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## Dates for Your Calendar

January 2022	Boating 2/3 with Port Credit Squadron
February 1	Boat & Engine Maintenance Register with Patrick Lavelle

What are your plans for the summer? Are you planning a cruise? Send me your story. Don't worry about making it pretty or grammar, I can fix that. Our members want to hear about your adventures!

This is your newsletter, so send me your boating adventure stories, ideas, thoughts, pictures and items for sale.

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## Buying a New (to you) Boat?

Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety has made changes to how pleasure crafts are licensed. The new Pleasure Craft Electronic Licensing System allows owners to apply for a license online.  
<https://www.pcl-pep.snb.services.ca/1001/pubweb/default.aspx?lang=en-CA>

When you 'like' us on Facebook, you will get immediate updates on Etobicoke Squadron activities and announcements.

Log into Facebook and search for Etobicoke Power and Sail Squadron.



## Commander's Deck



2021 saw the return of a more normal boating season. We were able to perform RVCC inspections. Details are in the RVCC Officer's excellent report. No face-to-face Bridge meetings or social events were held in 2021. The 2021 AGM was held on line using the Squadron's licensed copy of Zoom. We expect the 2022 Squadron AGM to be a face-to-face. The Squadron continues to participate in on-line courses. Details will be found in the Education Officer's Report

I attended the virtual National AGM. A proposed dues increase was approved. Planning for the 2022 National AGM is in progress. This face-to-face meeting will be held here in Toronto. The organizing committee is looking for volunteers. If you would like to help out, please contact York West District Commander Marie Dosso ([mariedosso@hotmail.com](mailto:mariedosso@hotmail.com)).

I recently received a letter signed by Chief Commander Peter Bolton. This letter is a request for contributions to "support for major CPS-ECP programs/projects vital to the sustainability of our organization". The projects are:

- . improve landing pages for PCOC and Maritime Radio \$50k
- . complete financial dashboards for more info for financial officers \$15k
- . ensure functionality of the Membership renewal before 2022 \$25k

- . accept 3<sup>rd</sup> party payments for courses and course materials \$10k
  - . maintain Recognized Provider and Recognized Examiner data bases for Squadron/District use \$5k
  - . complete a thorough review of National Office building to develop an upgrade/maintenance plan \$5k
- Many of these projects are improvements to the new IT system.

This topic was discussed at the Bridge meeting held on November 18th. The Squadron's finances are in good shape. Our expenditures have been reduced because we have not been renting classrooms or putting on social events. For details, please refer to the Financial Officer's Report.

It was agreed that the Squadron should support the National Organization. However, The Bridge feels obligated to ensure that any contribution made will be used effectively. Development and implementation of the new IT system has been plagued with problems and delays. It was agreed that I would respond to the letter requesting more information to ensure that these projects will be properly managed and completed in a timely fashion. Assuming we receive a satisfactory response, I expect that the Squadron will make a contribution to one of these Projects. The Squadron Financial Officer assures me that the Financial Dashboards are urgently needed.

Finally, I regret to report the passing of Bill Alloway on October 18, 2021. Bill and his wife, Past Commander Carole Ann Alloway, joined CPS in 1999. Bill and I worked together instructing several courses. He was instrumental in getting the Squadron set up to use laptop computers and projectors for course presentations. He also assisted Carole Ann with preparation of

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the Squadron newsletters. Bill is sadly missed by all his friends and family. A donation in his name has been made to the CPS Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ronald McCutcheon

Commander

Etobicoke Power & Sail Squadron

The Toronto AGM which takes place in 2022 is looking for volunteers to help with various committees. Contact Commander Ron McCutcheon to sign up!

## Boating and Photography

By Patrick Lavelle, SEO

I rarely go out on the water without one of my many cameras. In late September I ventured out minus one of the above!

My boat is docked at Fifty Point Marina near Grimsby, SSW of Port Credit by about 25 nautical miles. The day was quite warm and sunny with a hint of sea mist. On the lake, however, the sea mist very quickly turned into a somewhat dense fog.

As a photographer I observed the way that light swirled and striated with the fog, and created a surreal and mystical aura. The shore was less than a km from my position, but virtually invisible. Thankfully, I had my trusty iphone, which has a fairly good sensor and optical system, and quickly began to shoot images of a nearby 30' sailboat. The resulting shots were quite ethereal and very much in contrast with normal-light photography! The images rewarded me with an other-worldly feel.

The result is an 8 x10 photo hanging on my wall. I have attached a copy of the sailboat image, which may or may not exhibit the mystical feel that I experienced. Note to self and others: Shoot more images of fog and boat combinations. The experience is rewarding!



Photo taken by Patrick Lavelle, SEO

## 2021 EPS RVCC Inspections

# of boats inspected	57
# of boats passed	49
# of boats failed	8

John Warwick, AP  
RVCC Officer

# Education Deck

## VHF Self Study

Radio Course:      106 students enrolled  
                           61 have written the exam  
                           45 still to complete the exam  
                           1 new student enrolled this week

## Courses planned for Winter 2022

We are currently accepting students for the Boat and Engine maintenance course which has just been up-loaded. 1 new student has just enrolled.

