

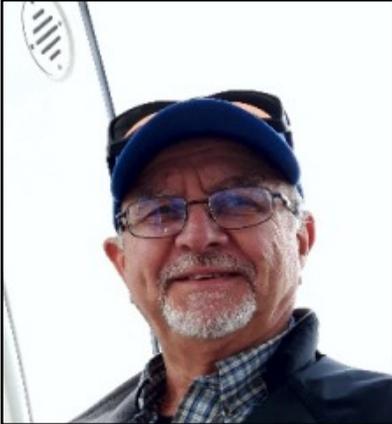


# Rideau Ripples



The newsletter of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

## Commander's Message



**M**y, how time flies. It seems like yesterday when the boat went in the water.

Now it's "on the hard" again and covered awaiting the storms of winter.

I've just returned from the CPS-ECP National AGM in Victoria, and it gives me great pleasure in Congratulating four of our Squadron Members who received awards this year.

Steve Petruska, received the Mary Pritchard Award for his work on the B2, B3, B4 online/assisted learning programs.

Retiring Director, Linda Hamilton received the Chief Commander's award for her work on the Board of Directors.

Nancy Richards and Guy Ladouceur also received the Chief Commander's Award for their work on the new IT system.

Speaking of the IT system, we were told at the AGM that a tentative launch date has been set as November 25, 2019. All members should be aware that to access the program they will need to login and reset their respective profiles. We'll provide more information and a "How- To" in a separate newsletter.

With the development of the new IT system it became necessary to harmonize our membership dues across the country.

In brief, the new membership fees will be as follows: Squadron \$10, District \$5, and National \$37, a

decrease of \$3.00 on individual membership fees. This new structure will start with the introduction of the new IT system and reviewed in January 2020.

As we get closer to the Holiday season, the EXCOM has decided not to hold an Annual Dinner with Santa this year. The principal reason is a suitable venue has not been found. Efforts to obtain a suitable site will commence in the early part of the New Year.

Volunteers are an important part of this Squadron. One of the key volunteer positions is that of a Social Activities Chairperson. We are actively looking for an individual who has the skills and imagination, and, working with other members of the committee, to schedule the social events of the Squadron. Some of these events may be the Annual Squadron Dinner, Dinner with Santa and any other events as decided by the EXCOM.

If you are interested in this dynamic and interesting position, please contact Axel Obenauf, [commander@boatottawa.ca](mailto:commander@boatottawa.ca) or Guy Ladouceur, [socialactivitiesofficer@boatottawa.ca](mailto:socialactivitiesofficer@boatottawa.ca).

Almost forgot, we have three members who have successfully passed their Senior Navigators Exam, congrats to Court Harkness, Sandy Haggart, and me, Axel Obenauf, who can now proudly add SN to their respective titles. Well Done!

Since this is the last edition of Ripples before the Holiday Season, my wife Lynda and I wish you all a fun-filled Holiday and Christmas Season, and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Axel Obenauf, SN  
Commander

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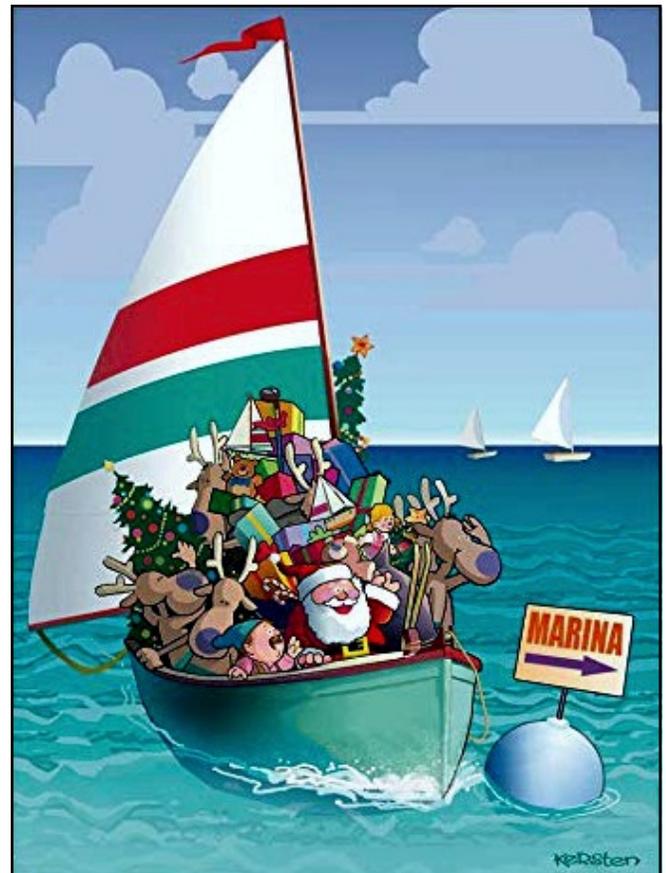
**Please check the website for updates and latest information:**

