

RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron

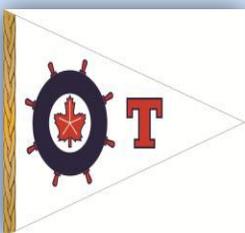
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*Words from the Upper Deck**Words from the Upper Deck*

The gruesome wait is almost over!! Only a few days now until boats are again on the water. Have you got your PCOC card and your ROC (M) card? If not, and you originally received them through successful completion of the CPS course, you can replace them with no difficulty through your squadron. If you obtained them some other way-well there may be a problem securing replacements. You will need both of these cards should you wish to cruise American or Canadian waters.

Are you thinking of getting your boat safety checked by a CPS Squadron near you? RCAF Trenton Squadron is planning 3 RVCC safety events (Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks) at CFB Trenton Yacht Club, Saturdays June 3rd and 10th and Wednesday evening June 14th. More details to follow. We are also planning safety check events for the fishing derby as well as Cobourg Yacht club and at Trent Port Marina, details to follow.

We have had two Twooney Tuesday presentations this winter. The first, on Tuesday November 29th, concerned the successful transfer of a Mirage 30 from Trenton to Halifax and the second, presented by Dennis "Fletch" Fletcher, on Tuesday January 22nd, informed those attending about what Quinte Sailbility is, what it does, where it gets the required funding to provide such a unique service to the community, as well as showing us how they do the incredible things that they do as a Centre for adaptive sailing.

On Tuesday March 14th, Carol and Michael McMahon will be presenting their "Big Cruise", from Trenton to Goderich. They will discuss planning, preparation, navigation and practical considerations of a "little loop" cruise, with many





photos taken along the way; four shipmates on a 30 foot sailing vessel for six weeks. It should be very interesting, especially the final chapter of this cruise. You will not want to miss it.

We have had a successful training season year to date beginning with the Boating 1 (PCOC) course successfully passing 4 of the 5 students; Boating 2 (Beyond the PCOC) successfully passing all 4 students and we have 4 students currently taking Boating 3 (Introduction to Navigation). In April, we will have at least 8 students registered for our Maritime Radio Course {ROC (M)} (Radio Operators Certificate (Maritime)). This course will run on Monday evenings from April 3rd to April 24th with Monday April 17th being designated as our annual hands on session. This year, we hope to have a radio simulator, recently purchased by Quinte District and we should be the first squadron to use this new learning tool.

John Brewster,
Education Officer/Commander,
RCAF Trenton Squadron
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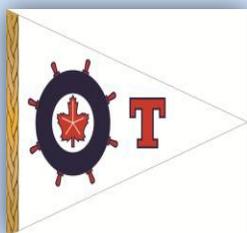
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Bridge 2015-2016

Commander: John Brewster
Executive Officer: Frank Sheedy
Education Officer: John Brewster
Secretary: John Dodson
Financial Officer: John Fear
Public Relations Officer: John Fear
Membership Officer: Frank Sheedy
MAREP Officer: Ian Brant
District Representative: John Fear
RVCC Coordinator: Phyllis Durnford
Webmaster: Michael McMahan
Helmsman Editor: John Dodson

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We are on the web: <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/RCAFTrenton/>





TWOONEY TUESDAYS

DOWN THE DRAIN



Marty Mathias, Eric Lawlor and John Fear tell of their adventures on *Wind Gypsy*.

RCAF Trenton Squadron held its first Twooney Tuesday to an enthusiastic crowd of CPS and Club members Nov 29th.

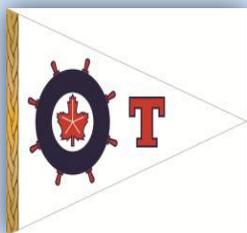
The topic was a 1,433 nautical mile trip from the Club to Halifax to deliver Greg Tanner's Mirage 30 *Wind Gypsy*, to their new home. Eric Lawlor, John Fear and Marty Mathias were the crew and gave the QS presentation. It was a mix of adventures, tips for cooks and would be cruisers.

The trip was 42 days of which 13 were spent at Docksider, due weather they claimed. The main recommendations they stressed were:

- good planning
- a chart plotter in lieu of charts which would be many and expensive.
- many good cooks keep a crew happy

For those taking the same trip the: ***Cruising Guide to The St. Lawrence*** is highly recommended.

*Credit: D.W. Fletcher-Editor Fore 'N Aft
CFB Trenton Yacht Club*





Quinte Sailability

On January 22nd, Dennis Fletcher spoke to us about Quinte Sailability (QS) and what it does for individuals who face obstacles that not many of us would think of. This group is dependent to a great extent on private donations from local Service Clubs and others. The support provided to it by 8 Wing is beyond measure.

