

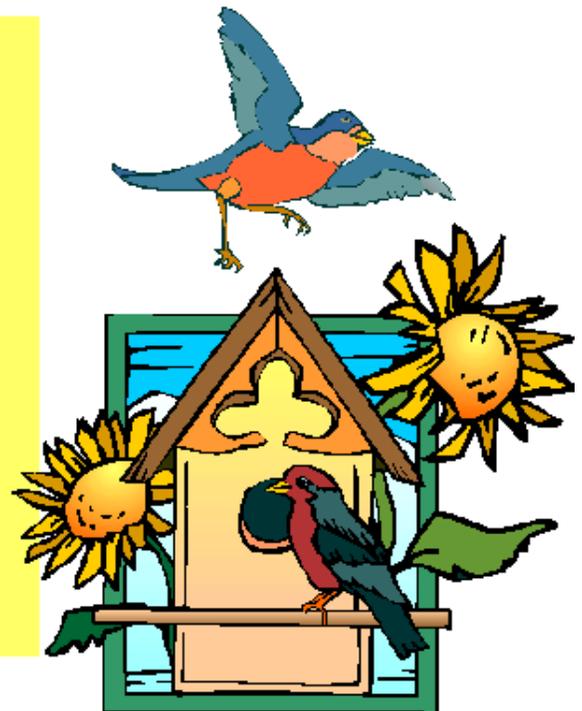


April, 2013

# Scuttlebutt

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **April 29...** Etobicoke Squadron AGM at Loblaws Super Store.
- **May 7...** Marine Radio begins at Etobicoke Collegiate.
- **May 16...** York West District AGM at Paradise Banquet Hall.
- **June 4...** Etobicoke Squadron Graduation at Mimico Cruising Club
- **December 7...** Holiday Party at Mimico Cruising Club



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## COMMANDER'S REPORT

Last year when I became Commander, my goals for the Squadron were to provide a good training program, spend our money carefully and recruit new people to assist in operating the Squadron. How well have we done? As a non-profit organization, our financial goal is simply to cover our costs. The Treasurer's report indicates that we have met this goal. Our training program has been a great success. Details will be found in the Training Officer's report.

In the area of recruiting volunteers, we have not done as well as I hoped. Unfortunately, we still lack an Executive Officer – a person who will eventually become Commander. I am committed to the position of Commander for the next year at least, longer if necessary, but not forever. Someone else will have to take over from me some time. The recruitment problem is not unique to CPS. All volunteer organizations are having the same problem. So again I urge all members to participate in the operation of the Squadron. Teach a course or proctor one. Serve on the Bridge. Help organize a social event. Write an article for the Scuttlebutt. If we each do a little, we can accomplish a lot.

Here are some of the highlights of my activities:

I accepted an invitation to speak to RUM Group (Retired and Underemployed Men) about CPS and boating. I talked about the history of CPS, my history with the organization and some of our current activities. The talk, which culminated with a demonstration of a Mustang inflatable PFD, was well received.

The Etobicoke Squadron graduation was held at the Mimico Cruising Club on May 31. On June 16, I was invited to say a few words about CPS at the Mimico Cruising Club Sail Past. I emphasized the win-win nature of the relationship between MCC and the Etobicoke Squadron.

Over the summer I also assisted Keith Nettleton with RVCC inspections at National Yacht Club and the Mimico Cruising Club.

I represented the Etobicoke Squadron at the National AGM in Edmonton and at several meetings of the York West District.

Two major social functions were held. The Commander's Barbeque was hosted by past Commander David Burt and his wife, Mary. The Squadron Christmas Party was held at the Mimico Cruising Club. Both activities were greatly enjoyed by all attendees. It should be noted that attendance at the Christmas Party increased significantly over previous years. This increase was due mainly to the efforts of Assistant Treasurer Don Thompson.

I also worked a shift in the CPS Booth at the Toronto International Boat Show.

Finally, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, I prepared a report listing the candidates recommended for the Squadron Bridge for next year.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald McCutcheon  
Commander,  
Etobicoke Power & Sail Squadron



## Training Officer's Report

I am pleased to report that we have a full class of 20 students in the Boating Essentials Course that is currently underway. The Boating Essentials Course is the new foundation course for CPS membership. The large number of Boating Essentials students from this year and last year should provide a good base for running the Seamanship Course in the Fall 2013.

