



SPRING 2015

DRY ROT

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Can you help our
Squadron for a few
hours a month?**

**We are looking to
our members for
inspiration.**

**Your fresh ideas and
enthusiasm are welcome –
and greatly needed!**

*Please email
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To have Dry Rot sent to your email,
contact Peter Boothroyd
pboothroyd@cogeco.ca. or
register on the HPS web site at
www.cps-ecp.ca/hamilton.

Commander's Report

Summer of 2015 has been perfect for boaters and land-lubbers alike. Beautiful sunny days and lots to do to keep us busy and having fun.

For HPS Members, there was a wonderful **District BBQ at Macassa Bay Yacht Club** which was well attended. I don't know if that had anything to do with the delicious steak dinner or not!

Also in June was the HPS sponsored **Out-dated Flare Roundup**, many boaters dropped off their old flares to Dowsar Yachts on James St N. Many thanks to Art Sarna who supported this event in partnership with HPS.

Commander Murray Thompson and Mike Kott attended the **Sail Past at The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club** for the official **Flag Raising** on the opening of the Sailing Season for this Club.

Commander Murray Thompson and his wife, Laurel, hosted the **Bridge BBQ** at their home in September. This event is held

to show our appreciation for the work of our Bridge members who's efforts hold the Squadron together. Without these volunteers, we would not exist. Thanks to Ron Warby for cooking the steaks to perfection.

We also held some Power Squadron classes over the summer. The class format was modified to accommodate students taking courses during the summer months. These changes will continue in order that we are able to meet the needs of an evolving demographic in today's tech-savvy-high-communications lifestyles.

The **Annual Power and Sail Squadron Conference** is this month in Niagara Falls. If you wish to attend this event, check out the schedule online and join fellow squadron members from Canada and the US.

Respectfully submitted

Murray Thompson
COMMANDER



2015-2016 Course Lineup

1. VHF/DSC Maritime Radio:	Tuition: \$105
When: October 31, November 7, 2015	
Where: Macassa Bay Yacht Club	
Duration: 2 Saturday Mornings	
2. PCOC:	Tuition: \$50
When: January 5, 2016 (1900h to 2100h)	
Possible additional night – January 12, 2016	
Where: Westdale High School	
3. Beyond PCOC (Boating 2)	Tuition: \$105
When: January 19 to February 16, 2016 (1900h to 2100h)	
Where: Westdale High School	
Duration: 5 evenings	
4. Introduction to Navigation (Boating 3)	Tuition: \$105
When: March 8 to April 12, 2016 (1900h to 2100h)	
Where: Westdale High School	
Duration: 6 evenings	
Notes:	Bundled tuition for PCOC + Boating 2 + Boating 3 \$250 (payable in advance)

Memorial for Winnie Brown

We would like to express our condolences to Percy Brown on the passing of his beloved wife Winnie on September 11, 2015.

Percy and Winnie were happily married for over 60 years, he is deeply saddened with the loss, but is doing well.

There will not be a funeral service.

There may be a memorial service at a later date.

Did you know

One of the benefits of belonging to CPS is the marine insurance available from Cowan. Compared to the \$900 I pay now at Pacific Marine, Cowan quoted me \$520. **Significant savings!**

I wonder if any other members have taken advantage of the advertisement on page 63 of *Canadian Yachting* – Oct issue.

Boating Safety Courses **REGISTER ONLINE!**

www.cps-ecp.ca/Hamilton



Courses include:

- VHF DSC Radio License
- PCOC, (Operator's Card)
- Beyond PCOC
- Intro to Navigation



All courses by the

**Hamilton Power
and Sail Squadron**

As authorized by The Canada Coast Guard



For your dining pleasure...



Here's a dish I have made many times on board and at home. I happen to love food with a Portuguese flair. If you try this dish I hope you do too. I prepared this dish while on the 'cooks watch' during a delivery from New York to Bermuda and earned the 'best meal underway' award from the crew.

SHRIMP ALGARVE

1 lb. frozen shrimp (medium size peeled and deveined variety)
1 large sweet onion diced (I prefer Vidalia)
1 can diced tomatoes (plain or Italian Spiced if you are daring)
1 can mushrooms or fresh (I prefer fresh but onboard cans keep better)
2 or 3 cloves garlic minced (always have garlic on board)
½ tsp. parsley
½ tsp. basil
Olive oil

Sauté the onion, mushroom and garlic in olive oil till clear
Add parsley and basil, sauté lightly
Add tomato and bring to simmer
Add shrimp (cook till shrimp just turns pink – they're done)
-Simmer 5 min minimum
Hot sauce to taste
Pepper and salt to taste
Serve over rice

Roger Pimm N

A one pot dish (okay, you have to steam some some rice too) that can be made while underway – preferably with a glass of dry white wine in hand.

