



# Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron Rideau Ripples NOVEMBER 2017



## *From the Commander's Helm Station:*



As we head into winter it would appear that the best part of summer occurred in September and part of October. The September weather allowed for some pretty good days to get out on the water and enjoy fall at its best.

For members of the OPSS Executive Committee, the National Conference marks the end of the boating season and the start of a refocus on the products we provide as an organization. We sent a team to the conference for the purpose of learning new initiatives, presenting to the conference on work done by OPSS members for the education department and to promote the National Conference to be held in Ottawa in 2018. Our team attended all meetings and presentations, the focus of which was squarely on education and membership and how to enhance these. On Thursday evening Tom Beaver and Steve Petruska from the Ottawa squadron and Carolyn Reid director of the Outreach Program a segment of the CPS-ECP Education Department gave a presentation on the status of online course development and delivery that was well done and was very well received. This initiative is seen as an important step in improving our course registrations and a source of new members. Well done Tom and Steve for all your work and an excellent presentation. Below is the new CPS-ECP Education Department's model for delivering courses, seminars and webinars.

Delivery Approaches	Methods	Examples
In classroom course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'face to face' meeting</li> <li>• 'same time' instruction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regularly scheduled at a specific location</li> </ul>
Online Class: With squadron instructor support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'same time' group communication online</li> <li>• each student is assigned a tutor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rideau District Boating 2, 3, and 4</li> </ul>
a) Online Course b) Online Course with defined dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'any time' 24/7 individual access</li> <li>• online instructor support available during defined date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport Canada PCOC</li> <li>• Introduction to Weather</li> <li>• (Sept. 25 – Dec. 3)</li> </ul>
Online Seminar/Webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'one time' short scheduled presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any appropriate marine/boating topic</li> </ul>
Self-study with CPS supervised testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'anytime' 24/7 individual access</li> <li>• material provided online, ebook or print</li> <li>• tests are administered by instructors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kingston PCOC</li> <li>• Maritime Radio</li> </ul>



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This is the plan going forward but it will need aggressive marketing. We have had great feedback from those who have taken these courses to date so there is a willing market.

I would urge everyone to read Axel's, Terry's and Guy's reports in this newsletter concerning education, membership and the need for volunteers for the 2018 National Conference in Ottawa. These articles are very informative. I will add this plug for Guy's article. Please consider volunteering for the conference I think you will find it quite an enjoyable experience.

The Ottawa Squadron picked up the award for most RVCC checks done over the past year. Read Robert's scuttlebutt article for the details on the award. He also has some fascinating and useful information for the boater in the article as well.

I encourage the reader to consider taking a course over the winter season, perhaps using one of the new delivery modes. For what it is worth we are running a Senior Navigation course using the self-study mode over the next few months.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends. We will return in the new year.

Court Harkness  
Squadron Commanding Officer



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE BOATER

Here are 10 suggestions for nautical gifts to ask Santa (or let the list - with check marks - lay around the house in a conspicuous place).

- A Marine GPS navigation system
- A Canadian Coast Guard-approved life jacket of appropriate size
- A handheld VHF-FM radio with DSC
- A Boating Safety Book (or two)
- A FREE Recreational Vessel Courtesy (RVCC) from the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron
- Another approved fire extinguisher
- A first aid kit in a watertight container
- A seamanship book better yet, a course (go to [boatingcourses.ca/Ontario/Ottawa](http://boatingcourses.ca/Ontario/Ottawa) OR /online)
- Electronic Nautical Charts for the areas your favorite mariner frequents
- A "go-bag"

Santa Robert

**The 2017 – 2018 Executive Committee**

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**Squadron Events Calendar**

- December 07, 2017 – Christmas Dinner with Santa & Mrs Claus & Short Executive Committee Meeting – Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. – See the poster in this newsletter for more information.**
- January 04, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.**



**ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT RIDEAU RIPPLES NEWSLETTER DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2018**

- February 01, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.**
- February 22-25, 2018 – Ottawa Boat Show – EY Centre – More info to come**
- March 01, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend.**
- Mar 10, 2018 – SQUADRON ANNUAL DINNER - Algonquin College – More to come.**
- April 05, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. - Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend..**

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](mailto:social@cps-ottawa.com) and we can work together to make it happen!***



**Dates:** February 22-25, 2018  
**Location:** Ernst & Young Centre  
Ottawa, Ontario



**2018 CPS-ECP National Conference  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
OCTOBER 17 – 21, 2018  
OTTAWA MARRIOTT HOTEL**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – We will need volunteers!**

## From the desk of the Education Officer,



I took a small break from Squadron activities this month and embarked on week-long trip to Iceland. All I can say is wow! This is one of the most pristine countries I have ever visited, and there have been a few.

