

DRY ROT

Spring Greetings

As April arrives we start to witness signs that spring has sprung, the crocuses are popping up and the trees are starting to bud.

Our training year 2008-09 is almost completed, we would like to thank our instructors, proctors and volunteers for a job well done, and soon they will be able take a well earned rest.

What is left to do before we bring down the curtain is the graduation ceremony and AGM, these two functions will as in recent years be held on the same date. This has proved to be efficient and attractive to the members who like to attend both events, and we feel that it is a good thing for the new members i.e. the boating grads to get a glimpse of some of the formalities that are an important part of our endeavour.

Our 60th AGM/Graduation will be held at 1830 on May 01, 2009 at Macassa Bay Yacht Club, Hamilton.

Following socializing and dinner we will present the students with their certificates and hand out awards to top students. Also during the graduation portion of the evening is the interesting and very important awarding of merit marks, letters of appreciation, and various forms of recognition to those who have served us well for many years.

The AGM, comprised of an audit review committee report, the commander's report and the change of watch will follow immediately upon the tables being cleared. It shouldn't take more than 20 minutes. Please come and join us by calling Glynis at 905-527-1606 – tickets for Dinner are \$20.00 and the AGM is free to attend.

This spring we will have a special event as the Hamilton Squadron celebrates it's 60th anniversary. Please attend our **Wine & Cheese Reception on May 30, 2009**, at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Hamilton from 1400 to 1600. (Seating is limited, so please RSVP by May 22/09 - Glynis 905-527-1606)

We would really love to see all members attend. It will be a golden, or should it be platinum opportunity to be with friends that you have not seen for a long time.

There will be some officers from headquarters and also some government dignitaries to help us celebrate this milestone.

A special 60th anniversary publication is in the works so come and

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see if your picture is in it. A free copy will be given to members at the reception at RHYC. (If you would like to reserve a copy please contact P/R/C Marney Warby at 905-389-5719)

Niagara District AGM will be in Port Dover on May 09, 2009 at which Chief Commander H. Cole will present a plaque to Hamilton Squadron in recognition of our 60 years.

This year is **Port Dover Squadron's 60th** as well, and they are marking the event in conjunction with the Niagara District AGM. Port Dover welcomes all and if you intend to stay over night you may want to reserve accommodation early.

On May 23, 2009 from noon to 3pm at the Bronte Outer Harbour Marina there will be the 2nd Boating Safety Symposium and disposal of flares.

The marina is beautiful and one may walk the docks to look at the boats. There are many representations from a variety of boating related interests and it is free!

Hamilton, Burlington and Oakville Squadrons will be on site with course information, and those who wish may challenge the boating proficiency test to obtain the pleasure craft operator card.

You will also be able to arrange to have a squadron Boating Specialist do a pleasure craft courtesy check on your vessel. This is a free service and well worth having done. It could save your life and maybe even enable you to avoid fines.

Recently you may have received your **membership notice**, which can be paid online at www.cps-ecp.ca, or directly by phone to CPS 1-888-277-2628 or you can contact our Membership officer, Carole Morgan at 905-635-1798.

I encourage you to keep your squadron emembership up to date, so you will know about up coming social events, and it keeps your subscription of *Canadian Yachting* coming in the mail. There are other benefits of the membership which we will update and list on our website www.hamiltonpowersquadron.ca

Please look at our new column in this newsletter from Cowan Insurance Brokers and please contact them to ask any questions regarding insuring your boats, home, etc.

Look forward to seeing you at some our events. If any member is interested in participating on the bridge, or in proctoring, or instruction of our courses we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me directly or anyone on the 2009/10 Bridge.

Wishing you warm breezes and sunshine this summer,

Vicky

To the Members, Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron:

TAKE NOTICE: that the Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron will be held at Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Ft., Hamilton, ON Friday, May 01, 2009 at 2100 for the purposes 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, 2009, 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 Internal Audit Review Committee
- 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 20th day of March, 2009,
Stoney Creek, ON

Debby Conderan (SIGNATURE ON FILE)

Debby Conderan
Squadron Secretary

COWAN INSURANCE COLUMN

We have a new Cowan Insurance Column in our Newsletter!

