

## Who Will be Collecting CPS Dues Next Year and

There has been a lot of discussion lately over who will be collecting the CPS annual dues. Historically it has been done by the local squadrons. Last year National collected them (mainly to facilitate the collection of data needed to process your operator proficiency cards). Now National says that they would like to continue collecting them.

So where will you be sending your cheques next year? No one knows yet. Probably directly to national as the

arguments for centralized dues collection outweigh the opposing arguments.

The other issue that is circling us now is changing from collecting in March/April to collecting on the Member's Birthday. This still is undecided, but right now, CPS is leaning to centralized collection at birthday time.

Your bridge will keep you informed as it unfolds. 🌟

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### MERRIT MARKS 1999

By Terry Lang

#### What the heck are Merit Marks Anyway?

CPS is a unique, self-sustaining organization, dedicated to boating safety through education, with no government support or connection. Its members are not only self-educated but freely offer instruction to anyone who wishes to attend its Boating Courses. The only compensation these active members receive for the substantial effort they personally perform in furthering the interests, programs and objectives of CPS, is a Merit Mark awarded by the Chief Commander. A member may receive only one Merit Mark in a calendar year, based on a minimum of 20 hours accomplished work for CPS. A Merit Mark cannot be bought.

Once a member reaches 20 Merit Marks they become a life member of CPS and no longer pay annual dues.

Merit Marks are presented at the graduation dinner every year. A very special Thank You to everyone who dedicated so much time to our squadron.

Do YOU want to start earning Merit Marks and work towards a lifetime FREE membership? Please contact any bridge member to see how you can get involved.

#### MERIT MARK AWARDS 1999

John Size	37
Ivan Gough	19
Don Whyte	16
Carol Gibson	16
Maria Emel	13
Heinz Schlueting	8
Arnand Despres	7
Dave Byrnes	6
George Graham	5
William Butler	5
Gladys Butler	5
Elizabeth Appleton	5
Ann Oswald	3
Richard MacLeod	2
Terry Lang	2
Michael Eedy	2
Caven Ford	1
Grant Churcher	1

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## Training Officer's Update

By Caven Ford

Well it seems we have almost reached the end of another boating season. Here's hoping you found deep enough water and the time to get out and enjoy your favorite recreational activity. Perhaps you ventured forth and discovered that you are in need of a refresher course in navigation. Unfortunately words like "I have passed by there hundreds of times and never even knew that rock existed" were heard all too often this past season. What marina operators lost in slip revenues was somewhat compensated for by the increase in repairs to the boats and motors which found those rocks. Maybe it is time to brush up and improve on some of those boating skills by taking an elective course. As always, I am taking names for any of the courses offered. Response has traditionally been poor to my requests for names and courses, however maybe this year will be different. I am always looking for a reason to arrange another course. If you or a group of friends wish to take a particular course, please let me know by phoning 752-2951 (you may have to leave a message, but I will get back to you) or email at [cavenfor@bigfoot.com](mailto:cavenfor@bigfoot.com). You can also reach me through our excellent web site. If you have not checked it out yet, point your web browser to [www.nbps.on.ca](http://www.nbps.on.ca) and take a look!

Some new developments on the training front. We will be teaching from the revised Boating Course this year. Basically the existing Boating Course has been revised slightly and reorganized in order to make it easier to test for the Operator Proficiency Card for those squadrons that choose to. We are concentrating our efforts for the Coast Guard requirements on providing the public access to our BOAT PROFICIENCY course and opportunities for challenging the Operator Efficiency Card Exam. To date over 400 people have either received a course and exam from us or have challenged the exam and received their card. You may know someone who needs it so why not mention it to them and let me know. If we get enough people together, we will make arrangements for an exam session or a course if necessary. The cost of the textbook is \$10.00 with the exam costing another \$20.00 (when challenging, you pay only if you pass). This is a relatively inexpensive way of meeting the new requirements and now is a good time to "beat the rush". The book makes a great stocking stuffer too!