Coastlines in Iceland are for the most part flat and are covered with abundant grasslands. Venture into the interior and it is covered in mosses and lichen, due mainly to the volcanic rock structure. Along the shores are small fishing villages, after all, Iceland's number one industry is fishing. As is common, most of the boats tend to be small and are usually handled by a small crew. I've included a picture as an example.

Anyhow, I digress and now must talk about the new and exciting times we face as CPS-ECP moves to a) a new software package that should make my job and those of the membership a little easier and b) courses are moving to an online, online/assisted learning and, for those that like the traditional approach, the classroom. Online means that one can log on to the appropriate site and take their respective courses 24/7 this is the asynchronous self-learning approach. Online/assisted learning is, log on to the appropriate site where tutors will have live learning and discussions on a prearranged schedule. Local proctors are available in both cases to help out and administer exams as necessary. Lastly, we have the good old classroom. I believe it speaks for itself. By the way, in the online and assisted courses, there may come a time when a classroom or meeting room may be required. This will be for "hands on" type instruction.

For your information and interest, a schedule of the upcoming courses is included at the end of this article.

For those that have not taken a course recently, we encourage you to sign up. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to act as proctors/tutors and if you have some experience with teaching online, "WE NEED YOU".

In closing, for those of us, and they shall remain nameless, that are taking the Boating 7 course – Offshore Marine Navigation level 2.

"Sextant – An entertaining albeit expensive device which, together with a good atlas, is of use in introducing the boatman to many interesting areas on the earth's surface which he and his craft are not within 1000 nautical miles" © Sailing- by Henry Beard and Roy McKie.

Axel Obenauf JN  
Educational Officer



# OUR COURSES

## Online

Course	Starts	Ends	Link
<a href="#">Boating 1 – Boating Basics</a>	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 1 – Boating Basics</a>	TBD	TBD	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Navigation</a>	09-Jan-17	27-Feb-17	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 2 – Beyond Boating Basics</a>	18-Oct-17	29-Nov-17	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 2 – Beyond Boating Basics</a>	07-Feb-18	14-Mar-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 4 – Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 1</a>	12-Feb-18	30-Apr-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 3 – Introduction to Marine Navigation</a>	21-Mar-18	25-Apr-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
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## Location: St. Patrick's High School

Course	Start Date	End Date	Link
<a href="#">Boating 7 – Off Shore Marine Navigation Level 2</a>	06-Dec-17	21-Feb-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 4 – Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 1</a>	01-Feb-18	12-Apr-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boaters</a>	07-Feb-18	28-Feb-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Maritime Radio</a>	07-Feb-18	21-Feb-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boat and Engine Maintenance</a>	21-Mar-18	16-May-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Boating 3 – Introduction to Marine Navigation</a>	21-Mar-18	18-Apr-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Maritime Radio</a>	04-Apr-18	18-Apr-18	<a href="#">Register</a>
<a href="#">Maritime Radio</a>	09-May-18	23-May-18	<a href="#">Register</a>





**CHRISTMAS DINNER and SQUADRON EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**VERONA PIZZA HOUSE, 1682 CYRVILLE RD**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2017, 1730 HRS**

Everyone is cordially invited to join us for our Annual Squadron Christmas Dinner before the Bridge Meeting. The Executive Committee will be shortened to allow more time for socializing and exchanging Season's Greetings.



The Commander was able to invite Santa Claus and Mrs Claus to visit us early. Bring your camera and get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs Claus. 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! Why not arrive at 1730 hrs and mingle with your boating friends and/or make new one!**

**Roast Turkey Dinner - Traditional Holiday Style \$31.00 per person.**

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

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 Monday, December 04, 2017.** E-mail / call me or please use this link <http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html>.

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## From the Membership Desk,



The Rideau District, as of November 2017, has 862 members and the Ottawa group has 433, now that Britannia-Rideau has merged with us. Membership in CPS-ECP is declining. Membership Officers and the Executive Committees across the country are trying to stem the decline and find ways to attract more members. The present methodology is not working, and if any member of the Ottawa group has any ideas, you can contact me at [membership@cps-ottawa.com](mailto:membership@cps-ottawa.com).