It's similar to a "Dear Abby", except insurance-related questions. Here at Cowan, we believe in answering questions and sharing information so we can all learn from each other.

Feel free to email Cowan Insurance with your questions and/or stories! They will be published in future newsletters (and you will be kept anonymous).

Dear Carla:

What's the difference between "agreed value" and "actual cash value" policies?

Dear CPS Member:

"Agreed value" means that you and your insurance company "agree" on the value your boat is insured for. In the event of a total loss, you will receive the full stated amount, with no depreciation. "Actual cash value" means you will only receive the amount your boat is worth at the time of the loss, including depreciation. For example, if your boat is insured for \$100,000 and your boat sinks, an "agreed value" policy will pay out the full \$100,000. In contrast, an "actual cash value" policy will pay out \$100,000 less depreciation.

Cowan policies are always "agreed value" policies. Although "agreed value" policies may cost a little more upfront, it is well worth the extra dollars.

Dear Carla:

What is commercial towing?

Dear CPS Member:

Commercial towing is coverage, similar to CAA for your car. It covers your boat or trailer if voluntary help is unavailable and you need commercial assistance. For example, if your engine fails or you run out of gas, towing your boat to the nearest repair facility or delivering gas (excluding cost of gas) is covered. If you are towing your boat and trailer on land and you have a car accident, the towing of your boat and trailer is also covered.

Cowan only charges \$15.00/year for commercial towing. It covers up to \$500.00 per occurrence with no deductible.

Did you know that CPS members have access to Group Home and Auto Insurance rates?

As a CPS member, you have access to exclusive discounted group insurance rates. All you need to do is contact Aviva Traders at **1-877-787-7021** and tell them you are a CPS member. Or get an online quote at www.aviva-traders.com/cps. As a thank you, we'll enter your name for the chance to win a \$5,000 Canadian vacation.

REMEMBER!

If you have any general boat insurance questions and/or stories, please email carla.lettenbauer@cowangroup.ca. Be sure to tell us it's for this particular newsletter!
If you have any general questions regarding the Group Home & Auto Program, please email debbie.mckenzie@cowangroup.ca. Be sure to tell us it's for this particular newsletter!

Report of Nominating Committee

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron

1) The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2009/2010.

Commander (Cdr)	Vicky Grimshaw	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
Executive Officer	(Vacant)		
Training Officer	Barry Courtman	Hamilton, ON	905-387-9220
Asst. Training Officer	Glen Carruthers	Hamilton, ON	905-387-8127
Secretary	Debby Conderan	Stoney Creek, ON	905-643-0499
Treasurer	Danielle Bibby	Hamilton, ON	905-807-2628
Membership Officer	Carole Morgan	Burlington, ON	905-635-1798
Public Relations Officer	Vicky Grimshaw	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
MAREP/Enviro Officer	Warren Hyde	Hamilton, ON	905-385-5639
Supply Officer	Walter Plater	Hamilton, ON	905-388-7339

2) The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers, 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):

Communications Officer	(Vacant)		
Editor Dry Rot	Mike Kott	Hamilton, ON	905-529-8339
Entertainment Officer	Glynis Hornsey	Hamilton, ON	905-527-1606
Regalia Officer	P/R/C Marney Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
By-Laws & Protocol	P/R/C Ron Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
Port Captain	P/C Murray Thompson	Burlington, ON	905-681-8641

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Rick Crook

P/C Cal Traver

Cdr Vicky Grimshaw

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

Internal Audit Review Committee	Pat Faux	Ancaster, ON	905-304-7757
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4) 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/C	Cal Traver	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
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b) Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2009/2010 by virtue of their appointment and do not require election or appointment:

P/C Rick Crook
P/C Cal Traver
Cdr Vicky Grimshaw



The Pizza and Wing night at Macassa Bay Yacht Club, on Friday February 20 was a very enjoyable evening. Glynis Hornsey did a fine job of organizing the event. The decibel level indicated that everyone was eager to get "out of the barn" for some boat talk, plus tasty food and drink. The fine talk that Glenn Macdonald gave was most evocative, with pictures and music (some of which he wrote), about his survey work in the Canadian Arctic. The many questions and thoughtful answers indicated the great interest that the assembled crowd has about this last frontier. Glenn did not have all the answers, but he sure showed the fragile nature of this area and the many influences, like global warming.

