

# CROSSCHOP

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### 47th Annual Graduation Dinner a Success!

Once again we had a wonderful Graduation Dinner and Change of Watch. 40+ members and spouses attended on May 4th at the Yacht Club in Callander. A beautiful nautical setting to welcome the new graduates into the CPS organization. Diane's catering once again did a great job - this year we had roast turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings. Our trainers had a busy winter with George Graham teaching the Boating Course and Doug and Sandra Hay teaching Piloting. All instructors were present to congratulate their students (names listed elsewhere).

Our own Terry Lang was the representative of Voyageur District (he is District Exec Officer and soon to be District Commander) and gave the address to the graduates as well as assisting Cdr Doug in the presentation of Merit Marks. David Bruce was eloquent in his valedictory address thanking George .

The Windsor Trophy for best overall student in the Boating class was presented to Colin Tucker.

The John Size Maskinonge Trophy this year was presented by past recipient Elizabeth Appleton to Carol Gibson acknowledging the many hours and years she has dedicated to the squadron in the many ways she does. Organizing the bus trip to the boat show, managing regalia and course supplies and phoning for anything necessary to name a few of the many valuable contributions she makes to the squadron.

Letters of appreciation were read out to members who have reached milestones in years of membership.

21 members received merit marks. These are presented to members who do at least 20 hours of work for the CPS - locally or nationally. Of note - North Bay Squadron has 9 members who have 10 or more merit marks, and 5 members who are classed as Life Members - a designation with the achievement of 20 merit marks: Maria Ermel 22, Carol Gibson 25, Don Whyte 25, Ivan Gough 28 and John Size 46. This speaks to the long lasting dedication of local members.

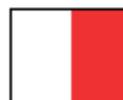
The last event of the evening was the introduction and "swearing in" of the Bridge for the upcoming year. Names are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. We still have a few vacant positions, so its not too late to volunteer to help out in the upcoming year. We are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas.

Contact Cdr Doug if interested, his contact details are listed on the back page.



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## Merit Marks/Graduation - 2008

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 people received Merit Marks for work this past year and the numbers indicate the total Merit Marks they have earned. These Merit Marks were awarded at the Graduation and Change of Watch ceremonies on Sunday April 29, 2007:

Greg Seaman	1
Dina Maria Gilbert	1
Shannon Gilbert	2
Sandra Hay	5
Rick Taylor	6
Doug Hay	7
Anne Taylor	8
Grant Churcher	10
Caven Ford	10
Bill Simkins	10
Michael Eedy	11
Terry Lang	11
Pat Onions	12
Elizabeth Appleton	14
George Graham	14
Dave Byrnes	15
Maria Ermel	22*
Carol Gibson	25*
Don Whyte	25*
Ivan Gough	28*
John Size	46*

\* Life Member

The following were the Boating Graduates for this year, ably taught by George Graham AP:

Blain Barker  
Darin Barker  
David Bruce  
Arthur Hay  
Don Houston  
Shelly Houston  
Paul Lalonde  
Colin Tucker

The following were the Piloting Graduates ably instructed by Doug Hay and Sandra Hay:

David Blahey  
Cory Boyer  
Terry Kelly



## Summer Fun With Your Squadron

Caven Ford P

This summer your squadron has planned a couple of fun filled activities to enjoy. Please mark your calendars and come out and enjoy all of these great activities. They are always a great time. Participation of the squadron members is what makes them fun and worthwhile!

Don't miss the Squadron BBQ on Sunday July 13, 2008 at 1400. Watch the Squadron Website for details of the location. Weather permitting it will be at the Manitou Islands. In the case of inclement weather, it will be held at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander. Please call Caven Ford (752-2951) or Terry Lang (497-3705) to indicate you will be attending so enough supplies can be obtained. There is no cost for members and family, and a nominal fee will be charged for guests.

Once again we will be enjoying Dinner and a cruise on the Chief Commanda on Thursday August 14, 2008. Sailing Time: 6:30 p.m. from King's Landing or Government Dock as it was known.

