

DRY ROT

Greetings from the Commander

Ahhh Spring!

Hamilton Squadron's first social event of 2011; the 6th of our Annual Pizza and Wing Nights was held in February at the Macassa Bay Yacht Club. The guest speaker was Captain Wallace Gouk; a marine surveyor with a nautical family tree that comprises several generations. His parents and grandparents were in marine related industry (fishing and chandlery) in Scotland. Captain Gouk who has been our guest three previous times again did not disappoint. His presentation was a mix of humour, experience and knowledge that all enjoyed. Following his presentation he answered questions on part of his talk which was about extended cruising to the Caribbean and the Bahamas. His suggestions would be pertinent to those of us who just cruise or sail the Great Lakes. For those who missed his talk he has a web site www.pcmarinesurveys.com

It was a busy weekend; the **Pizza and Wing** on Friday night was followed by the **Hamilton Boat Show** at Careport on Longwood road which ran from Friday to family day on Monday.

The boat show was an overall success according to reports from various vendors but I wonder about some of the inclusions and exclusions; there was a booth selling condos and another promoting burial services!

There was a tank with a high speed winch that yanked surfboarders off a platform, through the water for a short distance to a ramp for a short flight of little altitude then splash down. I still don't know what they were promoting and the wait for the performance seemed overly long for a very anticlimactic finish. Maybe it was the winch; it would sure get your boat onto the trailer *tout suite*!

The boats shown were mainly runabouts of various sizes and models. There were a few kayaks but not one sailboat. I am puzzled that there were no large boats at the show and also at the total absence of sail boats, especially with the cost of fuel being what it is –and what it could potentially become – in the very near future.

The boat show hours were the subject of complaints; they in the

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Great Social Evenings Coming up:

HPS Graduation & 62nd AGM

Friday April 29th 2011
Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Hot dinner buffet at 6:30,

Graduation at 8:00 pm,

AGM at 9:00 pm

Tickets **\$22** prior to April 22nd
and **\$25** at the door

RSVP by April 22nd, 2011

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron Bridge Meetings

1900 to approx 2100

*All members are
invited to attend*

Apr 11/11

May 09/11

*All meetings are at
Macassa Bay Yacht Club*

FROM THE COMMANDER

main regarding the closing time of 1900 which saw very few attendees after 1700. The Toronto boat show stays open to 2200 which allows people time to get to it after there evening repast.

We hope that this will be addressed by the organizers.

Hamilton Squadron held it's **annual breakfast** at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club in March attended by just under fifty who enjoyed a beautiful array of fruits, pastries, sausage, eggs, pancakes and mocha, tea and coffee. We extend kudos to the Royal for a really good breakfast.

The guest speaker at the breakfast was Gil Bibby, our treasurer, Danielle Bibby's father. Gil is a boat builder, a marine surveyor, and a historian and his talk was about the two ships sunk in Lake Ontario 6 miles north of St. Catharines during the war of 1812. His presentation peppered with anecdotes of the 1812 war and the forensic account of why and how the two ships sank on the same night and in the close proximity of each other held our keen attention. He alluded to the dire condition of the two vessels which is rapidly deteriorating due to the weight of the shells of the mussels. Also there are some items missing and damaged by illegal dives to the wrecks, which are now monitored by sonar to safeguard them.

Any vessel that lingers for twenty minutes at the site will be investigated by the police or Coast guard.

Hamilton Squadron is again offering a seminar to train our members to do recreational vessel cour-

tesy checks (RVCC). The seminar will be at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club on April 17, 2011 at 1300.

Please contact Vicky at

905-628-0645, if you are interested in the training.

Finally there have been changes announced by Transport Canada (TC) about the **PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operators Card)** as of Apr 15, 2011 – The TC's standards are changing for the accreditation of providers reduced from 95 to 20 approx.

The TC test will change to include 257 knowledge requirements, also online testing format will change with up to 3 hrs of study and then writing the 50 question exam. If you ask me this is a little too late. Why couldn't Transport Canada got their act together back in 1999 when they implemented the need for the card. Your current card is still valid and will be accepted by all law enforcements. Don't forget this summer when out boating that the enforcements officers will be asking for a piece of photo ID along with your PC card.

Well it won't be long and the covers will be coming off our boats. The paint and polish will be going on those sleepy vessels that survived another winter.

Let's hope that we have a wonderful spring with lots of sunshine!

