



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

Rideau Ripples

Spring 2017



Ahoy from the Commander,

Finally, spring has come at last. As I write this the mercury thermometer has climbed to double digits in degrees Celsius, and I just received word that Newboro Lake, where Karen and I keep our boats and built a cottage, is now clear of ice. Next weekend I will launch a small boat to visit the island, and survey the inevitable ice damage to the docks. The start of a new boating season is upon us, and this is a good time to check out the condition of your CPS Flag and OPSS Burgee. If you need a new one to go along with the sprucing up you are doing to your boat, you can plan to pick one up at the Annual Spring Picnic at the RCMP Campgrounds at Long Island on June 19th, but if you want it right away, e-mail our Regalia Officer, Marjorie Ladouceur, at regalia@cps-ottawa.com, and I am sure she will make arrangements to get it to you before the season opens!



You can order your free lock pass for the Rideau waterway, and any of the other Parks Canada managed canals now, by visiting www.pc.gc.ca/canals, and entering your name and address, and the length and licence number (or registration name) of your boat.

Our Squadron and our Rideau District are taking leading roles within CPS-ECP nationally in adapting our teaching methods to appeal to a broader audience. For example we are currently running a Boating 2, Beyond Boating Basics course, in the blended learning format, to a class of students drawn from the district and from across Canada, as far away as Vancouver Island. This is proving to be successful, although challenging because of the regional time differences. As other Squadrons follow our example and offer blended learning courses as well, we expect there will no longer be a need for students to sign up for a course outside of their time zone. Blended learning means the students and instructors meet via the internet for some lessons, and other practice lessons are given locally by proctors in a classroom.

There is still time to take a course to upgrade or refresh your boating safety and navigation skills before you hit the water. Please take a look at the list of courses we are offering in this newsletter.

CPS-ECP is finding it difficult, like most other volunteer organizations, to recruit new members to replace older, retiring members. This year in our Rideau District we saw the dissolution of the Oiseau Rock Squadron, and it now seems very likely that the Britannia Rideau Squadron will surrender its warrant, because it will not have an Executive Committee (new name for Bridge) after their AGM this year. We are working with others in the District to share resources, so that we can keep a squadron presence in Cornwall, Brockville and Kingston. This District lead initiative is based on the Centres of Excellence model that has been used by businesses and governments to create efficiencies in their organizations.

The need to promote volunteerism in general is recognized by a group called Volunteer Ottawa and its associate group Volunteer Canada. These groups have partnered to create a nation-wide event to help

celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. This is a challenge to all residents to give 150 hours of volunteer time in 2017. Those who have contributed the most hours in each province and territory will be invited to a recognition ceremony in Ottawa in early 2018. Volunteering with CPS-ECP will qualify. To learn more see the article on page 5 in this newsletter, and visit www.volunteerottawa.ca.

By now you will have received notice of the OPSS AGM, which will be held at Veronas Pizza House (formerly Louis Steak House) on April 27th. You are encouraged to attend and help welcome your new Executive Committee. There will be some new members, and some existing members will exchange roles, and a few members are retiring.

Here are the retiring Executive Committee members:

- Philip Harris (N), who has managed our website for many years, longer than I have been a bridge member which is now 9 years. He has also served as Communications Officer and for the last few years has published The Ripples;
- Nick Baets (CN), master sailor and our Environmental Officer, who has provided numerous interesting and educational articles for The Ripples;
- Nancy Richards (S), Communications Officer since 2014, who learned on the job how to issue e-mail blasts to keep us informed of breaking news.
- Ken Kendal, MAREP and Safety Officer, who in just 2 years has put in hundreds of hours to amass a database of corrections and omissions to the nautical charts for the Ottawa, Rideau and St. Lawrence Rivers, and he has actively supported our other ventures including flare disposal days and RVCC checks.
- Will Moyle (JN), Financial Officer since 2011, who has kept the squadron books in impeccable order, and prepared statistical data that made it easy to plan our budgets.
- Chris Friesen, Bridge Member since 2012, and currently our Administration Officer. He has also chaired the RVCC Committee.

Don Tanner, who has been our financial auditor for several years, is also stepping down from that role this year. On behalf of the Squadron, I would like to express our deep gratitude for all the time and effort these people have given to the operation of the OPSS, and I hope we will continue to enjoy their company at our events.

