

DRY ROT

From the Commander

It is March, the month as enigmatic as Mona Lisa's smile. One can never be confident that March, despite hosting the vernal equinox and providing a week of extraordinarily warm and sunny days will not blindside us with yet another generous helping of winter. Spring is a time of transition from one season to the next. We are glad winter is ending and welcome spring and summer.

So it is with the squadron, we too are winding down the 2005-2006 year in several aspects. Our fiscal year ended March 31, the terms of the officers of the bridge will end at our AGM in May, and most importantly the 2005-06 training year will culminate with the graduation ceremony also held May 12, 2006.

I am proud of the efforts made by all of the instructors, proctors, and officers who participated in making this year the success that I hold it to be.

Early on in the year HPS lost two key officers. The squadron training officer and the treasurer both left us at a critical time; the planning stage for our training schedule. P/C Rick Crook took on the organization of the instructors and proctors and Lt/C Vicky Grimshaw assumed the office of squadron training officer while continuing her role as public relations officer, aiding the entertainment officer, and guiding the new treasurer through the gymnastics of doing the squadron's finances.

A funding program made available from the Ministries of Education and Tourism through local school boards to not for profit organizations allowed us to move our courses to Westdale High School.

Our registrations on three dates at the Marine Discovery Centre produced 35 boating students, 10 for piloting, 15 for Boat Pro, 11 for VHF and 9 for GPS.

These numbers were increased later from other means of registrations.

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To Register For Boating Classes

or for more information, please call:

HPS Hotline:

905-388-1227

or send us an e-mail at:

boating@hamiltonpowersquadron.ca

At this writing there are still courses to be completed and further registrations are likely so I can only give an accurate account of the boating, piloting and Boat Pro at this time, 52, 12, and 6 respectively have registered for these courses. We expect that by the end of May when the last VHF and GPS courses are completed we will have seen about 75 take the radio course and probably 30 or so will do the GPS.

This year HPS purchased a second lap top computer and a second multi media projector, and with new course materials from CPS and the Guelph Squadron our instructors integrated this new equipment into our instructional efforts.

On May 12/06 our AGM/Graduation ceremonies will end the 2005-06 year, and then at our August

bridge meeting we will be off and running for 2006-07

By that time the summer solstice will have long since passed and we will still have warm sunny days and short nights, but old Sol is heading south and the earth is cooling. The boating season will soon end in this neck of the woods, but HPS will be dusting off the textbooks and stoking the stoves in the classrooms in preparation for the next classes.

Once again thank you to all who made this year what it was, the instructors, the proctors the officers who worked so hard to make it happen and especially our new friends for whom we do it— the students.

Commander Cal Traver

HOT STUFF

During a recent conversation with Rob Young at our Boating Classes, he discussed using a laser guided infrared temperature gun for checking temperatures around his boat. Rob has a forty foot diesel powered tug. Rob is helping out at our boating classes by being a proctor. He uses one of these thermometers to check temperatures of the exhaust stack, shaft bearings, input and output on heat exchangers and alternators. For example, when he is cruising on a calm sea, the exhaust stack measures around 360 degrees F. When the boat is heading against a strong wind, the stack temperature rises to around 475 degrees F, showing that the engine is working harder (and using more fuel). You just pull the trigger, point at a distant object, release the trigger and read off the temperature in degrees C or F (switch selectable). It is important to log the read-



ings, so that you can compare temperatures to keep ahead of any brewing problems, nipping them in the bud. I have heard that auto mechanics use these thermometers to check the input and output temperatures of catalytic converters, to see if they are functioning properly. You can easily find a dead or misfiring cylinder on a diesel engine by measuring the temperatures at the exhaust manifold. You

can locate loose or corroded connections or hot spots in electrical panels and wiring. If you really want to impress your friends, you could use your laser guided thermometer to check the water temperature to see if it is warm enough for a swim. I got mine at Princess Auto for around 90 dollars. Rob suggests getting one that measures up to 1000 degrees F.

Mike Kott

From the chart table of Flo Laminar

There are lots of precautions to take while boating. Trip planning, mandatory safety gear, adequate fuel supply, the list is long.

