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**G**reetings!!  
With the arrival of spring and the softer water, I look forward as many of you do to being back on the open water. For many of you, that will mean a trip to the yacht club, and looking at your tarpaulin covered boat, and wondering just how much work is needed this year to bring it back into a semblance of order, and how and when all of this work might get done in time for launch day!

For myself, the warmer weather means walking the shoreline of Picton Harbour, and looking at all those tarpaulin covered vessels, and watching the owners carefully lifting the tarp and peeking inside, hoping that there are no unpleasant surprises, such as a family of racoons or squirrels. Then back at my home, I will inspect my personal PFD and take out my charts, and begin planning my next summer boating adventure on Lake Nipissing. However, with the beginning of each season, there is a wonderful opportunity for all boat owners to have their vessel inspected, free of charge, by participating in a CPS-ECP Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC). This free inspection will let you know if you are missing any mandatory safety equipment, and it is an opportunity to connect with a member of your local Squadron.

This issue has a focus on membership, and what it can offer to you as a CPS-ECP Member. Many of the membership renewals have already been sent out, and I encourage you to renew your membership, as it offers many benefits, not only to you personally, but also to your family and fellow boaters. Being an informed boater these days is very important, as the traffic on our waterways continues to increase each and every year, and mishaps can happen. I have found my membership in CPS-ECP most rewarding,

it's not just the commercial financial discounts that are offered, but there are so many other unstated benefits too. Being a Member provides you with many marine updates that are passed on via CPS-ECP's E-blasts, and then there is the social side of things. I have met many boaters in my time, and some of my very best friends are CPS-ECP members too! We all share this common value and have a keen interest in operating our vessel not only safely, but also courteously, so that everyone's experience on the water is as positive as possible.

In my continuing story of "Boats that I have Known", it came to my attention that some people are not quite sure where the stories come from and where we are or I am in the story. So to clear the mist on this, I would let you know that these are based on my own personal experience with the water as I grew up from a child of three to the present day. This issue features my return to the Georgian Bay island cottage with my aunt and uncle, and this time there is a dock involved, a new one. But, it is yet to be built! And for those who are counting, this segment marks the ninth chapter of the series.

So I encourage you to read through this issue, and make sure that at the end of the day, you have renewed your membership, as it certainly is one of the best investments in boating today!

So do you have a story to tell? Has your Squadron done something of interest?

If so, do send me your stories and information and look for them in a future edition of The Port Hole. The next deadline for submissions is June 20, 2018.



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**A**s we approach boating season in our beautiful country, it's time to start thinking about safety on the water. Squadrons should be getting ready to provide Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC) for boaters as they prepare their boats for launch. The RVCC checks are voluntary by the vessel owner but should be encouraged to make sure they have the minimum safety requirements of Transport Canada to operate their vessel.

This is a great opportunity for squadrons to make themselves known to fellow boaters in their area. The value of supporting this program to your squadrons is:

- Boating public is aware of the CPS-ECP Squadron in your area.
- Promoting the courses that the squadron offers over the year, advising where and when.
- Promoting the PCOC course which is required of all operators of a motorized vessel.
- Promoting the ROC (M), the VHF Course, as it is a requirement of all vessel with a VHF radio to have a licensed operator.
- Encouragement of joining an organization which promotes safe boating as well as social events, teaching courses as well as explaining the value of the membership.

A successful RVCC gives boaters peace of mind knowing that their boat meets Transport Canada's safety standards and that in an emergency they will have necessary equipment aboard to assist in saving lives or summoning help.

This sticker won't guarantee that enforcement officers won't ask to see safety equipment, but as long as owners haven't taken anything off the boat that was there when it was checked – they should be confident that they are in compliance and won't get a fine for safety equipment violations.

The 2018 forms and stickers are available for order on the CPS-ECP website. Please take a few minutes and check the CPS-ECP website for information on this program. A Training Video is available for viewing and should answer any questions you have about this program.

If your Squadron has not done the RVCC Program before it is worth considering as it is a way of promoting your squadron and courses. If you have questions you can contact the representative in your area or me.

Your participation in this program could save lives by helping the boating public ensure they have the safety equipment required for their vessel. Who knows, you may just meet a new friend. I invite you to check it out.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Help Promote Safe Boating, your Squadron and CPS-ECP

**Safe Boating Week** | May 18-25 | [www.csbc.ca](http://www.csbc.ca)

The purpose of Safe Boating Awareness Week is to promote safe boating practices to the estimated 16 million recreational boaters in Canada who hit the water each year.

