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## Dates for Your Calendar

December 3      Annual Holiday Party  
at Mimico Cruising Club

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

February      Winter Classes Start

Book your RVCC Courtesy Check early and avoid the spring rush! [Keith.nettleton@sympatico.ca](mailto:Keith.nettleton@sympatico.ca)



Fun at the Commander's BBQ!

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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Summer is winding down. Hopefully we will have a few nice days before the boats go on the hard.

The Annual General Meeting of the Etobicoke Power and Sail Squadron was held on Thursday April 28, 2016 at the Flag Room of MCC. After the meeting, Attendees enjoyed a complimentary beverage in the club dining room

The Squadron Graduation was held at MCC on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Bill and Carole Ann Alloway made a great presentation on their recent cruise to South America, including 1000 miles up the Amazon River.

Flare collection at Fogh Marine took place on Saturday June 4. About 500 flares were collected. Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks were conducted at the National Yacht Club, Etobicoke Yacht Club and MCC.

Over the summer, we ran one day VHF radio courses at the Mimico Cruising Club and the Toronto Windsurfing club. Our winter courses will start immediately after the Toronto International Boat show. We hope to offer the new Weather course. If you are interested, please sign up as soon as possible. We are hoping to hold a

Saturday seminar at Fogh Marine again this year. **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 attended the York West District Annual General Meeting on June 21. I will not be able to attend the next District meeting scheduled for Sept. 27. CPS was not represented at the Port Credit Boat show due to lack of people to staff the booth.

The Commander's BBQ, hosted by David and Mary Burt was well attended. The same evening, Don Thompson, the Squadron Assistant Financial officer, passed away suddenly at home. I and several other Squadron members attended the memorial service. A tribute to Don will be found elsewhere in this issue.

I plan to attend the CPS Annual General meeting in Vancouver at the end of October.

Respectfully submitted

Ron McCutcheon  
Commander  
Etobicoke Squadron



Master Chef at the Commander's BBQ!

# Education Deck

The winter season is a great time to refresh your boating knowledge and share stories with other boating enthusiasts. CPS Etobicoke Squadron Courses will start beginning of February 2017 after the International Boat Show in Toronto. Go to [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca) for detailed course information, schedules and registration.

During the year, many of the CPS course have been revised and updated to provide current, practical knowledge in a timely manner.

For example:

The entry level CPS Boating Course is now 3 modular courses --

*Boating 1 – PCOC* (available as an on line course); 4 classes

*Boating 2 – Beyond the PCOC*; 5 classes

*Boating 3 – Introduction to Navigation*; 5 classes

The new weather course *Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boaters* (7 classes) is customized for climates within Canada and regionally.

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.



More fun at the Commander's BBQ!

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<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Boating 2 - Beyond the PCOC	Feb. 07 – Mar. 05, 2017
Boating 3 – Intro. to Navigation	Mar. 21 – Apr. 18, 2017
Maritime Radio	Apr. 25 – May 09, 2017
Boat and Engine Maintenance	Feb. 07 - May 16, 2017
Electronic Navigation	Feb. 07 – Mar. 28, 2017
Introduction to Weather	Apr. 07 – May 16, 2017

Classes are held Tuesdays at Etobicoke Collegiate, 86 Montgomery Road, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

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## NEWS FLASH FROM CPS-ECP HQ

Did you receive your e-issues of the CPS-ECP Onboard eNewsletter which was launched Thursday January 14, 2016? This is 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 eNewsletter, 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.

## So what's it like to be a Director of CPS-ECP?

### An insight by David Burt, P/C Etobicoke Squadron

On October 24, 2015, at our National AGM held in Niagara Falls, I was sworn in as one of the “new” directors for CPS-ECP. The comradery among us at my first meeting was not so different from what occurs at our Squadron meetings. We listened to reports from the various committees that lamented similar concerns we experience at the District and Squadron levels. Items such as course content, succession planning, along with observations from the Planning Committee that affect our organization as it moves forward. The big difference is that at the National level, our focus is aimed at the overall picture for the good of the organization, its direction, and viability in these extremely fast-changing times.