Sometimes it is easy to overlook some that seem less important.

A change of clothing for a dramatic change in temperature, a spare hat, a bottle of water, even if one is only intending to go out for a short while, are good to have on board.

Boaters should heed the UV warnings as announced over local radio stations and during TV weather forecasts. Sunscreen should be part of your kit and used faithfully. The Inuit are experiencing sunburn, and unfortunately also the maladies that attend overexposure to the sun. Overexposure can produce deep crevices and a leathery looking skin texture which may make one appear to be much older.

We all want to get old, we just don't want to look that way.

Take care of yourself and have a great boating summer.

Yours truly, Flo

57th Annual General Meeting - 2006

May 12, 2006/ Time - 2000

No Charge for AGM Only
See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

FOR SALE:

Veri Engine, gas, 8HP in running condition.
\$850. Used in a Contessa 26.

Call Murray: 905 515 8712

COURSES BEING OFFERED:

Last chance before boating season starts!

VHF Maritime Radio

On Apr 24 & May 01/06

7 – 9 pm

Cost **\$75.00** (complete with a manual & CD),
DSC endorsement only **\$40.00**

Navigating with GPS

On May 08 & 15/06

7 – 9 pm

Cost **\$55.00** (complete with a manual & CD)

Both courses will be held at Westdale High School.

To register and pick-up materials in advance,
please contact

Vicky at 905-628-0645 or
Ron Warby at 905-389-5719

Boat Pro

1 DAY SEMINAR
will be offered during the
summer months,
starting in May/06, 9-4 pm

Cost **\$75.00** (**\$65.00** for spouse/family member)
This course is for the pleasure craft operators card.

First date is May 07, 2006
at the Canada Marine Discovery Centre.
Please contact Vicky 905-628-0645 to register.



SEABREEZE

It is great to see a decent turnout to our boating classes again. This is due to some hard work and fresh ideas. The recruiting at the Marine Discovery Centre seems to have made a significant change for the better. The teaching of safe boating is the main reason for our existence and it is gratifying to see this renewed interest in CPS courses. We have to thank our teachers and proctors for their time and effort: Rob Garland, P/C Rick Crook, John Nydegger, Rob Young, Commander Cal Traver, Pat Faux, Des Wood, P/C Hank Brunnader, P/C Marney Warby, P/C Ron Warby, P/C Percy Brown, Murray Charlton, Brenda Draper, & John Greene.

I have mixed feelings relying too heavily on Power Point presentations for teaching our courses. We must not be blinded by this relatively new technology. It is both complex and expensive. By nature, lessons have to be prepared in advance, then followed in a fairly rigid fashion. It can be difficult to deal with the vagaries of teaching a lesson, as when there are questions from students. It is not easy to amend Power Point on the fly, to accommodate these, without risking catastrophic errors.

We must not discount the relatively simple overhead projector. For example the Squadron's Elmo overhead projector, has a spare bulb already mounted in a socket ready to go. If the projector bulb blows, it can be replaced on the fly by simply moving a lever, with no cool down required. Try that with a video projector! This Elmo machine is about 20 years old and is still up to the task. Using the low tech overhead projector, the well prepared instructor should have some prepared acetates, along with several blank spare acetates and coloured markers, to easily amend or amplify points. In all fairness though, the CPS prepared Power Point presentation on the Canadian Buoyage system showed very clearly the light characteristics of the navigation aids.

On Monday evening of January 30, the "Cider Night" was hosted at the Westdale Boating Classes. It was a great way for our students to see some of what goes on behind the scenes at our Squadron. People were able to put a name to a face of our Bridge members and meet with them. Our thanks go out again to Donna Madden and Bonnie Hazell and others who put out a bountiful table of treats and drinks for everyone to enjoy.



The February 24 "Cruising For Fun Night" at Macassa Bay Yacht Club was a fun evening indeed. Donna Madden with a crew of helpers put out a mountain of complementary food including pizza and wings for everyone to enjoy. Donna was available to discuss house boating on Lake Timagami, Rob Young discussed cruising around the eastern side of Georgian Bay, I was chatting about the North Channel of Lake Huron (as usual). Des Wood talked about boating on the St. Lawrence River and presented a DVD on boating on the west coast which gave an overall nautical feel to the night.