**Ready, Set, Wear It** | May 19, June 9, July 7, August 11 | [www.readysetwearit.com](http://www.readysetwearit.com)

Join boating safety advocates around the world for family-fun events to heighten awareness of boating safety issues and go for a world record along the way! Bring your friends and your life jacket. The goal is not only to promote the comfortable and versatile options when it comes to life jackets, but also to educate the public about life jackets and safe boating in general. Don't forget to post photos on the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" Facebook wall ([www.Facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt](http://www.Facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt)) or email to [outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org](mailto:outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org) for others to see.



### Save the Date

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October 16 – 21, 2018  
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**The acceptance of our Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) in the U.S.A.**

I often get asked if the CPS-ECP PCOC is accepted in the U.S. The simple answer is yes because the CPS-ECP PCOC course and the Transport Canada testing requirements have been reviewed and approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and therefore recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. This review takes place every three years and the CPS-ECP PCOC course has been involved in this review process for almost 20 years. As a result CPS-ECP is permitted to note that on its PCOCs, carry the NASBLA approval logo and state that our PCOC is recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard.

To our knowledge at present the CPS-ECP PCOC course is the only Canadian PCOC that has received this official approval and recognition.

**Does this mean that the CPS-ECP PCOC is the only Canadian PCOC that will be recognized in the U.S.?**

The answer to this question is no. Operator Competency in the U.S. is a State responsibility and individual State enforcement officers may or may not choose to recognize Canadian PCOCs especially when a Canadian boater is operating a U.S. registered or licensed boat.

Canadian boaters operating a Canadian Vessel in U.S. waters have up to 60 days continuous before they need to meet U.S. Federal and State requirements.

Because the CPS-ECP PCOC is approved by NASBLA and carries the NASBLA approval statement and USCG

recognition statement they should be recognized and accepted in every U.S. State and Territory regardless of whether or not the boater is operating a Canadian or U.S. vessel.

However, we advise that anyone who is going to operate a vessel in U.S. waters check first with the individual State(s) where they plan to boat. You can find the contact information for every State's Boating Law Administrators Office on line.

U.S. enforcement officers may choose not to recognize or accept other PCOCs that do not carry this official NASBLA and USCG approval and recognition. On the other hand they may also choose to accept any Canadian PCOC if they so wish especially if boaters are operating responsibly.

**Can CPS-ECP issue PCOC replacement cards?**

Recently I received another question regarding the replacement of PCOC cards. CPS-ECP can definitely replace a PCOC that has been issued by us. However, if a person wishes a replacement for a PCOC that was not issued by CPS-ECP we can only do so if the boater can show proof of being issued a PCOC and usually this is not possible because they have lost their original card. Those boaters must be directed back to the Approved PCOC Provider who issued the card in the first place. If they don't know who that was they can go to Transport Canada's Boating Safety info line 1 800 267 6687. They can access TC's national data base and be able to tell the boater which Approved Provider issued their PCOC and the boater can then contact that Provider.



Skootamatta Beach

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As nomadic trailer-boaters for years with no fixed home base, we learned to appreciate a great shore lunch. There's nothing wrong with packing a sandwich and a Coke for a lunch on-the-go, but if you're out enjoying the sun and the waves, finding an oasis for a more leisurely bite can't be beat. There's some irony of course - work all week so you can get on the water on the weekend, then celebrate stopping on shore for lunch - but I implore you to try it and tell me it wasn't worth it. Depending on your lake, the options could be plentiful, or you're going to have to get creative!

In a populated or busy boating area, tie up and take a stroll. In my younger years I spent a lot of time on Lake Couchiching, Sparrow Lake, and the portion of the Trent that connects the two, through Lock 42. Orillia's historic downtown offers too many options to list, most only a few steps from the public docks, some even closer, like French's, the venerable hot-dog and snack stand where you can eat at a table that Stephen Leacock sat a hundred years ago! Sparrow Lake hosts a couple of marinas, resorts, and restaurants that were always welcoming to passing boaters.