As many things have changed at the Squadron level; changes have also taken place at National. One such change is that in the past, a director had to come from a pool of Past District Commanders. This is no longer the case, as I can personally attest to. Joe Gatfield, Chair of the Nominating Committee/Past Chief Commander pointed out the organization is looking for individuals who can bring their special skills forward, along with new ideas into the mix. Although they all have been involved in their own Squadrons and may have more limited exposure to District activity; nevertheless they bring to National their fresh views, and specialized professional experience that all helps to navigate CPS-ECP forward.

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Directors are expected to be involved in some capacity on various on-going committees. An hour into my first Director's Meeting, I was nominated, and elected onto the National Nominating Committee. This is deemed to be one of the most important Committees at National, and one I personally take very seriously; since I will be taking part in the process of selecting the right candidates to steer our way as we move into the future.

So, what is the Nominating Committee comprised of, and what are its responsibilities?

The Nominating Committee has seven (7) members. They are as follows:

- the immediate Past Chief Commander, who shall act as the Chair of the Committee
- the current Chief Commander
- two members of the Board (Directors)
- three of the District Commanders

It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to select the best possible candidates to:

- nominate persons to fill positions on the CPS-ECP Board of Directors
- recommend persons for positions as Officers on the CPS-ECP Executive Committee
- recommend persons for positions as Chairs of the various National Committees of CPS-ECP
- assist the Executive Committee and

the Committee Chairs to select appropriate members or replacement members for the various committees within CPS-ECP, as requested.

We need, and are constantly looking for key people at the National level. Every member has received a "Call for Applications for Nominations" - an invitation to apply for a Director's position. We're looking for enthusiastic individuals who will be willing to share their experience and expertise for the betterment of CPS-ECP. You just need to obtain the application form, fill it out, and have five members in good standing support your nomination. Applications can be found at

<https://www.cps.ecp.ca/members/members.asp?WCE=C=62|K=242859>

Why not take the leap upwards to where your opinion could make a difference for all of us at CPS-ECP? Submitted by David Burt

Over the past boating season, several Etobicoke Squadron members performed many Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC). To date, 74 completed forms have been sent to Headquarters. This number is up considerably from last year. These inspections are greatly appreciated by the boating public and provide a unique opportunity for Squadron members to meet fellow boaters and promote the goals of CPS.

Donna Scott, Ron McCutcheon, Dave McGuire, Michael Leahy, and John Warwick are to be congratulated for volunteering their time and energy in conducting these inspections.

Submitted respectfully,

Keith Nettleton  
RVCC Officer, Etobicoke Squadron

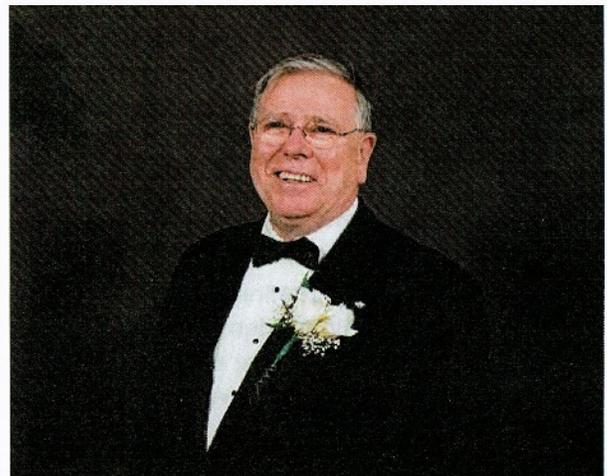
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## In Memorium

We were very saddened to learn of the sudden death on September 9, 2016, of our dear friend Don Thompson. Don was a life member of CPS freely giving his time and experience to anyone needing help. Don was Treasurer of Humber Valley Squadron when I became Commander. He was patient answering my endless questions and kept the Bridge on track with expenses always sharing a joke and a friendly smile. When Humber Valley merged with Centennial and became Etobicoke Squadron, Don became assistant Treasurer. Don also dedicated his time to volunteer with Shriners, Masons and his local church.

Don reminded us every year to donate money to the CPS Foundation, an important charity to him. A contribution will be made in his name. Our thoughts are with his wife, Maureen. May you be sailing in fair winds, Don.

Carole Ann Alloway/PCdr



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