



The

Helmsman



Speaker and Lasagna Night

A successful Speaker's Night was hosted by our Squadron. at CFB Trenton Yacht Club on Saturday the 16th of February. The evening began with a delicious meal organized by our entertainment officer Elaine Handy. She and her committee decorated the room and tables to compliment our evening.

Thanks to Wayne and Nancy who cooked the lasagna for us and kept them piping hot with their own chafing dishes. Everyone immensely enjoyed their savoury meals. The efforts of all who helped with set-up and clean-up made the night a complete success. Many thanks to all!

After the meal we enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation about the Trent Severn Waterway given by Sean Smith of Parks Canada. This generated much discussion and raised many questions about the future of the waterway. Sean distributed some informative materials and pamphlets to everyone after his presentation regarding the Trent Severn Waterway.

This festive evening also gave us the opportunity to pay tribute to one of our own, Ron Pennington. Over the years Ron has served in most positions on our bridge and some of them at least twice. He has been the driving force that has helped our Squadron succeed. A devoted and dedicated person, and an accomplished ninety years young boater, Ron's contribution and voluntary time investment are unsurpassed. He has been instrumental in making changes and improvements to RCAF Trenton. Ron has officially relinquished his title of Squadron Historian but has graciously

agreed to be our Senior Advisor. In acknowledgement of his years of service to RCAF Trenton, Ron was presented with a CPS vest which had been embroidered painstakingly with great precision by Linda Cowburn. The embroidery reads "Ron Pennington Retired RCAF Historian". Thank you Linda for a job well done!

District Commander Dale Holland presented Ron with his 34th merit mark. Then CPS National Administration Officer Catherine McLeod presented Ron with a Chief Commanders Citation from Richard Bee, as seen in this photo. We all wish Ron the very best in his retirement. To see more photos from Speakers night and our tribute to Ron, click on [**RCAF Trenton CPS**](#)



Catherine McLeod presents Ron Pennington with his Chief Commanders Citation (see page 2)



Chief Commander's

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

As an organization dedicated to safety and training in recreational boating,
CPS greatly depends on the participation of its volunteers
to bring success to the organization.

This Letter of Commendation is awarded to

Ron Pennington AP

in recognition of his distinguished service and unselfish support of Canadian Power & Sail
Squadrons.

I have been informed that you have recently retired from the Bridge of RCAF Trenton
Squadron, at the age of 90, after having served as a member and an officer for 35 years. I
would like at this time to congratulate you on your splendid service record, and also thank
you and your family so very much for all your hard work on behalf of CPS.

You and your family have been involved in a variety of squadron activities from the day you
joined. Together, you and your beloved wife Lorna conceived the ideas for, organized and
implemented events that the squadron continues to enjoy today. The "Grad Cup" exercise is
one, in which recent graduates of the Boating course, practice their newly acquired skills
with an on-water navigation exercise

During your CPS career you earned 34 merit marks, and served on most bridge positions at
least once and sometimes more than once. You instructed the Boating, Boat Pro and Marine
Radio course, cheerfully spending time to pass your boating knowledge and experience on
to others. I understand too that you were heavily involved in your squadron's 50th
anniversary celebrations in 2011.

Thank you again, Ron for your many years of dedication and valuable work advancing the
aims of CPS.

January 16, 2013

Chief Commander
Richard Bee, AP

Report of the Nominating Committee

Once again it is Annual General Meeting time and we must renew our Bridge assignments. To volunteer for any vacant position call Ken Mugford Commander, at 613 394 2376

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 2013/2014 year:

Commander - Ken Mugford AP
Executive Officer - vacant
Secretary - Carol Nicholson
Treasurer - Doug Cowburn
Training Officer - John Brewster
Membership Officer - Frank Sheedy
Webmaster - Linda Cowburn
Communications - vacant
Entertainment Officer - Elaine Handy
Regalia Officer - Sandy Carter
Historian - Ron Pennington AP
Public Relations - Peter Dnistrianskyj

Appointments not requiring election are:

Past Commander-
Assistant Training Officers -
Greg Tanner AP, Andy Rezebergs SN
Helmsman Editor - Keith Bottoms AP
Helmsman Distribution - Dave McCue S
Port Captain - Ian Brant