Another big feed and get together was the "Annual Bubbly Breakfast and Dry Land Cruise", held March 26, at the Copetown Community Centre. There is one thing about boaters, we all love to eat! The tasty mounds of fruit, eggs, bacon sausages, orange juice and urns of coffee etc. was soon consumed! We all have to thank Donna Madden once again for her great organizational abilities and the dedicated crew who helped her.

It is now officially spring and we should be preparing for the coming boating season. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer on (or beside) the water.

Mike Kott

THE LITTLE THINGS



It always seems it is the little things that we as humans notice and remember. Arriving at the “Bubbly Breakfast and Land Cruise” at Copetown on an early Sunday morning recently, I was once again greeted by our Squadron Welcoming Sign that “Someone” had placed. Obviously “someone” had arrived much earlier than I and had the kindness and forethought to place the sign, greeting Squadron members and students. Thank you. It is very re-assuring upon arriving, especially for the first time, to be officially greeted in this way. I remember

many times arriving at other Squadron classes and functions to be met by signage, guiding us to where we needed to go. I remember P/D/C Percy Brown our past PRO (Public Relations Officer for those who dislike acronyms), would for several years faithfully arrive well ahead of the others and lay out the buoys and markers for us! I am not sure at the moment who did the job on Sunday, but again Thank you from all of us.

Mike Kott

CPS-ECP Planning Committee Report Looking for Member Input

The following questions for the Squadron Members are meant to provide important feedback in the ongoing planning and organizing of local squadrons. Answers to the following questions are required to assist in determining our future courses of action relating to the Approved Planning Committee Report of 2005.

1. How do our members feel about the possibility of a name change?
2. How do our members feel about CPS logos?
3. How do our members feel about the uniform issue?
4. Should we have any uniforms?
5. Should we reduce the number of uniforms from 9 to 4?

6. How do our members feel about the use of ranks to designate officers' positions?
7. Should we move to more corporate identities for our Governing Board members?
8. How do our members feel about restructuring our membership requirements to make our organization more accessible for training?
9. How do your Squadron members feel about rewarding our volunteers with specialty items or discounts on our stores items?

Please email all comments and suggestions to boat-ing@hamiltonpowersquadron.ca. We will, in turn, forward your comments to the Planning Committee. Your participation in this survey is most valuable. Thank you for your comments!

TO THE MEMBERS, HAMILTON POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON:

TAKE NOTICE: that the 57th Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron will be held at Macassa Bay Yacht Club, Friday, May 12, 2006 at 2000 for the purpose of:

- receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron
- receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ended March 31, 2006, and the report of the Squadron Auditor thereon;
- considering and, if thought fit, adopting any resolutions that may be submitted
- electing the Officers of the Squadron
- appointing the Squadron Auditor
- considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

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 28th day of March, 2006

Bonnie Hazell (signature on file)
Squadron Secretary

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Niagara District

Notice is hereby given of the forty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Niagara District, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, to be held at the Burlington Art Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, Ontario (905) 632-7796, on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 13:00 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) appointing an auditor for the District year then current;
- e) consider such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual General Meeting.

The District Squadron Nominating Committee report is attached to, and forms part of, this notice.

Dated at Burlington this 15th day of March, 2006

Report of the Nominating Committee

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron

1) The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2006/2007.

Commander (Cdr)	Cal Traver	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
Executive Officer (Lt/C)	Vicky Grimshaw	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
Training Officer (Lt/C)	Des Wood	Ancaster, ON	905-304-5136
Asst. Training Officer (1st Lt)	TBA		
Secretary (1st Lt)	TBA		
Treasurer (1st Lt)	Bonnie Hazell	Waterdown, ON	905-689-6690
Membership Officer (1st Lt)	George Williamson	Burlington, ON	905-592-1107
Public Relations Officer (Lt/C)	Vicky Grimshaw	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
MAREP/Enviro Officer (1st Lt)	John Nydegger	Hamilton, ON	905-389-8830