A number of years ago I had the pleasure of boating from Emily Provincial Park to Lock 32 in Bobcaygeon, host to many shops, cafes, and restaurants, some with views of the Lock as well.

Another time we spent a weekend in the Thousand Islands area, where we really enjoyed the beer samples and snacks at Gananoque Brewing Company. We even toyed with the idea of going to the US for ice cream, but without

our passports on board we realized we had to stay on the Canadian side. Besides, our ice cream seems to taste just a little better anyway.

We used to camp at Restoule Provincial Park every September. Though we were only a short drive from the amenities of the small town, I took particular glee eating the take-out pizza I ordered, then picked up in our jet boat. Similarly, the chocolate bars and chips I procured from Smarts Marina, when I boated there in a Zodiac from Bon Echo Provincial Park seemed to taste better than usual.

Cottaging where we do now presents a different challenge - because there are fewer establishments and more crown land, we get to make the food ourselves. There is an idyllic beach on Skootamatta Lake, accessible only by boat, that is a wonderful place to host a barbeque. Always pack out what you pack in, of course, and take a few extra burgers in case you make new friends along the way. We've spent hours here treating friends to BBQ, sand, and sun.

This year, on Kashwakamak, where there are many crown land campsites available to rent, my goal is to catch enough fish to host a traditional shore lunch - imagine freshly caught fish and hand cut fries frying in a cast iron pan over a real wood bonfire. I'll have to report back, but I don't think it could get much better than that. Remember: enjoy safely. Don't drink and boat.

# What is Membership in today's CPS-ECP?

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Chair National Membership Committee

On Oct 17, 2014, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons/ Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance (CPS-ECP) moved into a new modern organizational structure, under the new Federal Not For Profit Act. Think of the structure being like a triangle, with each point of the triangle dependent on the other two. Direction, Education, and Membership. The Direction of CPS-ECP is now plotted by a Board of Directors who are elected by the membership itself as a whole. The Educational Department is revisiting the naming of the courses and the presentation methods used in the classroom and online to meet today's standards. Membership has changed too! In order to manage all these changes, CPS-ECP is developing a new, modern, and user friendly IT System. Each of these initiatives takes hours of consultation with the membership, and thousands of volunteer hours by all those involved.

The third part of this triangle are the Members themselves. Without the Members there will be no volunteers and no visible face to CPS-ECP.

- So why should I keep up my membership?
- What is the return for maintaining Membership?
- And what is my membership classification?
  - o Full Member
  - o Family Member
  - o Life Member
  - o Lady Associate
  - o Sustaining Member
  - o Associate Squadron Member
  - o Junior Associate Member

## Which are you?

So let's answer these questions.

What is my membership classification? - First, there are now only two types of membership, Member and Junior Associate. Everyone is a member, except those under 19 years of age. They are a Junior Associate until the age of 19, then the person can opt to become a full member. The Junior Associate has all the rights of a member except voting privileges. The Full Member, Family Member, Life Member, Lady Associate, and Sustaining Member are sub-descriptions under the Member identification.

**Why should I maintain my Membership?** - CPS-ECP is dependent on the membership to provide a reason for its very existence. The volunteers for training and administration are drawn from the membership. The other supporting volunteers are those who maintain their membership. The visible face of CPS-ECP is from the contributions it makes to boating safety and boating education in Canada.



CPS-ECP is recognized nationally, and internationally, as a leader in safe boating education, ensuring that the water can be fun, and in saving lives.

## What is the benefit for maintaining my Membership?

- This is an important question to answer. To address this, a membership committee has been working to develop and better promote the benefits of membership. Important and positive two-way communication has been developed between the National Board and the membership through the District Membership Officers (DMO). The DMOs have been involved in developing strategic plans to promote membership and membership renewal, during each quarter of the year. They are taking these directly to their counterparts at the Squadron level. They are also bringing back the feedback from the members as to what they want for their membership. CPS-ECP has a number of sponsors and supporters who provide special benefits and discounts to current members. More will be coming on board because they see the value in supporting the goals of our organization. Some of these benefits in the form of supplier discounts can more than pay for your yearly membership dues. For example discounts on your Marine or House insurance from Cowan, or a 33% discount off C-Tow membership, or special pricing on Salus lifejackets, and the Canadian Yachting and L'escalpe nautique magazines sent to each member to name a few. A full list can be obtained at [www.cps-ecp.ca / Membership / Member Benefits](http://www.cps-ecp.ca / Membership / Member Benefits). The committee is developing better ways of putting the knowledge of these benefits and the other benefits in the hands of each member so they can take full advantage of them.