Carol Nicholson
Chairman, Nominating Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting 25th April 2013

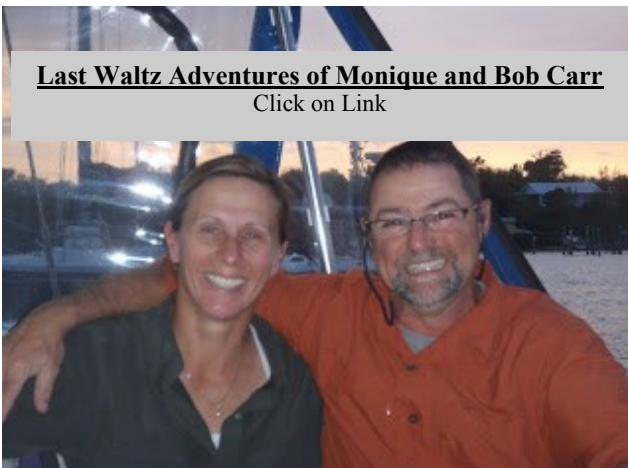
The Annual General Meeting of the RCAF Trenton Squadron will be held at CFB Trenton Yacht Club on Thursday 25th April at 19:00 hrs for the purpose of:

- A) receiving and approving the minutes of the AGM dated 26th April 2012
- 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.

Ken Mugford, Commander

Last Waltz Adventures of Monique and Bob Carr
Click on Link



Entertainment Officer Elaine Handy serving our speakers night guests



Happy Anniversary CPS is 75 Years Old

The organization had its start in 1938 when three members of the Windsor Yacht Club crossed the Ambassador Bridge into Detroit, Michigan. Under the direction of the Detroit Power Squadron, Fred Dane, George Ruel, and G. William Bowman passed the USPS Junior Piloting Course. They soon formed the first squadron in Canada, Windsor Power Squadron, with G. William Bowman as its first Commander. He later became the first Chief Commander of Canadian Power Squadrons, the organization that, later, became known as Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons CPS.

In 1950, the membership doubled. In 2013, as we begin our anniversary year, CPS has 26,000 members in 155 squadrons across Canada..

District Commanders Comments

As spring approaches and our thought begin to drift towards getting our boats in the water. It also time to have a Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check. CPS in partnership with transport Canada has trained volunteers, who will for no charge, go to your vessel, and vessels safety equipment. This service is not restricted to CPS membership, so let your boating friends know about this service. Please contact your Squadron commander, to arrange your free Check.

Ajax Squadron is hosting the Quinte District AGM which is scheduled for May 25th at Harpo's Restaurant Oshawa. The event starts at 1430, with registration, until 1500. Chief Commander Richard Bee has confirmed his attendance. The update from the Organizational Effectiveness committee will be provided by Law Officer Charles Beall.

Ajax Squadron has also arranged for guest speaker, speaking on "Sailing to Halifax". Harpo's is located across the street from the Oshawa Centre, for those that do not want to attend the AGM, but would like attend the social part.

The final details for the October CPS

National conference celebrating CPS 's 75th anniversary, which is being held at the (Delta) Chelsea in downtown Toronto, are being put into place. The cut-off date for early registration has been set at July 2nd this cut-off date is earlier than previous conferences. The room which has been reserved to host the Friday evening dinners is capable of holding 400 with no dance floor. The Friday evening theme is Hollywood North, so be prepared to enter on the red carpet.

Quinte District Squadrons have been requested to assist in finding either conference sponsorships, or door prizes, so if you know of a business that might be interested in helping CPS celebrate its 75th Anniversary please contact your squadron commander.

