

RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron



The HELMSMAN

Words from the Upper Deck

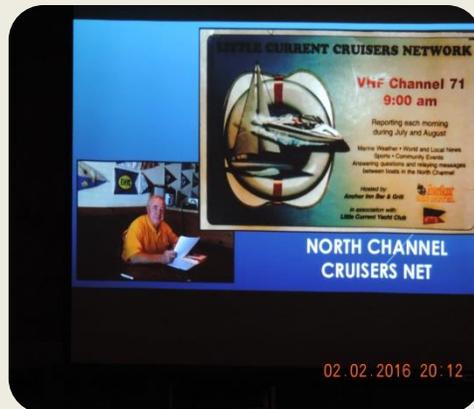
We are now finishing up our boating courses, renewing our yacht club or marina memberships and calculating how many more long days there are until the covers come off. How many days until the touch ups are done, the hulls cleaned and the boats are back in the water, wherever that may be??

During the winter we have been taking or providing boating courses and maybe attending seminars on some aspect of boating. We here at RCAF Trenton Squadron provided a boating safety seminar on Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> where we heard a very interesting talk about trailer sailing the North Channel—(Of Georgian Bay). There were interesting comments about items such as trip planning, rafting of vessels, anchoring, weather watching, as well as what to watch for when trailering your boat. This talk was presented by Mike and Mary Hope. The photos of the stops along the way were incredible. There was good discussion afterwards and the bar, of course, was open. So it was a good session for all who attended and we in the squadron thank you. We are calling these events "Twoney" Tuesdays (or as some suggest, is it really "Tooney"??). Looney because it is a Loon on the back and Twoney because it is two dollars??). In any event, we are planning the second event for Tuesday March 29th. There



will be more to follow on this with an invitation sent to all members. Please plan to attend.

Mike and Mary Hope Presentation





We have had two boating courses to date this year, with the Maritime Radio Course set to begin on Monday February 29<sup>th</sup> at CFB Trenton Yacht Club. The numbers for these courses, with the exception of Radio, have been rather low this year. We would obviously like to see more attendance of these courses. The main source of sustaining revenue for CPS squadrons is the boating courses. All trainers are volunteers and we greatly appreciate their efforts. If our squadron does not have the course you want, we will direct you to a squadron which does or you can simply type in [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca) and find what you need to know.

This leads me again into the subject of membership and why you are a member. I like to say that CPS members are boaters helping boaters, to reformat a well-known Canadian motto. There are a lot of benefits of being a member depending on your depth of boating skills and use. One of the best reasons, however, is to associate with other boaters and to help other boaters. CPS is only as strong as its members and thus its squadrons. Our squadron can certainly use more volunteers to help us with the training effort and our focus on the RVCC checks (Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks). We encourage you to help us help fellow boaters in any way that you can. Our Bridge meets the second Thursday of every month at CFB Trenton Yacht Club. Perhaps you might want to attend our AGM to be held at CFB Trenton yacht Club on Thursday April 28, 2016 at 1900. Please come out and volunteer your time.

John Brewster, Commander

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## RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron

### Bridge 2014-2015

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## *Our annual Wine and Cheese party enjoyed by all*

'Twas several days before Christmas,

And all through the Trenton Yacht Club,

You could hear happy Squadron Members,

Sharing a round of Christmas Cheer!



(Photo left to right: Michael McMahon, Carol McMahon, John Fear, John Stewart, Frank Steven, Doug Borton, John Brewster, Ian Brant, Vera Brant, Kath Keays, and Wayne Keays)



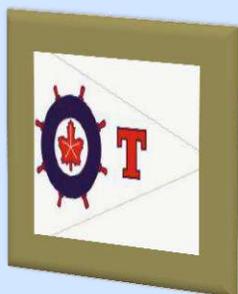
Our Wine and Cheese Christmas gathering held on December 21, 2015, included a special presentation conducted by Doug Borton, a recently retired Northumberland County OPP Director and the newest Bridge member of the Canadian Power & Sail, CFB Trenton Squadron.

Doug's presentation included his personal account of several marine investigations in which he was involved, over his extensive career with the OPP. In addition, Doug provided a brief overview of an OPP program called S.A.V.E. or Snowmobile, ATV and Vessel Enforcement. Visit <http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=521> for more information.



## Provincial S.A.V.E. Unit

The Snowmobile ATV and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit is committed to ensuring Ontario's trails and waterways are a safe place to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. SAVE members establish their patrol priorities through an intelligence-led policing model that ensures these specialized resources are used at the right time and in the right places. SAVE members work closely with partners and enthusiasts to heighten awareness of applicable legislation and encourage compliance.





- ❖ Reduce injuries and deaths on the province's waterways and trails
- ❖ Assist the OPP Academy as Instructors for marine, ATV and snow machine operator training for OPP members Support detachment efforts with local concerns related to trail and waterway safety
- ❖ Contribute to the Provincial, Regional and Detachment Business Plans within our disciplines
- ❖ These mobile, four-season teams target high-risk operator behaviour on waterways and trails, throughout the year, and enhance ongoing education and enforcement activities with additional patrols, education and focused enforcement.

