

March 2018



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MARITIME RADIO COURSE VHF MARINE RADIO

Restricted Operator's Certificate (Marine)

A legal requirement of Industry Canada

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and every day operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course. It's the law.

Thursday, April 5th and 12th, 2018

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Two Consecutive Thursday Nights

Please register before March 29th (we must order books)

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton, ON

Cost: \$105.00

Includes Text and Exam

Book with Roger before March 29th

Roger Pimm rpimm@cogeco.ca or 905-308-0060

ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST
HAMILTON POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

555 Bay Street North

\$17.00 per person

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron Annual General Meeting
will follow the breakfast (no charge for AGM meeting)

Special guest speaker:

Robert Levo, Life Net Health

Previously with: Medtronic, Johnson & Johnson, Styrer

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Everything you would like to know about Tissue and Organ
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To reserve your ticket contact:

Walter Plater: walter_plater@hotmail.com 905-388-7339 (until April 6th)

Peter Boothroyd: pboothroyd18e@gmail.com 905-527-4087

SPECIAL INVITATION

The Burlington Chapter of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons invites you to attend 2 Saturday morning seminars on Celestial Navigation from 0930 until noon at the BSBC clubhouse. There is no charge for either of the seminars

You ask yourself why come to a seminar on Celestial Navigation?

- It will make you a better navigator. Batteries run out, systems get hacked but the compass and the heavenly bodies are always available. Even the US Navy has started teaching Celestial Navigation again.
- There is a wonderful intellectual satisfaction that comes from learning and practicing celestial navigation. It is a way to see science and math come together in your own hands and mind and do something both tangible and useful.
- Tradition. Celestial navigation – one of the oldest of the traditional arts – is considered abstruse and outdated, like a manual typewriter but it would be a tremendous loss to have this art die out.
- It's fun ... from star-lore to the history of calendars and time-keeping to ancient Greek and Egyptian math, astronomy, and architecture. It's the kind of passion that may open you up to all kinds of miracles and wonders of the natural world, from which so many of us have become alienated.
- There aren't many things as breath taking and beautiful as the night sky, especially seen from a place where there is little light pollution. In fact, it's breath-giving and there is tremendous satisfaction in being able to truly place ourselves in the celestial coordinate system...our own little horizon/zenith moving and changing in the interlocking wheels of the celestial coordinates.

Saturday March 10 from 0930 to 1200

How to use a sextant



John Hinksman is a 38 year member of CPS who has served as the course director for Celestial Navigation and is currently a member of the Offshore Navigation Committee. John is a well-regarded local expert in the art and science of Celestial Navigation. He will explain the parts of a sextant. How to calibrate the instrument. How to use the instrument to measure the angle of the sun, moon, planets and stars. There will be sextants available for you to use.

Saturday March 24 from 0930 to 1200

Celestial in a Nutshell

Ian Munro is a long-time member of the Burlington Chapter of CPS. He is Chair of the Niagara District of CPS and is a Senior Navigator which is CPS's highest educational designation. Ian will reprise his presentation "Celestial in a Nutshell". If you haven't heard Ian's humorous and simplifying take on Celestial Navigation then you are in for a treat. Ian will explain how to use the "Lighthouses in the Sky" to establish a Line of Position. He will go through the process from using a sextant to take a sight; to reducing the sight; to plotting the Celestial LoP using the Altitude - Intercept method. And finally plotting your position.

Oh, and as if that wasn't enough there will be free coffee and donuts as well as lots of fun just talking about boating with your friends. Please contact us at our e-mail address if you plan to come so we can make sure there are enough goodies.

BurlingtonPowerSquadron@gmail.com

REGALIA SALES

Will your boat be ready for the 2018 boating season?

Do you need a new CPS flag?



Contact Regalia Officer, Marney Warby @ 905-389-5719

FROM THE ARCHIVES CIRCA EARLY 1960s

It was in September of 1948 that forty-two students gathered at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and signed up for the Junior Piloting Course being sponsored by the Canadian Power Squadron.

Our instructor was to be G.R. (Don) Tripp, sometimes assisted by C.R. (Cliff) Lunt and S.G. (Gordon) McCandlish.