I have just returned from the National CPS-ECP Conference/AGM in Charlottetown, PEI. The whole experience was a positive one, including weather, camaraderie, food and the meetings I attended as District Membership Officer. The first meeting, Thursday evening, was a three-hour discussion regarding membership issues across the country. This was a closed meeting for all District Membership Officers from across Canada, along with the incoming Chief Commander, Chuck Beale. The meeting was very productive and kept on target by an outside facilitator. We discussed the issues during the first half of the meeting and then broke up into 5 groups to discuss 5 different topics related to Membership. Friday morning, we had an open meeting, and Friday afternoon a joint meeting with the District Commanders, Squadron Commanders and Education Officers. As a result of these meetings, a steering committee composed of the National Officers of Membership, Administration, Education, and one member of the National Membership Committee was formed to implement some of the ideas step by step. It was also decided that the District Membership Officers would meet with the Steering Committee several times during the next year either by Go To Meeting or Face to Face in Toronto. During the joint meeting we were also given an overview of the new CPS-ECP IT Website, which should be ready for use some time in December. The new system will be a great improvement. I encourage all members to log in to the present CPS-ECP website and update your profile so the information that will be transferred to the new system is up to date. Please contact me at [membership@cps-ottawa.com](mailto:membership@cps-ottawa.com) if you have any issues with updating.

The next conference is in Ottawa in 2018. We had 16 members of the Ottawa group attending the AGM in Charlottetown, and one of the many reasons we were there was to promote the Ottawa 2018 Conference. This was very successful as we sold regalia and also had 42 early registrations for the conference in 2018. Below you will find a photo of the group with our Ottawa 2018 shirts at our registration desk. On behalf of Guy Ladouceur, the 2018 Conference Chair, and myself, Registration Chair, I would invite any person who would be interested in helping out by joining our Conference Committee. We have many areas in which we could use your help, such as tours, prizes, sponsors, to name just a few. I would also invite as many as possible to attend the conference to make it as successful as our conference in Ottawa in 2007. You can check out the registration form at [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca), or if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee contact Guy Ladouceur or Terry Hamilton at [ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org](mailto:ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org) . I hope to meet you at the conference in October 2018, or at any other of the events we will be having before that.

Terry Hamilton, JN  
Membership Officer



## Rideau District

### 2018 Ottawa Conference Desk Ottawa Squadron Members



*Sitting:* Carol MacLennan, Cathie Johnstone, Lynda Obenauf

*Left to Right:* Linda Hamilton, Jim MacLeod, Stephen Petruska, Carol Harkness, Bruce S.D. Harris, Terry Hamilton, Tom Beaver, Guy Ladouceur, Marjorie Ladouceur, Axel Obenauf, Court Harkness

*Missing:* Robert Dandurand, Nancy Richards – *Photo Courtesy of Don Butt, Gabriola Island Squadron*



## Scuttlebutt

*By Robert Dandurand, P*



Rideau District Commander Guy Ladouceur had the great pleasure to accept the title of the “Most Successful District” in Canada for completing 142 Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCCs). [Ottawa Squadron](#) was then given recognition as the “Best Squadron” in Canada. The Squadron’s honour was in recognition of the work done by RVCC Specialists from the former Britannia-Rideau Power and Sail Squadron. David Little



was given recognition as the RVCC Specialist who conducted the most individual inspections (70) for 2017. He also chaired the Britannia-Rideau effort. In the end, it was a District effort. Congratulations to all who contributed.





The Britannia-Rideau Power and Sail Squadron made it on the CPS Foundation GOLD Honour Roll this year with its final contribution before surrendering its warrant.

Check it out: <http://www.cpsfoundation.ca/info/hr17.pdf> and photo: <https://dbutt.smugmug.com/CPS-ECP-Charlottetown-2017/i-2JCnHxr/A>



The Ottawa River was designated a *lieu historique* by the Quebec government on August 20, 2017. You'll recall that the river was designated a Canadian Heritage River last year. Quebec also recognizes its historical importance. The move comes after Ottawa Riverkeeper, with the help of many Québec supporters, nominated the river for the designation under Québec's *Loi sur le patrimoine culturel*.