2) The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers, with Rank of 1st Lieutenant, who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 6.2.1. (d):

Supply Officer (1st Lt)	Ron Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
Communications Officer (1st Lt)	Bonnie Hazell	Waterdown, ON	905-689-6690
Editor - Dry Rot (1st Lt)	Mike Kott	Hamilton, ON	905-529-8339
Entertainment Officer (1st Lt)	Donna Madden	Waterdown, ON	905-578-0398
Regalia Officer (1st Lt)	Marney Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
By-Laws & Protocol (1st Lt)	Marney Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
Boat Proficiency Officer (1st Lt)	George Williamson	Burlington, ON	905-545-9181
Historian (1st Lt)	Ralph Probert	Hamilton, ON	905-529-1272

3) The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Auditor of the Squadron:

	Frank Lauinger	Hamilton, ON	905-522-6530
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4) The Squadron Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following members as Staff Officers with the rank of Lieutenant.

Port Captain (Lt)	Murray Thompson	Burlington, ON	905-681-8641
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5) The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

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

P/Cdr	Rick Crook	Hamilton, ON	905-627-8954
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- b) Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2006/2007 by virtue of their appointment and do not require election or appointment:

P/C Rick Crook
P/C Hank Brunnader
Cdr Cal Traver

Respectfully submitted,

per "signed"

P/C Rick Crook JN

per "signed"

P/C Hank Brunnader N

per "signed"

Cdr Cal Traver P

Report of Squadron Nominating Committee

Niagara District

February 15th, 2006

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for the year 2006 - 2007. 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)	Darryl Lankin	10 Hallmark St., Brantford, ON N3P 1A5	519-759-4475
Executive Officer (D/Lt/C)	Jim Brown	255 Wheelihan Way, Campbellville ON L0P 1B0	519-854-0693
Admin. Officer (D/Lt/C)	Adrian Dwyer	381 Lee Circle, Waterloo, ON N2K 2L8	519-747-3895
Training Officer (D/Lt/C)	Gary Van Zandt	825 Lakeview Rd., Fort Erie, ON L2A 5Y7	905-871-3628
Secretary (D/Lt)	Bill Allan	10-250 Kingwood Dr., Kitchener ON N2E 2K2	519-576-0749
Treasurer (D/Lt)	TBA		
Public Relations (D/Lt)	Percy Brown	194 Stewartdale Ave., Hamilton, ON L8K 4P5	905-544-5070
Membership (D/Lt)	Allan Shuh	98 Valley Dr., Cambridge ON N3C 1XB	519-249-0402
Electron Commun	Donna Lankin	10 Hallmark St., Brantford, ON N3P 1A5	519-759-4475
MAREP Officer (D/Lt)	TBA		
Youth Officer (D/Lt)	Brian Elder	32 Miller Cr., Simcoe ON N3Y 4R1	519-426-0478
Port Captains (D/Lt)	Les. Armstrong	118 Fairwood Pl., Burlington, ON L7T 4B6	905-637-2270
Environment (D/Lt)	Lembit Tamm	111 Superior St., Brantford, ON N3S 2K9	519-752-7067
Officer Training (D/Lt)	Gordon Ellis	Apple Tre Dr., Kitchener ON, N2A 3X2	519-893-3880
District 6 Liaison (D/Lt)	Jeff Eggleton	31 Phipps St., Fort Erie, ON L2A 2V3	905-871-4111
By-Laws and Protocol (D/Lt)	Brian Elder	32 Miller Cr., Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0	519-426-0478
Historian Officer (D/Lt)	Heather Fitzsimons	25 Wilsonview Ave., Guelph, ON N1G 2W5	519-821-3101
Flag Officer (D/Lt)	Percy Brown	194 Stewartdale Ave., Hamilton, ON L8K 4P5	905-544-5070
Ass't D/T/O West Region (D/Lt)	Ken Budd	44 Lincoln Cres., Guelph ON N1E 1Y8	519-824-6233
Ass't D/T/O Mid Region (D/Lt)	Percy Brown	194 Stewartdale Ave., Hamilton, ON L8K 4P5	905-544-5070
Past Dist Cdr (P/D/C)	Sharon Reeve	RR 1, Wilsonville, ON N0E 1Z0	519-443-6449

