



Merry Christmas

From your Squadron Bridge



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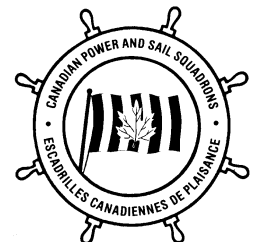


Squadron Christmas Social

On December 6, 2007, your squadron held a Christmas Social at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander. Attendance was quite good considering the lack of notice most members received. We will certainly do better next year! Those assembled agreed the selection of snacks and sweets were lovely as usual. Good friends getting together to catch up on the happenings since the Summer and to share a laugh or two. Later in the evening before all dined on a selection of Pizzas, we were entertained with a slide show and talk of Elizabeth and Art Appleton's summer spent cruising the North Channel. A great time was had by all present.

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TORONTO BOAT SHOW

THURSDAY JANUARY 17, 2008

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron is arranged for a day bus trip to the Toronto Boat Show: THURSDAY JANUARY 17th

Bus Cost and Show Admittance will be **\$45 for CPS members and spouses** and \$55 for non members. Confirmation required by **JANUARY 05, 2008**.

This year we are traveling with Tisdale Bus Lines, but the procedure is the same - we will leave from **Northgate**. Vehicles should park off Fisher St. entrance near Northgate sign. There will also be pickup stops at **Callander Community Centre** & points south as required.

We are only getting a 47 passenger this year, in the interest of having a full bus and therefore keeping our price low. We always have a few cancellations, so this year the policy will be - any cancellation after Jan 5th, we **WILL** be charging the bus portion of the fee (\$35 and \$45) if we can't fill the seat. The last few years the bus has been close to sold out, so don't be disappointed.

BOOK NOW there are only 15 seats remaining!

Call Carol at 752 2223 to reserve.

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| BUS LEAVES NORTHGATE SQUARE | 0740 |
| BUS LEAVES CALLANDER <u>COMMUNITY CENTRE</u> | 0755 |
| BUS LEAVES POWASSAN | 0810 |
| BUS LEAVES SUNDRIDGE IGA | 0845 |
| HUNTSVILLE | 0915 |
| COFFEE BREAK GRAVENHURST | 0945 |
| ARRIVE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE | 1200 |
| LEAVE BOAT SHOW | 1730 |
| DINNER (location to be determined) | |
| ARRIVE BACK AT NORTHGATE | 2230 |



A bulk purchase of admission tickets to Toronto Boat Show has also been made. If you are planning on attending the show (and not going on the CPS bus), we have tickets available at a cost of \$10.00. Regular rate is \$18 for adult or \$15 for senior. To obtain tickets, call above number.

Commander's Message

Doug Hay P

Our boat is bundled away for the winter and now we're planning for the next big adventure, or at least a two week boating trip somewhere other than Lake Nipissing. I hope all of you have your own vessels safely stored awaiting the coming boating season.

The training season is well underway with Boating and Piloting. If there is continued interest, Marine Maintenance may go ahead, and our willing and able instructors are still looking for a few equally interested students for Seamanship Sail. Do you need your VHF operator's license? Hopefully we will see interest in other advanced and elective courses as this is where you really benefit by being a CPS member.

The Squadron's Christmas social was once again well attended and a success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize. A special thanks to Arthur and Elizabeth Appleton for sharing with us the details of their summer trip on Georgian Bay and the North Channel. The annual bus trip to the Toronto Boat show is organized and tickets are still available at the time of writing.

As always, my thanks go out to all of the many volunteers, without whom, the Squadron would not function or exist. We welcome anyone with even a few hours to join in the activities and give something back to your Squadron. I look forward to your continued support of the Squadron for the coming year.

Of special note, I would like to acknowledge and thank a former squadron member, Joe Wilcox, who very graciously donated to the squadron navigational charts and other related documents for the lower Great Lakes, the eastern seaboard (New York region etc) and the Erie Barge Canal as well as information on the Ottawa and Rideau waterways. Squadron members are welcome to borrow these from the Squadron for your own adventures.