Source: <http://www.ottawariverkeeper.ca/ottawa-riverkeeper-applauds-the-designation-of-the-ottawa-river-as-a-lieu-historique-by-the-quebec-government/>



The Canadian government has issued a \$6,000 speeding ticket to a Canadian Coast Guard ship for travelling over the posted speed limit in the western Gulf of St. Lawrence. Since August 11, 2017, Transport Canada has been imposing a 10-knot speed limit for larger vessels operating in designated areas of the Gulf of St. Lawrence due to the increased presence of right whales in the area. The speed restriction applies to ALL vessels of 20 meters or greater travelling in the western Gulf of St. Lawrence, between the Quebec north shore and just north of Prince Edward Island. To that end, Transport Canada said it has issued a \$6,000 penalty to the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Sir William Alexander for its alleged non-compliance with the temporary mandatory speed restriction. The slowdown comes after the deaths of at least 10 North Atlantic right whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in recent months, which have made 2017 the deadliest year on record for the endangered mammals.

Source: [http://gcaptain.com/canadian-coast-guard-ship-hit-with-6k-speeding-ticket-in-gulf-of-st-lawrence/?goal=0\\_f50174ef03-f89744066e-139927349&mc\\_cid=f89744066e&mc\\_eid=4eedb093d2](http://gcaptain.com/canadian-coast-guard-ship-hit-with-6k-speeding-ticket-in-gulf-of-st-lawrence/?goal=0_f50174ef03-f89744066e-139927349&mc_cid=f89744066e&mc_eid=4eedb093d2)



A fellow member asked if I knew about a star that twinkled with red and green flashes, low in the northeastern sky at this time of year. It turns out that that star is likely Capella. The reality is that every star in the sky undergoes the same process as Capella, to produce its colorful twinkling. That is, every star's light must shine through Earth's atmosphere before reaching our eyes. But not every star flashes as noticeably as Capella. The flashes are happening because Capella is low in the sky in the evening at this time of year. And, when you look at an object low in the sky, you're looking through more atmosphere than when the same object is overhead. That's where Capella's red and green flashes are coming from ... not from the star itself ... but from the refraction of its light by our atmosphere. You know how you can use the Big Dipper to find Polaris, which is also known as the North Star. Well, you can also use the Big Dipper to find Capella. If you trace an imaginary line from the two upmost stars in the bowl of the Big Dipper away from the handle, it (the line) will come close under the bright Capella (the 6th brightest star in Earth's sky, not including our sun). Try to locate it and see the flashes.

Source: <http://earthsky.org/tonight/what-star-in-the-northeast-flashes-red-and-green>



The *Recreational Boating Statistics 2016* issued in May 2017 by the U.S. Coast Guard contains statistics on recreational boating accidents. Of particular interest:

- Where cause of death was known, 80% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 83% were not wearing a life jacket
- Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.

- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 15% of deaths.
- Where instruction was known, 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 13% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.

Source: <http://uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2016.pdf>



Ah, the good old days: when ships were made of wood and men were made of steel.  
Put sound on and Double Click to open file:



Check out the photos from the 2017 CPS-ECP Conference in Charlottetown here:

<https://dbutt.smugmug.com/CPS-ECP-Charlottetown-2017/i-mrQJKFb>



With the recent passages of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Maria, Lee and the rest, curiosity calls for a better understanding from mariners of the phenomena.

The **Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale** is a 1 to 5 rating based on a hurricane's sustained wind speed. This scale estimates potential property damage. Hurricanes reaching Category 3 and higher are considered major hurricanes because of their potential for significant loss of life and damage. Category 1 and 2 storms are still dangerous, however, and require preventative measures. In the western North Pacific, the term "super typhoon" is used for tropical cyclones with sustained winds exceeding 150 mph. Check the next page for more information.

Source: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php>

Background info: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saffir%E2%80%93Simpson\\_scale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saffir%E2%80%93Simpson_scale)



**Why is this hurricane season so active?** In short: atmospheric conditions were hurricane-friendly, and surface sea temperatures were warmer than usual. Kerry Emanuel, an atmospheric scientist at MIT who studies hurricanes, says that two factors stand out. For one, there's currently little difference in wind speeds near the surface and those roughly 10 miles up, which ensures that miles-tall hurricanes can form and remain stable. What's more, the tropical Atlantic is exhibiting high "thermal potential," meaning that water can rapidly evaporate into the atmosphere. "[Thermal potential] is a thermodynamic speed limit on hurricanes," Emanuel says. "The greater the speed limit, the more favorable conditions are for hurricanes to form, and the more powerful they can get."