### CPS Etobicoke Squadron – Upcoming Spring Courses

Course	Classroom	Start Date	Exam Date
Maritime Radio	149	May 7, 2013	May 28, 2013

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at Etobicoke Collegiate, 86 Montgomery Road, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM.

For more information or to register on-line, go to  
<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/etobicoke> Courses & Events

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## Parks Canada

*The following letter was published in the Wednesday, February 13th edition of the Orillia Packet & Times regarding fee increases for services on our water ways by Park Canada.*

To the editor:

How do you decimate businesses and tourism in Cottage Country? Just ask Parks Canada.

What if you were a small, seasonal-business operator? If you're lucky, you can work 3 months out of the year. Like all businesses you expect to pay business tax, but your business is special. It has an additional cost of \$5,200 that must be paid to the government. Let's say that's part of the cost of doing business. You wake up one morning to find the \$5,200 additional cost has now become a punitive amount of \$111,000, an increase of 2100%. Do you close down; or do you fight the system like the owner of "THE VOYAGEUR" a 45-passenger boat that runs cruises from Peterborough, past Orillia to the Marine Railroad near Port Severn. Lock prices are going up, and just to make it interesting for all, they're cutting back on lock service at the same time.

Here are some of the costs as they relate to a 26-foot cruiser if the current proposal for 2014 goes through: tie-up at a lock for a picnic - \$26, at present this is complimentary; single lock pass, through and back - \$31.20, up 120%; six-day pass - \$187.20, up 143%; season's pass - \$390, up 170%.

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The vast majority of businesses along the Trent and Rideau systems are seasonal, counting heavily on boaters, along with their guests, to support marinas, restaurants, grocery stores and even the LCBO. The visiting American boaters will surely take their boating dollars elsewhere, as they are accustomed to a more congenial welcome in their own country. For example, some places along the Hudson River offer complimentary mooring, free electrical hookup, and will even accommodate a pump out for a buck. Is it possible that Parks Canada cannot see the bigger picture?

The costs of maintaining our water systems run, and will continue to run, in the red. However, the revenue the government receives from boating traffic by way of gas tax from marinas and HST from retail businesses, should more than offset any short comings. Parks Canada has set the date of Feb. 18 for public input to their proposal. These draconian increases are not the solution. The economic repercussions of this proposal to our northern communities, never mind the loss of desperately needed summer jobs, will be devastating if Parks Canada has its way.

David Burt  
District Training Officer, York West  
Canadian Power and Sail Squadron

### **Parks Canada Issue – Current Status**

Parks Canada says it will try to resolve all fee complaints by April 12; however the submission date for concerns has already come and gone. Below is what you can expect for the 2014 boating season.

The cost of lock passes will rise between 43 and 70 per cent and pay-as-you-go lockage fees will jump an average of 64 per cent. The increases will take effect in 2014.

Lockage costs will range from \$2.40 a foot for a one-day pass to \$15 a foot for a seasonal pass. It will cost 60 to 90 cents a foot to pass through a lock station.

As well, effective this year, overnight mooring fees will rise 39 per cent to \$1.25 a foot and a seasonal mooring pass will increase drastically by 104 per cent to \$20 a foot. Parks Canada is also instituting a new daytime mooring fee of 50 cents per foot. This originally was to be \$1.00 per foot. By the way, if you drive your car to the locks to have a picnic, you don't pay - only the boaters pay.

Parks Canada says the proposed mooring fees are lower than those charged by municipal and provincial governments, and also lower than fees charged by private marinas. That may be true; but marinas offer shore power, showers, and many of them offer restaurant and swimming pool facilities.

Those with unresolved complaints can ask an independent advisory panel to review their complaints. The panel can make a non-binding recommendation. Sorry, sounds like blowing in the wind to me. It would appear that Parks Canada has finalized the above figures so either pay up or move your slip location to the far side of Lock 45 and enjoy Georgian Bay and the North Channel.

