

DRY ROT

Commander's report

It has been a while since we have issued a Dryrot, summer is over and we are enjoying the fall. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer on the water, beach or just sitting in your back yard!

In the last issue, I mentioned that we would be having a training seminar for the RVCC – recreational vessel courtesy check. It turned out to be quite successful with 28 CPS members from the Niagara District. Hamilton had 9 members complete the seminar, hopefully one of them were able to give you the courtesy check. Watch for this program to happen again next spring and into early summer. By getting the check, your boat is inspected for the necessary safety items for the size of your vessel. If successful you will receive a sticker to put in a visible spot on your boat. If an enforcement officer questions your vessel, they will see that you have already gone through this courtesy check. So next year, book ahead we already have trained volunteers. Here in Hamilton the volunteers were in Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Macassa Bay Yacht club, Harbour West, MacDonald Marina, Forans Marina & in the Simcoe area (sorry, Gary I don't remember the name of the areas you covered).

We are getting ready for another year of training and if any one of you would like to come out to proctor just let us know. We can use all the help we can get! We just had our first registration day on Sept 18/11 at MBYC with 6 people registering for the boating course. Thanks to Barry Courtman who looked after the registration on his own. (I promised to come back and cover him for lunch but I was so busy at the next event mentioned, I apologize to you Barry !!)

Job well done!

On the same day we had the opportunity to be involved with the Multicultural Waterfest that is organized by BARC (Bay Area Restoration Council) at the RHYC. We had Ron & Marney Warby, Murray & Laurel Thompson, & Cal and I working in the tent.

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Great Social Evening Coming up:

**Hamilton Power
& Sail Squadron**

HAUL OUT PARTY

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

6:30 pm

Fri. Nov. 18th 2011

*All members are
invited to bring your f
avourite Chilli recipes*

**Cash Bar
Door Prizes
Raffle**

RSVP by November 11th, 2011

FROM THE COMMANDER

Rhoda from BARC thought it would be a great idea to have a safety tent that the attendees come thru for a safety talk, and instruction on how to put on a life-jacket. The good news, the weather was great, and we had many as 300-350 immigrants come out. The other club that helped out with this event was the Hamilton Bay Sailing Club, Lively Dragons & RHYC.

Our training officer Glen Carruthers has recently been laid up for a bit. He is now getting ready to set the agenda for the courses this fall. We wish him a speedy recovery. We hope we will have him back on board soon.

We have been planning the social events for the upcoming year, and will be having the Haul Out

Party on Nov 18/11 at MBYC – details are in this issue. We will have our 7th Annual Pizza & Wings on Feb 24/12 and we hope to have Glenn McDonald back to talk about this summer's adventure to the Arctic again.

We are working on having the Breakfast on March/2012, hopefully at RHYC in their newly renovated dining room. We will wrap up the training year with our 63rd Annual General Meeting & Graduation ceremony on Apr 27/12 at MBYC.

I look forward to seeing you at some of the social events!

*Cheers,
Vicky*

BOATING COURSE UPGRADES



It's getting close to haul out and with that comes the time to think about upgrading your knowledge of boating and navigating. Our first registration for the basic course was on the 18th of September with the second one coming in October. Check the registration dates elsewhere in this paper.

I sent an email recently regarding the new system for accessing the U.S. with your boat. Several people including myself have questioned the reason for this since a passport is usually sufficient for the border agency. If you have any comments on this please send me an email at pboothroyd@cogeco.ca. Also, if you have not received an email from me recently please let me know by phone or email as soon as possible so I can update your member profile.

I will be proctoring and instructing at the Basic Boating class and would love to see you. Stop by and say hi and sit in on a class if you wish. I acquired a new boat this year and would love to tell you about it.

See you in class,
Pete Boothroyd AP
HPS Membership Officer

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR – 2011-2012

HPS – 5th Annual HAUL OUT Party

Friday, NOVEMBER 18th, 2011
6:30 pm
at Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Chilli Cook-off, Lasagna,
Salads, Buns, Cake, Pastries
Coffee & Tea
Cash bar all evening
Door Prizes & Raffle

Tickets \$15
RSVP by November 11, 2011

HPS – Annual Spring Breakfast

Sunday March 25th, 2012
9:00 – 11:00 am
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

Buffet style breakfast including:
coffee, tea, juices, assorted pastries, sliced
fruit, eggs, bacon, sausage, home-fries, toast,
pancakes & syrup, warm fruit,
and whipped cream.