Source : <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/09/hurricane-irma-harvey-season-climate-change-weather/#/irma-hurricane-season.jpg>



**Merry Christmas to all  
and Happy New Year**

**From your entire Squadron Executive Committee!**



Category	Sustained Winds	Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds
1	74-95 mph 64-82 kt 119-153 km/h	<b>Very dangerous winds will produce some damage:</b> Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, and vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.
2	96-110 mph 83-95 kt 154-177 km/h	<b>Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage:</b> Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.
3 (major)	111-129 mph 96-112 kt 178-208 km/h	<b>Devastating damage will occur:</b> Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.
4 (major)	130-156 mph 113-136 kt 209-251 km/h	<b>Catastrophic damage will occur:</b> Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
5 (major)	157 mph or higher 137 kt or higher 252 km/h or higher	<b>Catastrophic damage will occur:</b> A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.



## Could this be your Fire Extinguisher(s)

**Expanded Recall: Kidde recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles**





# Volunteer Opportunity

**October 17-22, 2018 - Ottawa, ON - MARRIOTT HOTEL**

**CPS-ECP celebrates 80 years of bringing boaters home safely!**

This may be old news for some of you..... The Rideau District was chosen to host the CPS-ECP 2018 National Conference and Annual General Meeting in Ottawa the week of October 17-22, 2018 at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel, 100 Kent St, Ottawa ON. Some of you will remember, we last hosted a similar National Conference in 2007. It was my first Annual Conference and I got hooked! For the next 10 years, I attended 8 conferences. It gave me the opportunity to make friends with the same boating love and the ability to share ideas and new ways to deal with some of our local issues. I learned so much and came back better equipped to deal with our issues at each Conference I attended with Marjorie. I figure it was time to bring it back to Ottawa and the District Council agreed. Here I am ... Guy Ladouceur, the 2018 Ottawa Conference Local Chair! *Help! Help! Help!*

The planning began shortly after the 2016 Vancouver Conference. First, we needed to promote our Ottawa at the 2017 Charlottetown Conference. We struck a relatively small group of very dedicated volunteers to start the process of hosting a National Conference. We designed a Logo and decided our theme would be “Boating Life – Captains & Mates”. Our logo was to keep plain and simple as our logo indicates. For the Friday Night Theme Dinner, the participants are asked to dress up like if they were on their boat. We had long sleeve and polo shirts to sell in Charlottetown to promote our Conference and also by making a bilingual presentation at the Saturday Night Dinner. Let’s have a beach party. Well all our planning and the promoting by our volunteers did materialize in the highest number of early registrations in many years. Your friends did well in Charlottetown with the support of the Ottawa Team.

Our first hurdle is now behind us, it is time to continue the planning to receive all our guests in less than a year now. You are wondering how you can help, please have look at the subcommittees we are planning to staff:

<b>Secretary</b>	Printing of menus, agendas, etc
<b>Treasurer</b>	Prizes
<b>Registration</b>	Publicity (Public Relations)
National Competitions	Security
Entertainment	Tours
Fund Raising	Decorations/centre pieces
Master/Mistress of Ceremonies	Hospitality Suite

Yes, we need your help! We will not be asking for a great deal of time from your busy schedule but a few hours maybe during the week of the Conference or the coming months. We will have a position for your special skill(s). Just tell us what you would like to do, and we will find the right position.

Please contact us at [ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org](mailto:ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org) and we will gladly get back to you with the answers to your questions. I promise that we will not interfere with your 2018 Boating Season. The planning can be done over the winter to allow us to have a safe boating season without obstructions from the Conference Planning.

In our next issue of Newsletter, we will provide you with more information on these positions,

Think about helping, please do not wait till spring, do it now! Looking forward to hearing from you,

Guy A. Ladouceur  
2018 Ottawa Conference Local Chair



## Great work done on the Upper Ottawa River!

# 2017 Deep River - Oiseau Rock Report

No new underwater hazards were reported by members in the stretch of the Ottawa River between Des Joachims and Pembroke this year. As a service to local boaters, the main Deep River (Oiseau Rock) effort continues to be placing regulation size marker buoys on hazards on the Ottawa River that are not marked by the Canadian Coast Guard program.

