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Dates for Your Calendar

- January 9-17 - Toronto Boat Show
Enercare Centre
Exhibition Place
Sign up to help out at the booth and you get in for free!!!
<http://cps-signup.com/login.php?returnUrl=index.php%3FEventId%3D22&EventId=22>
- Feb. 13 or 20 Man Overboard! Seminar
at Fogh Marine (watch for
Email blast to confirm date)
- April 21 7:00pm Annual General Meeting
at Mimico Cruising Club
- June ? 7:00pm Graduation
at Mimico Cruising Club
- Dec 3 Holiday Party
at Mimico Cruising Club

Book your RVCC Courtesy Check early and avoid the spring rush! Keith.nettleton@sympatico.ca

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.



Commander's Deck

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Happy New Year! The annual Squadron Christmas Party, held at the Mimico Cruising Club on Saturday December 19, was a great success. Thanks to all those who attended. Hopefully we will all see each other at this event next year.

The winter courses will be starting soon. Check the Education Officer's report for the course schedule.

We plan to continue our program of Saturday morning Seminars at Fogh Marine. The topic of the next seminar will be Man Overboard. This is one of the USPS seminars purchased by YW District. Watch for e-mail blasts when the date has 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

I represented the Squadron at the CPS Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls on October 22-24. It was a great venue, overlooking the Falls and right next door to the casino, for those so inclined. My notes from this meeting are as follows:

- A recent survey indicated that districts are functioning as intended. There was 77% participation. Survey results will be posted on the CPS-ECP website
- Squadron websites are very important, both for communication with members and attracting students. Consider using Facebook and Twitter
- VHF Radio is the most popular course. The one day format is very successful.
- Some Squadrons are having success with PCOC courses in conjunction with schools at the Grade 7/8 level. Others are working with youth organizations like Scouts and Guides.
- Target audience for members is age 55+, new owners of larger boats at marinas, yacht clubs, etc.
- Flare and RVCC programs are working to raise overall awareness of CPS-ECP.
- Lillian Kluka was the first woman captain on the great lakes. She would be a very good prospect as a speaker for Graduation

Respectfully submitted
 Ron McCutcheon
 Commander
 Etobicoke Squadron

NEWS FLASH FROM CPS-ECP HQ

We are pleased to announce that the first issue of the CPS-ECP Onboard eNewsletter will be launched on Thursday January 14, 2016, as a new addition to our growing member benefits program. Members, who have a current email address on file with the National Office, will receive this new and informative newsletter, at no additional cost, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Each issue will feature current CPS-ECP news items and a variety of informative and interesting boating articles from across Canada and around the world.

Education Deck

Registrations for the 2016 winter season courses have started. Sign up now to reserve your spot. Tell your friends and family members about the upcoming courses – open to all boating enthusiasts!

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

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.

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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CPS Etobicoke Squadron – Upcoming Courses

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Seamanship	Jan. 26 – May 10, 2016
Boating Essentials	Jan. 26 – Apr. 05, 2016
Electronic Navigation	Feb. 23 – Apr. 12, 2016
Maritime Radio	Apr. 12 – May 10, 2016

Did these people have CPS training?
I doubt it!!!



BOATING TRIVIA!

BY P/CDR DAVID BURT

WHY IS the steering wheel in most boats on the right side? From the useless but interesting maritime trivia file: have you ever wondered why most boats have their steering consoles on the right side? In the USA and Canada our cars all have the steering wheels on the left (except for postal workers), so what gives?

You might be thinking that it has to do with most people being right-handed, or with using the driver's weight to counteract prop torque. Both are true. Partially. For the most part, all boat traffic keeps to the right, according to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Before the use of the modern day rudder, boats were steered by a specialized oar, which was situated on the right-hand side, or starboard side of the vessel (originally steerboard).

This oar was held by a sailor located towards the stern. As there were many more right-handed sailors than left-handed sailors, this meant that the right-handed sailors holding the steering oar (which had been broadened to provide better control) stood on the right side. The helmsman, standing in the middle of the boat and looking ahead, used his right hand to operate it.

Traditionally, boats would also moor with the left hand side to the quay to prevent damage to the steering oar, and this was referred to as larboard (loading side), later replaced by port to prevent confusion with similar sounding words. By keeping to the right, boats pass "port-to-port", protecting the steering oar.

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When modern style rudders fixed to the stern were developed, the helmsman was moved amidships (on the centreline), and when steering wheels replaced tillers this generally remained the same. Many motor yachts and other small craft are right hand drive, but some boats, typically smaller pleasure craft and wooden speedboats are built left hand drive to give a better view of approaching and passing traffic. The SAV series watercraft and the Midnight Rocket built by Captain Kujo's USIA Marine have their helm situated in the centre of the vessel, where visibility is at its maximum for all angles simultaneously.

DID YOU KNOW that originally there was another name for the left side of the ship?

The term originally used for the left side of the boat was larboard. Given its similarity in sound to "starboard," you can see how the term "port" became preferable over time.

"Starboard" derived from Old English terms for steering board (on the right side of historic ships). Larboard possibly came from the words for loading and board - as ships were traditionally docked on their left side for loading. "Port" is thought to have the same meaning: the side put to the wharf when in port.

Funny Boat Names

Wind Between The Sheets
Piece Of Schmidt
Restless Sole
Just Add Money



RECREATIONAL VESSEL COURTESY CHECKS

For many years, the CPS training program has been largely limited to classroom type courses. In the past few years, this effort has expanded to on-the-water training through the RVCC program. Developed by Transport Canada, this FREE educational program is designed to inform the recreational boaters of their responsibility for compliance with all applicable regulations and for ensuring that they have all the required safety equipment on board their vessel.

Boaters can arrange to have the equipment on their vessel inspected by a trained RVCC volunteer by contacting their local Squadron. The RVCC volunteer will review the equipment on board the boat to ensure it complies with the Safe Boating Guide published by Transport Canada and listed on the check list also provided by TC. If all the requirements are met, the volunteer will issue the boat owner/operator with a decal.

Approximately 1350 checks were done this year in Ontario. In Etobicoke Squadron, there are seven volunteers who have assisted with this program, namely; Ron McCutcheon, Dave McGuire, Thomas Marquette, Keith Nettleton, Donna Scott, Richard Wand, and John Warwick.

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Social Soirees



Etobicoke Power Squadron Annual Holiday Party was held on December 19, 2015, at Mimico Cruising Club with a good turnout. We had a lot of laughs, great food, prizes and an amazing DJ. If you missed it, watch Scuttlebutt for the next one and book early!!!



Here we are at the Commander's BBQ on September 18. Held at P/Cdr. David Burt's house and catered by Cdr. Ron McCutcheon, lots of us enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and good company. A great way to gather everyone back from their summer holidays!!!