Amateur Radio Course

If you are considering offshore cruising, the most economical way to stay in touch with home is still via Amateur or Ham radio.

Your restricted Maritime Operator Certificate (VHF/DSC certificate) does permit you to operate within the marine bands on the Single Side Band (SSB) radio, but the Ham certificate opens up frequencies that give added coverage and distance on HAM VHF frequencies. As well, there are volunteer HAMS that operate maritime communication nets to assist in weather forecasting and message passing.

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club is offering a Basic Certification 12 week course this fall. Let's hear from you if you think this additional radio certification is for you. The courses will be held at Westdale High School, so you will be on familiar ground.

We have a course starting September 29, 2015 at Westdale High School and there may still be room for you.

Contact Roger Pimm or the **Hamilton Amateur Radio Club** directly: rpimm@cogeco.ca or exec@Hamiltonarc.ca

Cheers, Roger Pimm VE3UFZ

Training Officer – Hamilton Power Squadron Past President
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

VOLUNTEERS

Requirements to attract and keep volunteers include;

- respecting everyone's opinions
- making people feel that they are contributing
- having fun!

When talking to our fellow members, a person-to-person discussion about volunteering is always the best way. Inevitably members will have questions about what is involved. In a one-on-one conversation, questions can be answered in a manner that provides a potential volunteer the opportunity to think about it before committing.

A suggestion to attend a meeting to 'check things out' is a good way to arouse their interest before making a commitment.

Food for Thought

By Pete Boothroyd AP

Cellular Phones

With a cellular phone, you may contact Rescue Coordination Centers directly. Or, by dialing *16, you will contact the nearest Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services Center. Remember that a cellular phone is not a good substitute for a marine radio and it is not an approved means of issuing a distress call. Making a call does not alert other boaters close to you - those other boats could be the ones to help you first if they could hear you. Unlike VHF transmissions, cellular phone signals cannot be followed back to your location by rescuers. Contact your cellular provider to find out if you have access to the *16 service.

Can I be fined for not having a Compliance Notice on my vessel?

Attaching a Compliance Notice is the responsibility of the manufacturer or importer. An owner cannot be fined if there was no Compliance Notice attached to the vessel by the manufacturer or importer. There are fines, however, if anyone removes or alters a Compliance Notice or attaches to a vessel a compliance notice that contains untrue information.

What is the difference between a license and registration?

A pleasure craft license provides a unique identification number - commonly referred to as the "license number" - that an owner of a pleasure craft must display on the bow. This number helps law enforcement and search

and rescue officials trace a pleasure craft to its owner. An owner must display the license number on both sides of the bow of the pleasure craft, above the water line, in block characters not less than 7.5 centimetres (3 inches) high and in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the bow.

The license is mandatory for all pleasure craft equipped with motors of 10 horsepower (7.5 kilowatts) or more, including personal watercraft.

NOTE: You do not need a pleasure craft license if a boat is registered.

The pleasure craft license is free of charge, and can be transferred to any subsequent owner of the pleasure craft. You must carry a copy of the license on board your vessel at all times.

Registering your pleasure craft

The Canadian Register of Vessels is a title system that keeps track of the owners of vessels. It contains information on each vessel such as ownership and vessel characteristics, e.g. tonnage, construction material and type. When you register, you receive an official number for your vessel, as well as a unique name. It also provides certain benefits, such as the right to fly the Canadian flag.

If you intend to use your vessel as security for a marine mortgage, you

are required to register your vessel.

Registration is optional for all pleasure craft, regardless of tonnage and length, as per the Canada Shipping Act, 2001.

How long is a pleasure craft licence valid for?

Due to recent changes to Section 106 of the Small Vessel Regulations, pleasure craft licences are now valid for 10 years. If there are changes to your name or address in that time, you must update your licence. This information is used by law enforcement and search and rescue organizations in emergency situations.



