



# The Helmsman



## Brighton Auxiliary Rescue Unit # 515, Canadian Coastguard Auxiliary, operating from Brighton

While attending the 2007 Canadian Power & Sail Squadron Piloting Course at CFB Trenton Yacht Club, Paul Gauthier a life long boater and owner of Presqu'île Landing Marina, raised the idea of forming a Coastguard Auxiliary Unit that would operate out of Brighton and cover part of Eastern Lake Ontario from the west end of the Murray Canal towards Cobourg. The Unit would fill a gap not covered by existing CCGA units in Belleville, Picton & Wellington, as well as meeting up with the regular Canadian Coast Guard cutter "Cape Mercy" operating out of Cobourg.

Paul recruited a number of experienced Brighton area boaters and BARU was formed in April 2008. The first rescue vessel, a privately owned 22ft PennYan, was quickly replaced by a donated 29ft Chris Craft cruiser which was re-named "Brighton Rescue". A rigid inflatable boat for near-shore rescue work was purchased in 2010 with funds provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

BARU currently has 22 active members and has been involved in over 30 SAR operations since its inception and recently completed its fourth full season of operation. In 2011 "Brighton Rescue" was tasked on nine rescue missions by Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, Central & Arctic Region, (JRCC) at CFB Trenton. Our service delivery standard, to assemble the crew, perform all pre-departure safety checks and leave the

BARU dock within 30 minutes of receiving the tasking from JRCC, was met in 70% of cases. A log of each rescue mission is kept by the Unit.

Following the appointment of former RCAF officer John Crowe as Unit Training Officer this year, a for-

munity events including Winterfest, Canada Day, Applefest etc. She has also been successful in generating donations from local service clubs and others.

BARU receives no government funding other than an annual grant-in-aid from the Municipality of Brighton, so operating costs, averaging \$5-6000 per year, have to be raised by the members. A small amount of funding is provided by grateful boaters that have been assisted and some service clubs and a welcome donation this year came from Central Lake Ontario Sport Anglers.

### Brighton Rescue



mal training program was initiated with weekly on-water or in-class sessions scheduled for members. In addition, members underwent special training on proper use of the near-shore rescue boat & refresher training in First Aid and CPR, including Automated External Defibrillator use. The complement of trained members stands at 22 which allows for a two crew system with Alpha crew on call 24/7 for one week and Beta crew on call the next week.

The Community Relations Officer, Karen Duncan, helped raise the profile of BARU within the community via participation in several com-

The main source of additional revenue is the Donated Boat Program, where people with boats they no longer need can donate them to BARU in exchange for an official tax receipt that can be used as a Charitable Donation to reduce personal income tax. Five boats have been donated, with one small sailboat being donated during the course of the 2011 season which was sold for \$1900. A 30' Trojan power boat was donated by Ernie Gauthier last season.

We continue to work in close cooperation with other CCGA Units in this area, including Wellington, Picton and Belleville, also with the full-time Canadian Coastguard post in Co-

## Commander's Column

Here it is the first of December and we are still having such great weather, but beware, Old Man Winter is waiting around the corner.

By now all boats have been put up for the winter, with the exception of the few fishermen who still brave the cold and hope that they remember to wear the most important item that could very well just save their life and that is a life jacket.

Our Training officers are once again in the classroom hold-forth classes with many new students this year. Great work fellas.

Larry and I want to wish all our members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2012.

**Sandra Carter**  
Commander

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## BARU Brighton



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bourg Harbour. We frequently exchange best practice information and engage in site visits and joint training exercises to share knowledge and experience.

Towards the end of the season, an opportunity arose to purchase a more suitable SAR vessel to replace Brighton Rescue. The 32' Uniflight cruiser with fly bridge & walk through transom which will improve spotter visibility and recovery from water level will be prepared for use next season. The current vessel will be returned to CCGA and offered to any other unit that may want it.

BARU welcomes new members with boating experience. Anyone interested may contact:

Paul Gauthier, Unit Leader  
(613) 475 3030) or

Peter McCann, Deputy Unit Leader  
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## Membership Report

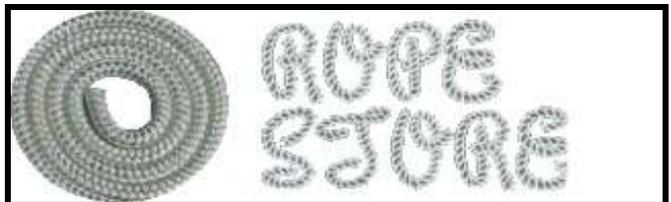
Another season passes, boats are tucked away, and thoughts turn to the next season. As Christmas approaches letters to Santa are sure to include nautical items. High on the Squadron's list is volunteers. Our Squadron has relied heavily on a very small number of long time dedicated people. The aim of CPS is to promote safe boating through education. So, if the idea of promoting safe boating appeals to you, why not dedicate a few hours a month to your Bridge.