As a member of CPS-ECP, you will be a member of an organization that has accreditation, community status, and many benefits. The goal is to provide members with life-long rewards for belonging to Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons / Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance.

Sign-up or renew your membership today at: [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca)

# Boats that I have known

## Chapter 9 - A New Dock...



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Several weeks had passed by since my first visit to the island cottage, and it was now the end of June, and I was enjoying the first days of my summer holidays. The sun was shining this particular day and the sun's rays cast a warm glow on the sand inside my recently built sandbox. Once again, to the amusement of my parents, I was focused not on my toys in the sandbox, but on the ants that had taken up residence there. I was fascinated with their activities and carefully would follow their movements for hours on end. My mother often said, "That sandbox was the best investment we ever made." It kept me entertained for hours on end and because it was just outside the kitchen window, I could be watched as well. In those days our home did not have a fenced in yard so any children playing outside had to be careful and not wander too far away and the sandbox for me was the perfect site for all of my adventures and other pursuits.

So sometime later in the afternoon that day, just after lunch I think it was, the subject of the cottage was brought up. I was all ears as this was a very magical place and you had to take a boat to get there! It seemed that my aunt and uncle would once again be going up there and this time I would be going along too. But this time my parents would be staying home. I don't remember why this was the case, but I was delighted to be included in this next trip.

So just a few days later, my mother packed a very small suitcase for me and made me promise that I would be a good boy while I was away. I assured her that I would be very good and began to think of all the wonderful things that just might happen at the new cottage located on Robert's Island just outside of Honey Harbour on Georgian Bay.

Then to my surprise, early on Friday morning, my uncle's turquoise 1955 Ford appeared at our home and there in the car sat both my aunt and my uncle. "They're here!" announced my mother and soon I was led out to the car with my small suitcase and of course my newly acquired life jacket. I was very proud of this new item and had worn it about the house for several days just to get used to it. It was very bright orange and I had now accomplished the rather complicated task of not only putting it on, but also of properly doing it up!

My aunt by this time was out of the car and helped me place my items into the back seat. Turning to my parents, she wished them luck and to enjoy themselves. Meanwhile, my uncle had called out to me to join him in the front seat! This was very good news as I knew from my last trip that those who sat in the front seat, certainly had the best view. I said goodbye to my parents and soon all three of us were off.

The drive up was most interesting as there were lots of farms and other small towns to pass through. After about two hours of driving, we entered the small town of Coldwater. My uncle was talking about the latest project, and



announced that the final few pieces would be found here. He had been very busy over the last few weeks and had started to build a new dock, from scratch. So just as we were about to leave the town of Coldwater, he turned left into the local lumber yard. Now I had never seen anything quite like this. There were large piles of neatly cut lumber, and stacks of other things that I did not even know what they were. My uncle parked his car, and all three of us walked over to the small office and went inside. My uncle obviously had been there before as they welcomed him by name and asked, "What can we do for you today, Fred?"

My uncle smiled, and reaching into his shirt pocket, he brought out a handwritten list of things he wanted to get. Now my uncle was a silversmith and engraver by trade so his handwriting was very beautiful and very, very neat. I recall that his list looked like it had been typed! He explained in detail what he wanted, referring several times to his list. The lumber store person made lots of notes and then went over to his adding machine, and began to enter a lot of numbers. He checked his addition several times and then mentioned the price to my uncle. "Sounds fair" my uncle replied and then brought out the largest number of bank notes that I had ever seen. With the transaction completed some special notes were added to the order and much to my surprise we departed. "But we didn't get anything!" I said. My aunt and uncle smiled at me and said, "Wait until tomorrow, then you'll see." So with that said, I sat back in my seat and watched the pretty scenery go by.

About an hour or so later we arrived in Honey Harbour, and found our way to the dock, where the cottage's "little red boat" was tied up and it just seemed to be waiting for us. Soon we were all in the boat, with me and my new life jacket sitting in the very front seat. My uncle backed away from the dock and as we made our way out into the main channel, I could not believe the number of other boats that were around us. Different colours and sizes and some even seemed to have small cabins on them, looking like a sort of floating cottage, I remember thinking at the time.

