

3rd Annual Squadron Barbeque - June 15, 2002

This year, the 3rd annual BBQ will be held at the same spot as last year; on the beach on the Manitou Islands. The event will kick off around 14:00. A few of us will be out there early to try to grab part of the beach for the BBQ. Those of you with bigger boats that can't get to shore, give us a call on the VHF (we will be monitoring Chanel 68). Some one will be more than glad to scoot out to ferry you in. We plan to begin cooking around 16:00. Done in plenty of time for the fishermen amongst us to get that evening fish in, or the rest to get back to port before dark. The Squadron will supply all the food and soft drinks for the BBQ for Squadron members and

their immediate families. If you wish to bring a guest, they are welcome. We will ask guests for a small donation to cover the cost of the food. We plan on purchasing the food as close to the date as we possibly can, but we will need to know who is coming to get the right amount of food. Please contact Caven Ford at 752-4807, cavenfor@bigfoot.com or Terry Lang at 497-3705, terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca

There will be games for the kids, swimming (if not too cold), fun, sun (hopefully) and a really good meal.

Come out and join us for a great afternoon on the lake!

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Graduation Dinner - Scrumptious

Carol Gibson S

The 47 members and guests who attended the annual grad dinner and change of watch ceremonies at Yacht Club on May 05 were treated to a delicious roast beef dinner catered by Murray & Dianne from Nosbonsing General Store in Astorville. This was the first time many had the opportunity to feast on their catering - but probably not the last. As well as platters of beef, the tables were laden with baked potatoes, pickle trays, coleslaw, cheeses, assorted rolls and an array of delectable desserts. The beautiful scenery looking out over Callander Bay made for a perfect evening. Thanks to Bill Simkins for bartending.

New boating graduates were introduced by Training Officer George: Peter Argue, Alain Faucon, Joyce Jolley and Robert Jolley.

Unfortunately, Doris Windsor could not be with us this year to present the **Windsor Trophy**, instead it was presented by P/Cdr Don Whyte to Peter Argue. Peter was also the class valedictorian.

The **John Size "Maskinonge" Trophy** was presented by John to Caven Ford. As you know, the Hickson was retired last year, and the Maskinonge trophy is going to carry on the tradition of being presented by past recipients to a member who is judged to have given to the Squadron "above and beyond" the norm or made a special contribution.

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Merit Marks - 2001/2002

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The "reward" for performing a minimum of 20 hours of service to the Squadron in any manner is in the form of a Merit Mark. If someone achieves 20 Merit Marks, they become a Life Member.

The following Merit Marks were awarded at the Graduation and Change of Watch ceremonies on Sunday May 5, 2002:

Richard Taylor	1	Co-taught Seamanship Power and Boat Pro exam challenges
Anne Taylor	2	PRO. Bridge, co-taught Seamanship Power, Boat Pro exam challenges
Remi Bellehumeur	3	Taught day long courses for Boat Pro exam challenges in Temiscaming
Grant Churcher	4	Membership Officer Bridge, Boat Pro exam challenges
Caven Ford	4	Commander, Grad Dinner Committee, BBQ Committee and Boat Pro exam challenges and mini courses
Bill Simkins	4	PRO 2000 - Spring 2001, tended bar at Yacht Club. for different occasions
Michael Eedy	5	Treasurer, Exam Boat Pro exam challenges and Chief Commanda History Cruise Committee
Terry Lang	5	Executive Officer and Electronic Communications & Newsletter Editor and BBQ Committee
Ann Oswald	6	Boat Pro exam challenges at different locations last year
Elizabeth Appleton	8	Boat Pro Officer, Boat Pro exam challenges, Boat Show Bus Trip Committee
George Graham	8	Training Officer, Boat Pro exam challenges and Grad Dinner Committee
Dave Byrnes	9	Acting Secretary, Marep and Environmental Officer
Maria Ermel	16	Auditor
Carol Gibson	19	Supply Officer, Exam Challenge, Bus trip Boat Show, Grad Dinner
Don Whyte	19	National Bridge Electronic Navigation Course Director and locally - Boat Pro exam challenges
Ivan Gough	22	Squadron Historian, Boat Pro exam challenges
John Size	40	Charter member, has been on Bridge for 40 years, Port Captain

Plaques were handed out for the "milestone" achievements of 5 Merit Marks to Michael Eedy, and Terry Lang.

Overheard in Passing

Caven Ford P

The Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) was established in 1984 to ensure the long-term management and conservation of our historic waterways. Currently there are 39 in the system, protecting over 9,000 kilometers of rivers in all provinces and territories. There are two steps in the CHRS appointment process: nomination and designation. A river is nominated when a federal, provincial or territorial government body lends its endorsement based on public support and the river's natural and cultural significance. The first nominated river was the French, a historic voyageur route linking Lake Nipissing with Georgian Bay on Lake Huron.

