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## Dates for Your Calendar

December 19 - Holiday Party  
Mimico Cruising Club

<https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public/public.asp?WCE=C=56|K=227722|CAL=225480>

Copy this link to your browser and get your tickets online!!! See you there!

January 9-17 - Toronto Boat Show  
Enercare Centre  
Exhibition Place

TBA - Seminar at Fogh Marine

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Etobicoke Squadron - CPS

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## Did You Know?

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.



# Commander's Deck

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It seems only a short time since I attended Sailpast, the official kickoff of the boating season at the Mimico Cruising Club. Now fall is upon us. Boaters are starting to think about demasting, haul out and winterizing.

The Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check program was very successful again this year. Courtesy Checks days were held at the Mimico Cruising Club and National Yacht Club.

On June 2, the Squadron Graduation held at the Mimico Cruising Club. Squadron members Bill and Carole Ann Alloway gave a very interesting presentation on their South Pacific cruise with Holland America.

On Friday July 17, a dinner was held at the Mimico Cruising Club to show appreciation for all of our dedicated volunteers. All Bridge members, instructors, proctors and their significant others were invited.

The Commander's BBQ was held on Friday September 18. This event was hosted by P/C David Burt and Squadron Secretary Mary Burt, Weather radar predicted only a few light showers and such was the case.

The annual Squadron Christmas Party has been booked at the Mimico Cruising Club on Saturday December 19. Details and instructions for making reservations will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The new training season will be starting soon. Check the Education Officer's report for scheduled courses. I have also been advised that Toronto Squadron plans to run an on line Junior Navigator course beginning on or about October 26. WBAS (Web Based Administration System) registration should be available soon.

We plan to continue our program of Saturday morning Seminars at Fogh Marine. Watch for e-mail blasts when dates and topics have been confirmed. Suggestions for seminar topics would be greatly appreciated. For this or any other reason, you can contact me by phone at 416-247-2376 or e-mail to [ronmcc@rogers.com](mailto:ronmcc@rogers.com)

I will be representing the Squadron at the CPS Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls on October 22-24.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron McCutcheon  
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# Education Deck

The classroom courses for the 2015 / 2016 season are open for registrations. The first course starts after Thanksgiving weekend so register now to reserve your spot and to ensure there are enough students to hold the course. A minimum of 4 students is required or the course will be cancelled one week prior to the scheduled start date. In case of cancellation, a full refund is provided.

Please tell your friends and family members, who may be interested in learning more about boating, navigating, meeting other boaters; about the upcoming courses – open to all boating enthusiasts.

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at Etobicoke Collegiate, 86 Montgomery Road, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM.

For more information or to register on-line, go to <http://www.boatingcourses.ca/>

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Which of these pictures will be your boat next summer?

Take a course and have smooth sailing!

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## CPS Etobicoke Squadron – Upcoming Courses

| Course                | Room | Start Date    | Exam Date     |
|-----------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Boating Essentials    | 237  | Oct. 13, 2015 | Dec. 17, 2015 |
| Seamanship            | 239  | Jan. 26, 2016 | May 10, 2016  |
| Boating Essentials    | 237  | Jan. 26, 2016 | Apr. 05, 2016 |
| Electronic Navigation | TBD  | Feb. 23, 2016 | Apr. 12, 2016 |
| Maritime Radio        | 237  | Apr. 12, 2016 | May 10, 2016  |



# CATNIP II TO THE RESCUE!

BY CDR RON MCCUTCHEON

**ON A WARM** Saturday afternoon, Keith Nettleton and I set out from the Mimico Cruising Club to try to catch a few fish. For those of you who don't know Keith, he is a long time CPS member, Etobicoke Squadron Bridge officer and past Squadron commander. After an hour or so of trolling east across Humber Bay, the fish just weren't cooperating. With a nice westerly breeze, there were lots of sail boats to avoid. As we approached the Toronto Islands, I was considering either turning back to the west or heading to deeper water.

Considering it was Saturday afternoon, the VHF radio, had been fairly quiet. Suddenly it crackled to life with a PAN PAN call from Prescott Coast Guard Radio. A 26-foot cuddy cabin power boat located 4 miles south of Humber Bay had lost an engine and needed assistance. Prescott provided a vessel description and GPS coordinates.

