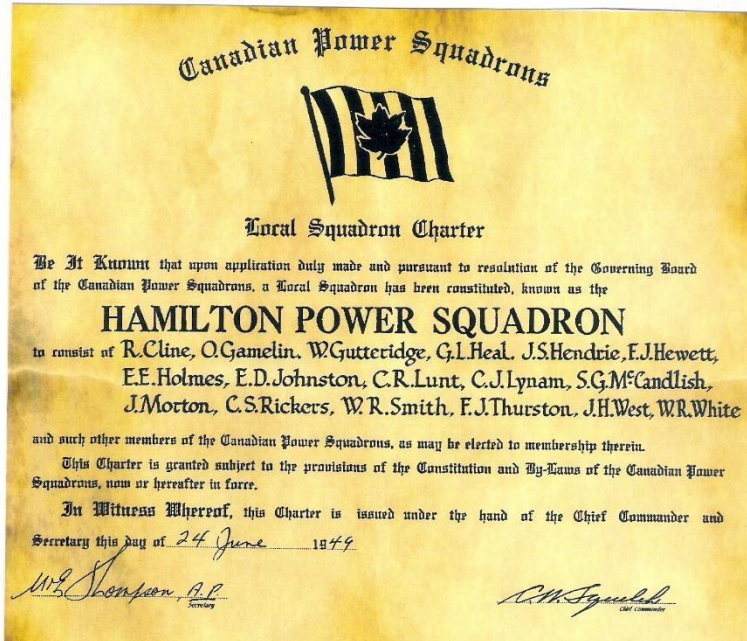


June 2019



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HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY HAMILTON SQUADRON



This June 24, 2019 the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron celebrates its 70th anniversary.

The time has passed quickly since we celebrated our 60th anniversary; so much has changed in the world; technology has changed the way we communicate and the way it affects our lifestyles now.

The original charter was founded with 19 members. Today our maximum membership has dropped from 444 to the current 169. This dramatic change is in part due to the technological world we live in and the missed opportunities by our National Organization to adapt to our changing world. This change has brought about a drop in volunteers in our Squadron as well. We have struggled to find new volunteers for our group.

All this is taking place in spite of the increase in boating activities in Canada. More Baby Boomers are retiring to live their retirement dream of owning boats and traveling to far away destinations. This past winter saw the most boats from the Bay area traveling the Intra-coastal Waterway to Florida, the Bahamas and beyond, many of those sailors proudly flying our HPS burgee.

It is now mandatory for all who operate motorized vessels to have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). It is also mandatory for all who operate a VHF Radio to have a Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime) with a DSC endorsement. Our Squadron has run several very successful classes for both these programs. We changed the strategy for operation of both these courses to suit the needs of our members. This was done with input from our very experienced Executive that contributed to the success of holding many extra classes over the winter and into spring. We could not have accomplished this without the strong support of our volunteer Executives.

It has been an honour and a privilege to work with these dedicated volunteers who make everything possible for the success of our Squadron. They make the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron a valuable member of the Boating Community in the Hamilton Area. We appreciate the support and team work from our fellow Members around the Bay Area.

As we celebrate the 70th Year of Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron, we look forward to being a major contributor to the safety and enjoyment of boating around the Bay and beyond.

Whether you are still sailing your own boat, traveling with others who are, or just fondly remember those many pleasant hours of boating, we wish you the best for the future.

Recreation Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC)



Would you bet \$200?

That's the cost of a fine for not having the required safety equipment in good working order on your boat. Let CPS-ECP volunteers help you beat the odds.

We will check your boat for free... and if you have everything you need, you'll get a Safety Inspection Sticker*.

If you don't have everything... we will explain exactly what you should have on board so you can be sure to win that bet.

And once you are boating safely, you're not just saving \$200 - you could be saving your life.

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HAVE YOUR SAFETY EQUIPEMENT CHECKED FOR FREE

To have your vessel inspected contact:

Tom Dunmore 905-516-4478 or thdlaw@gmail.com

If you would like to help your squadron do RVCC safety checks,

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NEVER, NEVER SWIM IN A MARINA

The Silent Killer – Electric Shock Drowning. As a kid growing up around boats, I have often thought there is nothing more fun on a hot summer day than running off the end of a dock and jumping into the water. I am now thinking that this may not be the best thing to do. In the last few years, I've heard of **Electric Shock Drowning** and have honestly not thought much more of it, however, recent events have inspired me to look into this more and I thought it might be useful to share this information with others. This is a link to a tragic video of a family's experience with electric shock drowning of their young son (who was wearing a life jacket) and almost his wife who tried to save him. <https://safeelectricity.org/tlc-video-lucas-story/> I encourage you to take a few minutes and go through the video. It takes only 1-5 milli-amps to feel a tingling sensation or slight shock. If you feel this in the water, move away from all possible sources of energy (boats, docks etc.). 6-16 milli-amps could be painful and cause loss of muscle control, greater than this can cause respiratory / cardiac arrest. These currents can travel several feet away from the source, some references say to swim at least 50 yards away from any electrical source and others indicate 100 yards. If you see someone in trouble in the water, don't go in after them until the power is turned off, if possible direct them away from the potential source of energy. What can we all do, don't swim in marinas or around electrical source? Doesn't help if you accidentally fall in. Unplug your power cord at the shore side first and don't leave the shore power plugged in when not in use. Maintain your boat and all electrical systems (including shore power cords). Use a digital clamp meter and test your boat's electrical system. I read one article where 26% of boats in the marina had an issue. If you think you have an issue, get it checked out by a professional marine electrician. Share this information so we can all learn. I hope that everyone has a safe enjoyable summer boating AND swimming in the water!

REGALIA SALES

Is your boat ready for the 2019 boating season?

Do you need a new CPS flag?



Contact Regalia Officer, Marney Warby @ 905-

389-5719

DON'T WAIT FOR SPRING

BEAT THE SPRING RUSH

TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO MARK THEIR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2019 VHF RADIO COURSE

REGISTRATON STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

MERIT MARKS

Merit Marks are awarded by the Chief Commander, for which a certificate is issued. A member may receive only one Merit Mark in a calendar year, regardless of the amount of work accomplished. A Merit Mark cannot be bought. The recommendation must be based on contributions of not less than twenty (20) or more hours work in Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. A Merit Mark is awarded at the sole discretion of the Chief Commander, based on recommendations of the Officers of CPS.

The following Merit Marks were awarded for the 2018 calendar year as presented by Commander Thompson at Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron's Annual General Meeting in April 2019.

NAME	MERIT MARK
Mark Welch	3
Vaughan Osborne	3
Thomas Dunmore	5
Walter Plater	11
Glen Carruthers	11
Roger Pimm	12
Charles Mitchell	13
Peter Boothroyd	17
Vicky Grimshaw	19
Cal Traver	19
Pat Faux	21
Gary Young	22
Rick Crook	34
Percy Brown	35
Murray Thompson	43
Marney Warby	43
Ron Warby	44

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GONE BOATING, SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER