me (613) 824-9490 Have your Member Number, Last Name and Postal Code and have your credit ready. If you cannot find your membership, do not worry, I have it!

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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 MIP 3A5!**

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You think you are too busy to volunteer ... Not Really, 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. Plus we are recognized as the largest organization of its kind in the world, per capita, and accepted as the foremost educational boating authority in Canada. Word of Mouth is our best type of advertizement so please take every opportunity to spread the word! Some of you are doing it but we need everyone to get on board with the cheapest type of advertizement and mingle with your dock mates!

Looking forward to meeting you at our next Bridge Meeting Dinner or the FREE Annual Squadron Picnic and Graduation on June 15th, 2015. Soon you will be flying your CPS Flag & Squadron Burgee, do it proudly!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer –
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Part IV of Nick & Hetty Baets cruising from Sarasota to Marathon FL. (For Part I see March '14 issue, Part II November '14 issue, Part III Jan '15 issue)

Monday 16 December: At 2200 Hetty goes down for a snooze while I keep watch. The boat still corkscrews but the wind is veering to east and the waves are coming more from behind and are overtaking us. At first the stern gets lifted a couple of feet and you pick up speed. Then the wave passes under you and you are on a roller coaster; eventually it passes the bow and you slow down a bit as you sink in the trough between two waves. On and on this never ending motion continues. But the waves have white edges, a clear sign there is a good blow. We make steady progress and just before midnight we pass the midway point of our sail. I can no longer see the moon because it's too high, but I can see a bright spot shining through the Bimini cover where the moon is standing overhead. The best part is that in the bright full moon light I can clearly see the horizon 360° around me. A nice reference and a big help in not getting sea sick. The waves are a bit higher but only once in a while do we get smacked with a big one on the stern. When that happens spray goes as high as my GPS parked on the cockpit table. I sit with a blanket wrapped around my body checking for lights every 10 minutes or so. It's 0000 and we quietly slide into **Tuesday the 17th**.

At midnight Hetty re-appears and I suggest we run the engine for a bit to re-charge the batteries as the Autohelm is working overtime to keep us on track. After a while I go under to try and catch some shut-eye. But it does not work for me. The motion of the boat is too rough and I roll around wildly in my bunk. After a while I call it quits and go back up to keep Hetty company. At 0200 she goes down and I am alone again. I check our progress and heading. As expected, the wind is pushing us off course to the lee a bit and I correct our course from 154° to 145°. At 0400 Hetty comes up for air and she persuades me to try to get some sleep once more. Except for the stars and the moon we see no other lights at all. The wind is down to 15kn and the motion of the boat has eased. I crawl in bed, nicely pre-warmed by Hetty and actually fall asleep! An hour and a half later I wake up but stay under till 0600. By this time we are a little over 24nm away from our next and last waypoint: FK0128, just north of Marathon at John Sawyer Bank. Hetty points out three very bright white lights along the horizon up ahead, but they seem much too bright to come from shore. Indeed, they soon turn out to be from fish boats working their crab pots. Hetty goes down for a last snooze but not for long. Around 0700 we suddenly loose speed and the rudder does nothing anymore. Just like what happened to us two years ago on our overnight trip to Key West. I call Hetty and we conclude that we've picked up a crab pot line or something the like. We decide to furl the jib and see if when we take away all forward motion the entanglement will drop to the bottom. We fear turning on the engine because of the possibility of a buoy line wrapping itself around our prop. That would really be a problem. Anyway, our strategy works and whatever got hung up seems to be no longer hanging on. We start up the engine, turn the boat into the wind and set our full jib. Soon we are making 5-6kn again and our ETA is back to 1100. The sun rises at 0708 but because of the low clouds, all we see is a diffused yellow light stain to our port bow behind a strip of clouds. The bright white lights of the fishermen are scooting by; we can now see their navigation lights as well and they are busy clearing traps and setting new ones. Amazing how they can cause such a hazard and risk for pleasure cruisers but apparently business is business. I still feel they should pay if I wind one of their buoy lines around my prop and need to hire a diver to free the mess. At 0800 Hetty goes down to prepare a few buns and tea for our breakfast. The sun is trying hard to break through and not long thereafter we are sailing comfortably on the jib towards our final waypoint. At 1100 we are passing the G "17" marker and call the Marathon Yacht Club by cell phone as instructed when we booked a slip for the night the day before. They give us instructions but I still ask that they post someone at the boat slip we are assigned. No problem, they don't have a dock master but the maintenance supervisor is sent out to help us dock. So said, so done and 20 minutes later we have safely arrived and are tied up. I go register at the admin office; good thing I have my Sarasota Yacht Club membership card with me. We are welcomed by Bill & Jann Mellman; he is the past commodore for the Club. They give us a handy