*Cheers,
Vicky*



HAMILTON POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Friday April 29th, 2011

**HPS Graduation
& 62nd AGM**

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

Hot dinner buffet at 6:30
Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 pm
and AGM @ 9:00 pm
Tickets **\$22** prior to April 22nd
and **\$25** at the door
RSVP by April 22nd, 2011

To reserve tickets call:

Vicky Grimshaw at
(905) 628-0645
or the **Hotline** at
(905) 388.1227.

Report of Nominating Committee

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron

- 1) The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2011/2012.

Commander (Cdr)	Vicky Grimshaw	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
Executive Officer	(Vacant)		
Training Officer	Glen Carruthers	Hamilton, ON	905-387-8127
Asst. Training Officer	Barry Courtman	Hamilton, ON	905-387-9220
Secretary	Mike Kott	Hamilton, ON	905-529-8339
Treasurer	Danielle Bibby	Hamilton, ON	905-807-2628
Membership Officer	Peter Boothroyd	Hamilton, ON	905-527-4087
Public Relations Officer	Walter Plater	Hamilton, ON	905-388-7339
MAREP/Enviro Officer	(Vacant)		
Supply Officer	Sinead Walsh	Hamilton, ON	905-304-1092

- 2) The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers, who, if elected, will have the duties indicated next to their names assigned to them by the Squadron Executive Committee pursuant to Squadron Regulation 6.2.1. (d):

Communications Officer	Walter Plater	Hamilton, ON	905-388-7339
Editor Dry Rot	Mike Kott	Hamilton, ON	905-529-8339
Entertainment Officer	(Vacant)		
Regalia Officer	P/R/C Marney Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
By-Laws & Protocol	P/R/C Ron Warby	Hamilton, ON	905-389-5719
Port Captain	P/C Murray Thompson	Burlington, ON	905-681-8641
Officer At Large	P/D/C Percy Brown	Hamilton, ON	905-544-5070

- 3) The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members as Internal Review Audit Committee of the Squadron:

Internal Audit Review Committee	Pat Faux	Ancaster, ON	905-304-7757
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- 4) The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

- a) The following Member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as Immediate Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

Past Commander	Cal Traver	Copetown, ON	905-628-0645
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- b) Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following Members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2011/2012 by virtue of their appointment and do not require election or appointment:

P/C Rick Crook

P/C Cal Traver

Cdr Vicky Grimshaw

Respectfully submitted,

CPS Membership expires Apr 30/11

To stay up to date with Hamilton & CPS make sure you renew.
Please note: members prior to 2009 that did not receive a statement in the mail or by e-mail need to reinstate their membership.

You can pay it safely on-line, or you can contact CPS HQ – 1-888-277-2628-ext 23 –

Ginette can process your payment by Visa or M/C she will ask for your membership number, so have it handy.
Or mail your cheque to: Canadian Power & Sail Squadron, 26 Golden Gate Court, Scarborough, ON M1P 3A5

What to talk about first? The not so good stuff, or the good stuff?

I will start with the not so good stuff. The terrible earthquake and subsequent tsunami and damaged nuclear power plants in Japan are weighing heavily on our minds as this is being written. It makes us even more thankful that we here in Ontario are blessed with a relatively stable land on which to live, with space and water all around us to enjoy a rich life. It is hard to imagine how grim it must be to live in a country where space is at such a premium, only to be forced to retreat because the land is being destroyed by natural and manmade causes. We honestly do not realize how fortunate we are to live in such a bountiful part of the world, where we have everything we need to live safe comfortable lives, as well as being blessed with world renowned waterways to enjoy and rejuvenate our souls.

Perhaps we have it too darned good here in Canada. We are totally spoiled. Many precious organizations and institutions that we have taken for granted and hold dear are being allowed to wallow and wither because of gross apathy. We have it far too good and are poisoned by glut. Churches, clubs, service clubs, even our Hamilton Squadron are facing certain death due to this sickness. It seems unfortunate that wars and disaster are the only way to motivate the human spirit to move beyond basic existence to operate at a higher level. We on the Bridge of your Squadron have pleaded, advertised and cajoled in a vain attempt get people from our membership to come on board to help run this worthwhile organization. The Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron is presently facing some very rough waters with sobering questions and difficult decisions to be made about trying to keep afloat. The truly surprising thing is, there is so much to be gained personally by an individual who is willing to offer their talents. It is a golden opportunity to improve one's self, develop new skills and meet interesting people within a respectful and welcome environment. You the reader only need to look at the list of unfilled positions on the Bridge to get the picture. Nuff said.

