

From the Commander's Helm Station:



The Spring or Vernal Equinox (equal day and night), when the sun crosses the celestial equator, is upon us. The Vernal Equinox is in Pisces now; it used to be in Aries (a little tidbit from the Offshore Navigation 2 course). This means the

boats will be coming out of storage in the ensuing weeks and work will begin in earnest in preparing for the upcoming season.

The National AGM and Conference will be held in Ottawa this year and it will be an anniversary of 80 years of service by CPS-ECP to the recreational boating community. The Ottawa squadron has 66 years of service to the local boating community. The planning of this event is headed by the Commander of the Rideau District, Guy Ladouceur. This committee has been working diligently to provide a top rate event for the CPS-ECP membership. The work of this committee is ongoing and won't be finished until well after the event.

We are looking for volunteers for this event, so please consider this opportunity. Why not volunteer for a day and be part of the event and see what goes on at a National Conference. You will meet members from all across Canada and you can learn what it is like to boat in their part of the country. If you are interested, you can get in touch with Guy. You will find his contact information on our website at cps-ottawa.com. For more detail see the volunteer article in this newsletter.

The health of the squadron is in reasonably decent shape. The squadron has over 400 members which is healthy but will be impossible to maintain unless we can recruit new and younger members. Especially ones who are willing to volunteer and take on leadership roles. Some sources for achieving this are our courses, RVCC checks and getting boaters out to our social events. As a membership we can do our bit by word of mouth, by talking with your boating neighbours and encouraging those who are not members to join and enjoy the benefits of being a member.

The lifeblood of our existence is providing quality boating safety courses and maintaining a healthy membership.

So as a way of resurrecting our main boating safety courses we have developed a new strategy for the mode of delivery of our courses. We are now delivering these courses online. We still offer the classroom option, but we are building up a library of videos that will provide the content for the courses. Students will spend a week reviewing the required videos from home then once a week they will meet online with their instructors and proctors to discuss the material and clear up any questions they might have. Students will be quizzed on the content so that instructors can get feedback on the progress of the students and on the achievement of learning outcomes.

The feedback we have on the presentation and delivery mode of these courses has been very positive. We have enrolled 22 students since September and expect another 12 to 15

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The 2018 – 2019 Executive Committee

Squadron Commander	Court Harkness, JN
Immediate Past Commander	Robin Craig, CN
Executive Officer	Tom Beaver, S
Financial Officer	William Moyle, JN
Educational Officer	Axel Obenauf, JN
Membership Officer	Terry Hamilton, JN
A/Membership Secretary	Joan Feltham, AP
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Regalia/Mailing Officer	Donald Partridge, AP
Rideau Ripples Editor	Marjorie Ladouceur
RVCC / Safety Officer	William M. Hall, P
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Please check the website for updates and latest information:

cps-ottawa.com/events.html

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

You have any ideas or a topic for an Information Night,
please drop me an e-mail social@cps-ottawa.com and
we can work together to make it happen!

Squadron Events Calendar

- **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.
- **April 19, 2018** – Squadron Annual General Meeting – Verona Pizza House 1682 Cyrville Rd. Informal dinner at 1800 hrs, meeting starts at 1900 hrs. All are welcome to attend.
- **May 03, 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.
- **May 11-12, 2018** – Flare Days – The Chandlery, 367 Poulin Ave, Ottawa. See the Flyer for more information
- **June 07, 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.
- **June 18, 2018** – Annual Squadron Picnic and Graduation – More Info soon – Free to all Members and Family! Register Early!

(Continued from page 1) Boating 3 students before the end of the training season. This has provided us with optimism for the future and given us the energy to continue the initiative and to improve the quality of the product.

I would like to acknowledge the work put in on these courses by Tom Beaver a past Britannia-Rideau member and now my Executive Officer and Steve Petruska who puts together the videos and narrates some of them. I would also like to acknowledge the support we have received from the National Education Department and the staff at the National Office.

The sun climbs higher in the sky, the days get longer and warmer and the anticipation of a new boating season increases exponentially. It will soon be time to get to work on your boats.



Court Harkness
Squadron Commanding Officer

From the Membership Desk:



We have changed over to Daylight Savings Time and Spring is just around the corner. The Squadron has 435 current members, and Rideau District has 866. Please make my day, **Renew NOW!** You can renew before you are notified by our National Office either by e-mail or Canada Post. April is the busiest month for membership renewal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail (membership@cpsottawa.ca) or telephone (613-824-1362). To renew, here are three easy ways to do it:

Method 1

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

Method 2

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

Method 3

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!