In the Deep River area we place marker buoys and remove them for the winter. These buoys are on shallow sand points that extend a long way out into the river just below the surface: one off Schyan Point and the other off Baird Point, which is opposite Presqu'Île. Unfortunately, these sand points move and hence the best location for the buoys has to be determined each year using a depth sounder. The buoys are relatively inexpensive as they are made of Styrofoam and we paint them as required. However, they are easily damaged if a boat hits them and they only last a few years. The buoys use two wheel rims for the anchors and we have had no problems with buoys moving.

This year after the Spring run off the water level on this stretch of river continued to stay much higher than usual and by early August the water level over the Baird Point sand bar was more than four feet. Then in mid-August the level started to go down quite rapidly and we decided to put the buoy in and the Deep River Yacht and Tennis Club were also preparing to put the buoy in off the Schyan Point. However, the water level then went back up again and remained high so the Schyan Point buoy was not put in.

Brian Cheadle, JN

## Summer Rendezvous Up the River!

Our friends/members from Oiseau Rock area are relaxing at their Annual Summer Rendezvous. What a lovely picturesque location!

Let's make a point to join them next year!

It is worth the drive..... I have travelled and occasionally done some boating in the area for the last 30 years. What a diamond in the rough! *Guy A. Ladouceur*



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**Front Row** – Marilyn Mcbeath (National Secretary) – Cathie Johnstone, P (National Executive Officer) – Charles Beall, AP (Chief Commander) – Peter Bolton, SN (National Educational Officer)  
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**Nancy Richards, P**

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**Nelson Guillemette, SN**

A Certificate of Recognition is presented to Retiring Educational Department Committee Chair & Committee Chair for Boating 6 and Boating 7 Off shore Navigation Levels 1 and 2



## *A well deserved break from the many meetings and seminars!*



*Terry & Linda*



*Carole & Bruce*



*Cathie & Jim*



## **NEWS FLASH!**



CPS-ECP is celebrating 80 years in instructing boaters how to return to the dock safely after a pleasant outing in our pristine waters in Canada.

We, Ottawa Squadron, would like to commemorate this occasion by creating a slide presentation. Ottawa and the then surrounding Squadrons worked together to promote safe boating.

What we are looking for are electronic photos of your boating adventures, rendez-vous, videos, anything we can make a slide presentation with.

We would ask all members and now others who have join Ottawa from either formerly Rideau Lakes, Oiseau Rock and Britannia-Rideau Squadrons to provide us with the photographic evidence that we were/are a vibrant bunch of people dedicated to safe boating.

We will unveil the Slide Presentation at our Annual Squadron Dinner on March 10, 2018. Join us, more info later!

Member Rolly Nantel (E-Mail: [nantelrs@bell.net](mailto:nantelrs@bell.net)) has graciously accepted to create the Slide Presentation. Please send him your gems well before February 28, 2018.

Thank you,

*Guy A. Ladouceur*  
*Social Affairs Chair*



## From the Playroom of the Social Affairs



Well my Outdoor Playroom was closed a few weeks ago when my fishing machine was taken to the Marina for winter storage. Now I will have to keep busy working at my mahogany cruiser for the next few months while the water is hard.

Like many others, I have just returned from Charlottetown, so I would like to share a little moment that made me proud of our District. I mentioned during our District Commander Meeting how our attendance to many of our picnic was in the neighborhood of 70-75 attendees. One of the District Commanders stated that if they had that many at one of their events, they consider it a “Concert”. I guess the grass is not always green elsewhere?

While in Charlottetown, I must say that everyone’s schedule was full attending meetings and running from one to the others between meals, but it was a great opportunity to network, make new boating acquaintances and realizing that everyone is in the same boat as we are. Suffice to say that next year it will be in your hometown and you should all make an effort to attend. Hope to see all of you there..... October 17-22, 2018!

Now Santa Claus & Mrs Claus will be at the next Squadron Executive Committee Meeting on December 07, 2017. Join us for a traditional Christmas Turkey Dinner and mingle with your friends.

Here are the planned Executive Meeting dates and other events, please mark your calendar:

- **January 04, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd.
- **February 01, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd.
- **February 22-25. 2018 – Ottawa Boat Show** – More info later.
- **March 01, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd.
- **March 10, 2018 – Annual Squadron Dinner** – Algonquin College Salon D – More info in next newsletter.
- **April 05, 2018 - Executive Committee Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd.
- **April 19, 2018 – Squadron Annual General Meeting** – Location to be decided but we are going West.

Let’s have fun, network and learn from each other!

*Guy A. Ladouceur*  
*Social Affairs Chair*

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