We passed the Royal Hotel and then made our way west to Big Dog Channel and there in the distance sat the cottage that I had visited for the first time just a few weeks ago. It certainly looked quite pretty and gradually we made our way across the bay to the cottage's dock. My uncle slowed the boat down and as he was making a turn to the right to arrive at the dock, I suddenly noticed that there was something very new in the water off to the left. There seemed to be several small log cabins floating in the water! Once he had docked the boat my uncle turned to me and pointed out the new additions. "Those are the new cribs," he explained, "and on those cribs that is where the new dock will be built."

As we were still in the boat, he pointed out the cribs that were right beside us, and how the deck of the dock sat on top of the cribs. I found it quite interesting and then asked

how the new cribs got over there. He replied, "I built them over the last few weeks and that is why the people at the lumber store know me so well." He went on to explain that the wood had been ordered and delivered about three weeks ago and he and my aunt had been very busy moving the large beams from the dock to the work site on the far side of the bay. "It was very hard work, but we managed to do it," he said with great satisfaction.

Meanwhile my aunt had gotten out of the boat and we passed up the various items we had packed and brought along with us, including my very small suitcase. My uncle then lifted me up to the dock's edge and I scrambled up onto the dock, and looked around. Other than the new cribs in the water everything looked very much the same as the last time, so I felt very much at home. Then I helped carry up the various items to the cottage.

However, the cottage was no longer the same. The first thing I noticed was the new curtains on the kitchen windows and once we were inside, I found out there were several beds and the kitchen even had a collection of new dishes! Looking at all of these new things reminded me of the two fox heads that lived over the fireplace mantel. I walked into the living room and was very pleased to see that they were both still there, but turning to my right, I suddenly saw that all the pretty blue and red equestrian ribbons were gone! So I asked my aunt what happened to them, and where did they all go? "We gathered them all up, along with the pictures and gave them back to the owners" she explained. "They were delighted to get them, as they thought they would never see them again." So I was a bit sad not to see the ribbons again, but realized that they were now back with their real owners, so that was a good thing.

Next morning I was up bright and early and so were my aunt and uncle. The sun was shining and the sky was very blue and just to the north there were a few very white and fluffy clouds. "Looks like we'll have perfect weather for the trip," my aunt said as she was washing the breakfast dishes. I was drying the new dishes, and was being very careful, so on hearing this I asked, "Are we going on a trip?"

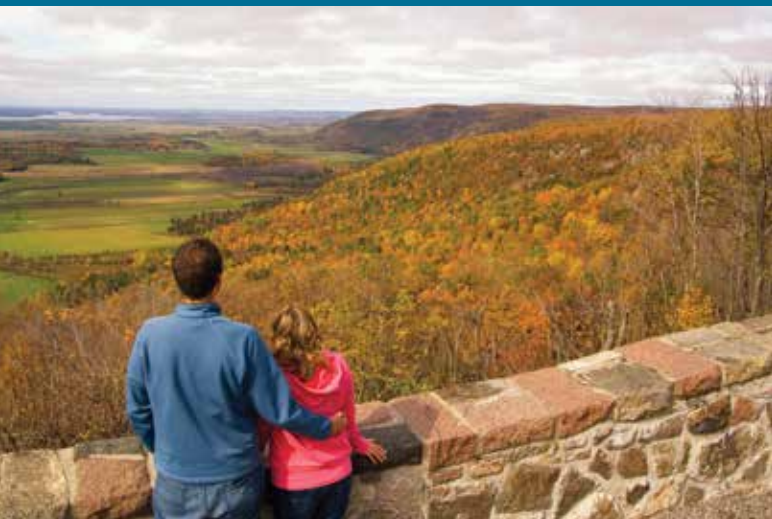
"Yes" my uncle replied, "just you and me." Hearing this, I was very curious, and asked if that would involve the "little red boat." My uncle smiled and said, "Yes, and we had better be on our way as they will soon be here." So I finished drying the dishes, and then followed my uncle to the dock and we both got into the "little red boat". Imagine, another boat ride for me and a possible adventure too!

Next: Chapter 10 - The Lumber Arrives...