Dale Holland AP

Quinte District Commander

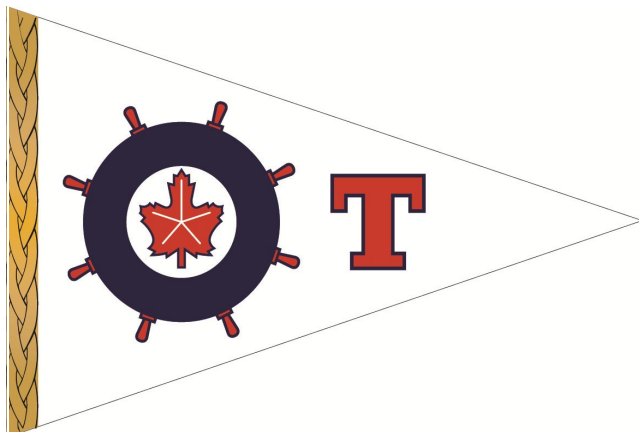
Training News

During June 2012, we provided a Navigating with GPS Course to 12 students and 1 student wrote the RADAR for Pleasure Craft exam, having self studied the material. The Basic Boating Course/PCOC was provided to 8 students, in September/October 2012.

During October 2012 we provided the Maritime Radio Course to 3 students. The new Boating Essentials course was held from October 2012 through to February 2013 for 6 students. This is the first time for this new course. We will be providing the Maritime Radio Course to 10 students in March. The Seamanship Course provided to 4 students began in October 2012 and completed in February 2013. Weather fundamentals course for spring 2013 has been cancelled due to lack of interest as has the Electronic Navigation course due to course materials not being totally ready for our use.

This amounts to some 36 students involved in our training program during the 2012/2013 training season.

Our New Pennant



When a Squadron or District approaches its 50th anniversary, a bold vertical gold bar, one-inch in width, may be added at, or near, the hoist of an existing pennant to signify this milestone. In order to avoid making a change to the existing design of the pennant, if there is not room to place the gold bar on the pennant, the gold bar and a boltrope can replace the salvage edge and grommets.....



Ken and Ron introduced our new pennant at our speaker's night. Ron designed the original pennant and was instrumental in helping with the new pennant. If you are interested in purchasing your new flag, contact Sandra Carter in Belleville or Ken in Trenton.



Ken presents Sean Smith who is the External Relations Officer for the Ontario Waterways of Parks Canada a gift with our thanks from the Squadron, for his presentation on the Trent Severn Waterway.



Mayor John Williams and Sandra Carter chat with John Fear as he completes a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check.

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The CPS Boating Resource
For Boating Tips and Tricks***

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Boaters Helping Boaters

Quinte District

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Quinte District will be hosted by Ajax Power and Sail Squadron at Harpo's Restaurant, Oshawa May 25, 2013 at 1430 hours for the purpose of:

- 1) Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the District.
- 2) Receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statement of the District for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2013 and the Report of the District Auditor therein.
- 3) Electing the Officers of the District.
- 4) Appointing the District Auditor.
- 5) Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the District Nominating Committee is included and forms part of this notice under District Regulation 12.1.

Any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of this District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dress: Blazer with summer whites.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2013

**Elsie Scott
District Secretary**

RCAF Trenton Squadron Bridge 2012-13

Commander	Ken Mugford AP	613 394 2376
Executive Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Carol Nicholson	
Treasurer	Doug Cowburn	613 475 9730
Past Commander	Sandra Carter	613 966 0909
Training	John Brewster	613 395 2117
Asst Training	Greg Tanner AP	613 391-8123
Membership	Frank Sheedy	613 970 1900
Entertainment	Elaine Handy	613 969 9702
Webmaster & Comm.	Linda Cowburn	613 475 9730
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Historian	Vacant	
Regalia	Sandra Carter	613 966 0909
RVCC Coordinator	Elaine Handy	613 969 9702
District Rep	John Fear	613 745 9793
Senior Adviser	Ron Pennington	613 475 2248

Coming Events

Feb. 14 Bridge meeting
Feb. 16 Wine Tasting
Feb. 25 Marine Radio VHF
Feb. 26 Y/C Exec meeting
Mar. 14 Bridge meeting
Mar. 16 St Patrick's Pot luck
Mar. 26 Y/C Exec meeting
Apr. 01 Y/C SAGM
Apr. 11 Bridge meeting
Apr. 23 Y/C Exec. meeting
Apr. 25 AGM Change watch
Apr. 27 First Lift-in
May 09 Bridge Meeting
May 12 Second Lift-in
May 14 Grad Cup comp.
May 26 Y/C Sail Past
May 27 Keel Boat Course YC
May 29 Greenleaf & Pwr Comp
Jun 01 Freeman Burrows
Jun 03 Keel Boat Course YC