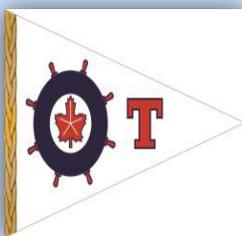
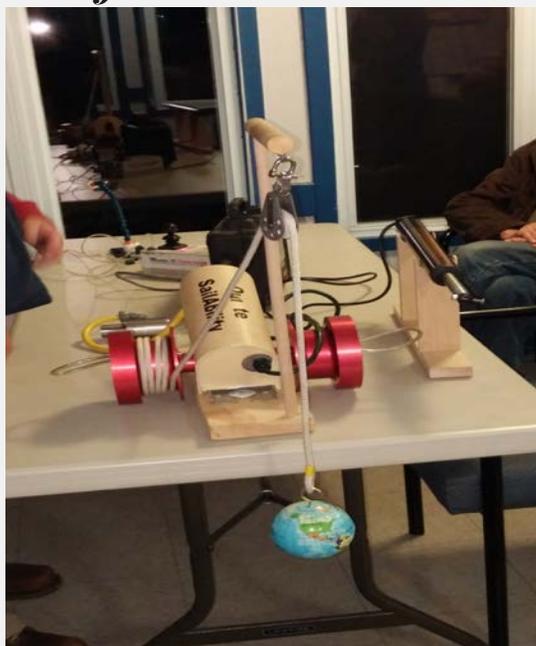
QS operates 4 boats:

- Access dinghy 8'
- Liberty 12'
- Martin 16 16'
- Challenger Trimaran 14'

At a cost of:

- Access Dinghy is \$5,000
- liberty \$ 9,000
- Martin is \$23,500 (READY TO SAIL)
- Challenger is \$14,000

They provide adaptive sailing through paraphernalia as indicated in the photograph. What a tremendous support to the local community.



Get 'in the know' with Phyllis...



RVCC SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

It's spring, almost! 2017's going to be an exciting year, with Canada turning 150 years old, and events being planned all along Lake Ontario to celebrate that event.

RCAF Trenton squadron wants to make this a memorable year as well. To do that, we need your involvement in our RVCC program, as an RVCC specialist. The process is really easy, and you can do it at home! Simply watch a 12-minute video depicting a Courtesy Check for both small and large vessels. Watch it as many times as you need to, and once you're satisfied you've got the idea, you complete a Declaration Form and send it to National Office. They maintain an accurate list of all the RVCC specialists in Canada. Here's the link to the training video and the Declaration Form you'll need after seeing the video:

<http://www.smartboater.ca/rvcc/>

There's also the question of time commitment on your part. One RVCC event, with 2 specialists, in one location such as a marina or yacht club, over a 4-hour period, could easily do 20 Courtesy Checks. So, the more volunteers we have, the more events we could do. More safe boaters would be the result.

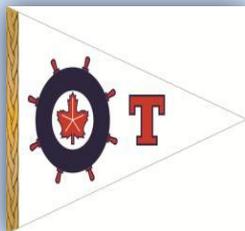
I'll be at the squadron's next Twooney Tuesday presentation on Tuesday 14 March 2017, with a copy of the training video running on the squadron's computer, so you can see for yourself what's involved.

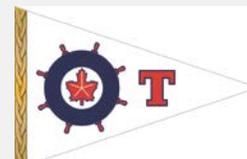
See you there!
Phyllis Durnford,
RVCC Coordinator,
RCAF Trenton CPS



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

Photos provided by Canadian Yachting Magazine





RCAF Trenton Squadron Annual General Meeting 2017

The Squadron's AGM will take place on Thursday April 27th at 7:00 pm at the CFB Trenton Yacht Club. All squadron members are invited to attend, and get an update on what we have accomplished in the past year, and vote the Bridge into office for another year. We are looking for at least 2 new Bridge members, and several jobs are vacant and need filling, including Entertainment Officer and Assistant Education Officer. Without new officers on the Bridge, the squadron will wither away, so please consider donating some of your valuable time to help run the squadron for another year. And as a bonus, it can be fun too!

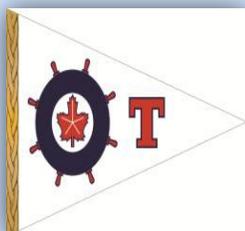
The business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with the officers' reports on our successes of the past year. After this we will elect the new Bridge (which may look a lot like the old Bridge) and hopefully add new members to it. District Commander Jim Lee will then talk to us about happenings in the wider organization and take any questions about CPS in general. We will also hear about our squadron activities organized to provide CPS Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks) to local Marinas.