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

Auditor	Pat Faux	20 Southcreek Drive, Ancaster, ON L9K 1M2	905-304-7757
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The District Nominating Committee also advises that:

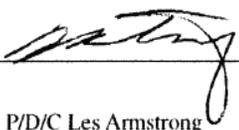
a) the following member will serve on the District Executive Committee and the District Council by virtue of her position as Immediate Past Commander and does not require election or appointment:

Past District Commander	Sharon Reeve	RR 1, Wilsonville, ON N0E 1Z0	519-443-6449
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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 2006/2007 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/D/C (Chairman)	Sharon Reeve	RR 1, Wilsonville, ON N0E 1Z0	
P/D/C	Les Armstrong	118 Fairwood Place, Burlington, ON L7T 4B6	
D/C	Darryl Lankin	10 Hallmark St., Brantford, ON N3P 1A5	519-759-4475

Respectfully submitted:


P/D/C Les Armstrong
Chairman


P/D/C Percy Brown


D/C Sharon Reeve

Report from the Public Relations Officer / Training Officer

Congratulations to our Boating Students, YOU DID IT!

I saw many happy students upon the completion of their exams. In our busy lives, it takes a great effort to stay committed to complete a course over 12-14 weeks. Our students have acquired additional skills and knowledge as well as developed friendships out of the time spent with fellow students and members of the Bridge. I look forward to seeing you at the Graduation on May 12, 2006 at Macassa Bay Yacht Club.

By the time we are putting our boats in the water, 100 participants will have completed the VHF (Maritime Radio) and GPS courses. During the summer months, George Williamson will continue to offer the Boat Pro course on a monthly basis, so for those who don't have the Pleasure Craft Operators card, there is still time.

I welcome **Des Wood** as our **Training Officer** for the new term. Knowing Des' expertise with computers and software, I look forward to the professionalism he will inject into our courses.

The squadron now owns two laptops and two LCD projectors, presentations will surely take on a whole new life!

This winter and spring, I had the opportunity to speak to some members about upcoming events. I was encouraged by the responses of the members, who, even though busy, will try to attend the squadrons events, that are listed right.

Wishing you and your family, a safe and enjoyable summer whether on the water or at the dock.

Vicky Grimshaw PRO
905-628-0645
cici@nas.net

UPCOMING EVENTS Mark your calendar's NOW

May 12, 2006

HPS Graduation/ 57th AGM

6:30 pm Macassa Bay Yacht Club,
Hamilton RSVP (limited seating)
Cost \$ 10.00

May 20-26, 2006

Safe Boating Awareness Week –

watch the Hamilton Spectator for more information.

June 10/2006

RHYC & HPS Sailpast

Saturday at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

October 20/06

Pub Night: More details to come.

November 24/06

HPS Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance

6:30 pm at Marquis Gardens

1050 Rymal Rd E, Hamilton

Cost \$ 25.00 per person

Book early and dance the night away.

Call 905-388-1227

to reserve your ticket now.



MAY 20-26, 2006 – SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK

COLD SHOCK CAN KILL IN MINUTES: A PFD CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

A person can die in less than three minutes if immersed in very cold water. Even skilled swimmers experience swimming failure quickly with cold shock. People rapidly lose manual dexterity at this temperature.

Exposure to cold water causes sudden-immersion reflex, resulting in a victim gasping for breath and experiencing breathing difficulties. This can lead to hyperventilation, dizziness, and muscle spasms. The shock of the cold water forces one to gasp and swallow water, causing one to choke. Victims also have difficulty holding their breath. There is a significant rise in heart rate and blood pressure. Cold water immersion can cause a heart attack or a stroke.

The best way to survive cold shock is by wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times.

Seconds count - a PFD can save your life.

These intense and rapid physiological responses make it difficult for a victim to locate, put on, and fasten a PFD once in the water. Expect the unexpected - wear your PFD at all times!

A PFD helps victims stay afloat, allowing one to gain control of breathing, thus keeping air passages clear. It also keeps a victim from going under due to loss of muscle control.

