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Dates for Your Calendar

Holiday Party!

Mimico Cruising Club - Flag Room

Saturday December 10, 2022 - 2:00-4:00 pm

If we don't see you, have a wonderful, safe holiday season.

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Commander's Deck



The 2022 AGM was held online using the Squadron's licensed copy of Zoom. The boating season was pretty much back to normal. RVCC inspections were held at local yacht clubs. Details are contained in the RVCC Officer's report.

I attended the National AGM, here in Toronto. On Thursday, I assisted with registration. On Friday, I served as co-chair for the Commanders meeting. Here are a few of the points from that meeting:

- The Power Squadron used to be the first source of boating education that people thought of. The Vision of CPS-ECP is to re-establish this.
- Consider combined in person and on line (hybrid) courses. Note: We plan to do one of these. See the Education Officer's report for details.
- Electronic Navigation will be integrated with all boating courses
- Squadrons should produce a short video and/or Powerpoint on local boating knowledge.
- The TEAMS/OUTLOOK platform is what CPS will be using. The Commander, Membership, Financial and Training Officers have access. We need to learn how to use it.
- CPS has a serious cash flow problem. Money sitting in Squadron accounts can help
- A new on-line PCOC Course is being developed. Transport Canada approval is needed.

- A special fund has been established to improve IT processes. Note: I think Etobicoke Squadron should consider making a donation.

On Saturday, I attended the General Meeting. On-line voting on all motions was completed on Friday. Thus there was no discussion of these motions. This has caused some subsequent controversy.

For the first time, my boat is being stored on a cradle rather than towed to indoor storage on a trailer. This change necessitated on-site winterizing and shrink wrapping. This work was completed by Making Waves Marine N Powersports, Etobicoke Squadron's latest new partner. Their prices are extremely competitive and I was very satisfied with the results.

Our first face-to face Bridge meeting was held on Nov. 17. Our first post-pandemic social event will be a holiday get together for a glass of wine. This event will be held in the Flag Room of the Mimico Cruising Club on Saturday December 10, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Invitations to all members in good standing of the Etobicoke Squadron were sent by email. Anyone planning to attend should advise the Commander by E-mail ronmcc@rogers.com no later than Monday Dec. 5. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ronald McCutcheon
Commander,
Etobicoke Power and Sail Squadron

RVCC Checks

Membership Deck

RVCC INSPECTION PROGRAM - 2022

As in 2021, this year (2022) all boat clubs in Canada again were faced with local and Provincial and Canadian Federal Regulations related to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic Regulations. This was in continued compliance with government directives that were in effect.

The result was that RVCC Inspection dates were late in the boating season for LSYC and EYC. These Clubs followed Mimico Cruising Club's Inspection Date.

The Inspection Date for National Yacht Club could not be held due to some of our own Inspection Officers not being available for the planned date, and no RVCC Inspection Members from Toronto Squadron were available to help. Traditionally, for an effective inspection program, a minimum of three RVCC Inspection Officers are needed at each location.

2022 ETOBICOKE POWER SQUADRON RVCC INSPECTION PROGRAM RESULTS

Total Number of Boats	MCC	LSYC	EYC
Inspected - 77	40	22	15
Passed - 66	36	18	12
Non-Compliant - 11	4	4	3
National Yacht Club - not undertaken			

My thanks again to Etobicoke Power Squadron RVCC Inspection Officers supporting and participating in the 2022 RVCC Inspection Programs at the four Clubs.

Ron McCutcheon Commander, Keith Nettleton Past Commander, Donna Scott RVCC Member, David McGuire RVCC Member, Andrew Pitt RVCC Member, Patrick Lavelle RVCC Member

Respectfully Submitted

John Warwick AP,
RVCC Officer,
Etobicoke Power & Sail Squadron

With the help of Liz Laverty at Member Services, we tracked down one member's fee which had been inadvertently sent to Toronto Squadron. It has been transferred back to Etobicoke, where we hope it will remain.

CPS AGM

I attended the membership session on the new membership system. Unfortunately, I was unable to log into Microsoft Teams for the membership promotions on the Friday and the AGM on Saturday. Sheila Boucher is trying to get a copy of the slides for me.

Teams is a good system, but not very robust. It refused to let me log in for two of the three presentations.

Upcoming

There is a National Membership Committee meeting scheduled for November 24th, which I plan to attend via Teams.

Respectfully submitted

Dave McGuire
Membership Officer,
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Financial Deck

The Etobicoke Squadron financial position remains sound with total assets of \$24,283.00 and liabilities of only \$1,250.00.

For the 8 months ending November 30th, 2022 revenues were \$3,500.00 and expenses were \$3,918.00 resulting in a small loss of \$418.00 for the period. Note however, this small loss is not the result of an operating deficit but from the squadron's decision to donate \$2,500.00 (60% of expenses) to CPS to help fund their general operating costs as well as the recently concluded National Conference in Toronto.

To date, the Maritime Radio course continues to be our primary revenue generator, accounting for 86% of total revenues while Membership dues make up the remaining 14%. However, based on the timing of courses being offered, revenues from Boating Courses are expected to grow over the next few months. Also, as we slowly transition back to face-to-face meetings, expenses can be expected to increase. As a reminder, the payment of course fees through direct e-transfer deposits to our bank account is suggested. The email address for e-transfer deposits to the squadron is etobicokesquadronfinance@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Fung
Financial Officer

Education Deck

CPS-ECP Etobicoke Squadron is proposing an Electrical Maintenance Course to be held at Mimico Cruising Club for club members and virtually online for non-members, using a Zoom platform. The in-class portion for MCC members will be limited to a manageable number. Course materials will be made available to students before the course begins.

The course covers many areas of electrical maintenance for boat owners, including alternating current and direct current usage. Wiring, problem solving, types of batteries, stray current and grounding, determining resistance, short circuits, testing using circuit testers, and many other methods of solving problem and equipment installation of interest to boaters. There will be a section

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on battery choice, including lead acid, AGM, Gel cell and Lithium Ion categories.

The course will be taught by Ron McCutcheon, Commander of Etobicoke Squadron, using Powerpoint and discussion techniques.

Dates: Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21, 28, including a Final Exam on the last day. (Optional). Class duration: 3 hours approx.

Testimonials from previous students:

"I enjoyed the course and since then I've gone on to earn my ABYC certified marine electrical technician and ABYC certified marine corrosion technician designations. "

"Course was terrific! I learned a lot about batteries."
"The online format did not impede learning the material. In-the-shop battery seminar was very good."

This course will be held using the Zoom platform. The class duration is 3 hours, on Tuesday evenings from Feb 7 to March 28. An optional seminar on battery selection and maintenance will be included.

Comments from previous students:

After registering, members of the Mimico Cruising Club and their guests can arrange to attend in person by contacting the Squadron Education Officer Patrick Lavelle.

The boating season is short! Don't waste any of it due to electrical problems.

Cost to participants: Non-Members of CPS: \$ 205.00
Members: \$ 174.50

Cost includes Online Texts and materials; \$10.00 early bird sign-up before January 1st.

Email Patrick Lavelle / SEO for more information.
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