In closing, I wish to say that it has been an honour to serve as your Commander these past 2 years, and please join me in offering our support to Court Harkness, who is taking the helm as your new OPSS Commander at our AGM.

Robin Craig, CN
Ottawa Commander

Ottawa Boating Show 2017

by Bruce S. D. Harris, JN

Once again Britannia-Rideau and Ottawa Power and Sail Squadrons jointly hosted our CPS-ECP presence to the public at the 2017 Ottawa Boating Show (OBS) held in February of this year. A great time was reported by our 29 CPS-ECP volunteers who manned our booth, all the while promoting courses throughout Rideau District and encouraging CPS-ECP membership over the four (4) day period. Our booth gets more pleasing to the eye each year thanks to the continued efforts of Rolly and Sandy Nantel and Guy and Marjorie Ladouceur. As in past years, Bill Hall came through every time.



The OBS organizers announced that attendance topped 21,975 visitors over the four (4) day period and the 144 exhibitors reported favourable returns from their presence at the show. Notably the overall numbers of attendees declined from previous years given the absence of the “sportsman portion” however Rideau District CPS-ECP received a great deal of attention and the Boat Simulation Virtual Trainer (BSVT) was a big hit. The Squadron Commanders welcomed Commander Jacques Boudreault and Squadron Training Officer Réginald Guilbert of Escadrille de l’Outaouais to join our ranks which they did over several days. Their presence was most welcome and they expressed a willingness to promote our courses to Anglophones in their area seeking CPS-ECP courses in English. We in turn would reciprocate when approached by Francophones wishing courses in French. In the end we have witnessed new members joining our ranks and have course attendees who we interacted with at the OBS. The invited feedback from our Booth Monitors has given light to a few modifications we will affect to further enhance our effectiveness in February 2018. It is also hoped that many of you will come out and join our ranks if you have not yet done so. It’s fun and a great opportunity to meet fellow CPS-ECP members who may well moor in the same vicinity as you whether on the water or in your neighbourhood.

To this end, the CPS-ECP Organizing Committee for the OBS sincerely wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to all who participated in marking our success and we look forward to interacting once again in support of CPS-ECP.

The 2016 - 2017 Bridge

Squadron Commander	Robin Craig, CN
Immediate Past Commander	Terry Hamilton, <u>JN</u>
Executive Officer	Court Harkness, <u>JN</u>
Admin Officer	Christopher Friesen
Financial Officer	William Moyle, <u>JN</u>
Educational Officer	Axel Obenauf, <u>JN</u>
A/Educational Officer	Court Harkness, <u>JN</u>
A/Educational Officer	Richard Gregory
A/Educational Officer (VHF Radio)	Peter Dalton, S
Educational Supply Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Communications Officer	Nancy Richards, S
Environmental Officer	Nick Baets, CN
MAREP & safety Officer	Kenneth Kendall, S
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Membership	Guy A. Ladouceur
Public Relation / Marketing Officer	Donald Partridge, <u>AP</u>
Assistant Public Relation	Jason Ladouceur
Regalia	Marjorie Ladouceur
Rideau Ripples Editor	<i>Philip Harris, N</i>
Secretary	Chantal Ladouceur
Social Affairs (Committee Chair)	Terry Hamilton, <u>JN</u>
Webmaster	Philip Harris, N

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

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

Squadron Events Calendar

- **Apr 27, 2017 – Annual General Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, AGM starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend
- **May 04, 2017 – Bridge Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend
- **Jun 01, 2017 – Bridge Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend
- **June 19, 2017 – Squadron Annual Picnic – RCMP Campgrounds** – watch website for more details
- **Sep 07, 2017 – Bridge Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend
- **Oct 05, 2017 – Bridge Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend
- **Nov 02, 2017 – Bridge Meeting** - Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcomed to attend

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CPS-ECP National Conference October 24-29, 2017



Please check the website for updates and latest information: <http://www.cps-ottawa.com/events.html>

Terry Hamilton (613) 824-1362
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!

[Check us out on our Facebook Page](#)



CANADA 150 for 150 VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE

CPS Ottawa Squadron has learned of this initiative which many of our members might be interested in participating considering the hours that many of you already volunteer for. See the volunteerottawa.ca website for more details.