[cps-ottawa.com/events.html](http://cps-ottawa.com/events.html)

## **Squadron Events Calendar**

Have a Wonderful Summer of Safe Boating - Fly Your CPS-ECP Flag Proudly and Promote Our Organization by Networking with your Dock Mates and anyone on the water!

- November 14, 2019 – **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Nepean Museum, 16 Rowley Ave, Ottawa. Doors open at 1830 hrs, meeting will start at 1900 hrs. All are Welcome to attend.



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

## Scuttlebutt

By Robert Dandurand, P



*“It seems that there is a colour code for fuel containers: gasoline (flammable) in red, kerosene in blue, Diesel in yellow, oil (combustible) in green.”*

Source: Messing About in Boats, Volume 35, Number 7, November 2017, page 50.

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You’ve probably heard the term limey to refer to a Brit, yes? Apparently, limey was at one time used to refer only to British sailors, not British people in general. And what is the reason for that? Well, before scurvy was completely understood, but when sailors were being treated for it prophylactically, successfully, every nation’s navy had their own approach. The British navy issued lime juice to sailors. Hence, limeys.

Source:  
<https://goodoldboat.com/nfh-july19/>

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“The ethanol contained in gasoline sold at highway gas stations, where many trailer-boaters fill up [...] readily absorbs moisture”: gasoline and water don’t mix, leading to

engine running rough and/or quitting. “The best solution is to simply burn only ethanol-free gasoline. How? The website [pure-gas.org](http://pure-gas.org) lists every service station (including marinas) in the US and Canada that sells ethanol-free gas.”

Source: Good Old Boat, Issue 127, July/August 2019 p. 41-45.

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If you plan to travel the Rideau Canal next summer and might be concerned as to the water level, keep this number at hand: 613-283-5170.

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The employee calls his boss from his sailboat:

“Sir, I’ll be taking a sick day, it’s my eyes”

“Oh yeah,” says the boss, “what’s the matter with them?”

“Well, it’s 34 degrees, the wind is six to eight knots southwest to southeast, seas are calm, and there’s a clear blue sky. I can’t see coming in to work!”

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To be entertained, check out the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Boneheaded+Boaters+of+The+Week+EP1](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Boneheaded+Boaters+of+The+Week+EP1)

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Boating fatalities 2018:

Not wearing a PFD/Lifejacket: 84%

Cold water: 64%

Consuming alcohol: 36%

Capsizing: 40%

Boating alone: 30%

Falling or being thrown overboard: 30%

Boating in darkness/twilight: 23%

Boating in rough water: 21%

In the years, 2011 to 2015: 51% of fatalities were from powerboat users and 3% were using sailing vessels, canoe users 23%, 6% kayak users, 3% PWC users, others 14%.

Source: Lifesaving Society Canadian Drowning Report – 2018 Edition

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Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey?

We thought we knew that this expression was from the world of sailing. The monkey was a ring or tray on which cannonballs were stacked in a pyramid next to a cannon, aboard a ship; the monkey kept them from rolling away. The monkey was made of brass so that it didn’t rust sitting on the damp wood deck. But brass contracts rapidly in the cold, more so than iron cannonballs, and thus, when cold enough to freeze, off the brass monkey the cannonballs would roll.

Apparently, this might not be true.

According to [grammar-monster.com](http://grammar-monster.com), this theory is discredited by the US Department of the Navy and the etymologist Michael Quinion and the OED’s AskOxford website:

- The Oxford English Dictionary does not record the term monkey

or brass monkey being used in this way.

- The purported method of storage of cannonballs (round shot) is simply false. Shot was not stored on deck continuously on the off-chance that the ship might go into battle. Indeed, decks were kept as clear as possible.
- Such a method of storage would result in shot rolling around on deck and causing a hazard in high seas. Shot was stored on the gun or spar decks, in shot racks (longitudinal wooden planks with holes bored into them, known as shot garlands in the Royal Navy), into which round shot were inserted for ready use by the gun crew.

- Shot was not left exposed to the elements where it could rust. Such rust could lead to the ball not flying true or jamming in the barrel and exploding the gun. Indeed, gunners would attempt to remove as many imperfections as possible from the surfaces of balls.

- The physics do not stand up to scrutiny. All the balls would contract equally, and the contraction of both balls and plate over the range of temperatures involved would not be particularly large. The effect claimed possibly could be reproduced under laboratory conditions with objects engineered to a high precision for this purpose, but it is unlikely it would ever have occurred in real life aboard a warship.

There you have it, makes sense.

Source:  
<https://audioseastories.com/nfh-june19/>

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As boaters of all kind, we must mind the environment. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued its report, The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate, to the United Nations on September 25. It runs 1170 pages. This short New York Times article will provide you with the gist of it:

Source:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2019/09/25/science/ap-us-sci-climate-report.html>



*Warmer oceans are leading to die-offs, such as this one in Rio de Janeiro.*  
 SERGIO MORAES / REUTERS)

## WINTER COVER

By Robert Dandurand, P

At this time of the year, a decision has to be made as to whether to cover our boats for the winter with plastic or canvas. Every year, I see boats wrapped with heavy plastic sheeting. This protects the hull and deck from the ravages of winter snow and ice and keeps the deck and cockpit relatively clean. But, come spring, when the shrink wrap is cut away and balled to be put into the yard's dumpster, that's a lot of plastic headed for the landfill where it will remain pretty much forever, though there are places that recycle it.

With thousands of boats being shrink-wrapped every winter, we're talking about tons and tons of plastic. I remember a time when boats covered for the winter lay under canvas tarps or custom made canvas covers. The covers could be reused year after year and patched as needed. Also, canvas breathes so the boat does not bake on those rare days when the sun turns a shrink wrapped boat into a solar oven. Custom canvas covers are more expensive than shrink wrapping but if you amortize the cost across the life of the cover, you come out ahead. And, you don't have to throw away all that plastic every spring.

On the other hand, there are also fairly low-cost, reusable polyurethane tarps. I'll wrap my boat thus.

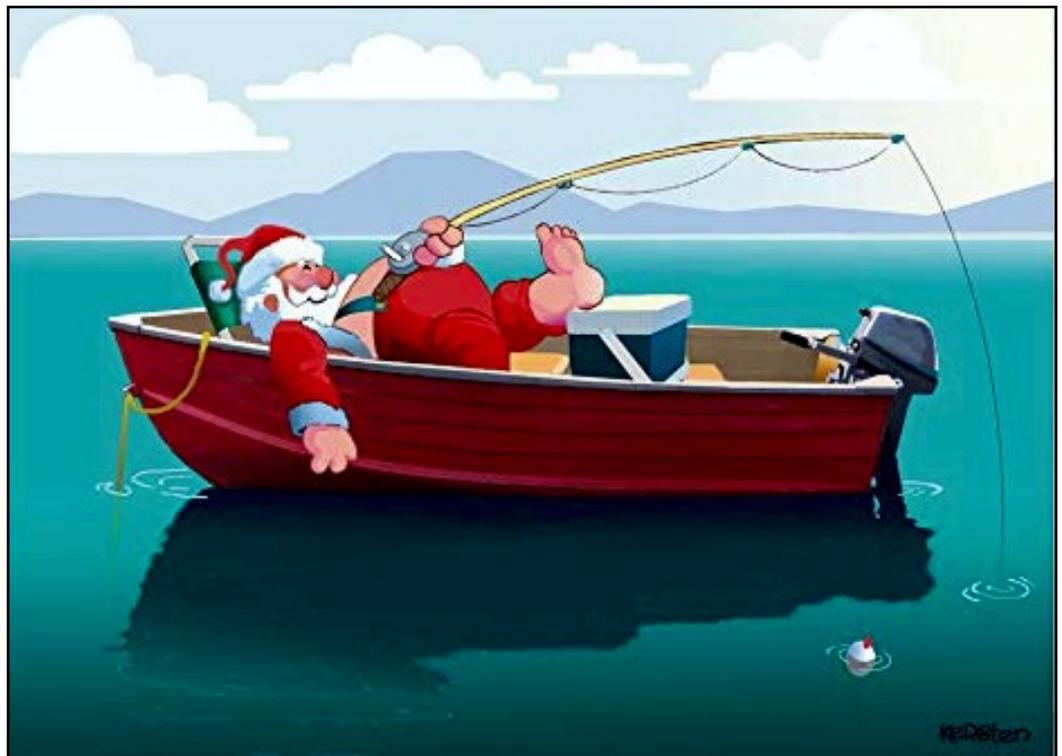
## “Quote, Unquote”

“The best seamanship is exhibited by the crew with the fewest stories to tell.

The best seamanship is boring.”

Andy Schell  
Arcturus

Sail Magazine, September 2013, p. 26



**NEW IT SYSTEM:**

Well the day has come that WBAS will floating away and the New IT System will GO LIVE on November 25, 2019 as per Chief Commander Charles Beall at the Victoria Conference.

Every Squadron will have an Excom before the Go Live date, if you wish I can give you a short presentation on how to reactivate your Profile to allow you access to the new system. I made the presentation at the District Membership Officers Workshop and it was very well received! Please let me know?

**HARMONIZED MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

With the development of the New IT System it became necessary to harmonize our membership fees across the country.

The new membership fees will be as follows: Squadron \$10.00 / District \$5.00 / National \$37.00 for Regular members and 50% of a regular member for Family Members.

Regular Life and Regular Ladies do not pay membership dues. The Associate (Non-Member) are under 19 years of age do not pay membership dues as well.

The renewing membership fee will start with the new IT system and be reviewed in January! These new harmonized dues impact the Squadrons and the District either positively or negatively as you can see from the chart below:

	Squadron Dues	District Levee	National	MEMBERSHIP DUES	REGULAR MEMBER	FAMILY MEMBER	RECEIPT
Brockville	\$11.00	\$3.00	\$37.00	\$51.00	112	17	\$1,325.50
Kingston	\$7.00	\$3.00	\$37.00	\$47.00	124	27	\$962.50
Ottawa	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$37.00	\$55.00	318	59	\$5,212.50
DISTRICT		\$3.00			554	103	\$1,816.50
<b>HARMONIZED DUES</b>							
Brockville	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$37.00	\$52.00	112	17	\$1,205.00
Kingston	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$37.00	\$52.00	124	27	\$1,375.00
Ottawa	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$37.00	\$52.00	318	59	\$3,475.00
DISTRICT		\$5.00			554	103	\$3,027.50

- Brockville: Will lose \$120.50 in Squadron Dues and their members will have a \$1.00 decrease in their membership dues.
- Kingston: Will gain \$412.50 in Squadron dues but members will have \$5.00 increase in the Annual Dues.
- Ottawa: Will lose \$1,737.50 in Squadron Dues and their members will have a \$3.00 decrease in their membership dues.
- District: Will gain \$1,211.00 in District Levee with the increase of \$2.00.

Please remember the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time new members with PCOC or equivalent \$60.00
- 1<sup>st</sup> time at the end of a CPS-ECP course \$35.00 (within 30 days)
- The \$60.00 dues only apply to those who have never been a member of CPS-ECP before.
- 50% of a regular member for Family Members will begin when the new members renew at the harmonized Membership fees.

**MERIT MARK CERTIFICATE 2019 (Updated)**

A Squadron, a District or a National organization cannot function without very dedicated volunteers. This year again, the members of the Ottawa Squadron "A committed community of experienced boaters inspiring others to adopt a safe boating attitude through education and training" diligently and freely donated many special hours away from loved ones and friends to hopefully further the advancement of a small part the CPS-ECP Mission Statement.

Listed below are those members who donated more than 20 hours last year and the number next to their names is the Merit Mark Certificate they are receiving this year:

Thomas Beaver	9	<b>Joan Feltham</b>	<b>39</b>	Marjorie Ladouceur	14
Lucie Bergeron	2	Reginald Guilbert	7	Carol Maclennan	2
Walter Bilous	26	Nelson Guillemette	14/15	James Macleod	30
Priscillia Bolduc	2	D. A. (Sandy) Haggart	1	Robert B Morgan	29
Jacques Boudreault	4	William Hall	20	William R Moyle	8
Janice Bunge	23	Terry Hamilton	26	Rolland Nantel	20
Bryan A Carroll	17	Linda Hamilton	36	Lynda Obenauf	2
Brian Cheadle	28	Carol Harkness	2	Axel Obenauf	9
Karen Craig	3	Court Harkness	8	Donald Partridge	10
Robin Craig	14	Bruce SD Harris	4	Stephen Petruska	3
Peter Dalton	9	Valerie E Hume	15	Nancy Richards	10
Robert Dandurand	19	Cathie Johnstone	34	David Root	14
Bert de Vry	11	Frank Keating	29	Paul Weisbrod	38
		Guy A Ladouceur	14		

I am not sure how I could miss Joan Feltham, but it happened. Joan has been supporting our Organization in many officer positions with National, District and locally with three Squadrons: Britannia, Britannia-Rideau and now Ottawa. I am so sorry Joan, but I will not forget again and looking forward to seeing your Merit Marks reach 50!

Our Squadron members donated 7,668 hours at all levels of the CPS-ECP Organization. In addition of the 39 names mentioned above we have another 9 members who help but did not reach the magic number 20 hours nonetheless their contributions were appreciated.

These Merit Mark Certificates were presented by District

Commander Terry Hamilton and Ottawa Commander Axel Obenauf at the Ottawa Squadron & Rideau District First Annual Picnic. Those not collected were mailed to each recipient after the Picnic.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Guy A. Ladouceur  
Past Commander

**Upcoming Classroom Courses**

Maritime Radio, Feb 26, Mar 4, 11

Boat & Eng Maint., Mar 25 to May 20

Boating 3, Jan 29 to Mar 11



# CPS-ECP



## Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron

**\*\*\*\*\* NEWS FLASH \*\*\*\*\***

invited you to the



**RCMP CAMPGROUND ([MAP](#))**

**for the**

**Rideau District & Ottawa Squadron Annual Picnic**

**Monday *June 17*, 2019 @ 1700 Hours**

The Picnic was a success once again plus everyone in attendance left after sampling some great burgers and sausages from the BBQ. Mother Nature cooperated again this year, but we concluded the event inside with Greg Marlo while tasting desserts and a great Auction of Maritime / Boating Articles once loved and now in a new home making memories.

Greg Marlo, Business Development Manager Canada for Sunsail and The Moorings, made a wonderful presentation on "Yacht Charter Vacations", introduction on the Sunsail benefits to members. Greg donated a nice gift for the draws.

Sixty-eight (68) members and family attended the Picnic with representation from the Brockville and Kingston Squadrons.

**Plan On Joining Your Boating Friends For A Great Time Next Year!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ... June 15, 2020 at the same place!**

**See you all there next year!**



<http://www.rideauferryregatta.ca/>

**August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**

The event has come and gone! For a week or so, Marjorie and I had constant high-pitched motor noises in our ears, but it was all worth it to see these competitors pushing their racing motorboat to the limit!

The organizers of the Event could not predict the weather, but we did see the sun on a few occasions! The attendance was smaller this year due to the weather.

We were set up outside with a table and a large umbrella to distribute information about CPS-ECP and our upcoming courses (In Class and Online) throughout the District and Membership.

It was wonderful to mingle with racing boat enthusiasts from Australia, United States of America, Ontario and Quebec to promote our Organization and proudly fly the CPS-ECP Flag

Was the event a success? I would say yes on the Regatta part and for us I would say that anytime we fly the CPS-ECP Flag for free at an event is good for us to promote safe boating and get a few more people interested in our Organization.

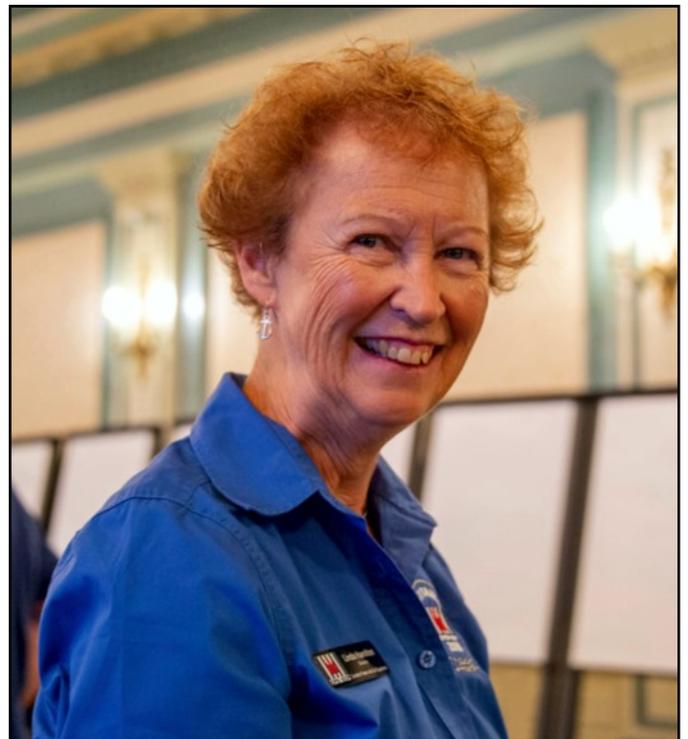
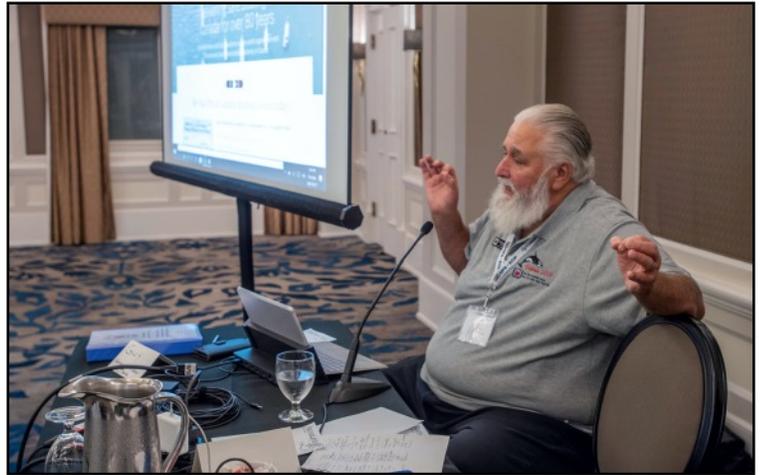
Marjorie and I enjoyed the event and made some new friends from the boating community.

We are looking forward to 2021 when the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club will be back. You should join us to spend some time promoting our love for boating to those in attendance.

Guy A. Ladouceur  
Rideau District Past Commander  
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*Hardy sailor Jamie Sander launched Clementine despite a few centimetres of snow.*