Ah, the signs of spring, the clarion call of the cardinal calling his mate, my neighbor's snowdrops gracing his front lawn and the moaning mourning doves. The ice almost gone from Hamilton Bay. We'll soon be back out on the water, that is after getting our boats all

cleaned up and checked over!

The February 18th Annual Pizza and Wing Night was a hit, followed by a pleasant talk and pictures by Captain Wallace Gouk. Rather than bore all the ladies with stuff regarding yacht surveys, Captain Gouk warmed us all with a well documented interlude on cruising the Intracoastal Waterway to Florida and the Bahamas. This was just the ticket to combat the winter blues and that very windy cold evening. We have to thank our Commander Vicky Grimshaw for all her extraordinary behind the scenes work in making this another enjoyable social evening!

The Hamilton Power Squadron in association with Niagara District Power Squadron had an information booth at the Central Ontario Boat Show at the Careport Expo Centre. Several of our Bridge members manned the booth, joining the other District people. It was a great way to raise awareness of the courses that we offer. Had a good time yacking with our compatriots from Niagara, Brantford and Port Dover. I was frankly surprised at the number of displays and the interest shown by the public.

I would like to thank Lesely Gardiner for her fine pictures that have brightened the last few issues of *Dry Rot*. A while back, Les and her husband Jeff joined my son and I aboard TL, where we had a great time cruising around north east Georgian Bay including Killarney.

It is too late to invite you to the Annual Squadron Breakfast at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. A talk and picture presentation was given by Gill Bibby on the past summer's dives on the Scourge. A report will follow in the next edition of *Dry Rot*.

Members and Graduates should come out to the 62nd Graduation Dinner and AGM, to be held at Macassa bay Yacht Club, Friday April 29th. There will be a hot buffet served at 1830. Tickets \$22. prior to April 22 (RSVP) and \$25 at the door. Come for a pleasant get together, share a meal and support our new Graduates.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Mike Kott.



To: The Members of Niagara District

Report of the Niagara District Nominating Committee

March 7, 2011

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as District Officers forming the Executive Committee for the year 2011/2012

Commander	Bill Allan	Kitchener, ON	519-576-0749
Executive Officer	Garry VanZandt	Fort Erie, ON	905-871-3628
Training Officer	Lembit Tamm	Brantford, ON	519-752-7067
Administrative Officer	Thor Olsen	Port Dover, ON	519-583-3983
Secretary	Al Saynor	Cambridge, ON	519-623-7604
Treasurer	Sharon Reeve	Norwich, ON	519-863-6523
Public Relations	Les Armstrong	Burlington, ON	905-637-2270
MAREP Officer	David Bull	St. Catharines ON	905-646-7900
Membership	Ernie Whalley	Guelph, ON	519-822-9193

The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the Members as District Officers, who will have the duties indicated next to their name assigned to them by the District Executive Committee pursuant to District Regulation 10.2 (b)

Electronic Communications	Donna Lankin	Brantford, ON	519-759-4475
Youth Officer	Diane Allan	Kitchener, ON	519-576-0749
Port Captain	Harvey Zaturski	Welland, ON	905-735-1516
Environment	Harvey Zaturski	Welland, ON	905-735-1516
Instructional Technique	vacant		
Officer Training	Garry VanZandt	Fort Erie, ON	905-871-3628
Bylaws and Protocol	Brian Elder	Simcoe, ON	519-426-0478
Historian	vacant		

Flag Officer	Percy Brown	Hamilton, ON	905-544-5070
Asst. PRO	Jim Brown	Campbellville, ON	519-854-0693
Asst. DTO	Diane Allan	Kitchener, ON	519-576-0749
Asst. DTO	Mike White	Oakville, ON	905-845-8882
Asst. DTO	Steven Cheu	Fort Erie, ON	905-871-6130
District 6 Liaison	Jeff Eggleton	Fort Erie, ON	905-871-4111

The Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the Members to the Internal Audit Review Committee.