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Flags and Regalia

Carol Gibson S

Now is the time to replace your faded CPS flag. Flags are available in two sizes 8 x 13 and 12 x 20 (\$10). The small flag comes in regular quality from CPS headquarters (\$9.) and "heavy duty" quality from Flags Unlimited (\$20). We have lots of North Bay Power Squadron burgees in stock. They are heavy quality Nylon and sell for \$15. Two styles of hats are available with our crest embroidered on front - blue baseball style caps, and cream colored bucket-style hats. Each sell for \$9.

Seamanship Sail Course Coming Soon

We are hoping to offer CPS Seamanship Sail course this Fall. This course teaches basic techniques for safe sail boat operation under various conditions, and will make the participant a more competent sailor. This is an elective course (anyone is eligible - CPS member or not). We plan to start this course in October and Pat Onions has offered to instruct. We will require a minimum of 6 participants. Call George to register 752-3201

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Current Events

Along with the up coming Squadron BBQ, are a number of other exciting Squadron Activities.

JOINT CRUISE / DINNER - JULY 13

Once again the North Bay Squadron has been invited to join the Yacht Club for dinner at Keystone Lodge in conjunction with their weekend race to French River. Cocktails are in the Lodge at 6:00. You can order off their menu, or have one of the house specials. This has proved to be a really enjoyable get together the past few years - this year should be no exception. Please call Carol at 752-2223 if you plan on attending so Keystone can be sure to have lots of food available

Dinner on Old Chief Commanda June 15

If you do not have transportation to get you to the Manitowish for CPS picnic Sat June 15, an alternative is dinner on Old Chief. The North Bay Yacht Club is sailing from Callander to N.B. docks on Sat and have the old Chief booked for dinner that evening. If any CPS members are interested in joining the group for dinner, we are most welcome. Please call Mogens Christensen at 752-1343 to reserve. Plan on arriving around 6 pm.

French River / Gibraltar Cruise 2002:

This year the Squadron once again proposes to sponsor members and guests on a cruise aboard the Chief Commanda from North Bay down the French and through Gibraltar. The anticipated date is Sunday 18 August at 1300. Contact Michael Eedy at 494-9219 for more information and to sign up for this enjoyable activity.

Flare Day

Do you have old expired Flares or nearly expired Flares? Have you ever wondered what they actually do? Are you aware of the rules and regulations governing the safe use and storage of Flares? Do you even know if your boat requires flares? If you want the answers to these questions and more, be at the North Bay Waterfront on June 26, 2002 at 1800 for a flare demonstration and information session. Bring your expired flares for safe disposal and receive discounts on the purchase of new flares.

Commander's Message

Terry Lang AP

Greetings Squadron Members. First off, let me thank you for electing me your new Commander for the 2002-2003 season. As I spoke the following words of my Pledge on May 5th "I do solemnly promise: to serve loyally and diligently as Commander of the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron; to carry out the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability; to promote the best interests of my Squadron and its members"

a very proud feeling fell over me at that moment, and I'd like to reassure you that I will do just that!

We have a busy year coming up. Please stay tuned to Crosschop and to our web site at <<http://www.nbps.on.ca>> for details of upcoming events and training. The September 15th deadline approaches for PCOC cards and we have much training to deliver. I also have a personal goal to make the next couple years FUN (capital letters intended) for both my bridge officers (who volunteer their time, and work very hard to keep the squadron running), and for the whole Squadron. We have some really great events planned, so if you can get out to any of them please do so. If you wish to help 'steer the ship' (if you will), please get involved and help out where you can. Just contact any Bridge Officer to get involved.

I look forward to serving as your Commander for my term and will do my best to represent the views and wishes of you, the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron at the District level.

I leave you with a copy of our Mission. It's good to be reminded what CPS is all about:
"CPS's Mission is to increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating, by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating."

Thank you again, and have a Safe Boating Season.

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Nipissing Boating Club Disbanding

Elizabeth Appleton AP

The Nipissing Boating Club is disbanding. I spoke to one of the founders, Andre Auger, and discussed some of the History of the club.

The club, which started in 1988, was founded originally because the boaters in the Sturgeon Falls area were fed up with the varying water levels in Lake Nipissing. They felt they would have more clout as a club to try and get something done about the water levels. It turned out they were very not correct to think that they would get results. Even as a group they were not able to make a difference in the water levels.

They also tried, via Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources, to find and allocate spots on Lake Nipissing, in the French River where boaters could go to tie up and/or camp. This turned out not to be such a good idea as some of the people using those spots were none too tidy or environmentally conscious. So the club dropped that idea.

Ultimately they decided to stick with the promotion of boating safety. Andre, for instance, taught the VHF course. The Boating Club's major contribution was the installation of all buoys in the West Arm. The Coast Guard generously donated a barge and staff for 2 days to plot a passage. The Boating Club then went to Parry Sound to pick up the buoys; in 1990 the buoys went in and have been maintained by this small volunteer core ever since.