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Just a reminder for the winter season (Christmas / Boat Shows), check your safety gear and plan for replacements as required. If you did not do so at haul-out, inspect your vessel now and plan those repairs or upgrades. You still have plenty of time to find the best deals. Enjoy your off season and take advantage of your Squadron. See you on the snow banks, day-dreaming about next summer's voyages!

Training News

Caven Ford P

Your Squadron is planning on offering the Marine Maintenance course starting in February, 2008. From spark plugs to bottom paint, the Marine Maintenance course covers all the basics for DIY boaters. Cost will be \$60.00 for first CPS member. \$30.00 for each additional family member. Non CPS Members \$75.00. If you are interested in more information please call 499-2599 and leave us a message or check out our web site for further details at www.nbpss.on.ca



Next Bridge Meeting
Thursday January 3, 2008 @ 1900
North Bay Yacht Club, Callander
Come out and take part!

National AGM

From notes by Jack McIrvine - DC

The following notes and comments are from the sequence of meetings which took place over 3-1/2 days at the National AGM October 24-27, 2007 the District Commanders' meeting Wednesday evening; the Governing Board all day Thursday; assorted special topics seminars Friday; the AGM Saturday; and a short administrative meeting of the GB Saturday after the AGM.

As has been usual for several years, the meetings were well run and effective. There were almost no contentious issues. The sole issue receiving significant debate was the 'branding project' in which almost no-one showed any support for any of the three "finalist" names. With cooperation, the issue was moved forward, without any objection, by way of a vote separate from any formal meeting, in which 'no vote' (blank ballot) was counted as an abstention or a tally of "none of the above". The issue is going 'back to the drawing board'. Other progress has made on many topics, but not on the reorganization question, which will receive a major discussion in February.

District Commanders Meeting

There are several additional 'Squadrons at Risk', and the program to provide assistance appears to be working well. The training program for (new) Instructors has been improved, and several reported using it as a refresher for old and new at the same time, to achieve cross-fertilization.

Retention of members was reported better for newcomers who take the Boating/Piloting/AP sequence than for those taking short courses.

Bridges were reminded that Merit Marks can and should be awarded for contributions other than training.

The National Secretary introduced information about a new program of Longevity Pins for members achieving 20, 25, 30, etc. Merit Marks. Details will be circulated to our Squadrons separately. Briefly, this is a new program to provide lapel pins for long-service members, with those reaching the milestones this year and last getting the initial pins 'free'. But we have to apply for them.

The list of requirements for achieving Senior Navigator has been firmed up (at last) after several years of discussion. Anyone who is or knows of anyone who is pursuing SN can contact me or see the website for details. Briefly, the old and new requirements are being meshed so nobody loses ground, but the new requirements involve several

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relatively new courses.

The organizers of the 2008 (75th anniversary) AGM in Windsor are interested in obtaining photographs from every squadron in the country, particularly identifiable with the Squadron if possible, by the end of this year. Start searching your archives and newsletters.

The Motions to come before the AGM were discussed, with little of concern. Most of these were routine matters. For interest, the list is as follows:

NM1 Adds a position to oversee the National Awards program within the Flag and Etiquette Committee.

NM2 Renames the Operational Manual Committee (and the book) to become the Guidebook for CPS Officers Committee.

NM3 Endorses the new list of requirements for Senior Navigator.

NM4 Changes references to 'auditor' in Model Regulations to the term 'internal audit review'

NM5 Discontinues the Sustaining Membership category

There will be a circular letter sent from Headquarters staff to every known Lady Associate member at their last known address. If no response is received about continuing membership, they are proposed to be dropped from our rolls. Any Squadron with Lady Associates should be aware of this housekeeping move.

