



# *DRY ROT*



HAMILTON POWER and SAIL SQUADRON

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## COMING EVENTS:

**\*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING\***



&  
GRADUATION

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

**\*SPRING BREAKFAST\***

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Leander Boat Club

BRIDGE MEETINGS

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

1900 HRS. MACASSA BAY YACHT CLUB

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**HAMILTON POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON  
2003/2004 BRIDGE**

Squadron Commander:	Cdr Richard Crook <u>JN</u>	905 627-8954
Immediate Past Commander:	P/C Hank Brunnader <u>N</u>	905 637-9321
Executive Officer:	Lt/C Cal Traver P	905 628-0645
Training Officer:	Lt/C Gabriella Lorincz P	905 765-1674
Assistant Training Officer:	Lt Bill Hazell	905 689-6690
Secretary:	1st Lt Bonnie Hazell P	905 689-6690
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Entertainment Officer:	(vacant)	
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Boat Pro Coordinator:	Lt George Williamson	
Port Captain Hamilton		
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**GRADUATION & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MAY 7<sup>th</sup> 2004 @ MACASSA BAY YACHT CLUB**

**6pm Cocktails --- 6:30 Dinner**

**7:45 Graduation --- 8:30 AGM**

RSVP Bonnie Hazell 905-689-6690 or [www.hamiltonpowersquadron.ca](http://www.hamiltonpowersquadron.ca)

**?????? ARE YOU MOVING ??????**

**Stay connected, give our friendly and able Squadron Membership Officer  
Art Carey a call @ 905-383 6672**

## Commander's Comments

The Hamilton Squadron has finally started classes for this Squadron year. During our Fall registration the number of registrants for advanced courses was quite low. These members were registered, given course materials, and then took the courses over at MM Robinson High School with the Burlington Squadron. The Hamilton Squadron helped by providing some of the instruction in Burlington.

The Boating Class was registered in the Fall, but was delayed in starting until January. This allowed for a second registration night in November with the overall result of a class of 56 Boating students that is now underway in Hamilton. Even with the late start we are still getting calls from potential students.

We are putting the final touches on a Boat-Pro class that will be given in a single, one-day session. This class will be on Sunday March 7 and it will be concluded in a 6-hour period. The exam will be given on the same day. If this proves to be successful, we hope to make the class available every couple of months (including over the summer period).

This year we plan on following the example of some of the other squadrons in that we are going to hold our AGM and our Graduation together on the same night. We have booked the facilities at Macassa Bay Yacht Club and hope for a large turnout to congratulate our graduates, encourage them to join the Squadron, and to take some of the advanced courses. Learning how to do it safely and in a seaman-like manner helps make our boating experience more enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted:

Rick Crook  
Commander  
Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron



### **Champagne, Toast & Swap Meet**

*You are invited to join members  
of the Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron for  
**Champagne Breakfast**  
on Sunday, March 28, 2004  
at Leander Boat Club, Hamilton*

*(foot of Bay St. N.)*

*Bring all your boating items that are  
collecting dust and turn them into CASH!!!*

*Please **RSVP** by*

*Contact Hot Line 905.388.1227 or Bill Hazell at  
905.689.6690 or email: [voyage2@cogeco.ca](mailto:voyage2@cogeco.ca)*

*Adults \$5.00 / Children \$2.00*

*Coffee served at 9:15 am, Breakfast served  
shortly after*



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## SAFTEY TIPS

Observe the posted speed limits and watch your wake when passing another boat or when close to shore. Remember, you are responsible for the damage caused by your wake!

Observe these safe refueling procedure every time you fill up: moor boat securely; shut off engines; DON'T SMOKE; extinguish all open flames; close hatches and doors; do not use electrical switches; send passengers ashore; hold pipe nozzle firmly against filling pipe; thereby grounding it; wipe up any gasoline spillage; open hatches, and ventilate boat; operate bilge blower for a full five minutes; test for gas fumes by using your nose; if no fumes are detected, THEN start your engines, and have passengers re-embark.