David Burt  
Past Squadron Commander

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **To: The Members, Etobicoke Power & Sail Squadron**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Etobicoke Squadron, of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, will be held at Loblaws Superstore, Burnhamthorpe and The East Mall on Monday April 29, 2013, at 1900 hours for the purposes of:

- a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of Officers and Committees of the Squadron;
- b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2013 and the report of the Auditor thereon;
- c) electing to office, in accordance with Article 9.1 of the Model Squadron Regulations for the 2013-2014 term of office, the persons referred to in the Report of the Nominating Committee;
- d) appointing the Squadron Auditor for the ensuing year;
- e) appointing in accordance with Article 9.15 of the Squadron Regulations a Squadron Nominating Committee. A copy of the Report of the Nominating Committee, based on Squadron Regulations, is attached to this Notice of Meeting as Schedule A and forms part hereof. Additional nominations may be made in accordance with Article 9.15.5(b) of the Model Squadron Regulations; and
- f) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Attendance of Members in good standing of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in general and of Etobicoke Squadron in particular is requested and encouraged.

**DATED** this 3rd day of April, 2013

For and on behalf of the Squadron Executive Committee:

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Mary Burt, Secretary

## Schedule A

**Report of the Nominating Committee of  
Etobicoke Power & Sail Squadron  
March 5, 2013**

The following members of the Squadron are nominated for election or appointment in accordance with Article 9 of the Model Squadron Regulations, for the 2013-2014 term of office:

(a) For election in accordance with Article 9.1 to the positions shown:

Commander	Ronald McCutcheon, AP	23 Courtsfield Cresc., Toronto, ON	M9A 4T1
Training Officer	Milvi Ester, S	37 Heatherton Cres., Toronto, ON	M3A 1P6
Secretary	Mary Burt	23 White Oak Blvd., Etobicoke, ON	M8X 1H8
Treasurer	P/C Don Langlois	31 Mapledawn Rd., Etobicoke, ON	M9C 2V7
Membership Officer	Harry Sutton, JN	6 Wellbrooke Place, Etobicoke, ON	M9B 5A3

(b) In accordance with Article 6.1.1, the Squadron Executive Committee shall consist of the Elected Officers set forth in Section 9.1, and the immediate Past Commander of this Squadron:

Past Commander	David Burt, P	23 White Oak Blvd., Etobicoke, ON	M8X 1H8
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(c) For appointment by the Commander in accordance with Article 9.1 to the positions shown:

Assistant Training Officer & Webmaster	P/Cdr. Keith Nettleton, P	21 Amberwood Rd., Toronto, ON	M9B 5S4
MAREP Office	Donna Scott,	702 Gypsy Fly Cr., Mississauga, ON	L5G 2Z3
Historian	P/C Harry Streit, SN	2 Kuhl Ave. Etobicoke, ON	M9B 5X7
Environmental Officer	John Warwick, AP	6 Oakfield Dr., Toronto, ON.	M8Y 1N7
Assist. Treasurer	Don Thompson	P.O. Box 52, Georgetown, ON.	L7G 4T1

(d) For appointment in accordance with Section 11.6.1 to the internal audit review committee:

Chair – Audit Review Comm.	Bill Mitchell	74 Cranbrooke Ave., Toronto, ON	M5M 1M4
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(d) For appointment in accordance with Section 9.15, to the Nominating Committee, by virtue of their service.

Chair:	Cdr. Ronald McCutcheon, AP	23 Courtsfield Cr., Etobicoke, ON	M9A 4T1
Member:	P/Cdr. David Burt, P	23 White Oak Blvd., Etobicoke, ON	M8X 1H8
Member:	P/Cdr. Keith Nettleton	21 Amberwood Rd., Toronto, ON	M3A 1P6

In accordance with Article 12.1 of the Model Squadron Regulations: “No member of this Squadron shall be eligible for election as provided in Section 11.6.1 of these Regulations at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting unless nominated by the Squadron Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination.”

Respectfully submitted,

Cdr. Ronald McCutcheon AP, Chairman

P/Cdr. David Burt, P, Member

P/Cdr Keith Nettleton, P, Member



## Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons York West District



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### To: The Members, York West District

In accordance with Section 11.1.1 of the York West District Regulations, Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of York West District of Canadian Power and Sail Squadron will be held at the Paradise Banquet Hall, 7601 Jane St, Vaughan, on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 1900, for the purposes of:

- a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of Officers and Committees of the District;
- b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2013, and the Report of the District Auditor thereon;
- c) electing the Officers referred to in Section 9.1 of the York West District Regulations;
- d) appointment of the District Internal Audit Review Committee;
- e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, 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 five 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.