# JOIN US IN OTTAWA OCTOBER 16-21, 2018

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Mark your calendar now to participate in one of the best Conferences in many years. Volunteers and boaters from across North America will congregate in Ottawa to exchange ideas, have their say in the business of their national organization, attend workshops, network with old friends and meet new ones. It will be a working conference with time for a little fun and relaxation. We are excited to have you all as our guests and show you some real National Capital hospitality.

Our conference theme is "Captains and Mates – Boating Life"

We are celebrating our 80th Anniversary as an organization and we decided that you should travel light to Ottawa this year with your costumes. None of us have been around for the 80 years of the organization but it would be interesting for the Friday night festivities to see what you were wearing in the 50's through 80's while boating.

What does Fall look like in Ottawa?

When Mother Nature cooperates, the leaves change to colours of golden reds, radiant yellows and vibrant oranges. Ottawa presents fabulous opportunities to experience the beauty of autumn. You really can't go wrong attending a Conference in the Nation's Capital.

Ottawa presents visitors with a wide selection of sight-seeing and outdoor leisure options. In fact, with more than a dozen national museums and galleries Canada's Capital Region has something for everyone. We plan to give you unforgettable experiences with the tours we have planned for your enjoyment.

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Reservations for CPS-ECP Members

We are pleased to announce that for CPS-ECP members attending the 2018 Conference and AGM a special room rate of \$179/night has been secured. This rate will be available until September 17, 2018 at 4pm and is subject to availability.

## Our Tours

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 (afternoon) – Discover the Capital – 3 hours

Board a luxury motor coach to start your tour with a stop at the Parliament Buildings, Canada's seat of government. Your guide will explain the history of these magnificent buildings. After an opportunity to take photos, you will re-board your motor coach and enjoy the sites of the Capital including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Bank of Canada and the Canadian War Museum. Cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Québec to get off the bus and enjoy the architecturally impressive Canadian Museum of History and its unique views of the Ottawa River and the Parliament Buildings.

From there, the tour will pass the National Gallery of Canada on the way to Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General of Canada (where, weather permitting you will take a leisurely walk through the magnificent grounds). On your return to your hotel you will pass by 24 Sussex Drive, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Canada, the Royal Canadian Mint and many Embassies and High Commissions.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 (evening) – Haunted Walk – 2 hours

Follow your guide by lantern light and listen to ghost stories from the area as they share some of our favourite haunted spots, including: the Bytown Museum, the Fairmont Château Laurier and Ottawa's haunted high school. You'll never look at the city and these buildings the same again!

Ghosts and the Gallows - Are You Afraid of the Dark? Small groups of no more than 13 participants are led through the darkened jail for an interactive experience which includes, in addition to our Halloween stories, hearing new evidence, enjoying extra time to explore the building, and additional witness testimony.

Thursday, October 18, 2018 (Morning) – Gatineau Park – 4 hours

Enjoy a picturesque guided tour through Gatineau Park, the Capital's conservation park, with many unique and diversified ecosystems and heritage features. Gatineau Park covers 36,131 hectares of land. Stops will be made at Pink Lake, the Champlain Lookout and the Mackenzie King Estate.

Pink Lake is Gatineau Park's most unique lake because it is "meromictic" meaning that, unlike a normal lake, its upper and lower water levels never mix. Of rare beauty, the site offers the opportunity to relax while learning about its ecology. Despite its name, the lake is green. It is named after the Pink family which settled the land in 1826.

The next stop is the Champlain Lookout atop the Eardley Escarpment, 335 meters above sea level. The view is unique because it shows two of Canada's major geological formations side by side: the Canadian Shield and the St. Lawrence Lowlands. A series of interpretive panels describe the geological events that have shaped this landscape.

The final stop will take you to the beautiful Mackenzie King Estate – the former country retreat of Canada's 10th Prime Minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King. The estate offers restored cottages, beautiful gardens and unique stone ruins that were collected by Mackenzie King during the 50 years he enjoyed this property.

After touring Gatineau Park, travel by bus to L'Orée du Bois, whose warm atmosphere makes it one of the most applauded restaurants in the region. Located next to Gatineau Park, it is among the top restaurants in Québec renowned for its fine French and regional cuisine using high quality local products from the Outaouais region.

Friday, October 19, 2018 (Morning) – Day tripping to Merrickville – 6 hours

Board our luxury coach, and we will introduce you to the Nation's Capital while on the drive to one of Eastern Ontario's favorite villages – Merrickville. Merrickville has just about everything; lots of funky independent shops, nice cafés and an interesting history. Located on the Rideau River, Merrickville is well-known for its lock station.