### Regular S.A.V.E. Duties

- ❖ MSV instruction
- ❖ Marine instruction
- ❖ ATV instruction
- ❖ Attend major trail and waterways event such as Poker Runs and Trail Rallies
- ❖ Joint patrols with Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation Officers
- ❖ Coroner's Inquest research and preparation
- ❖ Annual patrol and business plan preparation
- ❖ Assist with missing and overdue persons on land and water
- ❖ RIDE checks with an emphasis on trails and waterways
- ❖ Public education events i.e. outdoor show, boat show, public displays
- ❖ Public presentations i.e. fishing clubs, trapping clubs, etc.

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On water photo supplied by John Brewster, RCAF Trenton Squadron and CFB Trenton Yacht Club.



## *Get 'in the know' with Phyllis...*



Yet another good-news story about our squadron's RVCC activity! Out of a total of 150 squadrons across the country, we are 1 of 40 squadrons who provided the RVCC event in 2015.

2016 is also the year in which RVCC training has become more streamlined. You can do it at home! You watch a 12-minute video, as many times as you need, that will take you through the RVCC check for both small and larger vessels. Once you're satisfied that you've got the idea, you complete a declaration form and send it to National Office. They need to maintain an accurate list of squadron RVCC 'specialists'. As your squadron RVCC Coordinator, I would also appreciate knowing that you've chosen to become an RVCC specialist. After you've completed the training process, please send me an email with your name, squadron, and location (marina, yacht club). My email is: [rcaftrentonCPS@gmail.com](mailto:rcaftrentonCPS@gmail.com).

Here's the link to the training video and the declaration form:  
<http://www.smartboater.ca/rvcc/>

I know there's one more question on your mind: the time commitment. One RVCC event, with 3 RVCC specialists, in one location such as a marina or yacht club, over a 5-hour period, could easily do 25 RVCC checks. The more volunteers we have, the more safe boaters will be the result!

Come and join us!

Phyllis Durnford  
 RVCC Coordinator,  
 RCAF Trenton CPS squadron



Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check Program (RVCC)

Photos provided by Canadian Yachting Magazine



## CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL, RCAF TRENTON SQUADRON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** April 28th, 2015  
**Location:** CFB Trenton Yacht Club

**Agenda:**

- (a) Call to Order and Roll Call;
- (b) Notice of Meeting;
  - Distributed per regulations?
  - Motion to proceed?
- (c) Introduction of any guest attendees;
- (d) Minutes of previous AGM to be read and adopted;
- (d) Business arising out of minutes;
- (e) Officers Reports;
- (f) Auditors Report;
- (g) Unfinished business;
  - Presentations?
- (g) The Chairman of the Squadron Nominating Committee;
  - shall assume the chair to deliver the report of the Committee;



### R.C.A.F. Trenton Power and Sail Squadron Notice of Annual General Meeting

#### To: The Members, RCAF Trenton Squadron

In accordance with Article 12 of RCAF Trenton Power and Sail Squadron Policy Manual notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the RCAF Trenton Squadron of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, will be held at the CFB Trenton Yacht Club 60 Albatross Road, Baker Island, on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 1900 hours for the purposes of:

- a) receiving and approving the Reports of Officers and Committees of the Squadron.
- b) receiving and approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2016 and the report of the Auditor thereon;
- c) electing to office, the persons referred to in the Report of the Nominating Committee;
- d) appointing the Squadron Auditor for the ensuing year;
- e) A copy of the Report of the Nominating Committee, is attached to this Notice of Meeting in accordance with Article 10 of Policy Manual and forms part hereof. Additional nominations may be made in accordance with Article 13 of the Squadron Policy Manual;
- f) Such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Attendance of members in good standing of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons in general and of the RCAF Trenton Squadron in particular is requested and encouraged.  
Dated this 20th day of March, 2016

For and on behalf of the Squadron Executive Committee:

John Dodson,  
Secretary



# Don't Forget our **TWOONIE TUESDAY**



*Boaters Helping Boaters*  
*RCAF Trenton Squadron Boating Safety Seminar Series*  
*Sailing In Tidal Waters (West Coast)*

Please come and join us at **1900 on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at CFB Trenton Yacht Club** for our "Toonie" Tuesday series of Boating Safety Seminars. We will hear from Katherine and Norm Ruby about their experiences on a Desolation Sound Charter 36' Hunter named "Island Girl" as they sailed past this summer toward Powell River then up to Lund, Refuge Cove then into Desolation Sound Marine Provincial Park and Prideaux Haven and Melanie Cove and returned via Lund to Henry Bay and then to Comox. In addition to some great scenic photos, they will also address issues such as tides, currents, towing, water hazards, buoys/markers, wildlife and marinas.

Refreshments will be available and there will be a "Toonie" Pot at the door for donations.

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### *In Conclusion*

*The Power and Sail Squadrons have a long and illustrious history of empowering recreational boaters through knowledge. All squadron instructors have taken CPS courses. We strive, with the student's help, to make the course interesting and fun as well as educational. As an additional benefit, you are very likely to meet new friends who share your interests.*

*Operating in both official languages, the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, (CPS-ECP) are active in every province of Canada. You're certain to find courses of interest, offered near you!*

*If you cannot find the course that you want provided by RCAF Trenton Squadron it could be provided by another squadron within your geographical area.. visit [boatingcourses.ca](http://boatingcourses.ca) to find out details.*