



RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron

September 2013

The 75th Anniversary Celebration

# Helmsman



Our patron, HRH Prince Philip, with the CPS 75th Anniversary flag in his library at Buckingham Palace. In early May, HRH received this commemorative flag and was delighted to contribute to our anniversary celebrations.



Two CPS 75th Anniversary Flags were delivered by USPS Chief Commander John Alter, SN and received by CPS Chief Commander Richard Bee, AP on May 5th at Windsor Yacht Club, where CPS has its beginnings in 1938, blessed by Fr. Stan Fraser and then sent on a journey: one West to Vancouver Island, BC and one East to St. John's, Nfld. Stopping in each CPS District and most Squadrons during their journey, the flags will return to the CPS Annual General Meeting in Toronto on October 26th where we will be culminating our 75th anniversary celebrations. One flag will be retained by CPS and the other will travel to the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) 100th anniversary celebration in January 2014 to symbolize the importance of the role that USPS had in our beginning and our growth... eventually coast to coast.

For the Quinte District celebration, the flag was carried to shore by Quinte District Secretary Gina Lee in the Dragon Boat, *The Noble Lady* along with members of the Peterborough Survivors Abreast and the Cobourg Survivor Thrivers.

[More Pictures](#)



WINDSOR CASTLE

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to offer my congratulations and best wishes to all members of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons on their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. During that time, the Squadrons have made a significant contribution to the safety of those who enjoy their recreation in boats.

Water can be very deceptive. A harmless calm can change into a dangerous storm, and, unless well prepared, pleasure can turn to tragedy in moments.

As a new generation of enthusiastic boaters takes to the water every year, the responsibilities of the Squadrons are never-ending. Their work is an invaluable contribution to the safe enjoyment of messing about in boats.

## \* 16 Cell Service



Having a marine radio is the best thing to have, but \*16 is something new.

Use of a marine radio is the most efficient method of alerting the Canadian Coast Guard, Quinte Search and Rescue and other boaters to an emergency situation.

And operators of vessels not equipped with a marine radio can use the \*16 service to contact the nearest Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Centre easily in case of an emergency.

Boaters keying \*16 on their cell phone connects them directly to the officer on duty at MCTS.

Then the centre (MCTS) will arrange assistance for them by calling the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) at 8Wing/CFB Trenton and then dispatch the necessary assets," he said.

The Canadian Coast Guard, in cooperation with some cellular carriers, provides the marine emergency service for cell phone subscribers.

It is important for subscribers to determine if their cellular carrier offers this feature to its customers," stated the Canadian Coast Guard on the website. The \*16 service is free to the cell phone subscribers and no air-time or long distance are charged. The use of the service is "normally" restricted to obtaining assistance or relaying information relating to distress and urgency situations.

Quinte Search and Rescue and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary are first responders on the water and if you're in trouble on the Bay of Quinte and don't have a marine radio in your vessel, dial \*16.

The majority of the vessels that are out on the Bay of Quinte don't use marine radios."

### **FACT BOX:**

*When using Canadian Coast Guard's \*16 to report a marine distress situation, the following information should be provided by boaters, when available:*

- The location of the vessel
- Your cell phone number
- The nature of the emergency
- The name or identification of the vessel
- The number of persons on board
- Description of the vessel
- The type of assistance required
- The weather conditions at your location

## **Life Jacket Recovered From Bay of Quinte**

An inflated personal flotation vest was recovered in the Bay of Quinte by local sailors near Trident Point, south of Shannonville and east of Massassauga Point Wednesday evening, but there was no indication to whom it belonged.

Rod Hutcheson, public relations officer with Quinte Search and Rescue Unit 507 of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (QSAR), said a QSAR crew was called by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre at CFB Trenton at about 6:25 p.m. after the sailboat's occupants heading towards Belleville recovered the vest.

QSAR's main rescue vessel, the Bruce A Sutcliffe, was launched and commenced a search eastbound, from Trident Point to Telegraph Narrows, looking for someone in the water.

"QSAR was joined in the search by a search and rescue helicopter (CH-146 Griffon) from 424 Search and Rescue Squadron from (8 Wing) CFB Trenton," said Hutcheson.

Hutcheson noted the search continued until shortly after 9 p.m.

## Life Jacket Continues:



“Until darkness made it impossible to continue,” he said. Neither the Sutcliffe, nor the SAR helicopter spotted any sign of someone in distress in

the water.

“The recovered inflatable vest had no markings on it indicating to whom it belonged. It was however not a pfd (personal floatation device) certified for use in Canada,” added Hutcheson

Rod is also a member of RCAF Trenton Canadian Power and Sail Squadron.