goody-bag with all sorts of information on what to see and do in Marathon. They also invite us to join them in the evening for a cocktail Christmas party: drinks and a plethora of snacks at \$18 per person. In the afternoon we walk for awhile along US 1 and do a bit of shopping before heading back to the Club. Hetty does the laundry, I rinse off the boat, fill our water tanks and we then both have a lovely shower. There is nothing like feeling clean again. Back on Solitude we take a well-deserved snooze. At 1800 we join the 30-40 or so club members and have lovely drinks while chatting with the others. Hetty bumps into a retired guy from St. Gallen, Switzerland. St. Gallen is situated at 2500ft above sea level and is one of Switzerland's highest cities. We visited it in 1967 and have nice memories from a beautiful library building they have. We join a table with Steve and Chris; he originally from Baltimore, she from New York. Both live here full time only because of the climate. He is a stock broker who works from home and she manages the finances of the small private airport on Marathon. Housing prices are not bad they say, but home insurance, a must if you have a mortgage, is outrageous. On a \$275,000 home they pay a staggering \$8,000 a year flood insurance! But then later Hetty finds out, from the lady giving the tour at the local turtle hospital, that during the last big storm, hurricane "Wilma" in 2005, the whole island flooded up to knee height. It is bound to happen again.

Wednesday 18 December: We say goodbye to Bill & Jann Mellman who we hope to see again in 2015 on Big Rideau Lake when they plan to do the great circle route. We leave the Marathon Yacht Club, after a pump-out, with a stiff cross wind. It is not easy to turn around and motor out of the narrow channel with a 42ft boat. And a bit scary with a row of menacing rip-rap sticking out above the water along the west edge. We then motor around to Boot Key Harbour; first we head 2nm west, then go under the hump in the 7 Mile Bridge at the Moser Channel and then back to the harbor entrance. The channel is well marked but currents run swiftly with either tide. We call the City Marina on Channel 16 and are given very clear and detailed directions to Buoy C1. We are lucky because it's close to the dinghy dock. There are some 200 boats in the harbor and surprisingly 95% of them are sailboats. Turns out many simply sail down here to overwinter. Our neighbor, Bob White, comes from South Carolina and avoids frost this



way. His boat is called "The White House". occasional cruisers like us. They sport deep bronzed tans, have bicycles or even a car in the marina parking lot, and tarpaulin covers over the cockpits. The marina is well organized, with credit card type access to the washrooms and showers. The marina building has a large space with 2 flat screen TVs, a row of picnic tables along a wall for people to work on their tablet or laptop accessing the internet, and a huge collection of books to read and exchange. At \$125 a week this seems very reasonable.

Outside is an ice machine and they even have a workshop for those needing to do some maintenance on their boat.

Nick Baets,

Environmental Officer

Plastic microbeads, tiny pieces of plastic smaller than 1mm in diameter, are turning up in our rivers, oceans, in the guts of many aquatic animals and even in our **beer!**

Cosmetics companies have been adding these non-biodegradable plastic beads to personal care products such as facial and body scrubs and toothpastes. These products are eventually rinsed down our drains and travel to your local wastewater treatment facility. Most facilities are not designed to remove such small particles – the result is that microbeads find their way into our lakes, rivers and oceans.



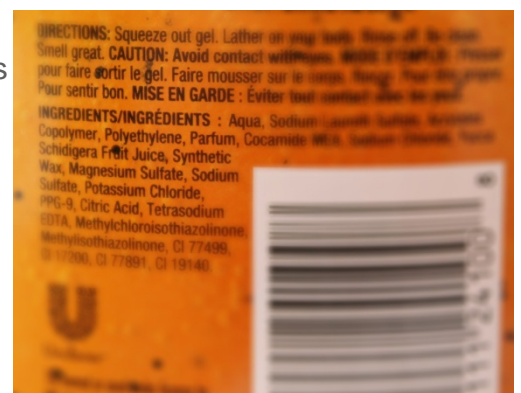
Once in our waterways, microbeads attach to contaminants and sediments and end up transferring pollutants to the wildlife that ingest them. Recent studies have found them in the surface water and sediments of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River.