A committee including Commander Vicky Grimshaw, Glynis Hornsey, Percy Brown, Glen Carruthers, Walter Plater and Mike Kott have been working on a Sixtieth Anniversary Yearbook. It will include pictures and articles from the past, celebrating the many years that our Hamilton Squadron has been teaching and promoting safe boating. This Yearbook will be distributed at the Wine and Cheese Reception on May 30th.

The HPS Breakfast on Sunday March 22 was again well received. We all dined in the elegant surroundings

at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. A fine breakfast that everyone seemed to enjoy was served up. After breakfast, MC and Training Officer Barry Courtman introduced Gill Bibby, who gave an incisive and informative discussion on Yacht Surveying. Glynis Hornsey did another outstanding job of organizing this event, which included several door prizes.

The Boating Classes will be completed by the time you receive this. The teachers and proctors are to be commended for all their dedication. We urge our graduates to come out to the Graduation and AGM on Friday May 1, at Macassa Bay Yacht Club to receive their certificates and flag.

On Saturday May 30 at 1400 at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, a 60th Anniversary Wine and Cheese Reception will be held. Tickets for all social events may be reserved by contacting Glynis Hornsey at 905 527 1606.

Can winter be over? This has been one of the coldest, enduring winters that I can remember in some time. It will be great to get working on our boats again. As usual there is a big long list of stuff to do. It sure will be nice to get some calm and mild weather to get things on the go.

To: The Members of Niagara District

Report of the Niagara District Nominating Committee

February 28, 2009

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as District Officers forming the Executive Committee for the year 2009/2010

Commander	Jim Brown	Campbellville, ON	519 854 0693
Executive Officer	Bill Allan	Kitchener, ON	519 576 0749
Training Officer	Bruce Holden	Guelph, ON	519 836 7178
Administrative Officer	Garry VanZandt	Fort Erie, ON	905 871 3628
Secretary	Lembit Tamm	Brantford, ON	519 752-7067
Treasurer	Sharon Reeve	Norwich, ON	519 863 6523
Public Relations	Les Armstrong	Burlington, ON	905 637 2270
Marep Officer	Diane Allan	Kitchener, ON	519 576 0749
Membership	Thor Olsen	Port Dover, ON	519 583-3983

The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the Members as District Officers, who will have the duties indicated next to their name assigned to them by the District Executive Committee pursuant to District Regulation 10.2 (b)

Electronic Communications	Ernie Whalley	Guelph, ON	519 822 9193
Youth Officer	Brian Elder	Simcoe, ON	519 426 0478
Port Captain	Cal Traver	Copetown, ON	905 628-0645
Instructional Techniques	Ken Budd	Guelph, ON	519 654 3481
District 6 Liaison	Jeff Eggleton	Fort Erie, ON	905 871 4111
Bylaws and Protocol	Brian Elder	Simcoe, ON	519 426 0478
Historian	Darryl Lankin	Brantford, ON	519 759-4475
Flag Officer	Percy Brown	Hamilton, ON	905 544 5070
Asst DTO	Mike White	Oakville, ON	905 845 8882
Asst DTO	Steven Cheu	Fort Erie, ON	519-837-1517

The Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the Members as Internal Audit Review Committee.

Internal Audit Review Committee	Pat Faux	Ancaster, ON	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 his position as Immediate Past District Commander and does not require election or appointment:

Past District Commander	Darryl Lankin	Brantford, ON	519 759 4475
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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 2009-2010 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment.

