

GOOD RESPONSE TO GPS & VHF COURSES

North Bay Squadron held its first GPS course on Apr 18/19 at Callander Yacht Club. 16 attended and declared that it was extremely worthwhile. One comment overheard came from a participant who had attended a \$70. GPS course put on elsewhere, - "I didnt learn nearly as much there as in the Squadron \$20 course." We will be offering the course again when we can pin our expert instructor, Don Whyte down to a

date. Watch for notice of the course, and register early!!

There are now 11 more boaters who will be transmitting much more carefully since obtaining their VHF Radio Operators licence. Ron Cooke did the instruction again this spring at the Callander Yacht Club. This course is offered annually in early May.

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By Terry Lang, Editor (and keeper of the webpage)

Yes it's true.....We, the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron now have our very own Web Page. We also have our very own e-mail address (nbpss@bigfoot.com).

This page is as of yet UNADVERTISED. That's right no one knows about it YET! You are among the privileged few to get the sneak preview before unleashed to the world. That means that you can get your comments in to help shape the page to better reflect our squadron. I am open to your ideas.

Now before anyone says, "What! Is that what you are spending my membership dues on!", let's set the record straight...I am donating the server space, all programming time was donated, and the e-mail address and home.ml.org address were both free. Total net cost to the squadron \$0 -- total net gain=unmeasurable.

So what's available.....Current areas include: info about our squadron; Upcoming courses; the current bridge

listing; upcoming events; an 'e-mail us area; relevant boating links including a link to national; our news letter online, and a guest book. I'd like to add marketplace soon where we can post items for sale or looking to buy, but I need to acquire some free software from somewhere first.

Like the newsletter, I'd like to make the WebPage - YOUR webpage. That means that I'd like to include information relevant to you, and Your favourite links.

The site does have some "bells and whistles" and is best viewed with the newest versions of either Netscape or Internet Explorer. Most of the other browsers that I've tried it on work, but some of the features are missing.

Check out the site, send in your comments, and let me know what you think....then monitor the site regularly and stay in touch with what's going on.

See you on-line.

Don't Forget

we are organizing a cruise to the Westam of Lake Nipissing this year.

The actual date of the cruise has not been set yet, but will take place sometime in August.

For more information please contact Heliz Schilling at 752-3587 and/or check the information line as the time approaches.



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Bouy oh Bouy - proposed changes to Lake Nipissing Aids to Navigation

Thanks to the North Bay Yacht Club, we have obtained a list of proposed changes to Aids to Navigation on Lake Nipissing.

The Coast Guard office in Parry Sound will be hosting a meeting in North Bay during the summer to receive input from various interested parties regarding these changes and/or alternates. Prior to that meeting, we are inviting you to contact this Squadron if you would like to offer your input about these changes or if you have suggestions about other aids which you feel could be safely removed. Please contact our Marep Officer Heinz Schlueting, evenings, at 752-3587.

The changes will not occur until the 1999 boating season. The Coast Guard is open to suggestions from local boaters so if you want to have your say, have it now."

PROPOSED LAKE NIPISSING CHART CHANGES			
What Bouy	Chart	Location	Proposed Change
Green spar bouy C15 46 14 04.5 N 79 56 29.5 W	6037	Wigwam Channel	Discontinue
J5 - Green Lighted bouy	6035	Caillard Entrance	Discontinue
J6 - First Red east of Deepwater Point	6035	Caillard Entrance	Upgrade To Light
J13 - Near Yacht Club	6035	Caillard	Discontinue
K6 Red Bouy up Lavasse	6035	LaVase River	Discontinue
Lighted Aid - range	6035	Lavase River Front	Discontinue
Lighted Aid - range	6035	Lavase River Rear	Discontinue
Lighted Aid	6035	Southeast Bay Front	Retain as all round light
Lighted Aid	6035	Southeast Bay Rear	Discontinue
Light - range	6035	Wades Landing Front	Discontinue
Light - range	6035	Wades Landing Rear	Discontinue
Lighted Aid	6035	South River	Discontinue
Lighted Aid	6037	Venue River	Discontinue



Flags and Regalia

With all the nice weather, I am sure that everyone has completed spring housekeeping on their boat. If your CPS flag has that tattered and worn look, now is the time to replace it. Carol, our stores person can be reached at 752-2223. Flags are available in two sizes 8x13 (\$9.00), and 12x20 (\$10.00). We also have a Squadron Burgee available for \$9.00. Two styles of hats are available with our crest embroidered on front- blue baseball style caps, and cream coloured bucket-style hats. Each sell for \$9.00.

On The Lighter Side

Here's a Poem that I picked up off the Internet CPS mail list. It was written by a list contributor: Alexander Roulstone.

