



The Helmsman



Welcome to the Bridge

The Squadron is pleased to welcome to the Bridge, Ken Mugford, who has taken up the position of Squadron Executive Officer and Andy Rezebergs who has recently joined our Squadron and accepted the busy position of Squadron Training Officer. Ken Mugford has been with the Squadron for many years as our chief Boating instructor and was the chief push behind the many PCOC training sessions the Squadron conducted leading up to the requirement that every boater obtain the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). Well done Ken and we look forward to your continued contribution to our Squadron.

Andy Rezebergs was formerly a member of the Bay of Quinte Squadron and has recently moved his membership to our squadron. Andy has his SN designation and previous experience as Training Officer with other squadrons. Welcome aboard Andy.

Registration Night
Monday 19th Sept. 2011
CFB Trenton Yacht Club
Main lounge
For all fall courses
Mark your calendar

CPS Foundation

The CPS Foundation is an independent charitable organization, established in 1975 and run by 5 volunteer directors who are CPS members. It accumulates capital from squadron and member donations and bequests, and uses the interest only to fund CPS special projects. The Foundation's objective is stated as "to gather and grow its fund to strengthen and guarantee the mission of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons". Currently the Foundation has about \$700,000 invested capital, and is aiming at a target of \$1 million.

The Foundation's purpose is to fund long term initiatives to improve boating education that CPS would otherwise be unable to afford from its operating budget. It operates at arms length from CPS, and the directors make their own decisions on what deserves to be funded according to the Foundation's own criteria, with a long-term focus. Some recent examples are:

- Funding to help squadrons purchase laptop computers and projectors (now discontinued)
- \$2250 for maritime radio CDs, including the DSC radio

- simulator
- \$9100 for plotting and labeling manuals in both English and French
- \$16000 for Orion passive flare kits supplied to all squadrons
- \$8500 towards the Distress Signaling DVD

The Honour Roll program was set up in 1994 to encourage squadrons to participate in the Foundation's funding. Squadrons donate \$1 per member every year to the Foundation - in our case this amounts to about \$120 annually. Squadrons which have donated their member dollars every year since inception are recorded on the Honour Roll and receive a certificate of recognition. RCAF Trenton Squadron Bridge adopted the program 18 years ago, and we are proud to have maintained our place on the Honour Roll since then, and Squadron Historian Ron Pennington has a collection of our certificates to prove it.

If you are interested in learning more about the CPS Foundation, their website is at www.cpsfoundation.ca (separate from the CPS website).

John Fear SN

Commander's Column

Greetings to all Squadron members. Now that August is coming to an end, I hope that all boaters and sailors have had a very wonderful summer, either cruising and/or racing.

In May of this year we attended a National Safe Boating Association "Ready-Set-Inflate" life jacket demonstration, along with the Base Commander Dave Cochrane, Mayor John Williams, and our MP and MPP.

We celebrated our Squadron's 50th Anniversary in conjunction with CFB Trenton Yacht Club's 50th, on the 22 to 24 July 2011 weekend. Friday evening's Meet & Greet was hosted by Quinte Sailability and held at the Baker Island centre. On Saturday, a noon hour BBQ was held at the Clubhouse followed by a Blessing of the Fleet and a Sail Past. A total of 37 boats (Sail and Power) participated in the Sail Past. Several people commented, that this was the most boats that they had ever seen for a Club Sail Past. On Saturday evening a dinner/dance for 127 people was held at the Astra Lounge in WO's & Sgt's mess. A great evening of food and dance was enjoyed by all.

Just a reminder that **Registration Night**, for all fall courses will be held on **Monday, September 19, 2011, at CFB Trenton Yacht Club, starting at 7:00 PM.** This is the time and place to sign up for the Boating Courses that we will be holding this fall and winter.

I am pleased to let all members know that we now have an Executive Officer, none other than Ken Mugford, and our Training Officer is Andy Rezebergs who has recently joined our Squadron. Welcome to the Bridge Ken and Andy. Everyone enjoy what is left of this summer and boating.

Sandra Carter
Commander

It was a great Celebration !



Cutting the cake, L to R, Ron Pennington, Col Cochrane Red McGillvray, Manfred Koechlin.



Sandra Carter, Commander, is presented with a congratulatory plaque by Catherine McLeod National Administrative officer on the occasion of our Squadron's 50th anniversary.



Catherine McLeod of CPS National Office and Sandra Carter, Commander RCAF Squadron, take the Sail Past salute on behalf of CPS.

More Celebrations



The Saturday morning breakfast was well attended.



Denis Dove, Commodore, and Greg Tanner take the Sail Past salute on behalf of the Yacht Club.

Fall & Winter Courses 2011—2012

Now that our 50th anniversary celebration is becoming a distant pleasant memory, it's time to get back to our business of teaching safe, enjoyable boating. We are planning to run a Boating course this fall.

Boating Course

This is our flagship course for people who are new to boating (or intend to buy a boat in future). It covers all the basics including charts, navigation aids, the compass, knots, docking & anchoring, seamanship, weather and practical cruise exercises. Instructors are experienced boaters who will prepare you to boat safely and enjoy your time on the water. The PCOC qualification is included, and there is an opportunity to follow on with the Maritime Radio course.

For new yacht club members, there is just no better way to begin your boating career, and graduating from this course will entitle you to fly the CPS flag on your boat. We ask seasoned club members to please recommend this course to any new boaters you know who may be interested, and we'll be advertising it in the community too.

Registration night for all courses is on Monday September 19th at the Yacht Club, and Bridge members will be there to answer questions on our courses, and sign students up.

Weather Course

We are also planning to run a Weather course this fall, which we have not run for a very long time, if ever. We have enlisted professional meteorologist and club member Catalin Obreja to teach this course, so it will be comprehensive and interesting, and will appeal to seasoned boaters. The course is scheduled to start in October, on Wednesday evenings.

Radar Course

A Radar course is scheduled for November, and this too will appeal to experienced boaters.

Boating Basics

A Boating Basics course is scheduled for October, if there is demand. This is the new short course for the PCOC card, and will run for 3 evenings. The exam is a lot more difficult now, so our course may be the perfect answer to passing the exam painlessly.

Signing up for CPS courses in the fall & winter is a great way to extend your boating season and update your knowledge, so we hope to see you at registration night, or you can e-mail us at rcaftrentonCPS@gmail.com. Also course details are posted on our website at www.cps-ecp.ca/RCAFTrenton/.

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Safe boating is better than the alternative



The Reception Committee hard at work checking-in at the Meet & Greet.



RCAF Trenton Squadron Bridge 2011/12

Coming Events Fall 2011

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- Sept. 08 Bridge Meeting
- Sept. 10/11 Club Regatta
- Sept. 17 Cradle Day
- Sept. 18 Close of season prayer
- Sept. 19 **Registration night CPS**
- Sept. 25 First Lift-out
- Sept. 26 **1st Boating Class**
- Oct. 01 Work Party
- Oct. 13 1st Seamanship Class
- Oct. 13 Bridge Meeting
- Oct. 18 Y/C Exec meeting
- Oct. 22 Second Lift-out
- Oct. 23 Trophy Night &
- Oct. 26 Y/C SAGM
- Nov. 08 Scheduling Meeting
- Nov. 10 Bridge meeting
- Nov. 12 Commodore's Ball
- Dec. 08 Bridge meeting
- Dec. 12 Wine & Cheese