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THE CHIEF COMMANDER'S SPEECH AT 2019 AGM GALA

- by Peter Bolton, Commander in Chief

« Thank you for the honour of leading this great organization. I am very conscious that I am following leaders that I have always admired: Norm, Doreen, MaI, Joe (who has been my Guru for all things CPS-ECP) Robert and Chuck. These leaders will be a hard act to follow.



Many of you will know that I spent my working life as a pilot. So the metaphor that I use to describe CPS-ECP's recent progress is based on an aircraft journey.

My day's work used to start (after a short briefing) with "The Before Start Checklist please" and then, "The Before Take-Off Checklist." Well, our organization is now on the end of the runway and ready to go. We have been through some bumpy skies together in the last couple of years and, it is my belief that we are now pointing in the right direction and ready to take off.

After the last three years of waiting and riding heavy Clear Air Turbulence, I am convinced that smoother skies lie ahead.

With the launch of the new IT system taking place shortly and, there will still be many small corrections to make, we are pointing in the right direction thanks to the efforts of Yves, Nancy, Rob, Don, Adriana... I thank them for all their hard work on behalf of all of us.

Education: with the new Maritime Radio course in place, we need to update our PCOC/ Boating 1 course material. Indeed work has already started on this. John Gullick tells me that his team have started updating the material. When we receive the approval of Transport Canada, animations, graphics and videos will be added.

Marketing: Marilyn and the Implementation Team have starting the process of putting the Grant Thornton Report's recommendations into action. Then with help from Innovexa start implementing the use of search engine optimization tools and techniques. Importantly, squadrons will be able to take greater advantage of social media platforms to help make their local and our national customers more aware of our products and services. Later, in the New Year an organizational branding makeover will be discussed.

Communications: as Yves Dauphinais has explained with the need to improve communications at all levels, both up and down, the implementation of MS Office 365 will help us achieve this and reduce the level of email traffic. I tell anyone who will listen that I received over four thousand 'real' emails last year.

Environment: we are at the very beginning of improving our environmental approach - we need to improve this with activities such as the "#Boat Blue" campaign that Jackie Hilderger so ably demonstrated. With Jennifer, Jack and Jackie leading the Environmental change we are well on our way.

Membership: Bob Parke and the Membership Team continue to implement new ideas in our Member Benefit programs and, I anticipate that they will continue to do so.

I was delighted to hear DC Scot Holman's comments last evening about the Western Ontario District's worthy win of the Chief's award. He spoke about the Team effort that goes into all their activities. It is an example to us all of the volunteer efforts that sustain this great organization. One thing I would like to bring to our collective attention is the amazing efforts of CPS-ECP's partners in helping and sustaining CPS-ECP volunteer's efforts, ideas and enthusiasm.

I would like all ExCom members to return to the stage with their partners.

I give you: Yves and Elisabeth; Jean-Robert and Giselle; Don Mac and Anne; Luc and Sylvie; Lynda and Gabe; Chuck and Karon and, last but not least Diane; my partner of many years.

Without these amazing people, we would not be half the Volunteer Team members that we are.

I would like all spouses, partners, significant Others to stand and be applauded - we owe them much.

Thank you for the opportunity to run our great organization and, as we have just pledged we will discharge our duties to the very best of our abilities. »

- Peter Bolton, Chief Commander.



Board of Directors and Executive Committee for 2018-2019

Back row, left to right: Nancy Richards, S; Guy Cooper, AP; Robert Anderson, AP; Robert Parke, AP; John Adams, AP; Cathie Johnstone, P; James Lee, AP; Bertrand Daigle, S; Shirley Shea Okamoto, AP; Ian Munro, SN; Nicole Ladner ; Richard Larivière.

Front row, left to right: Brenda Cochrane; Don Macintosh, P, National Administrative Officer; Luc Lussier, P, National Financial Officer; Yves Dauphinais, P, National Executive Officer; Peter Bolton, SN, Chief Commander; Lynda Bennett-Retei, S, National Secretary; Jean-Robert Lavergne, PA, National Educational Officer; Chuck Beall, AP, P/C/C Chair of the Nominating Committee; Marilyn McBeath, Former National Secretary.