LOVE SONG

A soft and gentle morning.
The kiss of spring upon the air.
My love and I together.
No other soul was there.

A simple wrap was all she wore.
Accenting every line.
My reeling heart could scarce believe,
This form divine was mine.

My mind recalled the summer days
We'd shared beneath the sun.
She, responding to my every touch.
And we two had moved as one.

I slipped the covering gently down.
My hand caressed her side.
Then a feeling grew within me
That would not be denied.

She had no voice to tell me.
But her need was just as real.
So I got the anti-fouling out,
And began to paint her keel.

Alexander



QUALIFY TO JOIN CANADIAN
POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS
THIS WINTER

TAKE A BOATING
COURSE



Registration for fall courses

Tuesday, September 8, 1998

5:00pm to 7:30 pm

At the Gazebo adjacent to the marina building

North Bay Waterfront

or call

the Information Line 495-4427

or Caven Ford 752-4807

or George Graham 752-3201

Voyageur District Annual Conference

By Don Whyte

Your North Bay P&S Sqn. hosted the 8th Voyageur District Conference and AGM at the Caswell Motor Hotel in Sundridge May 29-31. This was really convenient for Mac Lang customers!

After Terry and Mike threw everybody out of the Hospitality Room, John Size's Western Night on Friday evening was a great success. There was much telling of tall tales, passing of rumours and some outright lies between friends who had not seen each other for some time. But nobody seemed to mind! The Saturday morning breakfast was well attended and in spite of the prevalence of dark glasses social interactions could be seen all over the place. Don Whyte bored a few folks with another telling of the saga of "The Great Adventure" in spite of the poor visibility for the slides in the sunlit room! Some people even stayed until the end and asked questions. (They couldn't believe it really happened that way!)

The reason the attendance at the slide show was small was the gathering of the cliques of "really important" people who, North Bay representatives found out later, were negotiating a minor coup d'etat. When the AGM proper started it soon became very evident that something was afoot! Luckily the National Secretary was present and took control of the otherwise dull meeting, when challenges to the District Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for office were presented. When the dust settled both Ivan Gough (District Exec O) and John Size (District Admin O.) had been ousted and replaced by Gilbert Desjardin (Bracebridge) and Warren Ginson (Sudbury). So, after all of the rhetoric about needing more North Bay representation on the District Bridge we are left with one. Dave Byrnes is the District Secretary for the next year.

Luckily Terry and Mike, our trusty Hospitality Room hosts, turned up early enough for a few of the disgusted North Bay to get a head start on the schemers!

The evening Dinner was a very pleasant function which allowed "the triumphant" to exercise their ego's, demonstrate their ignorance of protocol and good taste, and let the rest of us enjoy each others company in peace! The National Secretary, Serge St Martin turned out to be a real breath of fresh air. With a boundless sense of humour and limitless energy, before and after Air Canada/Air Ontario lost his luggage, sent him a set of expensive fishing poles instead and finally agreed to exchange the American tourists fishing gear for his clothes, Serge made sure this thoroughly distasteful exhibitionism did not ruin an otherwise pleasant weekend.

The spectacular sound and light show overnight and the high winds of the morning made packing cars a bit of a challenge. However it was the tree falling across a cabin just as the O'Reilly's from Tri Towns were about to close the door that brought the entire proceedings to a close. North Bay Conferences are always different!

Commanders Message:

By George Graham

My term as Commander is just commencing and I am looking forward to serving the squadron in my new capacity. With spring arriving as quickly as it did, I hope it didn't catch to many boaters by surprise. Hopefully you had time to plan and prepare for the summer boating that is ahead.

The bridge is planning some events for the coming season. Please give them your support and attend the various get togethers. If you don't attend these events, you don't know what you are missing.

I hope everybody has a safe and happy boating season this year and may the weather stay as nice as the beginning of the boating season.

Commander George Graham P



Buffet Dinner at Keystone Lodge

By Carol Gibson

Keystone Lodge is under new management, and we have been assured that they are open for business to the boating public. For general information, they plan to have Buffet Dinners on Saturday and Sunday evenings throughout the summer from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. The dinners will offer homemade salads, and desserts and the main course will be theme dinners that vary from week to week. Cost of buffet is \$14.00. They also have a regular dinner menu.

If you are taking a group to dinner, they would appreciate a call ahead at 763-2340. To that end, your Bridge has organized a get together at Keystone Lodge on July 25. Plan on arriving sometime around 4:00pm and we will go in to eat around 5:00 - 5:30. Call Carol at 752-2223 to confirm attendance. The Chef has assured us that if we give him a weeks notice he will do a theme to suit us.