P/D/C (Chair)	Darryl Lankin	Brantford, ON	519 759 4475
P/D/C	Sharon Reeve	Norwich, ON	519 863 6523
D/C	Jim Brown	Campbellville, ON	519 854 0693

Respectfully submitted,


P/D/C Darryl Lankin


P/D/C Sharon Reeve


D/C Jim Brown

To: The Members of Niagara District, Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Niagara District, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, will be held at the Port Dover Yacht Club, 62 River Dr, Port Dover ON, N0A 1N7, at 1415 hours on Saturday May 09, 2009, in accordance with Section 11.1, Article XI of the Niagara District Regulations, for the purposes of:

- a) receiving, and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers and Committees of this District
- b) receiving, and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month-period ending March 31, 2009, and the Report of the District Audit Review Committee thereon;
- c) electing the Officers of the District;
- d) appointing the District Internal Audit Review Committee
- e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting

District Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 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 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

Dated this 12th day of March 2009 at Brantford, Ontario

Schedule

0830 – 0945	Registration
0945 - 1000	Welcome
1000 – 1245	Speakers
1245 – 1345	Lunch
1345 –	Awards Presentation begins AGM will follow
1415	Call to Order

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of this Notice. Under

*Lem Tamm
District Secretary*

BERNICE...A SEQUEL

In the winter 07/08 issue of Dry Rot, I did an article on "Bernice" a classic P class sloop that once graced Hamilton Bay and Lake Ontario for many years. I enclosed a picture of Bernice all packed up on a transporter, all set to head back to her home waters off the coast of Maine. The picture was OK, but I pined for one of this fine vessel in full sail. There was more positive feedback about this article than anything I have ever written.

I was doing some googling while looking for some information on the builder of the converted lobster



boat that I now have. The boat yard that now operates two combined companies (one of which built my boat) had several pictures posted on their web site showing some of the fine work they have done. Lo and behold two pictures came up of Bernice, all nicely refurbished, with a wreath adorning her bow, as she was being rechristened and lowered into the water. The second picture was a lovely shot of her under full sail.

So, for all you Bernice fans here are these pictures of this 100 year old beauty.

Mike Kott

MS Freedom of the Seas

The first time I saw her it was from a window in the shuttle that brought us from Miami airport. She was at the wharf, her great length and towering height were something that I could not have envisioned. Later I would be able to see her from a high vantage point in the old fort in St. Juan where the beautiful architecture of the super structure could be better viewed.

The structure at the bow is raked aft to the bridge and atop the bridge there are three disc shaped glazed levels stacked aft in stagger fashion. She presented a very clean and interesting exterior which we learned was not only beautiful but also very functional. Some of her stats may be of interest and I list them without comment:

Built Finland 2006 - Registry Bahamas -

Took 27 months to build

Tonnage 160,000 tons

- Length 1,112 feet - Draught 28 feet - Beam 184 feet

Height waterline to top of funnel 208 feet

Passenger capacity 3,634

Crew size 1,360 included—200 cooks

Elevators 12 - Decks 15 - Pools 3 - Hot tubs 6 - Bars 12

Rudder none - Propeller pods that turn 360 degrees

Horses 57,000 - Cruising speed 21.6 knots

Accessible via a glass foot bridge there was a promenade, which held shops, boutiques, coffee and pizza parlours etc. It was like a high end shopping mall and about the length of a decent city block - 440 feet. Other amenities were an ice skating rink with skates available, a theatre, a rock climbing wall and spas. There were many attractions for young children and teens.

We were fortunate in having a stateroom with a balcony at the stern which meant that there was very little pedestrian traffic close to us and we had view of the



ship's wake which churned the Caribbean water from bright sunlit white through some gorgeous iridescent blues and greens.

The state room was well appointed with a king size bed, a three piece bath, refrigerator, flat screen TV, ample closet, safe, and a desk and chair. The 10X16 balcony deck came with two lounges, two chairs and a table.

Although we experienced force 10 Beaufort with the wind blowing the spray from the crests of the waves the ship was very stable and we were very comfortable. So stable was she that a wine glass on a shelf did not move. The motion however did encourage much napping, so much so that a record of four was achieved on one particular day by our commander.