CPS-ECP is in the process of hiring a new web provider, with the intention of rolling out the new system by October. It would be great if all our present and future members would sign on to the member side of the present WBAS system and update all member profile information so that when the new system comes out CPS-ECP can input up to date information. Here is the link that will enable you to activate your member password if you do not already have one,

cgs.ca/members/members.asp?WCE=C=34|K=67~0. Once you have the password you can log on to the member profile update site at:
cgs.ca/online/online.asp?WCE=C=Wizard|K=130~0.

With having your password to access the member site you have the ability to get member pricing for everything on line, and makes the renewal process much easier. I hope everyone has a great spring preparing for another great boating season, and please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions regarding membership.

Terry Hamilton

From the desk of the Social Activities Chair



A lot of things happened since the start of 2018. The Ottawa Boat Show and the Annual

Squadron Dinner are now over. If you participated in either events thank you for your help and support. These events do not happen by themselves.

Our Squadron has grown exponentially in the last year and we are attempting to plan our events to be centralized but we had trouble to find a location in the west end of Ottawa, so our Squadron Annual General Meeting will be on April 19, 2018 at 1900 hrs at Verona Steak and Pizza, 1682 Cyrville Rd, Ottawa. Join us

for supper before the meeting. We will be presenting the Merit Marks.

If you have flares that are four years old from the date of manufacture, here is your chance to dispose of them and get new ones. The Squadron and the Chandlery (367 Poulin Ave, Ottawa) will hold Flare Days: please see the flyer in this Newsletter for more information. You do not have any old flares, drop down and have a look at all the new PFDs, fenders, lines, etc.. Hope to see all of you there!

Let's hope that the water level will be normal this year so as to not delay our launch. I know many of you have purchased paint, wax, etc. So you will be able to start

getting your boat ready for a great season of safe boating.

The Annual Picnic and Graduation planning is well under way. Mark your calendar, Monday, June 18, 2019. Please look at the Picnic Flyer and register early! It is a fun time and if by chance we experience liquid sunshine we are ready for that. We hope to see you there. Oh yes It is FREE!

Now we are in June and I hope that you can have a wonderful season of boating. Enjoy your children, grandchildren and friends. Remember we promote safe boating. Any chance you get, promote your Squadron and CPS-ECP. Have fun!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Social Activities Committee Chair

2018 Ottawa Boat Show is over!

Again, your Squadron was present at the annual Ottawa Boat Show at the EY Centre in February 2018. This is our once a year chance to fly our colours as the premiere choice of Boating Education in Canada.

Well, an event like this does not happen without a lot of planning, discussion and preparation. Each of your fellow members had a very big hand in making it happen: Tom Beaver – Lucie Bergeron – Bryan Carroll – Rob Cross – Robert Dandurand – Bert de Vry – Paul Gaudreau – Bill Hall – Linda Hamilton – Terry Hamilton – Carol Harkness – Bruce SD Harris – Gary Kehoe – Guy Ladouceur – Marjorie Ladouceur – Kevin Lake – Carol MacLennan – James MacLeod – Rolly Nantel – Sandy Nantel – Dave



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You Missed A Great Evening!

A lot of your Ottawa Squadron friends got together for an evening of fine dining and enjoyable conversation at the Squadron Annual Dinner held on March 10th, 2018 at Algonquin College.

Yes, we were celebrating our 66th Anniversary as a Squadron and the 80th Anniversary of CPS-ECP.

The Staff at Algonquin College once again surpassed last year's effort, and everyone appreciated a superb meal. The Roast Beef and the Ham were to die for. A few members certainly appreciated the many choices of dessert.

Everyone enjoyed a 30-minute slide show of photographs depicting the history of our Squadron as well as the Britannia-Rideau Squadron. The creator of this masterpiece was Rolly Nantel who spent a lot of times organizing the photographs.

Commander Court Harkness presented a small Welcome Aboard memento to past members of the recently merged Britannia-



Rideau Squadron: P/Cdr Joan Feltham, P/Cdr David Root, Jean-Pierre Gendron, Ted Moorhouse, Venetia Moorhouse, Bert De Vry, Robert Cross and Ottawa Squadron's newest members Sylvia Barabas and Michael Kendall. Each received an OPSS Burgee Lapel Pin.