Volunteering creates a lasting legacy that transforms the lives of the people who volunteer and the people that benefit. To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada, we invite all Canadians to give 150 hours of your time during 2017 and give back to your community and your country by making a difference in people's lives. Register for the Challenge by signing in to our 150 for 150 on-line platform and mobile app provided by Volinspire and share your volunteer stories, track your volunteer hours, create your volunteer profile and hear about what others across the country are doing to meet the Challenge.



WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE

Celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary by giving back to your community and your country and making a difference in the lives of Canadians.

The Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge is a nation-wide movement led by Volunteer Ottawa in partnership with Volunteer Canada and Volunteer Centres across the country.

The goal is to have Canadians give 150 hours of volunteer time in 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary. The Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge will engage tens of thousands in making a difference in the lives of Canadians.

Volunteerism is a movement to benefit community and serve the common good without financial gain. Volunteerism can be formal or informal.

Formal volunteering takes place as part of a non-profit organization's activities like canvassing for funds; providing advice, counselling or mentoring; visiting seniors; preparing and delivering food; serving as volunteer drivers; advocating for social causes; coaching children or serving on boards and committees. Informal volunteering are those actions that benefit people outside the family or household. Canadians are known for helping our neighbours, random acts of kindness like shovelling a sidewalk or buying someone's coffee in the line up behind us. We organize community activities, like BBQs or litter clean-ups.

To register for the Challenge, track your volunteer hours, tell your volunteer stories and create your volunteer profile at <https://volunteer150for150.ca/sign-in/> and use our unique Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge platform and mobile app.

Those who have contributed the most hours in each province and territory will be invited to Ottawa to be recognized in a ceremony in early 2018. Special recognition will be awarded to "New Canadian 150 for 150 Volunteer", "Aboriginal 150 for 150 Volunteer", "Youth 150 for 150 Volunteer" and "Senior 150 for 150 Volunteer".

Volunteers are at the heart of Canadian communities. Volunteering creates a positive ripple effect transforming the lives of the people who volunteer and the people who benefit. To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada, we invite all Canadians to give 150 hours of their time during 2017 and give back to their community and their country.

From the Membership Desk,



Spring is here and the boating season is just around the corner. Noah and I are more than ready! Yes, we now must train his little brother Isaac to be a careful second mate.

Our membership numbers are still fluctuating around the 300 current members mark. Please make my day, Renew NOW! Most of our members renew on April 30 each year and almost 50% have renew already now. Please do it now!

To renew, here four (4) easy ways to do it:

Method 1 Go to the CPS Website www.cpsboat.ca – **Quick Membership Renewal** (No Login required) - Your **Member Number, Last Name** and **Postal Code** are required to access the electronic invoice and credit card information.

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

Method 3 Call CPS HQ 1-866-277-2628 ext. 0159 Have your Member Number or First/Last Name and have your credit card ready.

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

Here are some of the benefits listed here and you can also check for new ones at: [Member Benefits](#).

This summer spread the word to your dock mates about our Organization, our courses and the great comradery that exist once you join. We are all here to help each other.

This will be my last article about membership but I will still be around to lend a helping hand to your new Membership Officer Terry Hamilton. You have all been great and it was a pleasure to serve you.

It has been a slice and I have enjoyed it for many years. Now I move over to Social Activities

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Membership Officer
“*Make My Day, Renew Now!*”

Member Benefits

Benefits from our corporate sponsors can more than cover the cost of your annual membership; many more benefits negotiated by individual squadrons (chapters) are also available to members across the country.

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Ottawa Course Listing 2017-2018