Boaters in cold waters should always wear a PFD while on board a vessel. Once you are in the water, it is probably too late.

For more information on cold shock,

visit the Office of Boating Safety website at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca or phone toll-free at 1-800-267-6687.



CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IS AN INVISIBLE DANGER TO BOATERS

(NC)-Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is being blamed for an increasing number of boating deaths.

Boaters cannot detect CO, as it is a colourless and odourless gas. CO is produced during the incomplete combustion of fossil fuel and can cut off the oxygen supply to the body. It can cause death in minutes.

CO can be generated by idling your engine, heating your cabin, or cooking in poorly ventilated areas. Be especially careful in areas which have been modified, such as cabin extensions and areas fitted with canvas tops. Use a carbon-monoxide detector that has been designed for use in a vessel and check its batteries before every trip.

A swimmer can be overcome by CO poisoning in a few breaths and drown. Swimmers and divers are at

risk of CO poisoning in areas under platforms mounted on vessels or between the pontoons of houseboats.

There is also a danger when boat engines have been left to idle in poorly ventilated areas. Watch out for the back-draft effect: a tail wind can carry CO back into the vessel.

CO can build up in vessel spaces when two vessels are tied to each other, in vessels where an improper load distribution causes the bow to ride high, and near the exhaust terminus of portable generators when the vessel is stationary and the generator is running.

For more information on CO poisoning, visit the Office of Boating Safety website at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca or phone toll-free at 1-800-267-6687

GRADUATION!

You are invited to join with other
Hamilton Power and Sail
Squadron Members
for the
**2006 Graduation Ceremony
& 57th Annual General
Meeting**

**Friday, May 12, 2006
Macassa Bay Yacht Club
Hamilton**
(80 Harbourfront Drive, Hamilton –
Beside Bay Front Park, Bay Street North)

**Graduation Reception 1830
Graduation Ceremony 1930**

Catering by Luigi's

Price: \$10.00 per person

(Pizza, Sausages, Sandwiches, Chicken Sticks,
Veggies, Fruit, Pastries) Cash Bar

Everyone Welcome – Seating is limited.

Only 90 Tickets available

Reserve your tickets early!

RSVP By: May 3, 2006

Call the HPS Hotline

905-388-1227

(Leave a message and
we will get back to you)

**57th Annual General
Meeting - 2006**
Time - 2000

No Charge for AGM Only

**Thank you to all our cooks and
volunteers at our Annual Breakfast**



**To Register For
Boating Classes**

or for more information,
please call:
HPS Hotline at 905-388-1227
or send us an e-mail at:
boating@hamilton
powersquadron.ca



Boating Classes

Graduating Ceremonies

Friday, May 12, 2006
Macassa Bay Yacht Club, Hamilton



VOLUNTEER PROCTORS



57th Annual General Meeting - 2006

May 12, 2006/ Time - 2000

No Charge for AGM Only
See details elsewhere in the newsletter.



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PLEASURE CRAFT COURTESY
Free **CHECKS**
FOR YOUR RECREATIONAL BOAT

Get a "Check", not a Ticket!

A Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC) of your boat's safety equipment may not only save you money but also make all the difference to your boating season.

Your PCCC is provided free of charge by Boating Safety Specialists of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, two of the nation's premier volunteer boating safety organizations.



Your Boating Safety Specialist (accredited by Transport Canada) will assist you in determining if your vessel meets the minimum legal boating safety requirements as well as provide advice on additional safety considerations.

Upon completion of the Courtesy Check, you will receive a written review of the safety items on your boat and recommended improvements (if any) that will help you prepare your boat for the season. If your boat meets the minimum legal requirements, a PCCC decal is provided.

Take the time to request a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check today. You may not only save yourself an expensive ticket but also make for a safe and enjoyable season this year.



Request your PCCC on-line today at
www.cps-ecp.ca

Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
Volunteers Teaching Safe Boating

The program is provided as a courtesy of Transport Canada and the information you provide is not used for enforcement. Data collected from courtesy checks helps Transport Canada be proactive and identify trends in boating safety.



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