Guest speaker: **tbd**

Tickets \$15
RSVP by March 21, 2012

HPS 7th Annual Pizza & Wing Night

Friday, February 24th 2012
6:30 pm
at Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Cash bar all evening
door prizes & raffle
Guest speaker: **tbd**

Tickets \$15
RSVP by February 20th 2012

HPS Graduation & 63rd AGM

Friday April 27nd 2012
6:30pm
Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Hot dinner buffet at 6:30
Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 pm
and AGM at 9:00 pm

*Tickets can be reserved by calling
Vicky Grimshaw at (905) 628-0645
through the Hotline: (905) 388-1227
or purchased during classes*

Tickets \$25
RSVP by April 15th, 2012

SEABREEZE

We got off to a very wet start this boating summer, but on the positive side this brought up the water levels substantially, so there was enough water depth to avoid any bumps. Once it got going, I doubt anyone would have complained about the summer as being too cool!

The first summer event for the Squadron was the June 4 Annual "Blessing of The Boats" held at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. I believe we could have been up to plan "D" by the time the ceremony commenced. At first, the chairs and regalia were being set up on the front lawn of the club as per normal. As the weather quickly deteriorated, the plan was then amended, moving the equipment and chairs to the somewhat sheltered area on the east side of the club house. It soon became apparent that we were going to be blasted by a very severe squall line, with gale force winds and torrid flashes of lightning. With minutes before show time, everything was quickly set up in the dining room. Visitors, members, the HMCS Star Brass band, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets colour party, RHYC Bridge Officers and clergy were all crammed into the dining room. When it came time to lay the wreath, Commodore Russ Perry got soaked as he grabbed the wreath, dashed outside to the dock face and threw it in. So much for decorum. Mother Nature put on a powerful display of weather which almost completely wiped out the proceedings. As always in boating, the weather man has the final say!

The next event that the Squadron was involved in was the "Doors Open" event held August 20 at Macassa Bay Yacht Club. Our Squadron had a table down at the docks, where pamphlets and displays

were presented as well as information about upcoming classes. Ron Warby, Glenn Carruthers, Barry Courtman and Mike Kott were on hand to man the table. Thanks to Commander Vicky Grimshaw we had lots of the new CPS brochures to hand out. Around 180 visitors were welcomed to the event. To add to the festivities MBYC had a Classic Rock band in the north garden and served up hamburgers and hot dogs at the BBQ there. The Knot Abreast paddling team had their tents and displays set up. There were more displays inside the club house outlining the club history plus a video presentation showing club activities. There were several boats available for public boarding including the Hamilton Police launch "Alliance I".

Hamilton harbour was honoured with the visit of the frigate "Montreal". She was berthed at the HMCS Star basin for public tours on September 10 and 11. It brought to mind the visit of the sister ship the Frigate "Charlottetown", on which some HPS Bridge members were privileged to visit in September of

'08. The Charlottetown was welcomed back to Halifax on September 2 this year after her 5 month deployment with NATO forces off Libya. She was under attack twice during her time there. It is rather sobering to think that this very ship we were aboard was involved in actual combat duty. We live in a small world with a very fragile peace.

Another totally different ship was also visiting Hamilton harbour at the same time as the frigate Montreal, the 157 foot "Pride of the Baltimore II". The ship is a replica of a 19th century square topsail schooner. Over 2000 people visited this ship during her 2 day stay.

Readers are reminded that the first **Boating classes** this year will be held on **Tuesday October 25th** at Westdale High School.

On **Friday November 18th** Hamilton Power Squadron will be holding our **4th Annual Haul Out Party** at Macassa Bay Yacht Club featuring chilli and lasagne.

Please see the advertisement.



**Hamilton Power & Sail
Squadron**

Bridge Meetings
1900 to approx 2100

All members are invited to attend

Nov 14, 2011

Jan 09, 2012

Feb 13, 2012

Mar 12, 2012

Apr 09, 2012

May 14, 2012

All meetings are at Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Interested in volunteering?
We are currently looking for
Executive Officer,
Entertainment Officer

Also if you are interested in helping out with
instruction at our classes contact us.
Vicky 905-628-0645

EATING LIGHT

COUNTRY FARE

with Nancy Ellen

Cutting calories can be a breeze with the right combination of ingredients, and best of all you'll never know what you have been missing.

Here is a meal that is easy to make and easy to eat.