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National Awards and Presentations



Chief Commander's Presentations

A Chief Commander's Citation is given for extreme, distinguished and noteworthy contributions to CPS-ECP by a member:

Dave Beiman, AP

Don Butt, AP ⁽¹⁾

Hans Etzel, P

Peter Girling, SN

The Chief Commander's Award is given for such exceptional service that it requires special recognition. The winners are ⁽²⁾:

Jean-Robert Lavergne, PA

Don Griffin, AP

Nancy Richards, S

Guy Ladouceur

Robert Anderson, AP

Yves Dauphinais, P

Adriana McCrea, AP

Donna Lankin, SN



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NATIONAL AWARDS

Howard G. Peck Volunteer of the Year Award Sponsored by Cowan Insurance Group

Elaine Mundle, Blue Mountain Squadron, Georgian-Trent District ⁽³⁾. We are all volunteers in CPS-ECP but some of our volunteers go far beyond what is taken for normal. These people often become an integral part of the Squadron or District and contribute a great deal to the well-being of CPS-ECP. Elaine exemplifies what a top volunteer is to CPS-ECP by her 36 years of volunteering with CPS-ECP. Elaine is a current District Financial Officer and District Membership Officer after being her squadron and district commanders and is currently her squadron Membership Officer, Assistant Education Officer, and the contact for the Life Jacket Program. Elaine was a member of the previous National Nominating Committee and co-authored the Paddling and Boat Smart seminar while also supporting several other volunteer organizations. She received a 2019 Citizen of the Year Award from the Town of Wasaga Beach in recognition of volunteer work within the community.

Electronic Course Instructor Awards Sponsored by ICOM Canada

This award is presented to the top volunteer electronic course instructor in two areas across Canada:

Québec – Jacques Bégin, PA, escadrille Trois-Rivières

Ontario – James N. R. Johnson, Port Dover Squadron

Western Provinces – Robert Brian McMurdo, White Rock Squadron

Atlantic – Johan Spiering, Shediac Squadron

Officer of the Year Awards Sponsored by Alex Milne & Associates Ltd.

Atlantic and Québec – Gaëtan Léveillé, Escadrille Québec ⁽⁴⁾

Ontario – Anne Marie Thomson, Goderich Squadron

Western Provinces – John Steede, S, Vancouver Squadron

G. William Bowman Instructor of the Year Awards

Sponsored by Weems & Plath, named after G. William Bowman who initiated the first Power Squadron Safe Boating classes in Canada in 1938:

Atlantic and Québec – Howard Donohoe, Halifax Squadron ⁽⁵⁾

Ontario – Ray Kirkham, Burlington Squadron

Western Provinces – Jim Forward, Sunshine Coast Squadron

National Environment Award - Natural Marine

This Award recognizes outstanding achievement and efforts by members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons to conserve or enhance the environment or marine habitat.

This was awarded to Jackie Hilderling⁽⁶⁾. Jackie is a member of the CPS-ECP Environment Committee and has propelled CPS-ECP along a new path from what we are used to; the human invasion and pollution of the oceans. Jackie is a Humpback Whale researcher, is co-founder and Education and Communications Director of the Marine Education and Research Society, has been involved in a number of ocean research expeditions, and was Victoria's Ocean Education Co-ordinator for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and has received many international awards for her work. In addition to all this, she has been featured in a number of film productions; Animal Planet's *Wild Obsession* series; Coastal Revival, *The Marine Detective*, BBC's *New Threat to Canada's Pacific Humpback Whales*, BBC's *Ingenious Animals*, and PBS' *Lineage, When Whales Walked*. The Environment Committee is currently developing a Project entitled #BoatBlue for CPS-ECP.



EDUCATION AWARDS

District Bell Award - District Membership Retention

To the Voyageur District for achieving a membership renewal rate of 90.08% from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. The CPS-ECP National Membership Committee will donate \$200 to the CPS Foundation in the District's name to recognize and permanently record this outstanding achievement in the Foundation's Memorial Log. The Chief Commander will personally recognize this achievement at a District Voyageur event.

