



The

Helmsman



Quinte Sailability Donation



L to R: Sandra Carter, Commander, Denis Dove, Commodore and Brent Lyons, student sailor with lifting harness.

This past summer, the RCAF Trenton Power and Sail Squadron and the CFB Trenton Yacht Club, celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a weekend of festivities and on-the-water events. A dinner dance followed complete with a great reunion of past members and friends. A great time was had by all.

The organizing committee did a superb job under the direction of Commodore Denis Dove and our Treasurer, John Fear such that we ended up with a surplus of over \$300 after all the bills were paid, even though we had a very nominal charge for the various events. So what to do with the surplus?

It was the decision of both the Yacht Club and the Power Squadron to donate the funds to Quinte Sailability to purchase the leg-separating-lifting-harness shown above. This expensive harness is used by Quinte Sailability to lift disabled sailors into their especially equipped sail boats to go sailing.

Quinte Sailability is a sailing school for persons with a physical or developmental disability, regardless of age or degree of disability. Founded in 2001 and serving the greater Quinte area the school has grown to be one of the largest in Ontario. It operates out of the CFB Trenton Yacht Club.

All about the Grad Cup

Way back in 1992, Lorna and I had the idea to have some kind of "On-the-Water" competition for the new Boating Course graduates to put their hard learned knowledge to the test. I wrote a simple Predicted Log competition and David and Margaret McCue donated a trophy and we were in business. I had not dreamed it would become a growing annual event, that so far, has covered a period of twenty years and grown to become the envy of other Squadrons.

Looking at the Grad Cup Trophy winners over the years, it is pretty significant that many of them did not sit back on their laurels but went on to contribute to the boating fraternity at our yacht club.

In 1992, our first winner was John Seddon who became the CFB Trenton Yacht Club's Docks and Mooring Officer and built a bunch of docks and still does a lot of welding. He also collected a host of Racing Trophies. In 1993 Larry Chevier was on the YC Executive. 1998 gave us Gilles Laurialt a Squadron Comic, and a fabulous cook. In 1998 Don Barber won many Sail Races at the Yacht Club but better than that, he was married to the Yacht Club Bar Officer, Janet.

Rodger Beck was an important instructor for the navigators on the Squadron for several years. In 2001 a winner was Tom Ross. Did you notice that his boat was one of the volunteer boats and he has done that a lot over the years. In 2003 Dennis Dove won the Grad Cup and served as Fleet Captain Power & wrote competitions. He was also Vice-Commodore and currently our Yacht Club Commodore. This year 2012, the Squadron Executive Officer is Ken Mugford who will be our Commander at our next AGM. He also volunteered his boat for various events for the Squadron and helps me a lot to understand my computer.

We are fortunate indeed to have had these members as part of our Squadron.

This year the Grad Cup competition will be held on Tuesday 15th May starting at 18:00 hrs.

Ron Pennington

Report of the Nominating Committee

Once again it is Annual General Meeting time and we must renew our Bridge assignments. To volunteer for any vacant position call Sandra Carter, Commander, at 613 966-0909.

In accordance with Squadron Regulations, Article 9.14, the following members of the RCAF Trenton Squadron have been nominated for the positions indicated for the 2012/2013 year:

Commander - Ken Mugford AP
Executive Officer - vacant
Secretary - Michael McMahon, P
Treasurer - Peter Dnistrianskyj
Training Officer - John Brewster
Membership Officer - Frank Sheedy
Webmaster - Michael McMahon, P
Communications - vacant
Entertainment Officer - Elaine Handy
Regalia Officer - Sandy Carter
Historian - Ron Pennington AP
Public Relations - John Fear SN

Appointments not requiring election are:

Past Commander- Sandra Carter
Assistant Training Officers -
Greg Tanner AP, Andy Rezebergs SN
Helmsman Editor - Keith Bottoms AP
Helmsman Distribution - Dave McCue S
Port Captain - Ernie Gauthier

Michael McMahon
Chairman, Nominating Committee



Notice of Annual General Meeting 26th April 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the RCAF Trenton Squadron will be held at CFB Trenton Yacht Club on Thursday 26th April at 19:00 hrs for the purpose of:

- A) receiving and approving the minutes of the AGM dated 28th April 2011
- B) Receiving and approving the reports of the officers of the Squadron
- C) Receiving and approving the financial statements and appointing the auditor
- D) Electing the officers of the Squadron
- E) Considering other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee is attached to and forms part of this notice. Any further nominations must be made by way of a Petition in writing signed by not less than five members of the Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this meeting.

Sandra Carter, Commander

Training News

The following graduates completed the Fundamentals of Weather this past training season. Congratulations to all and may you always have the weather in your favour.

***Brenda Tucker
Rob Tucker
Philip Spencer
Eric Lawlor
Rick Tinga
Bob Carr
Monique Carr***

John Brewster Training Officer

Commander's Column

Spring is just around the corner. I have already seen the geese flying back and the robins have returned early this year. Many boaters are now getting their cleaning supplies together and purchasing anti-fouling paint for the bottom of their boats. The first lift-in is scheduled for April 28th which will roll around fast enough. Hopefully the warm weather will stay so owners can have their boats ready for the first lift-in.