[\\*16 Service](#) and [Life Jacket](#) Found are both reprinted with the kind permission of Jerome Lessard, of Sun Media’s “The Intelligencer”,

### District Commander’s Comments

On May 25<sup>th</sup> the Quinte District held their Annual General Meeting hosted by the Ajax Squadron. I would again like to thank the Ajax bridge members for the last minute adjustments, and hosting a very successful event. Special guests for our AGM were Chief Commander Richard Bee, and his wife Barbara Dodd, along with National Law Officer Charles Beale. Charles Beale presented the Organizational Effectiveness overview and answered questions on the upcoming changes that are covered in motion to be voted on at the October National AGM.

Lindsay Squadron celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 15, Quinte Executive Officer Graham Stewart Attended, and reported that it was a great afternoon, and well attended. Congratulations to Lindsay Squadron, on achieving this milestone.

On June 23 Quinte District hosted the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag, at the Cobourg Yacht club. Susan Mellow DPRO

(Peterborough) with her wonderful assistants Elsie Scott (Peterborough) and Gina Lee (Peterborough) put together a wonderful program. Cobourg’s Survivor Thrivers and Peterborough’s Survivors Abreast combined dragoon boat team brought the Anniversary Flag ashore.

The Cobourg Yacht club was full; with strong representation from most squadrons within the Quinte District. In attendance that afternoon were MPP Rob Milligan, Cobourg Mayor Gil Brocanier, and Cobourg Yacht Club Commodore Tony Pitts.

This October’s National Conference, which is being held in Toronto at the Eaton (old Delta) Chelsea is going to be milestone event. Saturday mornings AGM, the vote will be held on the recommendations put forth by the Governance Effectiveness committee, which if passed significantly change the national level volunteer administration of CPS

(Documentation is available on the [CPS national website](#)). The conference will also be the culmination of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag relay will be held on the Saturday evening Chief Commander’s Dinner.

Dale Holland AP

### Squadron Commander’s Comments

#### **Our Squadron Needs Your Help**

At the present time our squadron is in desperate need of your help.

After many years of dedicated service on our Bridge, several members have had to retire from the bridge for one reason or another. We thank them for their service, for without them our squadron would have never survived for these past 50 plus years.

Your squadron is now in a position that if none of our current members come forward to replace them. We will have to consider disbanding and perhaps amalgamation with another squadron.

We are in need the following Bridge Officers, Executive, Treasurer, Entertainment, Webmaster, Communications, Public Relations, Helmsman Editor, RVCC Coordinator and, Historian.

Would you please consider helping your squadron so that we might survive for the next few years?

Ken Mugford AP

## Training Officer's News and Views

It is training season again!!

We are currently providing the "Basic Boating" course to 7 students whose boating experience is relatively new. Our intent, with these courses, is to provide as much personal experience as we can in addition to what is in the training materials. It is this experience that we have found to be most beneficial. We are also registering for the CPS premiere course—"Boating Essentials"—the follow on course to "Basic Boating". There is still room left to register. The Maritime Radio Course will be provided in March.

All courses provided by our squadron are described on our web site. If you are interested in any of these courses please let me know at [john.sandy2006@gmail.com](mailto:john.sandy2006@gmail.com) and I will forward the requested course registration forms.

I want to welcome Anthony Alyea-Marazzo on board as Assistant Training Officer and overall computer "wiz kid"—he should be—he is closely involved with IBM! He is an extremely valuable addition to our Bridge.  
John Brewster

## Seamanship Course



Do you know what to do if a boat on fire calls you for help? Can you deal with emergencies on your own boat? Build your confidence on the water, and make your boating a safe and fun experience, by

taking the CPS Seamanship Course. You will learn how to cope with these situations, as well as many other aspects of boating, such as relative bearings, knots and splicing, medical emergencies, coping with adverse weather, and much more. Commences Oct 16 2013 at CFB Trenton Yacht Club, for more information please contact,

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**Coming Events**

- Sep. 27 Y/C Happy Hour
- Sep. 28 Y/C First Lift Out
- Sep. 30 CPS Boating Course
- Oct. 7 CPS Boating Course
- Oct. 10 CPS Bridge Meeting
- Oct. 14 CPS Boating Course
- Oct. 15 Y/C Exec Mtg
- Oct. 16 CPS Seamanship Begins
- Oct. 20 Y/C Second Lift Out
- Oct. 21 CPS Boating Course
- Oct. 26 Y/C Work Party
- Oct. 27 Y/C Presentations
- Oct. 28 CPS Boating Course
- Oct. 30 Y/C Semi Ann General Mtg
- Nov. 02 Y/C Work Party
- Nov. 04 CPS Boating Course
- Nov. 05 Y/C Schedule Planning Mtg
- Nov. 07 CPS Bridge Meeting
- Nov. 09 Y/C Commodores Ball
- Nov. 13 Y/C Membership Review