Star Trophy Award - Squadron New Membership

To the Baie-des-chaieurs Squadron of Estuaire St-Laurent District for outstanding efforts in recruiting new CPS-ECP members from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, and achieving a ratio of 2.6 Members to every new member. The CPS-ECP National Membership Committee will donate \$100 to the CPS Foundation to recognize and permanently record this achievement in the Foundation's Memorial Log.

Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check Awards

In 2019 the RVCC Award was given in recognition of the individual who undertook the most boat safety checks at various on-the-water venues, including boat ramps, yacht clubs and marinas, up to the end of September. The Award winner was John Hinksman[®], SN, of Oakville Squadron. Special mention is given to Windsor Squadron, Western Ontario District who carried out the most boat safety checks as a group, with Vancouver Squadron, Pacific Mainland District coming second.

Ref Reid Award

This educational award is at the Squadron level and goes to the Boat and Engine Maintenance instructor having the most successful class in 2018-2019. This award was donated

by family members in honour of the late Ref Reid, a long-time, distinguished member of CPS-ECP and was presented to Robert Greg Burke, SN and Maurice Marwood, JN of the Windsor Squadron.

Belden W. Fox Award

This competition is at the Squadron level for the most improved results and performance in Elective Courses during 2018-2019 in relation to the total membership. The trophy is maintained at the National Office, and a small keeper trophy was presented to Etobicoke Squadron.

S. Gordon McCandlish Award

This competition is at the District level for the most improved results and performance in Advanced Courses during 2018-2019 in relation to the total membership. The trophy is maintained at the National Office, and a small keeper trophy was presented to Atlantic District.

Natural Marine Training Award

This trophy is donated by Alex Milne Associates Ltd., a supplier of environmentally friendly marine products and a firm supporter of the objectives of CPS-ECP. The competition is at the Squadron level. It is presented to the Squadron Training Officer and his/her instructors and proctors who help to achieve the highest percentage of successful students in the Boating 2 examination in 2018-2019. The trophy is maintained at the National Office, and a keeper trophy was presented to White Rock Power and Sail Squadron.

Mary Pritchard Outreach Education Award

The Mary Pritchard Award recognizes a CPS-ECP member who has created course content suitable for web-based delivery, or promoted marketing of distance education courses

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or developed innovative new techniques or development of outstanding graphics appropriate for web-based courses. The award was presented to Stephen Petruska, S by P/C/C Doreen Hinksman, [AP](#) ⁽⁷⁾.

Attila Soti, [AP](#)
 Doug Stewart, [AP](#)
 Raymond Zee

MORE HONOURS & AWARDS

Retiring National Committee Chairs

Elizabeth Appleton, [AP](#)

Chair, Audit Committee

Doug Stewart, [AP](#)

Chair, Financial Committee

P/C/C Mal Blann, [AP](#)

Chair, Boundaries Committee

P/C/C Robert Pepin, [PA](#)

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Jocelyne Guimont

Editor-in-Chief, *Le Hublot*

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David Agnew

Elizabeth Appleton, [AP](#)

Byron Buie

Linda Hamilton, [AP](#)

Robert Pepin, [AP](#)

Carolyn Reid, [SN](#)

Anniversary Plaques

80th year

London Squadron, Western Ontario District

Sarnia Squadron, Western Ontario District

70th Year

Port Dover Squadron, Niagara District

60th Year

Cowichan Squadron, Vancouver Island North District

Oshawa Squadron, Quinte District

Peterborough Squadron, Quinte District

Ripple Rock, Vancouver Island North District

Georgian-Trent District

Nigara District

Pacific Mainland District

Quinte District

Western Ontario District

50th Year

Calgary Squadron, Western Canada Inland District

Coquitlam Squadron, Pacific Mainland District

Saanich Peninsula Squadron, Vancouver Island South District

Goderich Squadron, Western Ontario District

Miramichi Squadron, Atlantic District

Penetanguishene Squadron, Georgian-Trent District

10th Year

Etobicoke Squadron, York West District

Life Member Awards

Members who contribute 20 or more hours of work annually for CPS-ECP receive a Merit Mark for that year. All Past Chief Commanders and any CPS-ECP Member who has received his or her 20th Merit Mark becomes a "Life Member".