Our AGM is coming up on Thursday, April 26, 2012. It will provide a good opportunity to meet many of our members as well as meeting our new Bridge Officers.

The Grad Cup is on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. This year we had 15 students that passed the Boating course. All members are invited to come and meet the new graduates and our new Bridge officers. Please note, that in October, 2013, the National Conference is going to be held in Toronto which will make it easier for local Squadrons to attend. Once this year's Conference is finished in Edmonton, further information will be available on the CPS web site.

As this will be my last message as Commander, I would like to say many thanks to all Bridge Officers, Instructors, Assistant Training Officers, and if I have forgotten any others, thank you. Well done.

Sandra Carter

More Training News

As the 2011/2012 watch draws to a close, we thought that it would be interesting to review highlights of the training that has occurred through our squadron this past year. Between April 1st 2011 and March 31st, 2012, our squadron supplied 8 training courses for 66 students. There were two PCOC/Basic Boating courses in addition to the annual Boating Course, a part of which provides for the PCOC certificate. This was the last time this will be done as part of the Boating Course. The two big courses this past year were Fundamentals of Weather and the Boating Course.

We have some students on a waiting list for GPS, VHF and PCOC courses. Should you know of any persons wanting courses please let the training officer, John Brewster, know at:

john.sandy2006@gmail.com.

I want to thank our instructors for their valued time and apologize to any I may have missed: Dennis Fletcher, Ken Mugford, Andy Rezebergs, Toby Toth, Greg Tanner, Catlin Obreja, John Fear.

John Brewster
Training Officer

Boating Course graduates 2012

Congratulations to the Boating Course graduates for 2011/2012. These students have passed the examinations and have met the requirements to become members of the CPS boating fraternity. Good luck to all.

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| Frank Sheedy | Peter Dnistrianskyj |
| Richard Boisvert | Kornelia Rassias |
| Anna Hollinsworth | Boris Manfreda |
| Brenda Tucker | Doug Cowburn |
| Rob Tucker | Hannah Eden |
| Kelly Harrison | Nicole Eden |
| Rod Hutcheson | Michael Eden |
| Elaine Handy | |

Maritime Radio graduates 2012

Congratulations are in order to the following who completed the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) course.

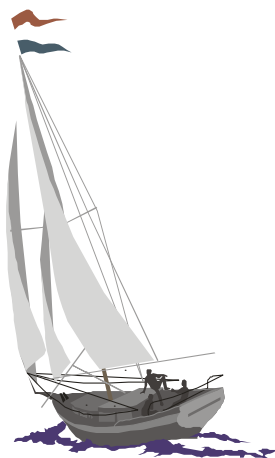
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| Peter Irwin | Michael Eden |
| Doug Cowburn | Nicole Eden |
| Linda Cowburn | Laura Watts |
| John Thomas | Peter Dnistrianskyj |
| Elaine Handy | Kornelia Rassias |
| Rod Hutcheson | Boris Manfreda |
| Michael Hope | Yvan Breton |
| Mary Walker-Hope | George Game |
| Steve Greening | Doug McGregor |
| Hannah Eden | Robert Kirby |

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**Safe boating is better than
the alternative**

PCOC Course Goes On-Line

The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons are now offering the Boating Basics course for the PCOC card, on-line. The course is very well designed with interactive slides to cover the material and quizzes after each section to reinforce learning, with videos to illustrate important points. When the student has completed the course, there is an opportunity to sit the exam on-line. The time spent on the course material is monitored, and a minimum total of 3 hours is required.

A big advantage of putting the course on-line is that it is available whenever our clients want it, no more waiting for a classroom course to be scheduled. It is also a fine introduction to CPS education, and our hope is that people who take the Boating Basics on-line will sign up for the new Boating Essentials classroom course the following September. The Boating Essentials course is a revised shorter Boating course that covers charting and seamanship topics that are not part of the PCOC curriculum.

Our squadron plans to continue running traditional classroom Boating Basics courses, subject to demand. However, on-line education is becoming extremely popular in today's information society, and we expect the instant availability of the on-line course to be a big feature in its favour.

Please spread the word about this excellent new Power Squadron on-line course. To access it sign on to the CPS web site at www.cps-ecp.ca and follow the directions on the home page.

John Fear
Past Commander

RCAF Trenton Squadron Bridge 2011 -12

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| Port Captain | Ernie Gauthier AP | 613 475-5737 |

Coming Events

Apr. 04 Y/C SAGM
Apr. 09 Boat Pro Exam
Apr. 11 Keel Boat Course
Apr. 12 CPS Bridge meeting
Apr. 16 GPS Nav. Seminar
Apr. 21 Y/C Meet & Greet
Apr. 21 Race Registration
Apr. 24 Y/C Exec. Meeting
Apr. 26 CPS AGM & Merit Marks
Apr. 28 First Lift-In
Apr. 30 GPS Nav. Seminar
May 02 Tune-up Race & Power Comp.
May 09 Greenleaf & Power Comp.
May 10 CPS Bridge meeting
May 13 Second Lift-In
May 15 Grad Cup competition
May 16 Greenleaf & Power Comp.
May 19 Belleville/Trenton Race
May 26 Cradle Day & Cleanup
May 27 Sail Past