The law requires that there always be two people in a boat when towing a skier; one to observe the skier and one to drive the boat.

It is illegal to tow water skiers after sunset. If they fall, you may not be able to see them go down.

Do not load your boat beyond its capacity. The capacity plate is on every small boat and was put there by the manufacturer for your safety. If you boat looks overloaded, it probably is.

Boating accidents don't just happen. They are caused by carelessness and lack of boating knowledge. To avoid being a statistic, take the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons' Boating Course. For more information call .... 905-388-1227

Use only government-approved personal flotation devices, and use them as they were intended to be used. If you use them as cushions or fenders, you could destroy their buoyancy and render them useless.

Keep your lifejackets easily accessible. In an emergency you don't have time to go to the forward locker, or under a bunk, to find them.

Test you lifejackets at least once during the season by wearing them in the water to see if they will keep you afloat. If they don't hold you up properly, replace them NOW. Later could be too late.

You are required to have one government-approved lifejacket for every person on board your boat. If you don't have enough lifejackets, don't leave the shore.

Make sure your fire extinguishers are inspected annually. They should be accessible for the cockpit and the galley. It is best to have more than are required by law.

Do not drink when operating your boat. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol is an offense just as operating a car under the influence is an offense.

Experienced boaters always use charts when they are on the water. They always know their position, and in an emergency, can give a reasonably accurate description of their location.

If you don't know how to read charts you could get into serious trouble, especially in strange waters. Learn to read your charts by taking a Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons' Boating Course.

Don't get lost in fog. Know your position at all times, and be prepared to return to shore on a compass course. Fog can come up very unexpectedly and off the coastline, which was so clearly visible a few minutes ago, can be completely obscured. Always carry the latest charts and related publications in your boat.

Always tell someone on shore where you are going and how long you expect to be gone. If you don't return within a reasonable length of time, help can be obtained.

Listen to the marine weather forecasts before leaving on a long journey and learn to be weather wise. There is a lot of truth to the old adage, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight- red sky in the morning, sailors take warning."

Owners and operators of pleasure boats should obtain the Safe Boating Guide published by the Canadian Coast Guard. Reckless operation of motorboats at high speeds can be particularly dangerous because the wash or wake can capsize other craft, threaten swimmers, and damage shore installations and moored vessels.

Never turn at high speed. Small craft can be easily swamped by their own wash.

Carefully observe wind, water surface, and present conditions before starting out. Plan for emergency harbors on long trips, and head for the closest anchorage when a storm threatens.

**KNOW YOUR BOAT- AND RESPECT ITS LIMITATIONS.** Don't overload your boat; don't turn too fast for it to be done safely.

Keep to the right when meeting other boats, and give the right of way to vessels approaching on the starboard side. The boat on your right always has the right of way.

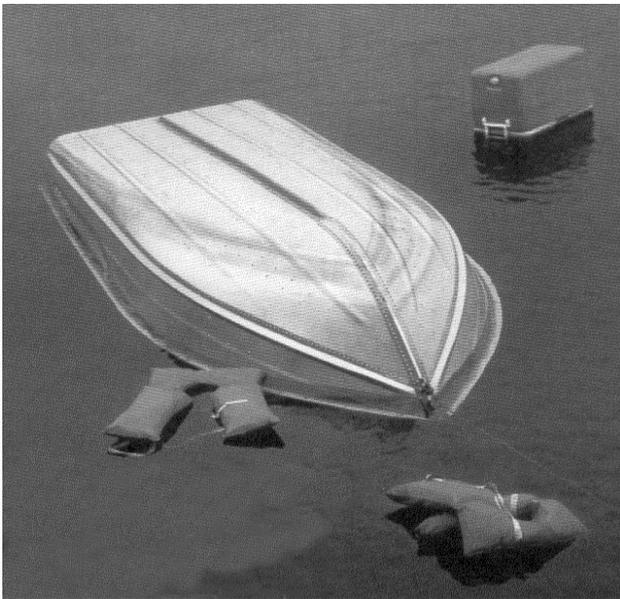
Approach a wharf or mooring against the wind or current, which ever is stronger. When you follow this practice, you retain your maneuverability.