Our Commander related all the new development in Online Education and thanked all those involved, promoted the Annual Squadron Picnic & Graduation in June and the upcoming National Conference in Ottawa in October.

Many draws were made, and we must thank "The Chandlery" for the donation of four \$25.00 gift

certificates. A non-identified donor also contributed a \$100.00 gift certificate for the Sam Group.

In closing, it was a successful event and all attendees are looking forward to the next one in 2019. You should join us!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Social Activities Chair



(Continued from page 4) Omond – Stephen Petruska – David Root and our friends from l'Escadrille de l'Outaouais Commander Jacques Boudreault and Officier de Formation Reginald Guilbert

The Boating Skills Virtual Trainer was a big draw with the younger crowd but some of the more senior attendees did try to navigate our Boston Whaler through some of the programs.

In my opinion, our presence at the Show was a success. It gave us a terrific opportunity to promote our ONLINE Courses, a chance to recruit new students for our up-coming in class courses and recruiting new members plus enticing former

members to rejoin. A lot of people, more likely boaters, now know who we are and will recognize the members of the CPS-ECP who proudly fly their flag!

The Show will be back in 2019 and you could be part of a wonderful experience simply by volunteering a few hours as a Watch Keeper (training included). Hope to see you next year!

Guy A. Ladouceur, P/Cdr
Social Activities Committee Chair

Scuttlebutt

By Robert Dandurand, P

The classic dark poem, Samuel Taylor Coleridge's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, was based upon maritime superstition. In the poem the Mariner recalls a voyage in which a gigantic storm rose and pushed the ship southward to a frigid land of mist and snow where the ship was hemmed in a maze of ice. Suddenly the sailors encountered an albatross flying around the ship. The ice cracked, split and a favorable wind propelled the ship out of the frigid regions and into a dense patch of fog. The albatross followed behind the vessel and it was considered a symbol of good luck to the sailors. The Mariner shortly confesses that he shot and killed the albatross with his crossbow.

At first, the sailors were furious with the Mariner for having killed the bird that appeared to make the breezes blow. In time the wind pushed the ship into a quiet sea. The men had no water to drink and horrible hallucinations occurred. The sailors blamed the Mariner for their predicament and hung the dead albatross around his neck like a cross. This late eighteenth century poem reflected the superstition that albatrosses contained the soul of dead sailors and slaying such a bird as considered bad luck for mariners.

google.ca/search?q=dead+albatross+around+his+neck

Source: Folklore, Superstitions and the Sea by Louis Arthur Norton, The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du nord, XXVI, No. 1 (January 2016), 25-6.



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A boat name can reveal much about the personality of the boat owner – so choosing a boat name can be difficult. To help boaters with this task, BoatUS Boat Graphics and Letters has been compiling a list of over 8,500 boat names given by boaters across the country for over 20 years. Here are the top 10 boat names for 2017:

- Serenity,
- Seas the Day,
- Andiamo,
- Irish Wake,
- Freedom,
- Adagio,
- Ohana,
- Oasis,
- Happy Ours, and
- Firefly.

Source:
boatus.com/boatgraphics/top-10-boat-names.asp

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The Indian Ocean is teeming with sea monsters in Caspar Vopel's 1558 map of the world. A giant swordfish-like creature looks to be

on a collision course with a ship, while a walrus with frighteningly large tusks emerges from the water, and a king carrying a flag rides the waves on a hog-faced beast.

Vopel, a German cartographer, left behind no explanation of why he added these things to his map, but he may have been motivated by what art historians call horror vacui, the artist's fear of leaving unadorned spaces on their work.

Chet Van Duzer, a historian of cartography, has found dozens of maps on which cartographers appear to have filled the empty spaces on their maps with non-existent mountains, monsters, cities, and other gratuitous illustrations. One reason mapmakers may have done this is to hide their ignorance, says Van Duzer. Mapmakers may have also been motivated by the market for their work. Aristocrats and other wealthy patrons who commissioned the most expensive maps would have expected lavish decoration. Unfortunately, the real motivations of these mapmakers are mostly lost to time.

Source:
news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/11/maps-history-horror-vacui-art-cartography-blank-spaces/

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Quoting a sailor

"If you get into trouble, turn around. Smart sailors are never too proud to head back."

Hal Roth
How to Sail Around the World

Before the Compass

*By David Root, Rideau
District Financial Officer*

As boaters we begin our journey recognizing we are dependent on the inventions and observations of others.