Attendance of Members in good standing of Canadian Power and Sail Squadron in general, and of York West District in particular, is requested and encouraged.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2013

P/Cdr Marilyn Ellison AP  
Acting District Secretary

Note: Refreshment will be served from 1830



# Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons York West District



## REPORT OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

April 3, 2013

### To: The Members of York West District

1. The York West District Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as District Officers for 2013/2014

District Commander	Christopher Morgan, JN	Etobicoke Squadron
District Executive Officer	TBD	
District Training Officer	P/Cdr David Burt P	Etobicoke Squadron
District Administrative Officer	TBD	
District Treasurer	P/Cdr Donald Langlois, JN	Etobicoke Squadron
District Secretary	P/D/C Pauline Wettlaufer AP	Port Credit Squadron
District Membership Officer	Barbara Edsall	North Halton Squadron
District Public Relations Officer	TBD	
District MAREP Officer	TBD	

2. The District Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members, pursuant to District Regulation 9.3:

District Flag Officer	Ian Casey	Oakville Squadron
Officer At Large	P/D/C John Hinksman SN	Oakville Squadron
Officer At Large	P/C/C Doreen Hinksman AP	North Halton Squadron
Officer At Large	P/D/C David Agnew	Toronto Squadron

3. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members to the District Internal Audit Review Committee:

Chair / District Internal Audit Review Committee	Ramesh Subramaniam
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4. The District Nominating Committee also advises that:

- (a) the following Member will serve on the District Executive Committee and the District Council by virtue of his position as Immediate Past District Commander and does not require election or appointment:

Immediate Past District Commander	P/D/C Attila Soti AP	Richmond Hill Squadron
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- (b) pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for the year 2013/2014 by virtue of their positions, and do not require election or appointment:

P/D/C David Agnew	Toronto Squadron (Chair)
P/D/C Attila Soti AP	Richmond Hill Squadron
D/C Christopher Morgan, JN	Etobicoke Squadron

Respectfully submitted,

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P/D/C David Agnew, Chairman

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P/D/C Pauline Wettlaufer AP

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D/C Attila Soti AP



# YOUTH Note Card Contest

## Youth Note Card Contest 2013 Theme – “The Old and the New”

Artist's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Category 6 to 10 (NEW) \_\_\_\_\_

Category 11 to 14 (OLD) \_\_\_\_\_

Organizing Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children or grandchildren of CPS-ECP members, or those who have taken “PCOC for Youth” or Boat Pro are eligible to enter the contest.

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## Contest Rules

1. The entry must be a single 5”x7” digital photo that is black and white or colour.
2. Photos will be judged for concept, originality, and content.
3. Original photos only; computer generated, professional, or copyright material may not be used.
4. The contest entry form must be completed and pasted on the back of the photo.
5. Only one entry per person please.
6. Do not fold photo.
7. Judging will be at the Squadron level first, then at District. Six entries per District will be judged at the National Conference, three for each category.
8. All District entries should be given to the Youth Education Committee Chair by the first day of the National conference.
9. Ages 6-10 will submit photos of anything nautical from the past 10 years. Ages 11-14 will submit photos of anything that is old or historical but still nautical in nature.
10. Both age groups will be required to submit a brief description (one paragraph) of their item and its history.

## Parental Authorization

Sir/Madam,

This letter confirms our authorization, as parents or guardians of [artist's name] \_\_\_\_\_ to allow [child's first name] \_\_\_\_\_ to submit his/her entry for the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons' Youth Note Card Contest.

We have reviewed the contest's rules and understand that the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons may use the entry, in whole or in part, alone or in conjunction with other texts, drawings, sketches, or photographs or documents CPS currently publishes or may eventually publish. We also understand that our child waives any right (he or she) may have to a financial consideration or compensation for the use of (his or her) entry. Moreover, we relinquish any right we have or may have for ourselves or on behalf of [child's first name] \_\_\_\_\_ over the contest entry, as mentioned in the contest's rules.

Trusting that the above is to your satisfaction

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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