Don't insist on the right of way, even if you are entitled to it, especially if the other boat is large. He has less maneuverability than you do and may not be able to give way.

Life jackets cannot guarantee survival in ever boating accident, but they are of no help at all if they are not worn. They should be readily accessible when needed, and in rough weather should be worn by everyone onboard.

People are often tossed out of small boats when starting the motor. Be sure the clutch is disengaged and the throttle is at the start position. Sit down before pulling the starter chord or turning the key. Be careful of models that can be started well in gear.

A teaspoon of gasoline can have the explosive power of a stick of dynamite. Use extra caution when refueling.



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## SEABREEZE

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Who says that we are not able to enjoy boating in the winter? With the substantial investment we have in our boats, it is very wise to check things out, even in the dead of winter. In spite of the cold, we do get the odd day when we can get to the boats and check things out. How about knocking off the accumulation of ice and snow from the winter cover. A "snow rake" can be made with some 2X2, with a short piece screwed on the end. Probably the tarp is sagging from snow and the rigors of the wind and needs tightening. How about checking the pads that support the hull. They are likely either too loose or too tight, because of settling and frost heaves; this could easily damage the hull. Batteries left aboard should be given a mid winter charge to protect against sulfating and frost damage.

It is too late now, but all through hull valves should have been left open to allow any water trapped to drain and avoid splitting due to frost. Once they are thoroughly drained and dried it is a good idea to plug with rags to keep out rodents; this includes garboard drains etc. You should plug all orifices above the waterline too, including mast butts, exhaust pipes, drains etc, to keep out soon to be nesting birds. This avoids the gruesome task of evicting live baby birds and cleaning up very corrosive bird doo.



The extended cold we have been enduring this year, plus the doldrums between the boat show and the frenzy of getting the boat ready for the spring launch, offers a chance for some thought, reviewing the jobs that should be done, making a check list. It is a good time to review and book what has to be done with your dealer, when things are now a bit quiet. Possibly your out drive needs

to be serviced or your water pump impeller needs replacing.

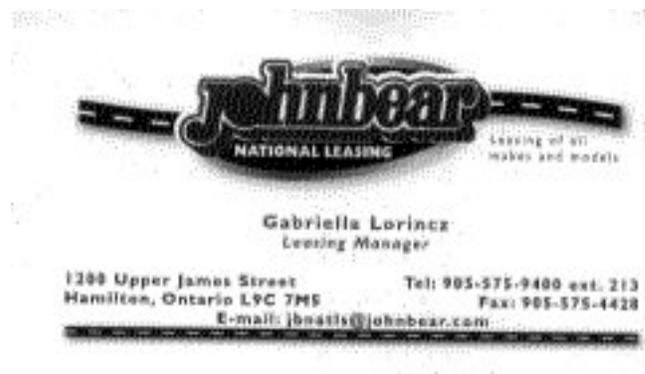
It may be a bit late to take advantage of fall discounts offered by sail makers, but it is a good time to get any repairs or modifications done.

How about your flares. Many dealers stock flares only in the spring, to avoid being stuck with outdated ones, so it is a good time to order or reserve new ones to be in compliance and avoid the rush.

With all the changes due to environmental controls, it is a good idea to research this with your dealer, to make sure specialized paints and coatings that you once used, will be available this spring. It is a good idea to assemble all the parts, tools and materials that you'll need in the spring now. I find it a real pain when up to my ears with the usual spring chores, having to drop everything to pick up a sanding pad, widget, or another pint of bottom paint.

It is also a good time to get out your charts and cruise guides, to find that ideal anchorage and plan for the coming summer boating holiday. So as you may see, we can really enjoy boating all year round.