Governing Board Meeting:

Membership with courses has yielded 753 Associate Members from BoatPro courses over the summer. My fairly strong comment that Membership Officers and in particular Registered Providers have not received any guidance on how to promote or process membership along with their courses, so many newcomers (especially Associates) will arrive on our rolls without knowing much about their home Squadron

Annual General Meeting

The business portion of the meeting proceeded smoothly, with no contentious issues and no delays. I carried the proxy for North Bay Squadron, and Bracebridge, Sudbury and Parry Sound Squadrons were represented directly; however several proxies appeared not to have been forwarded to anyone attending the meeting. Squadrons should keep in mind that this meeting is the one at which fundamental changes in the CPS

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organization are voted on, and your viewpoint on the issues counts.

The new slate of National Officers includes Harry Cole as Chief Commander, Mal Blann as Executive Officer, Joe Gatfield (Windsor) as National Training Officer, and Horst Mattern continuing as a General Director involved in the revision and renaming of the Procedures Manual. The full slate of Officers and Committees has been printed in PortHole.

Membership renewal rates average 81% to date. Membership numbers continue to drift downward, currently 28,650.

The first ROC(M) course presented under contract by Sheridan College on line has 22 students, ranging from Yukon to an offshore oil rig and Texas

Web hosting of Squadron websites will be activated soon as part of the web-based system. This will be free to Squadrons from now on.

CPS has three new Memorandum of Understanding agreements for cooperation with Weems and Plath (navigation equipment and trophies); Icom (VHF radio and other electronics); Maritech (with a wireless 'overboard' alarm system). Two more are in sight, with the Canadian Girl Guides and (separately) Scouts.

Course registrations for Boating are down 2 percent from a year ago; with A&E courses up somewhat more. Total course registration is up year over year for the first time in several years.

The Share program budget was fully used this year but many Squadrons have commented that they have problems providing matching funds and therefore have problems applying for it. Some discussion is likely in future to consider changes in the structure of the grants.

There are several new National Awards, as part of the overall aim of increasing recognition to volunteer contributors such as us. Among these were the first banners and certificates handed out at the Squadron Commanders' meeting Friday morning to Squadrons which had achieved an increase in membership during the year. Two Voyageur Squadrons received awards Bracebridge and North Bay (whose certificate I have in hand).

The Foundation Honour Roll 100% donations for this year included Bracebridge, Sault Ste Marie and Sudbury. Others can contribute by the December 31 deadline.

Ship's Stores

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| HATS -2 styles available Baseball style and "Tilley style" | \$ 9.00 |
| CRESTS | \$ 3.50 |
| LAPEL PINS | \$ 3.50 |
| FLAGS: | |
| CPS 8" X 13" | \$ 9.00 |
| 8" X 13 HEAVY QUALITY | \$ 25.00 |
| 12" X 20" for the larger boats | \$ 10.00 |
| BURGEE | \$ 15.00 |
| WHEELIE HEAVING LINES | \$ 20.00 |

Boat Show Accomodations

from the web

If you are thinking of staying over night at the Boat Show, 2 local hotels have deals. You must ask for the Boat Show Rate and book before December 31, 2007:

Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel:
123 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2M9
Rates: \$75/night (single/double)
\$135/night (club level, single/double)
Call (416) 361-1000 for reservations

The Westin Harbour Castle
1 Harbour Square Toronto, Ontario M5J 1A6
Rates: \$75/night (single/double)
Call (416) 869-1600 for reservations

Note also that there is a free shuttle service between these hotels and the show grounds.





A small child slipped and fell overboard. A body hurled over the rail of the liner and saved the child. Coming back on board, the man who had swum to the child was cheered by the other passengers. The captain asked the man, "What can we do for you?" The man said, "You can tell me who pushed me?"

A charter sailing vessel with load of politicians was half way to the Bahamas when a freak storm hit the boat. Several of the passengers were thrown overboard and drowned. After retrieval of the bodies and with the knowledge that they may not be rescued for some time, if ever, the deceased were buried at sea. Three days later, the local Coast Guard found the damaged craft. Upon boarding, the Coast Guard Captain asked, "Is everyone okay?" The Captain of the damaged vessel explained that he had a few passengers fall over board. The Coast Guard Captain asked, "Are they all dead?" The Sailing boat captain replied, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how those politicians lie."

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