Course	Instructor	Time Frame	Evening and Times	Location
Boating 1: Web-based, Self-paced	May Corcoran	On- going	Self- paced	On-line
Boating 1	OPS/BRS Rolly Nantel	Open		Classroom Ottawa
Boating 2-Blended Learning	KPS/OPS/BRS Bill Corcoran	18 Oct to 22 Nov, 2017	Wednesday 7:00 to 9:00 PM	On-Line and /or Classroom
Boating 2- Blended Learning	OPS/BRS Tom Beaver Steve Petruska Bruce Harris	7 Feb to 14 March, 2018	Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM	On-line and/or classroom
Boating 4- Blended Learning	OPS/BRS/KPS TBD	1 Feb to Apr 12, 2018	Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30 PM	On-line and/or classroom
Boating 3 Blended Learning	OPS/BRS/KPS Tom Beaver Bill Corcoran	21 Mar to 25 Apr 2018	Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM	On-line and/or classroom
Maritime Radio/DSC	OPS/BRS Peter Dalton Steve Highstead Tom Beaver	18 Oct to Nov 1, 2017 7 Feb to 21 Feb 2018 4 Apr to 18 Apr 2018 9 May to 23 May 2018	Wednesday 7:00- 9:00	Classroom Ottawa
Boating 7-Offshore Navigation Level 2	OPS/BRS Jim MacLeod Walter Bilous	18 Oct to 13 Dec 2017	Wednesday 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Classroom Ottawa
Electronic Navigation	OPS/BRS Jim MacLeod Dave Bodner	11 Apr to 4 May, 2018	Wednesday 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Classroom Ottawa
Boat Engine Maintenance	OPS/BRS	21 Mar to 16 May 2018	Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Classroom Ottawa
Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boater	OPS/BRS Robert Dandurand Court Harkness	18 Oct to 7 Nov 2017 7 Feb to 28 Mar 2018	Wednesday 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Classroom Ottawa

Note: Course formats are classroom, online or blended.

Classroom: traditional classroom approach.

Online: the course is web based and self-paced.

Blended: is a mixture of online and in the classroom. The online portion uses GoToMeeting and is interactive with the course instructors. We provide certain course material online as well. The classroom portion handles the more hands on activities and involves students, instructors and tutors.

To Register: www.boatingcourses.ca

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron will be held at Verona's Pizza House, 1682 Cyrville Road, Ottawa on April 27, 2017 at 1900 for the purposes of:

- (a) Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of the Officers of the Squadron/District;
- (b) Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron/District for the twelve- month period ending March 31, 2017, and the Report of the Squadron Financial Review Committee thereon;
- (c) Electing and appointing the Officers of the Squadron;
- (d) Appointing the Squadron Financial Review Committee;
- (e) Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this Notice. Under Board Regulation 12.3.5, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than five (5) Members of this 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 (2) days prior to the date of this Meeting.

Original signed by

Chantal Ladouceur, Secretary

2017 REPORT OF SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

March 27, 2017

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron/District Officers for 2017-2018

Commander	Court Harkness (JN)
Executive Officer	Tom Beaver (P)
Educational Officer	Axel Obenauf (JN)
Secretary	Robert Dandurand (P)
Financial Officer	TBD
Membership Officer	Terry Hamilton (JN)
Public Relations Officer	Bruce Harris (JN)

2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following as the Squadron Financial Review Committee:

Michael Crawford

3. The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following:

Communications	Frank Keating (AP)
Webmaster	Robin Craig (CN)
Ripples Editor	Guy Ladouceur
Social	Guy Ladouceur
A/Social	Chantal Ladouceur
A/ Public Relations	Donald Partridge (AP)
Mailing Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur
Regalia Officer	Marjorie Ladouceur

4. The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

(a) The following will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as Immediate Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

Robin Craig (CN)

(b) Pursuant to Board Regulation 7.1.6, the following will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2017/2018 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Robin Craig, Chair
P/Cdr Terry Hamilton
Cdr Court Harkness

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by
Chair, P/Cdr Terry Hamilton

Original Signed by
P/Cdr Guy Ladouceur

Original Signed by
Cdr Robin Craig



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Who we are

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons is a non-profit organization which has been educating and connecting boaters for over 75 years.

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Rideau District, with over 1,000 members, is comprised of five squadrons: **Britannia-Rideau, Brockville, Cornwall, Kingston, Ottawa.**

Our Mission

To increase awareness and knowledge of boating safety by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.

Membership Benefits - See CPS-CEP website for full listing

Canadian Yachting magazine – Complimentary quarterly subscription

Vessel Courtesy Checks – Complimentary checks to ensure you have the required safety equipment on board

Squadron Activities - social and information functions. These facilitate social networking and camaraderie between boaters

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- Pleasure Craft Operator Card and VHF card [replacements](#)
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BOATING EQUIPMENT- Save on boating equipment from premier manufacturers:

- WEEMS & PLATH - Order online and save 25% on precision navigation tools and products. ICOM CANADA--Save on high quality radio equipment.

How to Join - Contact a squadron representative near you:

Britannia-Rideau	membership@boatottawa.ca
Brockville	commander@BrockCPS.ca
Cornwall	chaputlb@sympatico.ca
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