Mike Kott



**NOTICE**  
**THE HAMILTON POWER AND SAIL**  
**SQUADRON**  
**55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**To The Members, Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron:**

TAKE NOTICE: that the Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron will be held at Macassa Bay Yacht Club on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 2030 for the purpose of:

- (a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
- (b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ended March 31, 2004.
- (c) electing the Officers of the Squadron.
- (d) Considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this Notice.

Under Squadron Regulation, 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than five (5) members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two(2) days prior to the date of this Meeting.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004

Bonnie Hazell  
Secretary

**The Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron Nominating Committee Nominates the Following Members for Squadron Officers for 2004/2005:**

Immediate Past Cdr.	-	Richard Crook
Squadron Commander	-	Cal Traver
Executive Officer	-	Gabriella Lorincz
Training Officer	-	Bill Hazell
Asst. Training Officer	-	Ken Thrower
Secretary	-	Bonnie Hazell
Treasurer	-	Frank Lauinger
Membership Officer	-	Arthur Carey
Asst. Membership Off.-	-	Peter Dove
Public Relation Off.	-	Percy Brown
MAREP/Environment	-	(Vacant)
Entertainment Officer	-	(Vacant)
Communications Off.	-	Stan Grandfield (Webmaster & Dry Rot Pub.)
Asst. Comm. Officer	-	Vicky Grimshaw
By Laws & Protocol	-	Marney Warby
Historian	-	Ralph Probert <u>N</u>
Regalia Officer	-	Marney Warby
Boat Pro Coordinator	-	George Williamson
Port Captain HPS	-	Murray Thompson
Auditor	-	Michael Finkbeiner

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the forty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Niagara District, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, to be held at the Fort Erie Race Track, 230 Catherine St. Fort Erie Ontario on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at 13:30 in accordance with Sec 11.1 of Article XI of the Niagara District Regulations for the purpose of;

- A) receiving a report from the Officers and Committees of this District;
- B) receiving the audited report of the District Treasurer on the financial position of the District;
- C) electing the elective officers referred to in Section 9.1 of these regulations including such District Lieutenants as in the opinion of the District Executive Committee are necessary for the administration of the affairs of this district during the year in question;
- D) appoint an auditor for the district year then current;
- E) consider such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual General Meeting.

Dated at Burlington this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2004

BY ORDER OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

D/Lt Georgina McQuaig, District Secretary

### Report of the Niagara District Nominating Committee Jan 5th 2004

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for the year 2004 - 2005. The nominees have signified their willingness to assume the responsibilities of their respective offices, if elected or appointed. Pursuant to District Regulations Section 9. 15. 4 (b) the nominees are:

Commander (D/C)	Sharon Reeve
Executive Officer (D/Lt/C)	Darryl Lankin
Admin. Officer (D/Lt/C)	Jim Brown
Training Officer (D/Lt/C)	Gary Van Zandt
Secretary (D/Lt)	Adrian Dwyer
Treasurer (D/Lt)	Gary Millman
Public Relations (D/Lt)	Percy Brown
Membership (D/Lt) Electron Commun	Donna Lankin
MAREP Officer (D/Lt)	Merle Smith

Youth Officer (D/Lt)	Brian Elder
Port Captains (D/Lt)	Les. Armstrong
Environment (D/Lt)	Lembit Tamm
Instructional Tech. (D/Lt)	Gordon Ellis
District 6 Liaison (D/Lt)	Jeff Eggleton
By-Laws and Protocol (D/Lt)	Brian Elder
Historian Officer (D/Lt)	Heather Fitzsimons
Flag Officer (D/Lt)	Percy Brown
Ass't D/T/O (West Region)	Ken Budd
Ass't D/T/O (Mid Region)	Percy Brown
Past Dist Cdr.	Les. Armstrong

The Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the members as Auditor of the District:

Auditor	Pat Faux
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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 Commander and does not require election or appointment:

Past District Commander	Les. Armstrong
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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 2003/2004 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/D/C (Chairman)	Les Armstrong
P/D/C	Gil Newton
D/C	Sharon Reeve

Respectfully submitted:

P/D/C Percy Brown    P/D/C Gil Newton    D/C Les Armstrong  
Chairman