



The **Helmsman**



50th Anniversary Reunion July 22 - 24 2011

The RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron and the CFB Trenton Yacht Club have joined forces to hold a 50th 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:

Friday 22 July – 1400 hrs.	Check-In desk opens at Baker Island Centre
Friday 22 July – 1700 hrs.	Meet & Greet at Yacht Club & Baker Island Centre
Saturday 23 July – 0900 hrs	Late check-in desk open at Yacht Club
Saturday 23 July – 1300 hrs	Briefings for Sail & Power on-water exercises
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

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 30th would be appreciated) so that the necessary arrangements can be completed. Registration Forms will be available on-line and at the Yacht Club by March 1st. Register early (address on Registration Form) to help celebrate this historic event.

50th Reunion Committee



Coming Events

- Dec. 09 Bridge meeting
- Jan. 13 Bridge meeting
- Jan. 25 Y/C Exec meeting
- Feb. 10 Bridge meeting
- Feb. 12 Wine Tasting
- Feb. 22 Y/C Exec meeting
- Mar. 07 Marine Radio VHF
- Mar. 10 Bridge meeting
- Mar. 12 St Patrick's Pot luck
- Mar. 22 Y/C Exec meeting
- Apr. 06 Y/C SAGM
- Apr. 07 Bridge meeting
- Apr. 24 First Lift-in
- Apr. 25 Nav Seminar GPS
- Apr. 26 Y/C Exec. meeting
- Apr. 28 AGM Change watch
- May 08 Second Lift-in
- May 12 Bridge Meeting
- May 22 Y/C Sail Past
- May 24 Y/C Exec meeting
- May 27 Wing Night
- July 22 50th Anniversary Reunion of Yacht Club & CPS Squadron**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Commander's Column

The end of another boating year is fast approaching. Our boats have been put to bed for the season and Christmas will soon be upon us.

As we stay warm and snug in our houses, hopefully with snow falling, we think back to summer and all the boating that was done with good friends and the fond memories that will be with us for many years.

As your Commander, I ask for your help with enlisting more volunteers to work with the Squadron Bridge. We need volunteers to fill two vacant positions that of Training Officer and Executive Officer. If you could give of your time and expertise to fill either of these positions or if you know of someone who could would you contact me or



Ron Pennington, Sandra Carter, Commander, John Fear

any member of the Bridge and we will follow up. The Bridge officers are listed on the back page of this issue of the **Helmsman**. Your help will be much appreciated. As a member of the Squadron Bridge you will be a main contributor to the continued success of our Squadron.

Wishing all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sandra Carter
Commander

Boating Courses Scheduled

The RCAF Trenton Squadron will be conducting the **Maritime Radio Seminar** for all Yacht Club members, Boating Course students and others who wish to obtain their Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime), ROC (M), with DSC (Digital Selective Calling) endorsement. The Seminar will be conducted over two evenings on March 7th & 8th 2011 starting at 19:00 hrs, or 7:00 PM, in the Yacht Club lounge. The examination for both modules will be conducted on Monday March 14th at 19:00 hrs (7:00 PM).

This course is mandatory for everyone who will be operating a Maritime VHF or MF Radio in Canadian waters.

A **Boat Pro course** is scheduled for April 4th and 5th also in the Yacht Club lounge and starts at 19:00 hrs (7PM). The examination will be held on Monday 11 April 2011. A second Boat Pro course is scheduled for May 9 and 10 with the exam on the 16th. This course is required for those who have not yet obtained their PCOC card which is mandatory for any person operating any powered recreational vessel after 15 September 2009.

Also watch the Yacht Club Bulletin Boards for seminars on Electronic Charting and Radar in the spring.

To register for any of these courses or seminars, call Keith Bottoms at (613) 392-0927 or email to keith.bottoms@sympatico.ca

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Membership

50 Years and counting.....
Ever wonder how an organization manages to not only survive 50 years, but continue to grow and be relevant. The answer is simple, Active Membership! This July we will be celebrating 50 years of promoting safe boating & camaraderie in the Quinte area. None of this would be possible without the efforts of an active membership. During our celebrations this July we will not only be celebrating the past, we will be planning (and recruiting) for the future.