Any successful organization relies on the active support of its membership to be successful. RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron is no exception. Your Squadron needs your help. We currently have several vacancies on our Bridge. Each and every one of us brings different skills, opinions and ideas to the table. If you can spare a couple of hours a month and wish to assist in keeping our Squadron strong, please contact any member of the Bridge.

You can find links to CPS on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Each site contains valuable information and links to many organizations & 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, and a safe boating this coming year.

**Bob Carr**  
Membership Officer.



This year's Boating Class had the privilege of a presentation by Mr. Norm Grant. Norm has over 30 years of experience in the manufacturing of rope. He gave a great presentation. Norm took the mystery out of splicing double braided rope.

Norm's rope factory is right here in Trenton. His Factory Outlet store is now open at 127 Dufferin Ave., Trenton. Hours are Friday: 10-5, from November until March. All "Store Pickup" orders placed online can now be picked up from this location once notification is received. If you need to buy rope, please check out this store. <http://www.onlineropestore.com/>

## Welcome Boating Class 2011-12

The RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron is pleased to welcome the 2011-12 Boating Class to our Training program and to wish them every success in their studies. We are certain they have made a good decision in signing up for the Boating course which will prove to be a great help in their boating activities in the future. We have the location and great instructors who will work hard to pass on their knowledge and experience to you their students.



Back Row: Peter Dnistrianskyj, Frank Sheedy, Doug Cowburn, Kornelia Rassias, Rod Hutcheson, Brenda Tucker, Rob Tucker, Richard Boisvert, Nicole Eden, Michael Eden.  
Front Row: Ken Mugford, Ian Brant, Daniel Poulin, Anna Hollinsworth, Hannah Eden, Elaine Handy, Boris Manfreda. Missing: Kelly Harrison, Michel Gosselin.

## From our Historian, a bad cheque?

A \$20 Check, Dr Joseph T Arieno wrote on May 10, 1968, in Trenton, Ont was cashed and returned to the bank. The cancelled check will now be returned to Dr. Arieno but in a large box. It is slightly irregular as cheques go. It was written on a cast for a broken leg. I suppose that requires a bit of explanation. Dr Arieno, a dentist, is a member of Rochester Power Squadron. In May, 1968, he was representing the Squadron at a meeting of Trenton Squadron's women's Auxiliary where a member of the Trenton Squadron had her leg in a cast. Everyone wanted to sign it, but she wouldn't let them unless they made a contribution to the Squadron Fund. Dr Arieno was game. He borrowed an eyebrow pencil and wrote the cheque: "Payable to the Trenton "Squadronettes" who were associated with the RCAF (although what the Canadian Air Force had to do with The Power Squadron, which is motor boats, I don't understand).

Anyway, after the lady's broken leg healed sufficiently for the cast to be removed, the cheque was endorsed by Joyce A. Critchell, taken to the Royal Bank of Canada in Warkworth, Ont. duly cashed by that bank and sent to Dr. Arieno's bank, Central Trust.

"It's unusual to see a cheque like this" said bank vice President Bill Short. "I've seen them on wrapping paper, and once on a lace handkerchief, and once a fellow wrote a cheque on a sheet of steel. It was cancelled with machine gun bullets. No, not here in Rochester."

Dr. Arieno is a member of Irondequoit Rotary Club. If you know anything about the way the Rotarians fine members for such carryings-on, you know that Dr. Arieno had better get another cheque ready.

**Ron Pennington**  
Squadron Historian

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.**

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## WINE & CHEESE PARTY

Monday, December 19<sup>TH</sup> 8PM  
CFB Trenton Yacht Club

All Squadron members are invited to come and meet our students taking the Boating course. Spouses and partners are especially welcome.  
Cash Bar



### Coming Events

- Dec. 08 Bridge meeting
- Dec. 19 Wine & Cheese
- Jan. 12 Bridge meeting
- Jan. 24 Y/C Exec meeting
- Feb. 09 Bridge meeting
- Feb. 11 Wine Tasting
- Feb. 27 Marine Radio VHF
- Feb. 28 Y/C Exec meeting
- Mar. 08 Bridge meeting
- Mar. 17 St Patrick's Pot luck
- Mar. 27 Y/C Exec meeting
- Apr. 02 Boat Pro Course
- Apr. 04 Y/C SAGM
- Apr. 12 Bridge meeting
- Apr. 24 Y/C Exec. meeting
- Apr. 26 AGM Change watch
- Apr. 28 First Lift-in
- May 10 Bridge Meeting
- May 13 Second Lift-in
- May 15 Grad Cup comp.
- May 27 Y/C Sail Past

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