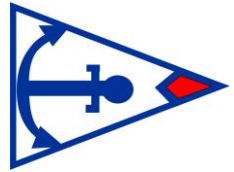




The Bitter End

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From the Bridge...

Planning is underway for our AGM / Graduation on May 10. In this issue you will find an invitation to the AGM, an agenda for the evening and the Nominating Committee Report with the names of people who are standing for Bridge positions for the upcoming year. We have graduates from the Boating 1 and Boating 2 courses who will receive their memberships and recognition of members who have served the squadron over the past years.

Some of our Bridge members are currently working on the Boating 7 course (Offshore Navigation). This course was offered on-line and taught by P/C/C Tony Gardiner. A lot has changed since the N course was taught even a few years ago. In the current program, computer software plays a big part in planning and tracking offshore voyages. Students in this course have had to become competent with *Visual Passage Planner 2* and *Open CPN* software to complete the practice cruise and the exam.

For most of us April is the month when we get our boats ready for launch. This is a big process involving waxing and polishing the hull, applying a new coat of anti-fouling paint, charging batteries, readying the engine, and checking out all the safety equipment. This is also the time when we need to check the dates on our flares. If you find that they have past their best before date (flares cannot exceed 4 years from the date of manufacture in order to be approved for use by Transport Canada) consider joining us at Krate's Marina on Friday, June 2 when the Squadron and York Region Police will collect and dispose of all your expired marine flares.

We have a special event planned for your entertainment. On May 3, Doug James will describe how he and his family prepared for and enjoyed a charter in the BVIs. This event is part of our toonie night presentations and is open to all members and their guests. See details in this edition of the Bitter End.

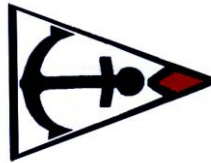
Finally, a word of caution. NPS is committed to safe boating. Spring is a time when we get back to the water, but also a time when cold water presents a deadly threat to boaters who are careless. Please wear your PFD whenever you are on the water. It doesn't take much to go over the side and it doesn't take long in the cold spring water to succumb to hypothermia. Your PFD is the best defense against accidental immersion.

On behalf of the Bridge,

Bill Reynolds, JN
Squadron Commander

The Newmarket Power & Sail Squadron Bridge 2016-17

Commander	Bill Reynolds, JN	Editor	Bill Reynolds, JN
Executive	Stuart Denny	Flag Officer	Richard Bee, <u>AP</u>
Secretary	Ian Ferguson, JN	Historian	Scott Gibson, JN
Financial Officer	Barbara Dodds	Social Officer	Janet Heard, AP
Education Officer	Ian Ferguson, JN	Webmaster	Alan MacDonald, <u>AP</u>
Asst. Education Officer	Sherry Casey, AP	Quartermaster	Gerry Duffy, S
Membership Officer	Scott Gibson, JN	Officer at Large	Bill Forbes, <u>AP</u>
Administration Officer	Peter Heard, <u>AP</u>	Immediate Past Commander	David Puttock
Public Relations Officer	Marilyn Ellison, JN		



Newmarket Power & Sail Squadron

2016 / 2017

Annual General Meeting & Graduation Ceremony

Come Celebrate

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

York Region Police Association Building
600 Stonehaven Avenue, Newmarket

1830hrs-2200hrs

Cash Bar/ Hors d'oeuvres/ Dessert

R.V.S.P. by May 1st - npsinfo@mailonly.ca

Certificates will be presented to those who have completed:

Boating 1 (PCOC)

Boating 2 (Beyond PCOC)

Twoonie Night Presentation

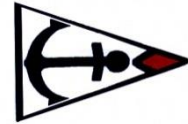
Join us on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 pm, at the Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, for an exiting and informative presentation on Chartering in the BVI's. Doug James, a friend of the Newmarket Power Squadron, is going to present on a recent charter he and his family enjoyed in the British Virgin Islands.

Doug, a novice keel-boater, took his young family on a 4-week adventure traveling throughout the British Virgin Islands on a bareboat charter aboard a 40 foot yacht. Come and listen to his adventure which will include the training he required for the expedition, logistics, provisioning, attractions, challenges, and problem solving.

This event is open to all NPS members and their friends. Light refreshments will be provided. Cost \$2.00.



**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
NEWMARKET SQUADRON**



To: The Members of Newmarket Squadron

Report of the Squadron Nomination Committee

April 5, 2017

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

Commander	Stuart Denny
Executive	Bill Reynolds, JN
Secretary	Janet Heard, AP
Financial Officer	Barbara Dodds
Education Officer	David Puttock, AP
Membership Officer	Scott Gibson, <u>AP</u>
Administration Officer	Peter Heard, <u>AP</u>
Public Relations Officer	Marilyn Ellison, JN

2. The Squadron nominating committee also nominates John Ellison, AP for appointment as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Squadron for the year 2017-2018.
3. The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following members as staff officers, to take the responsibility for the duties indicated next to their name:

Editor	Bill Reynolds, JN
Historian	Scott Gibson, <u>AP</u>
Social Officer	Richard Bee, <u>AP</u>
Webmaster	Alan MacDonald, <u>AP</u>
Quartermaster	TBD
Officer at Large	Bill Forbes, <u>AP</u>
Officer at Large	Ian Ferguson, JN

4. P/Cdr Bill Reynolds, JN will serve on the squadron executive committee by virtue of his position as Immediate Past Commander and does not require election or appointment.

Pursuant to *NPS Officers' Duties and Responsibilities & Squadron Rules (May 6, 2015)*, the following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2018/2019 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

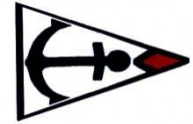
Immediate Past Commander: Bill Reynolds, JN
 Squadron Commander: Stuart Denny
 Past Commander once removed: David Puttock, AP

Respectfully submitted,

David Puttock Bill Reynolds Peter Heard



**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
NEWMARKET SQUADRON**



To: The Members, Newmarket Power and Sail Squadron

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Newmarket Power and Sail Squadron will be held at The York Regional Police Association Building, 600 Stonehaven Ave., Newmarket on Wednesday, 10 May 2017 at 20.00h for the purposes of:

- (a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron;
- (b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2017 and the report of the Squadron Auditing Committee thereon;
- (c) considering and, if thought fit, adopting the following resolution(s): revision to Officer Duties and Responsibilities;
- (d) electing the Officers of the Squadron;
- (e) appointing the Chair of the Squadron Auditing Committee;
- (f) 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. Any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than 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 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 6th day of April, 2017

Original signed by:

Marilyn Ellison
Acting Secretary

Dear reader: If you have comments or suggestions for *The Bitter End* we would love to hear from you. Share your comments by sending them to *The Bitter End* at npsinfo@mailonly.ca.