The nominations for the 2017/18 Bridge are as follows:

- Commander: Frank Sheedy
- Past Commander: John Brewster
- Executive Officer: Vacant
- Secretary: John Dodson
- Education Officer: John Brewster
- Finance Officer: John Fear SN
- Membership Officer: Frank Sheedy
- Public Relations Officer: Phyllis Durnford
- District Rep: John Fear SN
- Webmaster: Michael McMahon P
- RVCC Coordinator: Phyllis Durnford
- MAREP Officer: Vacant
- Helmsman Editor*: John Dodson
- Audit Committee Chair* Mary Game
- Assistant Education Officer: vacant
- Entertainment Officer: vacant

Non-elected positions are indicated by *

So please come out on Thursday April 27th and support your squadron and its Bridge, and get an update on the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons from a National perspective..






Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
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Boating Courses

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Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons offers a variety of classroom based Boating Safety and Navigation courses at locations across Canada. You can search for a course of interest to you in several ways here on our website.

To search for your course, you may browse our full listing of courses described below and then select your course by clicking on the course name. As well, you can utilize our course search areas by location, category or course name on the right-hand side of this page.

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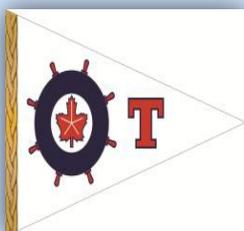
If a car manufacturer wants to bring an older model into "Today's World", it takes nothing more than a little streamlining here and there to do the job, and to make that car more pleasing and easier to sell to the buying public.

And so it is with our CPS-ECP course offerings; the National Educational Department has taken a good look at the needs and wants of those who are our customers, i.e. the boating public. This fall, we will be trotting out our "new 2016 model," a series of renamed courses that better reflect the real thrust behind our offerings. What we hope the prospective boating student will see when he/she looks at an ad promoting our courses, is an easy, yet challenging progression of study, whose names give a good clue as to the contents of each particular course.

NOTE: The course names on student notes will change as current stock is depleted, and new stock is ordered.

Revised Name	Original Name
Boating 1 – Boating Basics – PCOC Get Your Pleasure Craft Operator Card	Boating Basics
Boating 2 – Beyond the Basics More than your Boating License (PCOC)	Part of Boating Essentials & old Boating course
Boating 3 - Introduction to Marine Navigation	Part of Boating Essentials & old Boating course
Boating 4 – Near Shore Marine Navigation 1	Seamanship
Boating 5 – Near Shore Marine Navigation 2	Advanced Piloting
Boating 6 – Off Shore Marine Navigation 1	Junior Navigator
Boating 7 – Off Shore Marine Navigation 2	Global Navigation

Don Griffin
 National Educational Officer





Don't Forget our
TWOONEY TUESDAY



Boaters Helping Boaters
RCAF Trenton Squadron Boating Safety Seminar Series

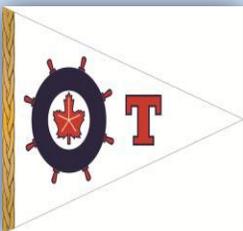
Please come and join us at **1900 on Tuesday March 14th, 2017** at
CFB Trenton Yacht Club

ON TUESDAY MARCH 14TH, CAROL AND MICHAEL MCMAHON WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR "BIG CRUISE", FROM TRENTON TO GODERICH. THEY WILL DISCUSS PLANNING, PREPARATION, NAVIGATION AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF A "LITTLE LOOP" CRUISE, WITH MANY PHOTOS TAKEN ALONG THE WAY; FOUR SHIPMATES ON A 30 FOOT SAILING VESSEL FOR SIX WEEKS. IT SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING, ESPECIALLY THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THIS CRUISE. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT.

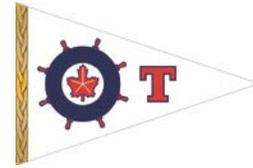
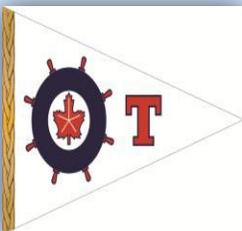


Please come and enjoy the camaraderie of sailors and their shanties.

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



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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 27, 2017 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, 2017 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.
Date this day 20th day February of 2017

For and on behalf of the Squadron Executive Committee:
John Dodson,
Secretary

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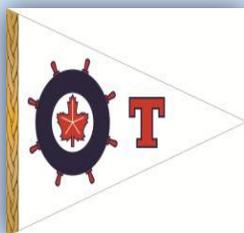
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In Conclusion

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 to find out details.