Etobicoke is cooperating with Port Credit Squadron in instructing the Boating 2/3 course, which begins in January 2022.

Patrick Lavelle will be storing the Squadron Laptops for distribution to any Bridge members who might require one.

Report respectfully submitted.  
 Patrick Lavelle / SEO

# Financial Deck

For the 7 months ending October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 the Squadron had a net profit of \$1,105.00. Revenues totaled \$3,970.00 with membership dues accounting for \$550.00 and course registration fees generating some \$3,129.00. Total expenses for the period were \$2,865.00. The financial position of the squadron remains sound with assets of some \$21,000.00 and zero liabilities.

Ian Fung  
 Financial Officer.

# Webmaster Deck

Since assuming the position of webmaster for the Etobicoke Squadron, I've been focused on getting the foundation for our online presence established. This includes setting up access to all of the appropriate systems and updating our Facebook and squadron pages on the CPS-ECP website.

I recently attended the Mar/Comm presentation at the annual AGM to get familiar with CPS-ECP social media strategy. Leveraging the social media activity of the organization at all levels, as well as local clubs and related groups will be a core part of our approach to promoting the organization and in particular our courses and events.

In the coming months we will attempt to ramp up our online presence and expand our reach through these connections. We are also looking at a new platform for managing our email communications. Please make sure to stay connected through our website and Facebook page and watch for us to get involved in other social media platforms in the future!

Respectfully submitted:  
 Andrew Pitt  
 Webmaster

## Members of CPS - a letter from Transport Canada

Transport Canada have changed the Tier 1 Policy regarding Flares or Smoke Signals on pleasure craft. This was made effective on November 9/21 and details just published are as follows: (To be reviewed in 5 years)The following is a condensed version of the issued document. For complete information you may check online [at the Transport Canada website.](#)

*Tier 1 - Policy - Acceptance of Electronic Visual Distress Signals (eVDSD) in lieu of Pyrotechnic distress signals (smoke signal or flare) on Pleasure Craft.*

*Policy statement:*

*2.1 when carried with an approved smoke signal, TC recognizes that an eVDSD can be carried instead of all approved rocket parachute flares, multi-star flares, hand flares or a watertight flashlight if the electronic signal is determined to have:*

*a) met the requirements of the RTCM Standard 13200.0 by a Product Certification body or been accepted by the US Coast Guard*

*Any written operating instructions and warnings required by the RTCM Standard 13200.0 to be on the eVDSD shall be in both English and French - Instruction manuals required by the Standard must be available both in English and French.*

*Background: The Small Vessel Regulations currently require, amongst other things, that all pleasure craft longer than 6 metres, carry pyrotechnic distress signals unless:*

*b. they are operating on a river, canal or lake in which they can at no time be more than one nautical mile from shore: or,*

*c. they have no sleeping arrangements and are engaged in an official competition or in final preparation for an official competition.*

*7.2 Smoke signals and flares are hard to ship, store and dispose of in a safe and environmentally friendly way. Its also hard to find a course to learn how to use them correctly. As such Transport Canada began looking into alternative signaling devices.*

*7.3 In June of 2018, following extensive research, the RTCM published the RTCM Standard 13200.0 which lists the requirements for Electronic Visual Distress Signal Devices (eVDSD).*

*7.4 After consulting with marine stakeholders and Canadian search and rescue authorities, Transport Canada now recognizes eVDSD as an*

*approved alternative to traditional pyrotechnic distress signals*

*IN CANADA, PLEASURE CRAFT CAN USE eVDSD THAT ARE CERTIFIED TO THE RADIO TECHNICAL COMMISSION FOR MARITIME SERVICES (RTCM) STANDARD 13200.0 INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL PYROTECHNIC DISTRESS SIGNALS,*

*This policy only applies to pleasure craft.*

*It requires that a TC approved signal be carried with the eVDSD for daytime alerting*

*It only allows eVDSD with documentation from an accredited product certification body, or the US Coast Guard, stating that it has been tested to and meets the requirements of the RTCM Standard 13200.0*

*Devices must be labelled with the statement "Complies with RTCM Standard 13200.0 for an eVDSD". If a device doesn't include this statement, it can't be used as an alternative to pyrotechnic distress signals.*

*THIS POLICY ADDS ADDITIONAL CHOICES FOR DISTRESS ALERTING AVAILABLE TO VESSEL OPERATORS. IT DOES NOT REPLACE THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPROVED PYROTECHNIC DISTRESS SIGNALS. THESE FLARES CONTINUE TO BE AN OPTION THAT MAY BE USED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS.*

*Characteristics of eVDSD - An electronic signal that meets the standard will have:*

*...signal characteristic in the form of a 2-colour cyan (blue) and red-orange S-O-S light sequence*

*...near-infrared signal so it can be detected with night vision goggles*

*...an operating temperature range of -1 degreeC to +30 degreeC*

*...a storage temperature range of -20degreeC to +55degreeC*

*...an average effective intensity of at least 50 candela*

*...at least 2 hours continuous operating life*

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