Luckily, some people are recognizing the problems microbeads are creating and we are starting to see leadership and action on this issue. A number of high profile companies that use microbeads in their products have agreed to phase out the use of them within the next few years. Last year, Illinois became the first of the United States to ban the use of plastic microbeads in personal care products, and other states, as well as some parts of Europe, are working towards such a ban.

Most recently, change is coming to Canada on this issue: we were very pleased to see MPP Marie-France Lalonde introduce a private member's bill in the Ontario legislature earlier this week that would ban the manufacture of microbeads and their addition to consumer goods such as cosmetics and soaps. The ban would take place two years after the bill comes into effect, if passed. We will follow the course of this bill closely. **We urge MPPs to support the bill and make Ontario the first jurisdiction in Canada to ban microbeads from personal care products.**

You can also take action and play a role to help solve this pollution problem. When you are shopping for personal care products such as soaps, scrubs and toothpastes, please check to see if they contain plastic microbeads (the most common are made of “polyethylene” and “polypropylene”). Choose products with ingredients that are natural and therefore biodegrade in the environment.

Remember, everything you put on your skin eventually ends up down the drain when you shower. All household water pipes eventually lead to our river...where we swim, drink and fish.



Yours sincerely,



Stephanie Bolt on behalf of the team at Ottawa Riverkeeper

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out via a search engine (like Google) on line “Beat the Microbead”, the international campaign against microbeads in cosmetics.

Share the information. Give generously. Get involved.

Please take action to help make the Ottawa River a healthier place to safely swim, drink and fish.

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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OTTAWA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

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 Friday, April 17th, 2015 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 16, 2015

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 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 17th, 2015.

Commander	Robin Craig (CN)	Environmental Officer	Nick Baets (CN)
Immediate P/Cdr	Terry Hamilton (AP)	Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Executive Officer	Court Harkness (AP)	MAREP & Safety Officer	TBD
Financial Officer	William Moyle (AP)	Membership Officer	Guy Ladouceur
Admin Officer	Christopher Friesen	Regalia Officer	Joy Moyle (AP)
Secretary	Chantal Ladouceur	Ripples Editor	Philip Harris (N)
Educational Officer (Supply)	Court Harkness (AP)	Social Activities Officer Chair	Guy Ladouceur
A/Edu. (Adv/Elec)	Axel Obenauf (AP)	Public Relations Officer	Donald Partridge (AP)
A/Edu. (Basics)	Richard Gregory	Webmaster	Philip Harris (N)
Communications Officer	Nancy Richards (S)		

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

Upon election, the Squadron appoints P/Cdr Don Tanner (CN) as the Squadron Financial Review representative for the year 2015-2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Original Signed by
Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr

Original Signed by
Bryan A. Carroll, P/Cdr
(Chair)

Original Signed by
Terry Hamilton, Cdr

RIDEAU DISTRICT 2015 Annual General Meeting -25 April 2015

To: The Members of Rideau District.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at the Parks Canada office, 34 Beckwith Street South, Smiths Falls, Ontario, K7A 2A8, on Saturday April 25, 2015 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, 2015 and the report of the District Internal Financial 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 25th day of March 2015 on behalf of Valerie Hume, District Secretary

REPORT OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE March 24, 2015

1) The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2015/2016.

District Commander	Bryan Carroll (Ottawa)
District Executive Officer	Guy Ladouceur (Ottawa)
District Educational Officer	Robert Dandurand (Britannia-Rideau)
District Administrative Officer	Nancy Richards (Ottawa)
District Secretary	Valerie Hume (Britannia-Rideau)
District Financial Officer	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 Roster Editor	Terry Hamilton (Ottawa)
District RVCC	Vacant
District Officer Training	P/D/C Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
Past District Commander	Andre Dubois (Kingston)

2) The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following member for appointment by the Members as Member of the District Internal Audit 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: Andre Dubois (Kingston)

(b) Pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for 2015/2016 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Andre Dubois

District Nominating Committee Chair

Here is what one of your Squadron member says:

I do wish some of the boaters would be more conscious of my shoreline when they are boating on the Rideau. Policing is not very visible & so many boaters do not pay attention in the no wake zones, thus damaging the shores on this river.

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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

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