Keith and I looked at each other. When fishing, CATNIP II's propulsion is a 9.9 HP Yamaha 4 stroke outboard mounted on the swim platform. Before we could get underway we had to run the blower long enough to safely start the main engine. It took us a while to get the fishing gear out of the water.

We waited to see if anyone else in the area could respond more quickly. After two or three minutes of silence, we called Prescott. We advised that we would respond as soon as we could get underway. Prescott had some concern regarding our ability to tow the vessel. I assured them that CATNIP II was more than capable. After starting my digital voice recorder, I requested Prescott to repeat the GPS coordinates and the vessel description. I marked

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our position using the GPS Man Overboard function, and was then able to quickly modify the coordinates to those given to us by Prescott. In the meantime, Keith was reeling in fishing lines, removing lures and pulling up downrigger weights.

In about 10 minutes or so, we were up on plane and on our way. As directed by Prescott, we provided an ETA. After 15 or 20 minutes, we located the disabled vessel. The four sunburned fishermen were very glad to see us. We quickly advised Prescott that we had located the vessel and would take it in tow. They requested us to provide an ETA and the current conditions. Fortunately they were good – 1 ½ foot waves, light west winds and 10 miles visibility.

We circled the vessel to assess the situation and determined that they wanted to get back to the launch ramp at Humber Bay Park. I reversed upwind to the bow of the vessel and Keith threw the skipper a line. By connecting our line and his together we had a suitable towline for the relatively calm water. We didn't have a lot of extra line so we didn't bother rigging a towing bridle. We just hooked the towline from his bow to a rear cleat on the starboard side of my boat. Despite our training from the Seamanship course, we didn't bother requesting a damage waiver.

After a bit of experimentation, we found 4.5 knots to be a suitable speed, just below hull speed for both boats. The pull on one side made my boat slew sideways a bit but not enough to be a problem. We called Prescott and gave them an ETA of 1630 hours. As we neared shore, we observed a fair amount of vessel traffic. This was to be expected on a fine summer weekend. We made a Securite call to advise other

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vessels in the area of our situation.

A few minutes later, we were approaching the entrance to the launch ramp. Keith and I discussed switching to towing alongside in the confined space. We decided to continue as we were but put the fenders down in case we needed to switch over.

In the end, there was no need to need to switch over. I approached the dock dead slow. Keith disconnected the tow line, stepped on the dock with it and pulled the disabled vessel to a safe landing. After accepting the skipper's thanks, we advised Prescott that the vessel was safe at the dock. Then we made our way back to MCC for a well-earned beer.

Fortunately situations like this do not arise very often. When they do, our CPS training pays off in a big way. Also, a big shout-out to Prescott Coast Guard Radio for the efficient and courteous manner in which they handled this situation.



Etobicoke Power Squadron would like to thank Mary Shatzle for her years of dedicated service producing Scuttlebutt. It is an enormous task and we applaud her efforts. It will be very big shoes for me to fill.

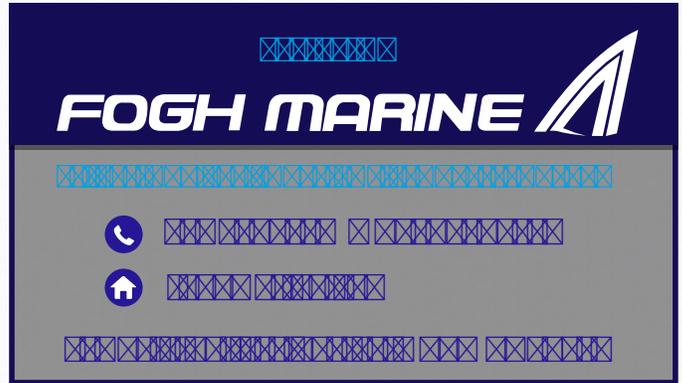
We have new software and a new editor, so a new look seemed appropriate. What do you think? Send me your boating adventure stories, ideas, thoughts, pictures and items for sale.

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## Odd Boat Names

Sobuyit  
Ben An A Boat  
Was His  
Channel Surfer  
Beach Nut  
Got My Way  
Bobs Your Uncle

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