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Life Memberships were presented at Squadron and District AGMs. 37 members received their Life Member Award this year.

Merit Mark Roll of Honour

At the start of this year, we can be proud to say four volunteers who have received their 50th Merit Mark or above. Thirty-six of our volunteers have their 40th Merit Mark or higher. One hundred and twenty of our volunteers have their 30th or higher Merit Mark and two hundred and seventy-six volunteers are celebrating their 21 or higher years of contribution.

The Chief Commander's Squadron of the Year Award

This Award is presented to the Squadron, who, in the Chief Commander's opinion, best exemplifies the values of CPS-ECP in the past year. **Squadron of the Year:** Trois-Rivières ⁽¹⁰⁾.

The Chief Commander's District of the Year Award

This Award is presented to the District, who, in the Chief Commander's opinion, best exemplifies the values of CPS-ECP in the past year. **District of the Year:** Western Ontario District ⁽⁹⁾.

Joseph Gatfield Leadership Award

At the 2015 National Conference in Niagara Falls, the Executive Committee presented a new award for Leadership to Joe Gatfield.

This Award was named "The Joseph Gatfield Leadership Award" and is to be presented annually by the Executive Committee "Honouring an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership and continues to make long-lasting contributions to CPS-ECP"

There is no doubt that this year's recipient has done just that and all throughout his CPS-ECP volunteer career. This person, to say the least, has been in the forefront of CPS-ECP with leadership roles at the Squadron, District and National levels. A key contribution that our recipient has given freely to CPS-ECP for years is his skillful editorial and translation expertise. That has, for many years, achieved the success of CPS-ECP as a truly bilingual National Organization. The Executive Committee presents this award to

P/C/C Serge St-Martin, JN ⁽¹¹⁾

a member for the past 43 years and who also has earned 43 Merit Marks, was a Past Chief Commander and current Commander of Escadrille nautique Beloeil.

Congratulations!



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Thank you to the Victoria Conference Committee for their hard work and dedication!

⁽¹²⁾ From left to right: Brent England, Ron Leipert, Janet Fraser.

⁽¹³⁾ From left to right: Brent England and Tracie Berekoff.

These pictures do not represent the entire Conference Committee which includes: Janet Fraser, Brent England, Rob Leiper, Phil Miles, George Silvestrini, Gail Silvestrin, Peter Bey, Joe Pennimpede.

FUNTIMES AT THE 2019 AGM

Check out Don Butt's photos of the AGM here:
<https://dbutt.smugmug.com/CPS-ECP-2019-Victoria/>









SUNSAIL DRAW WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO *BRAD HARRIS* FOR
WINNING THE 2019 SUNSAIL CONTEST

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SUNSAIL'S 2020 DRAW FOR THE SAME AMAZING PRIZE
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Help determine the direction of CPS-ECP: Join the CPS-ECP Board of Directors



Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS-ECP) is accepting applications for Director positions from you the members of CPS-ECP.

Successful candidates will be elected to the Board of Directors at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

A Director's role is to provide guidance and oversight of CPS-ECP's activities. The Board of Directors sets the policies and direction of the organization, through, among other things, approving the annual budget.

Some of the experience, skills, and attributes which can contribute to being a successful Director are listed below. These are only a guide, not an exhaustive list.

- Ability to get along and collaborate with others,
- Ability to think independently, and not “follow the crowd,”
- Commitment to CPS-ECP, and passion for the CPS-ECP Vision, Mission and Values,
- Experience in one or more of Education, Membership, Marketing and Communications
- Enthusiasm, time available,
- An ability to see the “big picture” beyond local or regional perspectives.
- A thorough understanding of Squadron and District operations.

Candidates applying for nomination as a Director of CPS-ECP are requested to read, complete and submit the following documentation:

- Director's Application Form,
- A current resume or curriculum vitae (C.V.),
- Skills Self-Assessment questionnaire,
- Statement of your personal short and long term goals in CPS-ECP.

The above documents can be found on the CPS-ECP website.

Applications must be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee by:

March 1st, 2020 at 1700 EST

electronically to:

nomcom@cps-ecp.org

or in hardcopy marked 'Confidential' to:

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