Once you arrive in Merrickville, you will be guided on a walking tour through architecturally and historically notable buildings and other sites that are ubiquitous. Start your tour at the Blockhouse building, which was built in 1832 to defend the Rideau Canal against a possible American invasion; now a museum, it houses a varied collection of local, 19th century artefacts.

A majority of the tour is made of stone buildings constructed pre-1900. You can get inside well-preserved commercial sites like the Aaron Merrick Block on St. Lawrence St., which now hosts popular retail stores. There's also some access to the mostly crumbling industrial complex where William Merrick, who founded the village on the shores of the Rideau River in 1794, built the saw, grist and other mills that brought him wealth (the complex has a small museum that traces Merrickville's industrial past; it includes a promotional sign for "John Mills Furniture Dealer and Undertaker"). The homes, of course, you can admire only from the street. Although it's on the tour, the William Merrick House at 129 Mill St. has a sign saying "private" and is set too far back from the road to view.

After the walking tour, enjoy a lovely lunch at The Goose & Gridiron which is iconic to Merrickville. The Goose & Gridiron was a landmark pub in London, England. On June 24, 1717 the Grand Lodge of England in free masonry was organized and 'to which all grand lodges of the world trace their charters'. The Goose which is how locals affectionately call the pub was built to recreate a landmark, right here in beautiful historic Merrickville and experience part of the English life. The Goose & Gridiron takes pride in using only the freshest and finest ingredients in their preparations. Each order is prepared individually with meticulous attention and care to ensure the highest quality. Truly an experience worth waiting for!

After lunch, submerge yourself in some of the many unique boutiques located along St. Lawrence Street as it is lined with gift shops, antique stores and clothing boutiques.

Saturday, October 20, 2018 (Afternoon) – A few hours to yourself to decompress!

It has been a few days full of meetings, seminars and tours! We were thinking of planning another tour, but you may wish to venture on your own for a quiet stroll such as:

- You are 0.3 miles E from the Hotel to the Parliament of Canada.
- You are 0.6 miles E from the Hotel to the Byward Market
- You are 0.6 miles E from the Hotel to the National Gallery of Canada - 380 Sussex
- You are 1.2 miles NE from the hotel to the Canadian Museum of Civilization - 100 rue Laurier
- You are 1.2 miles E from the hotel to the Canadian Museum of Nature - 240 McLeod Street

Prior to arrival in Ottawa all registrants will be provided an information package full of maps, list of restaurants, discount coupons, things to see, where to eat, local events, etc.

It is a few months before we meet again, have a great summer of safe boating and do not delay, register now! We look forward to seeing you in October in Ottawa!

For any information, questions or concerns, please contact [ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org](mailto:ottawa2018@cps-ecp.org).

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## FULL CONFERENCE MEAL PACKAGE

Includes Friday Theme Dinner and Party, Saturday AGM Luncheon and the Chief Commander's Gala Dinner and Dance

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$230\*/260 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you or your spouse do not wish to attend all conference meal events, book separate meals below

### Individual Conference Meals

Thursday, Board of Directors Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Joint Officers Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Theme Dinner "Boating Life" \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday AGM Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Chief Commander's Gala Dinner & Dance \_\_\_\_\_ x \$125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Tours

Wednesday, (afternoon) – Discover the Capital \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, (evening) – Haunted Walk \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, (morning) – Gatineau Park \_\_\_\_\_ x \$125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, (morning) – Day Tripping to Merrickville \_\_\_\_\_ x \$140 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Early registration rates apply if received on or before September 3, 2018

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cheque. Please make cheque payable to CPS-ECP, Memo: Conference 2018. Note: Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

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Dietary or physical restrictions and other requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

After September 3, 2018 higher registration rates will apply. National Officers who have their hotel accommodations paid by CPS-ECP must make their reservations directly with CPS-ECP. All Officers and members are encouraged to attend the seminars, presentations and Annual General Meeting at no cost.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations on or before September 3, 2018 are accepted with no penalty. From September 4, 2018 all cancellations are subject to a \$35 administration fee per person. After September 28, 2018, cancellations will be partly refunded only if the conference participants register to take your place.