See you in the classroom!

Caven Ford P  
Squadron Training Officer



## What Happened to My June Newsletter

Nope, it didn't get lost in the mail and nope, you didn't get dropped off the mail list. There was no June Crosschop this year. Long story short, it was a VERY busy summer and it didn't get produced! There it is, the mystery that has been haunting you and possibly keeping you up at night has now been solved. You can even stop blaming Canada Post (this time anyway). 🍁



## 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Power Squadron

By George Graham

This year the USPS is celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To commemorate this event a special pennant was prepared. They decided that these pennants would be circulated across all of North America to be received by each local power squadron.

One of these pennants was sent to the east coast to start its journey across Canada. On August 14 it arrived at the southern end of Voyageur district. Frank Greathead the district public relations officer, received the pennant and from there escorted it to each squadron in the district. A ceremony was held in North Bay at the waterfront to officially welcome the pennant. Members of the bridge signed the log book that is accompanying the pennant and presented one of the squadron pins and a squadron burgee to be given to the USPS as a memento of the pennant stopping in North Bay. After the ceremony, Frank preceded to the other squadrons to our west. From there it was sent on to Winnipeg to continue its journey.

Once the journey of the pennant is complete it will be presented at the USPS annual general meeting in Orlando Florida. This will be a fitting way of celebrating the start of the year 2000. 🍁



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## Upcomming "Operator Proficiency Card" sessions

Granted that everyone on the circulation list of this newsletter already has their operator proficiency cards, but you can pass this information on to your families and friends.

We will be setting up a booth so people can "challenge the exam". Dates still to be determined and will be driven by demand. As the list of names of people who want to "challenge the exam" grows, we will be holding sessions accordingly. Everyone on the list will be notified when and where. Also we will be putting on our "Boat Pro" course as need demands. We have a running list of people interested in taking the course. To get on either the lists, please contact Caven Ford 752-4807. 🍁



## Congratulations and Welcome

The bridge would like take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome the following new Graduates and new members of our organization.

Twila Allen, Bill Bates, Remi Bellehumeur, Robert Dubinsky, Wendy Goodwin, Ian Kinnear, Sam Lane, John McColl, Dave Ricci, and Larry Woodward.

These folks graduated from the Spring session of the boating course and all joined CPS.

Once again, Congrats and Welcome! 🍁

## BUS TRIP TO THE TORONTO BOAT SHOW

TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 2000

We are starting to plan early !!!  
Cost hasn't been determined yet - will be based on numbers participating. Will be around \$40.00  
If you are interested, in going on day trip to Toronto Boat Show - call Carol at 752 2223.  
(Date is flexible - if a majority wish to go on weekend, we will change the date (of course the beauty of attending on Tuesday is NO CROWDS) 🍁

## Commanders Message:

By George Graham

If the change in color of the leaves is any indication, it looks like another boating season is drawing to a close. I hope that everyone had a good summer.

The fall boating course has begun and anyone who wishes to try their hand at teaching will be welcomed. We are always looking for people to teach or proctor at the course. We have a few names of members who wish to take advanced courses and if there is anyone else interested just call our training officer Caven Ford.

So far we have had a good response to the new Boat Pro exams that are required to obtain a boating proficiency card. However most of those writing have been of the older persuasion. The card is now required by anyone 16 years old and younger. Many members have family members in this category. If they are to operate the boat next year they must pass the exam and get their card. Let the Bridge know and courses can be set up to accommodate them. I am anticipating that by the start of boating season next year we may be swamped with requests.

There is possibly some fine boating weather left before the yacht is laid up for the season. When this runs out we can sit back and plan for next year. But if you get bored, give a bridge member a call and we will find something to help relieve the boredom.

Commander George Graham P 🍁

### Stocking Stuffers for that "Hard to Buy for" Boater

It may be a little early to start discussing Christmas, but something to tuck away... Carol, our supply officer 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.

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