Recently, the club became worried about their liability should an accident occur based on the misplacement of one of their West Arm buoys.

When the Coast Guard agreed to take over 28 of the approximately 46 West Arm buoys (from Hay Narrows marker in the east to the Hwy 64 bridge in the west), the club decided to disband. In addition to the liability issue, several of the initial members had lost interest in boating and/or the club so aside from the liability issue, it was becoming harder to keep the club and West Arm buoys operational.

The location of these buoys will not be much (if any) different from the position (lat/long) stated by the club when they were first installed. Watch your Notice to Mariners for changes and look for the new chart that is due out in 3 years.

In order to maintain the buoy system west of Hwy 64, some of the boating club's remaining funds will be provided to lodges or camp owners who plan to keep the buoys up to date in that part of the West Arm.

On behalf of the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron and many other boaters from North Bay and area who travel to the West Arm, we salute this small core of volunteers who worked tirelessly to improve safe boating on Lake Nipissing.

We hope to see you on the water.

Weather Facts

Caven Ford P

Environment Canada's Atmospheric Environment Program uses some specialized terminology in marine weather forecasts:

Light winds are winds less than 12 knots.

Moderate winds are in the range of 12-19 knots.

Strong winds are sustained wind speeds in the range of 20-33 knots.

Small craft warnings are issued when sustained wind speeds are expected in the range of 20-33 knots.

Gale force wind warnings are issued when sustained wind speeds are expected in the range of 34-47 knots.

Storm force wind warnings are issued when sustained wind speeds are expected in the range of 48-63 knots.

Hurricane force wind warnings are issued when sustained wind speeds reach 64 knots or more.



FLARE DAY
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Leaving From _____ Heading To _____ Proposed Route _____
Stop Over _____ Stop Over _____ Stop Over _____
Number of Persons on Board _____ Other _____

Safety Tips and Tricks

Caven Ford P

While surfing around the CCG site, I found the following article on Trip plans and have included a sample plan above:

Before setting out - Making and filing sail plans

Sail plans are also referred to as trip or float plans. No matter what you call them, all small craft operators, even for day trips, are encouraged to file one with a responsible person before heading out. If this is not possible, it can be filed with any Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services Centre by telephone, radio or in person.

What is a sail plan? A sail plan is a voyage itinerary which includes travel route and basic details of the vessel.

If you are taking a long trip, it is recommended that you file a daily position report (especially if your planned route has changed). Be sure to deactivate the sail plan you have filed by reporting that you have returned or completed your trip to avoid launching an unwarranted search for you.

Reprinted from the CCG web site



Flotsam and Jetsam

If you are surfing the Internet any time soon be sure to drop by the excellent North Bay Power and Sail Squadron's Web Site. The site has just recently been reworked by our own Commander; Terry Lang and is arguably one of the best CPS web sites in Canada. Drop by and take a look and be sure to send comments and suggestions along.

While you are there be sure to check out the links provided. These will provide a starting point for many hours of boating related surfing.

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Late June Time TBA - Martin's Marina - Nipissing
Watch the Website or call Martin's Marina (724-3130) for more details.

July 13 10:00 - 3:00 Hunter's Bay Marine



Training Department Notes

Not much is happening this time of year with training as we are all preparing to enjoy another summer on the water. A couple of more PCOC card exam challenges are planned and that is about it. We'll be offering a Basic Boating course and a Seamanship Sail course this Fall so if you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact George Graham at 752-3201.

As always we are more than willing to try to arrange a course, so if you are interested in anything at all, just drop us a line or call 499-2599 and leave a message or contact any bridge member and we'll see what we can do to put it on. Have a safe and enjoyable summer on the water and hope to see you in the classroom this fall.



District Bridge 2002/2003

Caven Ford P

The new district Bridge for 2002/2003 was elected and sworn in at the District AGM held in Sudbury on May 25, 2002. The Bridge consists of the following:

- District Commander (D/C) - Warren Ginson, S
- District Executive Officer (D/E/O) - Horst Mattern, AP
- District Training Officer (D/T/O) - Jack McIrvine
- District Administrative Officer (D/A/O) - Camille Quesnel,
- District Secretary (D/Sec.) - Lucille Laderoute
- District Treasurer (D/Treas.) - Ian Scott, N
- District Public Relations Officer (D/PRO) - Vacant
- District Marep (Hydrographic) Officer (D/Marep-H&W) - John Edward
- District Membership Officer (D/Memb) - Robert Smith, S
- District Youth Officer (D/Youth) - Camille Quesnel,
- District Port Captain (D/Port/Capt) - Cliff Curry
- Assistant District Training Officer - Paul Yearwood
- District Electronic Officer (D/Electr/O) - Gilbert Desjardins, S



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