Join us for the weekend of 22-24 July. Past Commanders will be in attendance to share stories & anecdotes of the formation, and progression from local grassroots initiatives to a nationally based organization that represents the best safe boating curriculum available anywhere. Share stories of past rendezvous', boating mishaps, and days of pleasure on the water with your fellow members.

Any successful organization relies on the active support of its membership to be successful. RCAF Trenton is no exception. Your Squadron needs your help. We currently have several vacancies on our Bridge. If you can spare a couple of hours a month & wish to assist in keeping our Squadron strong please contact any member of the Bridge.

CPS continues to remain relevant in today's electronic age providing many opportunities on the web. You can find links to CPS on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Each site contains valuable information and links to many organizations and businesses that provide discounts and incentives to CPS members. Why not spend a little time on a cold winter day surfing CPS related boating sites, while dreaming of the coming boating season?

Happy Holidays. Wishing you & yours a safe boating year,

Bob Carr
Membership Officer.

Past Commander's Logbook

Recently our Training Officer "Fletch" resigned his Bridge position after a lot of careful thought. Firstly, I'd like to thank him very much for the excellent work he has done as Squadron Training Officer over the past 3 years. He took the job over from Keith Bottoms, and coped with the PCOC card rush, and the implementation of the new Web Based Administration System (WBAS) for on-line servicing of training matters. As many of you will know already, Fletch keeps very busy volunteering his time in a number of different organizations, including the very successful Sailability program at CFB Trenton Yacht Club. We wish him well with his other interests, and look forward to cheering more regatta wins by his amazing Sailability sailors. Thanks again Fletch, for a job well done as our Training Officer.

Fletch's departure, leaves us with a vacancy on the Bridge and since we did not fill all our vacant Bridge positions at the last Change of Watch at our AGM in April we need volunteers. Also, some of our present Bridge members are reaching a point where they have served their time, and want to move on. Your squadron badly needs its members to step forward and take on officer jobs on the Bridge. For several years now we have not been renewing our volunteers, and we are rapidly approaching a critical situation, where work that is vital to the squadron's continuing activities will simply not get done. This puts us into the category of a "squadron at risk", which recognizes the possibility of having to

surrender our warrant or merge with another squadron - and this at a time when we are about to celebrate our 50th anniversary of service to the boating community and the people of CFB Trenton.

We shall be "going through the books" and contacting some members directly to ask for their help in the coming weeks. If you might be interested in taking on a Bridge position and would like to discuss what is involved, please give me a call: **John Fear at 613-475-9793**. I look forward to my phone ringing off the hook!



This fall we failed to attract enough students to run a Boating course, in spite of advertising the course throughout the community. There are several reasons for this, of which the main one is likely the impact of the PCOC tests on our market. However, we plan to run Maritime Radio and Electronic Navigation courses in the spring, as well as a BoatPro course for people wanting to get a PCOC card and the basics of boating in the process. Please contact any Bridge member if you want to sign up for one of these courses.

Finally, happy holidays to everyone and all good wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, full of boating adventures.

John Fear SN
Past Commander

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Safe boating is better
than the alternative

Wise words from our Historian

I was looking through our RCAF Trenton Photo Albums (two, size 20 X 24 inch) and realized that there were dozens of newspaper clippings about our Boating Classes, Squadron parties, Competitions on the water, Change of watch with names and photos. Bathtub racing, Flotilla of Lights and several Squadron Rendezvous. Our people must have sent the information to the newspapers for publication

Once a year we had a Bay of Quinte Cruise for the local seniors and invited them aboard our boats as guests. They enjoyed the experience and we received a terrific write up with photos of them aboard in all the local newspapers and even the radio stations got involved.

This year, for the first time in our history, we had no boating classes. Next year, 2011, we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary on the weekend of 22 - 24 July. Let's make it a Banner Year with huge Boating Classes and lots of activities.

Ron Pennington
Squadron Historian.



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