



# The Helmsman



## 50th Anniversary Celebration July 22 - 24

The RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron and the CFB Trenton Yacht Club have joined forces to hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of both Clubs at CFB Trenton on the weekend of 22 – 24 July 2011. All present and former members of both Clubs are invited to attend along with their spouses to celebrate this historic occasion.

A tentative program of activities is being arranged as follows:

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| Friday 22 July – 1600 hrs.  | Check-In desk opens at Baker Island Centre |
| Friday 22 July – 1700 hrs.  | Meet & Greet at Yacht Club & Baker Island  |
| Saturday 23 July – 0900 hrs | Late check-in desk open at Yacht Club      |
| Saturday 23 July – 1300 hrs | Briefings for Sail Past                    |
| Saturday 23 July – 1800 hrs | Cocktail Hour                              |
| Saturday 23 July – 1900 hrs | Reunion Dinner & Dance with live band      |
| Sunday 24 July - 1000 hrs   | Brunch Baker Island Centre                 |
| Sunday 24 July - 1200 hrs   | Good Bye's                                 |

### Coming Events

- Apr. 06 Y/C SAGM
- Apr. 07 CPS Bridge meeting
- Apr. 11 Boat Pro Exam
- Apr. 13 Keel Boat Course
- Apr. 16 Y/C Meet & Greet
- Apr. 18 GPS Nav. Seminar
- Apr. 23 Race Registration
- Apr. 24 First Lift-In**
- Apr. 26 Y/C Exec. Meeting
- Apr. 27 1st Power Competition
- Apr. 28 CPS AGM & Merit Marks presentation
- May 02 GPS Nav. Seminar
- May 04 2nd Power Competition
- May 08 Second Lift-In**
- May 09 Boat Pro Course
- May 11 Power Competition
- May 12 CPS Bridge meeting
- May 14 Cradle & Clean up day
- May 21 Belleville/Trenton Race
- May 22 Blessing of the fleet
- 22 Cmdre. Sail Past
- May 24 Y/C Exec meeting
- May 27 Wing night
- June 09 CPS Bridge meeting
- June 11 Dockside Party
- June 12 "D" dock brunch
- June 28 Y/C Exec Meeting
- July 01 Canada day BBQ

You are asked to complete the Registration form and forward to the organizing committee at CFB Trenton well in advance of the reunion dates (by June 30<sup>th</sup> would be appreciated) so that the necessary arrangements can be completed. Registration forms are available on-line and at the Yacht Club. Register early (address on Registration form) to help celebrate this historic event.

**50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee**

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 28th April 2011

The Annual General Meeting of the RCAF Trenton Squadron will be held at CFB Trenton Yacht Club on Thursday 28th April at 19:00 hrs for the purpose of:

- A) receiving and approving the minutes of the AGM dated 29th April 2010
- B) Receiving and approving the reports of the officers of the Squadron
- C) Receiving and approving the financial statements and appointing the auditor
- D) Electing the officers of the Squadron
- E) Considering other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this notice. Any further nominations must be made by way of a Petition in writing signed by not less than five members of the Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this meeting.

**Sandra Carter, Commander**

## Merit Mark presentation

Merit Marks will be presented this year along with the AGM on Thursday 28th April rather than in May as in past years. This change is due to having no Boating graduates this year so no Grad Cup exercises will be held. All members are encouraged to come out and congratulate the new and old Merit Mark recipients for their contribution to the Squadron.



## Report of the Nominating Committee

Once again it is Annual General Meeting time and we need to renew our Bridge assignments which are for 2 years. We do have one important vacancy to fill, that of Treasurer. To volunteer for any vacant position call **Sandra Carter, Commander, at 613 966-0909.**

In accordance with Squadron Regulations, Article 9.14, the following members of the RCAF Trenton Squadron have been nominated for the positions indicated for the 2011/2012 year.

Commander	Sandy Carter
Executive Officer	Ken Mugford <b>AP</b>
Secretary	Michael McMahon, <b>P</b>
Treasurer	<b>vacancy</b>
Training Officer	Andy Rezebergs <b>SN</b>
Membership Officer	Bob Carr <b>P</b>
Webmaster	Michael McMahon, <b>P</b>
Communications	Ken Mugford <b>AP</b>
Entertainment Officer	Anne Fear
Regalia Officer	Sandy Carter
Historian	Ron Pennington <b>AP</b>
Public Relations	John Fear <b>SN</b>

Appointments not requiring election are:

Past Commanders	Michael McMahon <b>P</b>
	John Fear <b>SN</b>
Assistant Training Officer	Greg Tanner <b>AP</b>
Helmsman Editor	Keith Bottoms <b>AP</b>
Helmsman Distribution	Dave McCue <b>S</b>
Auditor	Bruce Tollefson
Port Captain	Ernie Gauthier <b>AP</b>

Dave Sickles has served faithfully as Treasurer for the past 5 years, and now wants to pursue other interests, so we need a new Treasurer to look after banking and keeping accounts. This job does not take up a large amount of time, but is important in helping the Squadron to run smoothly.

We shall be contacting Squadron members individually over the next couple of weeks to ask for their help. If you would like to volunteer for Treasurer, or have questions, please call Sandy Carter at 613-966-0909 or John Fear at 613-475-9793. We can also accept nominations at the AGM on April 28th. See Notice of AGM for details.

In conclusion, a big thank you goes to the people who have agreed to stand for Squadron assignments in the coming year, and we hope you will find the time you spend working for CPS rewarding and fun too.

**John Fear, SN  
Past Commander**

## Training News -

What an exciting time to be a new member of RCAF Trenton and the new training officer at the same time. This has been a busy first few months trying to find out how things are done here. I have been STO in two other squadrons in the past so bring experience, but things are changing rapidly within CPS as we move to modernize our appeal particularly to a younger demographic. I hope to meet most of you at the AGM and at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

The National Training Department has been very busy and many courses are being revised to incorporate new technology and increase our appeal. Watch for the Port Hole to provide more detail on upcoming course redesign.

One new interpretation affects those of us who have Marine Radios. Industry Canada has decided that having a radio, handheld or fixed means you are operating the radio, and MUST HAVE a VHF Operators Certificate ROC(M). Make sure your friends are aware of this and encourage them to obtain their certificates. The fines could be very steep indeed.

I would be interested in hearing from any of you regarding courses you would like to see us offer next season. While I really enjoy instructing and working with instructors, I am a poor administrator and hate paperwork. If you have admin. skills and would be willing to get your feet wet in training, I would be very grateful for any help you can give me in this regard. My wife has been helping out but is threatening to retaliate by developing more household projects, so I really do need you!!

Congratulations to our recent ROC(M) graduates and I look forward to seeing you at graduation and working with you again. Thanks to both Fletch and John Fear for their support and assistance.

Remember the GPS and Electronic Charting courses are coming up soon and help us prepare by registering now. GPS is scheduled for April 18,25 and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Electronic Charting, this is the wave of the future and the time to master the basics is now. Contact me at or (613) 969-9882 for information, registration and to let me know what your interests are.

Andy Rezebergs SN

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## Past Commander's Logbook - PCOC Changes

Transport Canada has re-engineered the Pleasure Craft Operator Card, and tightened up the rules and process considerably. The changes that have been made include:

- Subject matter material has been expanded, as measured by "teaching points" which have increased from 149 to 257. The BoatPro manual has been revised to reflect the additions.
- All exams will consist of 50 questions in future, and they will be supplied by Transport Canada through a controlled process. The exams will be changed every 6 months.
- The PCOC course and exam will be available on-line, using a procedure which CPS helped to design. It will be necessary to spend a measured 3 hours studying course material and answering questions on-line before access to the exam is allowed. Students will have to register with a provider and obtain a PIN before they can take the on-line course.
- CPS will continue to teach the BoatPro course, but all instructors must now be qualified to teach, either through taking the CPS Instructor Development course, or through a recognized teaching qualification. Some "grand fathering" of our current instructors will be allowed.
- PCOC will continue to be included within the scope of the Boating course, and the 50 question PCOC exam will become Part 1 of the 100 question Boating Exam.
  - Self-study and challenge of the CPS exam is still allowed, but most people will probably opt to take the on-line course.
  - PCOC providers are now **Cont'd page 4 ...**

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Safe boating is better than  
the alternative

**PCOC Changes** cont'd required to submit their teaching materials and procedures to Transport Canada for approval. This will result in a much reduced number of providers, and elimination of the less ethical suppliers. CPS is a recognized provider of the new PCOC by Transport Canada.

The new PCOC rules will come into effect on April 15th 2011, and CPS is working hard to make sure we are ready to continue as a best-in-class supplier of this important national certificate.

Our squadron AGM is coming up on April 28th, so please pencil in this date on your calendars. This year, following the business meeting, we will be showing a History Channel DVD on the US Coastguard Ships. The movie has some amazing shots of coastguard vessels being tested in rough seas, and follows the development of the coastguard cutter from row boats to the 100ft hi-tech vessels of today.

We are continuing to work with CFB Trenton Yacht Club to plan our joint 50th anniversary party in July. Souvenir T-shirts will be going on sale shortly, ready for the boating season, and orders are starting to come in. Shirts may be ordered by calling Anne Fear at 613-475-9793, or via the event registration form.

Our thoughts go out to Simon Taylor **SN**, a founding member and Past Commander of our squadron, who is coping with some serious health problems at present.

In conclusion, have a safe 2011 boating season, and put all that hard work studying CPS courses to good use out on the water.

John Fear **SN**, Past Commander

## RCAF Trenton Squadron Bridge 2010 -11

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Regalia Officer	Sandra Carter	613 966-0909
Port Captain	Ernie Gauthier <b>AP</b>	613 475-5737

## Merit Marks are earned

Merit Marks for the 2010 year will be presented to selected members of our Squadron for their contributions in the past year, on April 28th, in conjunction with the AGM. It behoves everyone to be there because these are the people who administer the Squadron and teach our members and the general public about safe boating.

Merit Marks are earned only after a minimum number of hours per year are contributed to the local Squadron by the member. They are awarded at a rate of only one per year per member maximum. Recipients are selected by Squadron Commanders based on their work for the Squadron during the year.

After a member has received 20 Merit Marks he/she is awarded a Life Membership in CPS and receives a special gold trimmed flag and relief from paying any more dues. Will you volunteer to help with this important work?