



DRY ROT



Are you enjoying winter in Canada? December was quite the wintery weather but a white Christmas was beautiful. I hope Santa brought you everything you wished for, a new anchor, new automatic PFD, maybe a new sail or dock lines for you power boaters. How about a new boat, was that on your wish list? For those members that

wander south to warmer climates, “snowbirds” enjoy the sun and sand. Remember to bring some of that warmth home with you in April.



Now we are into the month of **LOVE**.

Don't forget February 14th guys.

Give the lady you love a big hug.

For some fellows, that's probably the boat.

Spring is just around the corner. Have you thought of increasing your boating knowledge? The Boating 3 course is coming in March and the all important life saving VHF Marine Radio course in April.

Check out the ads on the next pages.



BOATING 3 COURSE

INTRODUCTION TO NAVIGATION

The **third course** in our series explores navigation, charting cruises, learn how to plot and label on paper charts, as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting out and handling a boat while underway. Also included are environmental responsibilities and electrical hazards. This course contains a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests.

5 weeks, one evening per week

Begins Thursday, March 1, 2018 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please register before February 23rd (books must be ordered)

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton, ON

Tuition Fee \$110.00

Contact: Roger Pimm

rpimm@cogeco.ca

905-308-0060

OR

REGISTER ONLINE AT

www.boatingcourses.ca/cities/hamilton

Course offered by Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron



MARITIME RADIO COURSE

VHF MARINE RADIO

Restricted Operator's Certificate (Marine)

A legal requirement of Industry Canada

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and every day operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, Digital Selective Calling, and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System.

Be sure you and each family member take the Maritime Radio course. It's the law.

Thursday, April 5th and 12th, 2018

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Two Consecutive Thursday Nights

Please register before March 29th (books must be ordered)

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton, ON

Cost: \$105.00

Includes Text, and Exam

Book Online

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REGALIA SALES

Will your boat be ready for the 2018 boating season?

Do you need a new CPS flag?



Contact Regalia Officer, Marney Warby @ 905-389-5719

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

December 1986

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Recently, Hamilton Squadron members paid tribute to Chief Frank D. Smith, the last police chief of the Hamilton Harbour Police. On behalf of the Squadron, a commemorative certificate was presented to Chief Smith for the many years of close affiliation between the Squadron and his department.

February 7th, 1986 was a sad day in Hamilton. On that day, the last harbour police force in Canada was disbanded. Because of the costs involved in running the department, the Harbour Commissioners informed the force that the department would be terminated. Both Sault Ste. Marie and Toronto preceded Hamilton in this

context. Mother Nature provided a super sendoff – northeasterly winds of 50 to 60 knots and blowing snow as a “farewell”! Now, the harbour is under the jurisdiction of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Department.

Hamilton Squadron has been fortunate to have had close ties with the Harbour Police be it displaying our CPS/ECP Squadron pamphlets, providing guest speakers to our classes and Niagara District Council meetings, and most important of all, referring potential students to our classrooms. We realize the importance of being situated on the waterfront, where many Squadrons are landlocked. I, in

particular, spoke to the Chief on many occasions, and he was always more than willing to offer any support he could when Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons was mentioned.

In the early 1920's, on Burlington Bay, there were a number of drownings which led to public outcries, and the result was a rescue vessel and operator supplied by the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners. Details are sketchy, for only newspaper articles list details concerning the harbour. Imagine the stories that could and, perhaps, should have been written during prohibition! During Chief Frank Smith's tenure from 1977 to 1986, he is proud to boast that no child drowned in Hamilton Harbour.

During World War II, the Commissioners – in an effort to protect their property and warehouses on Piers 8 and 10 – started the Shore Patrol.

Once the St. Lawrence Seaway opened in 1959, Hamilton became a famous port, with ships berthing from all around the world. It soon became evident that a Harbour Master was required to handle the traffic and, of course, deal with manners and customs of the crews from various foreign countries.

The Port of Hamilton kept getting busier, and by the time 1964 rolled around, it became evident that changes were needed in the Shore Patrol to control the policing of the movements of the cargoes and warehouse storage on the docks.

Costs, involving both the Marine and Shore Patrols, indicated that one department would cut costs and solve the duplication problem.

The Harbour Police took charge of the communications control station in 1974. In 1979, the Commissioners enacted a Harbour Police By-law, formally establishing the Harbour Police.

Continual upgrading in personnel saw the requirement that all Harbour Police personnel must attend the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, from 1976 and onwards. The Commissioners adopted the small vessel licence system in 1979, and it has been in effect until this year.

Under By-Law 84, the harbour master and chief of police co-ordinated all yachting events held on Burlington Bay. The Harbour Police kept reports on events and issued reports to the port director and harbour master to keep the flow of information running smoothly between the various departments. In this way, each department was aware of all boating aspects and could, therefore, make decisions based on the correct facts and day-to-day operations on the bay. The last Harbour Police Chief was Frank Smith, 1977 to 1986.

Here's to the men of the Harbour Forces!

HAMILTON POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

555 Bay Street North

\$17.00 per person

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron Annual General Meeting
will follow the breakfast (no charge for AGM meeting)

Special guest speaker:

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If you have an article that would be interesting to our members, please forward it to me as an attachment. ronwarby@sourcecable.net

If you have ever thought of helping your squadron, be it teaching, proctoring, or maybe a member of the bridge, please email me at ronwarby@sourcecable.net and we can talk.

COMING EVENTS

March 1st Boating 3 Course

April 5th VHF Radio Course

April 22nd Annual Spring Breakfast

April 22nd Annual General Meeting

Dry Rot assembled by P/R/C Ronald Warby, AP