Menu:

first course:

sliced foccaccia and hummus

appetizer:

house salad with mango and toasted almonds

entree\*(choice of):

panko-breaded pickerel with tartar sauce and baked beans or

Prosciutto chicken supreme breast with aurora sauce or 8oz certified Angus striploin with a green peppercorn cream sauce

\*(all entrees come with Yukon gold mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables)

Dessert:

Bread and butter pudding with rum butterscotch

Coffee or Tea

Cost - \$50 per person to squadron - Tips and drinks extra

For reservations call Mike Eedy @ 494-9219



The GPS says the Marina should be right about here!

## PCOC Card Notes

Caven Ford P

Who needs proof of competency NOW?

If you are operating a motorized pleasure craft 4 metres (13.1') in length or if you were born after April 1, 1983 and operating any motorized pleasure craft, you require proof of competency now. The PCOC Card is the most common method of proving competency. On September 15, 2009, all boat operators will need a PCOC or other proof of competency to operate any motorized pleasure craft. The Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations require operators (as described above) of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes to carry proof of competency or risk fines up to \$250. Any regulatory agency with water presence that is authorized to stop you to check for infractions or that has the authority to issue fines can ask for proof of competency. The PCOC card can be obtained from many providers in Canada of which CPS is one. In the event you lose or destroy your card, contact the agency from which you obtained the card to see if they have a mechanism in place to replace it. Most don't, however CPS will replace a card for a fee of \$20.00. Contact CPS headquarters: on the web at [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca), email: [hag@cps-ecp.ca](mailto:hag@cps-ecp.ca) or by calling 1-888-CPS-BOAT.

## Fall Courses Already??

Caven Ford P

The following is the current list of courses and seminars offered by CPS. The fall training season is just around the corner. A good time to think about taking some training is right now. We only require a few people interested in any course in order to put one on, so please contact the Squadron for more details:

### Introductory Courses:

- Pleasure Craft Operator Card Safe Boating Course (BoatPro)
- The Boating Course

### Advanced Courses:

- Piloting Course
- Advanced Piloting
- Maritime Radio (VHF)

### Elective Courses:

- Marine Electronics
- Marine Maintenance
- Seamanship Sail
- Extended Cruising
- Fundamentals of Weather
- Global Weather

## Letters of Appreciation

Grant Churcher AP

At our graduation each year, your squadron hands out Letters of Appreciation to those members who reach a milestone of membership. Every 5 years of membership is the increment we use for these letters and they are a thank-you for your continued membership. If you missed the graduation and you are on this list, you should have received your letter with Crosschop. The members who were given a letter of appreciation this year and their number of years of continual membership is as follows:

Gary Bean	5
Donald Bell	5
Cheryl Girard	5
Ray Girard	5
Ron Leach	5
Thomas MacLeod	5
Andre Rochon	5
Raymond Rochon	5
Shelley Rochon	5
Greg Seaman	5
Daniel Booth	10
Grant Churcher	10
Sean Clifford	10
Mervyn Gibbens	10
Edward Sheffield	10
Glenn White	10
Elizabeth Appleton	15
David Carlin	15
Bill Tilden	15
William Ayres	20
Thomas Bennett	20
Dave Byrnes	20
Hal Brereton	25
Neil Bielby	30
Donald Whyte	30
Donald Merritt	35

## Fall Training

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### Seminars:

- Electronic Charting
- Radar for Pleasure Craft
- Finding Your Way with GPS
- Navigating with GPS
- Distress Signaling
- Depthsounders

Please note that seminars and elective courses are open to non-members as well so if you have some friends that would be interested, please contact the squadron for more details. We have a couple members who are eager to teach the Marine Maintenance course which should prove to be a very interesting and informative one. Boat education is what we do and the backbone of a good squadron. Don't be shy, take a course this fall!

**Next Bridge Meeting**  
**Thur. Sept 04, 2008 @ 1930**  
**North Bay Yacht Club, Callander**  
**All Members and**  
**Spouses welcome.**

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## North Bay Well Represented at Voyageur District

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron is once again well represented on the Voyageur District Bridge. At the recent AGM held in Bracebridge, no fewer than 5 members of our squadron were slated for positions on the district bridge.

Currently we have the following members serving at District:

Terry Lang as District Commander (D/C) and District Web Master (D/Web), along with D/C comes District Communications Officer as well

Ivan Gough as District Treasurer (D/Tres)

Elizabeth Appleton as District Administration Officer (D/A/O)

Caven Ford as District Secretary (D/Secy)

Doug Hay as District Port Captain (D/Port)

## 2007-2008 Squadron Bridge

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