Food, well everyone who cruises raves about the food and for good reason so all I will say is that if you intend to go, practice eating. Service was to me at least, beyond even minor reproach; the cosmopolitan crew bent over backward and jumped through hoops always cheerfully and often with good humour. They were to a man and woman as accommodating as even an old curmudgeon like me would be hard pressed to decry.

Many of the crew were from less fortunate parts of this world and were aboard for nine months during

which they worked every day and often twelve or fourteen hours. Then it is two months off and back to the ship for another nine.

We disembarked at three islands in the eastern Caribbean but instead of going to the watch, ring and hat show we rented a car and drove to beaches and relaxed.

Upon receiving the keys to our much scratched and dented vehicle in St. Thomas we made the surprising observation that every one was driving on the wrong side of the road. We had no option so joined the crowd. The maximum speed was only 35 MPH but the hills and hairpins produced from our commander on several occasions, my name in full; the last syllable being a loud plaintive wail! I believe she may have found religion in those hills!

In closing I will state that the ship and her crew were deserving of all the superlatives and we are looking forward to our next cruise.

Space does not allow for some suggestions on cruising but if you are considering your first one, talk at length to an experienced cruiser. We learned a lot from fellow passengers and even from the crew; things that made our passage more enjoyable and that saved us good sums.

But all you sailors know that that is what boating is all about. Don't you?

Cal T

MOVING?

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Email _____

New address:

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

Membership _____

Email _____



Yes, I would be interested in receiving *DRY ROT* via email in a PDF format.

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron 2008/2009 Bridge

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Training Officer	Barry Courtman	barrycourtman@sympatico.ca	905-387-9220
Asst. Training	Glen Carruthers	gcarruthers@mountaincable.net	905-387-8127
Secretary	Debby Conderan	dconderan@cogeco.ca	905-643-0499
Treasurer	Danielle Bibbey	danielle@centreisland.ca	905-807-2628
Membership	Carole Morgan	carole-morgan@hotmail.com	905-635-1798
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From the Training Officer

The 2008-09 training year has been very productive and busy.

We have 30 Boating Students eligible to write on April 7. In the fall of 2008 a GPS class of 6 students wrote and passed the course. This group was instructed by our **Des Wood** who passed away before the course was completed Gary Young instructed the remaining lessons.

A second **GPS course** of eight students instructed by Glen Carruthers was done in February 2009 and all were successful.

A **Boat Pro course** took place in February. 8 Students wrote and passed the boating proficiency test to obtain the pleasure craft operator card.

On April 2, 2009, 19 of the Boating class students wrote the accredited version of the boating proficiency test and all succeeded.

19 attended the VHF seminars and all were successful in getting certification for the marine radio telephone.

The **Seamanship course** is still underway and the exam will be written in April.

There will be another **VHF course** on April 19/09 and 11 participants have signed up for it to date.

I would like to thank the assistant training officer Glen Carruthers and also the proctors and instructors who came out all year long with little argument. It has been a learning experience for both Glen and me I hope we have fulfilled our job expectations properly.

Remember what you learned in class while on the water this summer.

Smooth sailing

Barry Courtman
Squadron Training Officer

Come and celebrate

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron's 60th Anniversary

with a
*Wine & Cheese
Reception*



Saturday, May 30, 2009

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

at the RHYC, Hamilton

RSVP – as seating is limited by May 22/09

Contact Glynis at 905-527-1606

to reserve a free ticket

To honour the many dedicated volunteers who have instructed safe boating for hours over the last 60 years a **60th Anniversary Special Edition Yearbook**

will be available for pick up.

Contact P/R/C Marney Warby

at 905-389-5719 to reserve your copy.

CPS Membership expires Apr 30/09

Please note: members prior to 2008 that did not receive a statement in the mail need to reinstate their membership.

This can be done by contacting HQ directly at **1-888-277-2628** or contacting Carole Morgan at 905-635-1798- Also Carole can help you out with re-instating your membership, changing your address or updating your membership profile.

We value you as a member of CPS and look forward to seeing you at any of the events that are held throughout the year.