The Canadian Power Squadron, at that time consisted of three squadrons with a total of 35 members.

Of the 42 students, 18 passed the examination and 17 formed the charter members of the Hamilton Power Squadron.

We received our charter in June of 1949, at which time CPS had grown to 6 Squadrons with a total membership of 147.

My certificate is number 53.

During the following 10 years, the membership of HPS grew to 217 members and 41 Lady Associates.

It has been graduates of HPS who, in turn, have formed the Port Dalhousie, Kitchener-Waterloo and Burlington Power Squadrons; as a matter of interest, 5 of our charter members were from Port Dalhousie.

The following is a small selection of items from our early years which you may find to be of interest.

Predicted Log Contests were popular and Hamilton regularly competed for both the Claydee and Van Vallsenburg trophies; we consistently won or finished well on top. These contests were run off in Hamilton, Port Dalhousie, Toronto and Olcott, N.Y.

During our early years, being a small group, we were able to hold social evenings at the larger homes of a couple of our members. Al Prack (of the architectural firm) and Harry Tier (of the Halliday Co.) made us welcome and certainly helped to hold the group together. Our Winona rendezvous was, for several years at the lakeside home of Phil and Maxine Aggus. Phil, a commercial photographer, was also the Squadron photographer.

We received much favourable publicity from an all day, search and rescue operation conducted with the Harbour Police and HMCS Star and also from a tape recording made by Paul Hanover during one of the JP classes and subsequently broadcast on air in his program.

In 1953 the Harbour Commission donated a large advertisement in the local paper telling the public of our educational programs. Our records also indicate that we were promised permanent quarters in their new office building when completed. Al Prack was our commander at the time.

We seemed to have had a much higher profile in our early days than we now have, it might be well to analyze why this is so.

Hamilton has sponsored the CPS Annual Conference twice. In 1950 it was held at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and in 1953 at the old Brant Inn.

Just so that it does not get lost in the dusty files of antiquity, I might mention that in 1960 Bill McCracken, then editor of Dry Rot and later to become a very active Commander, organized a Predicted Log Contest to Oakville preceded by a compass correction and speed trial. Six boats took part. Unfortunately, Barcarolle II became stuck in the mud of the lagoon earning her skipper the name of Mudbanks Probert.

While we are talking of names we should mention the origin of the title of this publication. Earl Buckley was a very popular and active member during the early years of the Squadron. His ship the "Black Goose" was well known around the lake. Unfortunately, the Black Goose became infected with that malady so common with wooden craft and Earl eventually acquired the friendly name of "Ole Dry Rot". When a name was required for our bulletin what more fitting title could be given than that of our favourite member. By the way, Black Goose survived and was last seen, several years ago on the west coast. Earl became the first Niagara District Commander in 1960.

Our Publication was founded in 1957 by Harry Colder and Joyce Land. The first front cover was designed by Shirley McCracken.

As challenge to our training department, I might mention that in 1959/60 we had 107 students write the Junior Piloting exam (now called Boating) 107 passed and 105 joined the Squadron.

In the same season 1959/60 with Ralph Probert as Commander we had a round the bay cruise and rendezvous. Thirty boats participated with Barcarolle II leading and Merreni II skippered by Cliff Lunt followed in the rear; the rendezvous was held at La Salle Park. Obviously, a great time was had by all. Could we muster 30 boats today?

In 1952 Art Hill (of Hill the Mover) purchased a 72 foot war surplus patrol craft in England and sailed her back to Hamilton by way of Bermuda and New York. Accompanying him were Mr. & Mrs. Chick Johnson also active HPS members. The CPS and RHYC Burgee, which "Le Cheval Noir" wore on the trip across, are framed and in possession of the Hamilton Yacht Club.

Well, if you were kind enough to take 5 minutes of your time to read this article (which took me several hours to get together) you possibly know a bit more about the Hamilton Power Squadron than you knew before. We were an active group, we attracted public attention and we made a lot of friends. Some of our most active and dedicated members were in the upper levels of business or professions yet they found the time and interest to promote the ideals of CPS. If we could generate that enthusiasm once again, with the membership we now have, just imagine the impact we could have on the boating public.

P/Cdr Gordon Heal
Your Historian

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