New Product:



Sirius Signal SOS Distress Light
(not an epi-irb)

Available from www.defender.com

**Sirius Signal SOS Distress Light
with Distress Flag**

Features:

- Sirius Signal SOS Distress Light is an LED SOS Distress Light
- Visual Distress Signal Powered by a high-performance, programmable microprocessor controlling an SOS signal flashed through a potent CREE LED bulb
- The groundbreaking optical design provides an omni-directional light display for surface rescue craft and a vertical beam visible to aircraft flying overhead
- Visible for over 10 nautical miles, the SOS C-1001's beam lasts for hours compared to the minutes-long lifespan of traditional pyrotechnic distress
- Fulfills all Coast Guard requirements (46 CFR 161.013) for marine distress signals when combined with the included Distress Flag

- A family and environmentally safe alternative to the antiquated pyrotechnic visual distress flare
- Made in the USA.
- Complies with the "Buy American Act," may contain imported components
- SAFER THAN FLARES. SAFE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
- The SOS Distress Light is the first and only LED Visual Distress Signal Device accepted to completely replace dangerous and environmentally harmful pyrotechnic flares
- Complies with all U.S. Coast Guard requirements for "Night Visual Distress Signals" 46 CFR 161.013



IS ANYONE LISTENING?

Is anyone listening to the pleas for help with our Squadron?

In case you haven't realized, the same people are still needing help running the activities. **Our primary concern is Training – the reason for our Squadron.** Instructors, proctors, yes the loyalities who spend hours of their time helping instruct. You, too, can become involved; all you have to say is *"I would be interested in helping"*. There is a CPS course to teach you how to be an instructor. Easy-peasy! Anyone can do it! Besides, every one of us enjoy bending an ear about boating - it's our favourite topic!

We need help with our functions. Have you attended any of our social nights, such as the Pizza and Wing night in February? Or the Haul-Out Party in the fall? No? These events are wonderful opportunities to socialize with people who also have an interest in boating.

Could you help set up? Be on a committee to plan/organize the event? These events are **fun** and a great way to become involved.

How about being on the Bridge/Executive? Offer to take the minutes of a meeting? It's not hard; merely the important items are recorded. How about helping with advertising? Not your expertise? How about writing, proofreading or publishing *Dry Rot*? We are not experts, but many hands make light work!

Do you remember those thankless heroes who so generously gave of their time to teach you so many years ago? Our Squadron is 60 plus years old – the 4th oldest in Canada! There is a lot of history and talent dedicated to the ideals of CPS. Honour our legacy and past commanders by becoming a volunteer. Say **"yes!"** I'd like to help.

Our most recent Bridge members have been around far too long! They have enabled our Squadron to move forward; but now they would like to step aside. The time has come for you to step forward and **bring your energy, enthusiasm, ideas, and fun spirit and help us carry forward our programs, and safe-boating agendas.**

Many of the Past Commanders, would be proud to learn that new people have come forward to volunteer to be on the Bridge and carry on the legacy they once were so devoted to providing.

Please consider stepping up to the HPS batting plate...

...and thank you for listening

Marney Warby, AP

Past Commander, Past District Commander,
Past Rear Commander

Upcoming Course

Marine VHF/DSC Radio Course

October 31 &
November 7th 2015

This is two Saturday mornings

9am – 11.30 am

Macassa Bay Yacht Club
80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton

To register contact Roger Pimm at
rpimm@cogeco.ca | 905 560-2628

Fee
\$105

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron 2014 BRIDGE

Commander	P/C Murray Thompson
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Assistant Training	Vacant
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Treasurer	Mark Welch
Membership Officer	Peter Boothroyd
Public Relations	Vacant
Marep/Environment	Tom Dunmore
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Communications	Walter Plater
Dry Rot Editor	Mike Kott
Entertainment Officer	Vacant
Regalia Officer	P/R/C Marney Warby
By-Laws and Protocol	P/R/C Ron Warby
Port Captain	Pending
Web Site	P/C Rick Crook
Officer At Large	P/D/C Percy Brown
Past Commander	P/C Vicky Grimshaw

COMING EVENTS

HPS ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

ALISTER MACKENZIE

April 10, 2016 | 0930

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
555 Bay Street North, Hamilton

TOPIC:

The 1857 Desjardins Canal Train Disaster

Tickets can be reserved by contacting:

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MOVING?

Please direct address changes to: Membership Officer Peter Boothroyd. Please include your old address and new address plus postal code and email address.

Please consider receiving your Dry Rot and announcements via email. We are trying to convert everyone to this method of receiving your Squadron's Newsletter. Please advise our Training Officer of your email address.

Email pboothroyd@cogeco.ca