The following is a list of inventions and observations by the Chinese as applied to boating which preceded the compass

Theory of Equilibrium 4th century BC

Topographic maps 3rd century BC

Polar-equitorial coordinates 1st century BC

Sails, mat and batten 1st century BC

Downdraft 1st century BC

Hydrometer 120 BC

Stars, proper motion AD 725

Leeboards and centerboards AD 751

Magnetic Declination noted AD 1040

Magnetic compass for navigation AD 1111

Source: The Man Who Loved China, Appendix I by Simon Winchester



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron



Notice of the 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 19, 2018 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, 2018**, 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.

Report of the Nominating Committee

DATED: March 28th, 2018

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron/District Officers for 2018-2019
Commander Court Harkness (JN)
Executive Officer Tom Beaver (P)
Educational Officer Axel Obenauf (JN)
Secretary Robert Dandurand (P)
Financial Officer William Moyle (JN)
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
Webmaster Robin Craig (CN)
Ripples Editor William Hall
Social Guy Ladouceur
A/Educational Officer Tom Beaver
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 Robin Craig, CN

Original Signed by
P/Cdr Terry Hamilton, JN

Original Signed by
Cdr Court Harkness, JN

Have Your Marine Flares Expired?

If the MFG DATE is anytime before 2013 they have expired...but DON'T just throw them away!

Find Safety Equipment and Flare Disposal information at: www.cps-ecp.ca

Do you have expired flares?

You can't light them, throw them in the water or in your household garbage

Ottawa Power and Sail Squadrons and **The Chandlery** are hosting a **Safety Equipment Education and Flare Disposal Days**

Learn about required safety equipment, the care and maintenance of that equipment and how to safely and effectively use flares when needed.

DATE: May 11, 12, 2018

PLACE: The Chandlery 367 Poulin Ave, Ottawa, ON K2B 5V2, www.thechandleryonline.com

TIME: May 11, 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM; May 12, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

In accordance with Transport Canada requirements, flares are approved for four years from the date of manufacture. Typically, this means that you need to replace your flares every third or fourth boating season and dispose of the old ones. If they have expired or will expire during the boating season, you must replace them... it's the law!



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Call for Volunteers

The Rideau District is hosting the National CPS-ECP Conference in the National Capital at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Ottawa, October 17 – 21, 2018. A small group of volunteers have been working since last October on the preliminary plans and we will need an additional 25 to 30 volunteers. This is an opportunity to meet and work with fellow Ottawa Squadron members and meet other members from across Canada.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate/chair the following Committees:

- Fund raising
- Prizes (door prizes)
- Printing (menus, agendas)

Committee members are needed for the above committees and for the following committees:

- Registration desk
- Security – to assist coordinator
- Tours – to assist coordinator
- Hospitality suite – day and evening shifts
- Decorating – Friday and Saturday events

For anyone who can donate door prizes, we will be grateful. They don't have to be expensive but

keep in mind they need to be portable for those travelling across the country. Please consider joining us, it will be a lot of fun.

For more information please contact:

Guy Ladouceur,
National Conference
Local Committee Chair at:
ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org

2018 Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC)

So you think you are ready for the boating season. *Are you sure?*

Many boaters think that because they have their Pleasure Craft Operator Card that they know all the rules and are good to go. However, somehow the authorities manage to levy a good number of fines each year on boaters who are not in compliance with safety requirements. More importantly, over 100 people die each year in boating related accidents, many of which are avoidable.

So how sure are you? How long ago did you study the requirements and pass the test? Have the rules changed since then? Are you sure you have all the appropriate mandatory equipment on board? Is it all in good working order, or are the batteries in the flashlight dead? Those life jackets, are they the right size for all on board?

There is always a chance that you may have to answer all those questions and more. If it is the authorities that are posing the questions and you can't come up with the right answers then you might just be in for fines of \$200 or more.

On the other hand, a Canadian Power and Sail Squadron member, trained as a Safety Specialist can go over your boat and equipment with you to ensure all is in order. There are no penalties involved, the boater's personal information is not recorded or given to Transport Canada, and this service is offered **free of charge**; this is an opportunity to learn about boating safety before heading out on the water. If you don't have all the appropriate mandatory equipment you will receive a list of what you need. If you do have the appropriate mandatory equipment you will be issued a decal to display on your boat showing marine authorities that you have been found in compliance with safety requirements.

Why take a chance? Ask any Squadron Executive Committee Member about scheduling an RVCC for your boat. Make sure that you are prepared.

From the Desk of the Education Officer

I'm going to tell a small story. It is true and based on personal experience.

Back in the day, when houseboats were popular, my wife and I decided we were going to take our young kids and have a houseboat vacation on the Rideau.

Reservations were made, vacation schedules were set, and plans were made for the big day when we would take possession.

The big day arrived. The kids had their fishing rods, water toys and all paraphernalia associated with summer vacation. Provisions were purchased, and off we went to find our home on the water for the next week.

We arrived at the marina and after checking in, located our houseboat. A 40ft monster with a 90 hp motor. Intimidating to say the least. Possessions stored, it was time to take the mandatory pre-departure check out. This consisted of a lesson on how to operate the various systems aboard, such as engine starting, what the lever to right of the steering wheel was for etc..

The final checkout item was a practice cruise. The instructor took us out, turned the helm over to me and said "take her alongside that green marker over there".

I proceeded to maneuver this behemoth alongside the marker. The instructor said "well done, now take me back to the dock and you can proceed on your way"

After careful maneuvering we managed to pull alongside the

dock, the instructor jumped off and we were on our way to an adventure.

The first few days and nights were uneventful. Kids were having a blast, fishing, swimming, Mom and Dad relaxing.

We managed to get thru the Narrows with no problem, thanks to the helpful lock staff. A few days later we decided to anchor near an island. "No problem" I thought a piece of cake, we'll just throw the anchor over and see what happens. That night it was very peaceful and calm. I turned on a light and noticed that it was very dim.

Further investigation also showed that our refrigerator had stopped working as well. Well, we'll just start the engine and charge the battery. Click, click, click was the only sound we heard. No sense trying to do anything about it in the middle of the night so back to bed.

Next morning, we tried to start the engine again. Nothing. Fortunately for us a couple of fisherman happened by and they were kind enough to give us a boost to get the engine going. We were told not to shut it off as it might not start again due to the battery issues.

We decided to head back toward Newboro, make a phone call and have the marina staff change the battery.

Time to haul the anchor, pull, pull, pull some more. The d--n thing would not come up enough to bring it aboard. Jump in the water and lo and behold, we have a cable wrapped around the flukes. Lots of four letter words, and an hour of

pulling and heaving, and a lost boat hook, we finally succeeded in releasing the anchor.

We proceeded back to Newboro, got a new battery, told we should have switched to the house battery, got the fridge restarted and enjoyed the remainder of the week.

When we got back to the marina, the person who checked us in asked us if we had seen the cable on the chart prior to anchoring. I said to her "what chart, nobody told me about any charts when I took this thing out"

"Oh" she said, "they're right here by the helm".

After this adventure, and we did have a good time, we did it again the following year. No further misadventures other than one of the kids falling off the swim ladder. Fishing rod in hand, he cleared the rail and landed in the canal. Boaters coming into the canal saw this and threw their engines into reverse to render assistance, but that's another story.

The moral of this story, take a boating course. Learn what that Green Marker means. Learn how to read a chart, that wavy line does mean something.

Take a Boat and Engine Maintenance course. It will help you with all the various systems aboard, where to locate the battery switches and charging systems.

Have a Safe Boating Season.

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Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

***** NEWS FLASH *****

invites you to the



RCMP CAMPGROUND ([MAP](#))

for the

Annual Picnic and Graduation

Monday **June 18, 2018 @ 1700 Hours**

Let's celebrate the 80th Anniversary of CPS-ECP

This event is the largest event of the year; burgers, sausages, salads, soft drinks, etc. are **free** for members and their families.

Bring your own deck/lawn chair. The facility has washrooms and indoor space to protect us should there be liquid sunshine!

REGISTER NOW

(Please register no later than June 11, 2018)

CPS-ECP & Squadron Regalia boating attire will be available for purchase.

Please bring donations of nautical items for the auction.

DIRECTIONS:

Off River Rd approx. 10km south of Hunt Club Rd-Turn (right), west on Nicholls Island Road towards Long Island Lock Station, turn right before you get to the locks and FOLLOW THE SIGNS

From Mitch Owens Road, take River Rd approx. 5 km north, turn west (left) on Nicholls Island Road towards Long Island Lock Station, turn right before you get to the locks and FOLLOW THE SIGNS

JOIN YOUR BOATING FRIENDS FOR A GREAT TIME!