MUSHROOM SOUP

2 C.	water
2 tsp.	chicken bouillon granules
¼ lb.	fresh mushrooms (thick slices)
1 med.	carrot (thick slices)
1 med. stock	celery (with leaves, thick slices)
2 tsp.	parsley flakes
Dash ea.	pepper, garlic powder

Pour water and chicken bouillon granules into a three quart saucepan. Add vegetables to broth. Add seasonings and simmer till vegetables are tender. (Double the recipe if desired).

Yield: 2 servings 47 calories each.

Editor's note: Members may remember Barry Lovegrove and his lovely wife Nancy, who often came out to our Squadron's social functions. Recently Nancy passed away. At the memorial service there was a binder on display with many recipes in it that Nancy had published in the "Flamboro Review" in the early 90's. I have known the Lovegroves for a long time and did not realize this talent that Nancy had. I thought it would be lovely way to remember her by sharing some of her recipes with you. The recipes are appealing as they are elegantly simple and still use imperial measures!

Mike Kott

MIKE'S MEANDERINGS

Due to various difficulties we apologize for this very late issue of Dry Rot.

By now most boats in the area have been lifted out for the winter. My boat is out, but still needs the winter cover installed. I tried today but got totally soaked....just could not get the job done in time to beat the forecast heavy rains. We all got totally spoiled by such a gorgeous Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

While browsing a recent issue of Passagemaker Magazine, I came across an article on the island of St. Croix, which is located just south of the U.S and British Virgin Islands. This triggered some lovely memories, plus a bit of a reprise. The weather was really lousy today, prompting one to tune in to some means of escape to dream of far off places. The PMM article described the salt water as so incredibly clear that you'd swear it was not there as you looked down into it. It talked about the elkhorn coral and the shimmering sea life. The writer was snorkelling over a reef at the west end of Buck Island. I have not been to St. Croix, but have chartered a Morgan Out Island 41 out of Beef Harbour, British Virgin Islands back in March of 1977. The crew loved this beautiful cruising area, but were taken aback by the crowded anchorages, with barely enough room to swing safely at anchor.



On our last night aboard we decided to gamble a bit and tried to find a place with more room and privacy. We had visited many of the hot spots like Jost Van Dyke, Soper's Hole, The Baths, Trellis Bay, (great meal ashore featuring pumpkin soup), Gorda Sound, Virgin Gorda (tricky entrance), a lovely broad reach down Sir Frances Drake Channel, to Norman Island, the most southern island in the BVI's. We had planned to stay the night at "The Bight of Norman Island", which we found to be absolutely packed. I lost count at over 100 yachts anchored there. There was still time to consider an alternative, so we set sail again, south, then around the west end of Norman Island to an unnamed bight on the south side. I was a little concerned, as the anchorage is wide open to the south, but reasoned we could wiggle our way to the north side of Peter Island if it blew in from the south. The Virgin Islands are in the trade wind belt and all the while we were there the winds blew steadily from the north east. I remember being on the foredeck sounding our way carefully in to the unoccupied anchorage. The water was so clear you would swear it was liquid air. The beautiful corals we passed over were awesome. The real surprise was when the anchor was lowered in what appeared to be about 12 feet deep, which in fact turned out to be about 35-40



feet (the vessel was not equipped with a working depth sounder). The clarity of the water was truly remarkable. On our run south west down Sir Frances Drake Channel you could pick out starfish on the bottom when the chart showed 27 fathoms. I remember the thrill of realizing that St. Croix was only 35 miles due south from where we were anchored.

We had a late dinner aboard after some shore exploring and a swim to cool off. But reality set in and we soon learned about wave refraction, as the waves refracted around the east point of our anchor-

age which caused the vessel to roll. Flying the mizzen sail sheeted in hard helped relieve the problem somewhat, but it was an uneasy night.

In the morning while preparing breakfast, Alan threw some congealed bacon fat overboard to where we had been swimming the evening before. We were sobered at the sight of a shark's dorsal fin cruising around the bit of fat. I might add also that the movie "Jaws" had just made the scene! After breakfast we had one last sail back to The Moorings at Beef Harbour.

It is not too late to sign up for courses!

Boating Course

(12 evenings)

Starting October 25/2011

Westdale High School

Cost \$ 225.00

And Spouse \$ 200.00

GPS Course

Tuesday Jan 10/2012

7 -9 Pm (3 evenings)

Westdale High School

Cost \$ 75.00

VHF – Maritime

Restricted Operator's Certificate (ROC(M))

Offered on Jan 21, 2012

Full Day Course 9 to 4 Pm

At Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Cost \$75.00



Call to pre-register

Glen Carruthers

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Boating Enthusiasts!



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