

WINDSOR POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

The Original Unit of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

Windsor Commander's Report To Western Ontario District Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons

Our District and its squadrons had another big year in 2023. Not only did we work ourselves to the bone putting on the National AGM & Conference in Windsor but also kept up with the normal squadron duties of safe boating education.

Throughout the year, we held numerous courses via ZOOM. Students attended from all across the country and mentioned it was great to have Windsor's instructors help them online. The course attendances are:

Maritime Radio	40
Boating 2/3	14
Boat & Engine Maintenance	7
Marine Electrical Maintenance	2
Total	63

Our new RVCC officer, Geert Kiers, did an outstanding job contacting new marinas and locations, and scheduling events. We completed 63 inspections and were asked to come back in 2025.

Dan's Nautical Shop once again was gracious enough to provide us a location for holding our Flare Return event. Gary Lee, our Flare Return Officer submitted 645 expired flares to Orion CIL. Can you get any safer than getting those things off a boat!

Throughout the year, we held several seminars and special events in attempts to peak members' interests. Our annual 'Border Crossing Night' was packed as usual, our Membership BBQ was a little light on new attendees but our 'Craft Beer Night' was better.

We also have a presence on FaceBook (Meta) with over 500 followers and our website, WindsorPowerandSail.ca, is kept up to date with new courses and events.

Our membership counts have continued their slow decline, as in past years. We believe this may be due to ever increasing fuel prices and the overall difficult economical issues. The tally of Windsor Power and Sails Squadron members is currently just under 150.

Windsor Squadron officer assignments for 2024-2025 has changed a little due to some new interests as well as some health issues. Our officer list is presented below.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Steeves
Commander, Windsor Power and Sail Squadron
Windsor Squadron Officers for 2024-2025

Commander	Peter Steeves P
Educational Officer	P/C/C Joe Gatfield JN
Secretary	Gay Viecegli AP
Financial Officer	Greg Burke SN
Membership	Gary Lee
Past Commander	P/CJim Atkinson AP
Youth Officer	P/Cdr Tracie Berekoff P
Special Events	P/Cdr Tracie Berekoff P
Flare return Day/Supply Officer	Gary Lee
Historian/District	P/C/C Joe Gatfield JN
Webmaster	Cdr. Peter Steeves P
Public Relations	P/C Jim Atkinson <u>AP</u>
RVCC	P/Cdr Tracie Berekoff P
Officer at Large	Jeanne Marchand