Internal Audit Review Committee	Pat Faux	Ancaster, ON	905-304-7757
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The District Nominating Committee also advises that:
a) the following Member will serve on the District Executive Committee and the District Council by virtue of his position as Immediate Past District Commander and does not require election or appointment:

Past District Commander	Jim Brown	Campbellville, ON	905-854-0693
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b) Pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for the year 2011/2012 by virtue of their positions, and do not require election or appointment

P/D/C (Chair)	Jim Brown	Campbellville, ON	905-854-0693
P/D/C	Darryl Lankin	Brantford, ON	519-759-4475
D/C	Bill Allan	Kitchener, ON	519-576-0749

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Jim Brown

P/D/C Darryl Lankin

D/C Bill Allan

P/D/C Jim Brown

P/D/C Darryl Lankin

D/C Bill Allan

To: The Members of Niagara District,
Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Niagara District, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, will be held at the Brantford Polish Hall, 154 Pearl St. Brantford, Ontario, at 1515 hours on Saturday April 16, 2011, in accordance with Section 11.1, Article XI of the Niagara District Regulations, for the purposes of:

- a) receiving, and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers and Committees of this District
- b) receiving, and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month-period ending March 31, 2011, and the Report of the District Auditor thereon;
- c) electing the Officers of the District;
- d) appointing the District Internal Audit Review Committee
- e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of this Notice. Under District Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 Members of this District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election

The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this Meeting.

Dated this 8th day of March 2011 at Cambridge, Ontario

Schedule	Walking Tour of DT Brantford	0900
	Registration	1030
	Speaker on Nexus	1100
	Cash Bar	1145
	Lunch	1200 – 1245
	Guest from Scuttle Butt Lodge	1245
	John & Yvonne Newbury speak about building their 30' boat	1315
	Call to Order	1415

Al Saynor
DISTRICT SECRETARY

To: The Members of Hamilton
Power & Sail Squadrons

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE: that the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron will be held at Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Ft., Hamilton, ON Friday, April 29, 2011 at 2100 for the purposes of:

- a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron
- b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ended March 31, 2011, and the report of the Squadron Audit Review Committee;
- c) considering and, if thought fit, adopting any resolutions that may be submitted
- d) electing the Officers of the Squadron
- e) appointing the Internal Audit Review Committee
- f) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition in writing signed by not less than five (5) members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two (2) days prior to the date of this meeting

Dated this 27th day of March, 2011,
Hamilton, ON

Mike Kott (signature on file)
SQUADRON SECRETARY

PRODUCT REVIEW

REVISITED

In the last issue of Dry Rot, We did a review of the Raymarine A-50 chart plotter. Due to space constraints there was a one year delay in publishing that review. In the intervening time, Raymarine was acquired by FLYR Systems who make night vision infrared cameras for the military. The new company intends to integrate the infrared camera technology into the well established Raymarine line for safer night time navigation. The Raymarine products are still sold and fully supported.

While on duty at the Squadron booth at the Central Ontario Boat Show, I noticed the the display of chart plotters at “The Store” booth from Port Credit. There along with some other manufacturers was the Raymarine A-50-D, which is the same one I reviewed, but now includes a graphical depth sounder feature. The price of this unit was half of what I paid 2 years ago! See what time and competition does!

I am continually astounded by the speed at which the electronic industry progresses with its new developments and innovations. We all have heard about iPads, Twitter and Facebook. These “must have” devices and methods were unheard of just a couple of years go. I recently enjoyed a nostalgic look back with a DVD called “Moon Machines”. Because this was the mid 60’s (which many readers may remem-

ber well), there were no computers used to do the original design work on the Saturn rockets, the Apollo command module and its navigation system, the moon lander, or the Moon Rover. The slide rule was one of the main tools used to make the many engineering calculations. It was the absolute necessity for making the many urgent calculations during the actual moon landing that prompted the construction of a digital computer as we now know it. There was no way that a human could absorb and process all the varied inputs and react as the moon lander made its final approach to the moon’s surface. The computations of velocity of decent, vehicle attitude, engines’ thrust, fuel consumption, fuel remaining, plus many other variables were required all in the same time frame to make a safe landing. The memory on the Apollo 11 moon lander’s computer was a measley 56k! To make this minimal memory work, the computer was set up to prioritize the procedures. This lack of memory set off alarms just seconds before touch down. Only one MIT engineer knew at the time why they were receiving alarms. He said to go for touch down, as the alarm codes simply showed too many inputs!

Now we routinely talk in terrabites!!

Mike Kott



Rumour has it...

Canada's Department of Transport has decided to issue their own Boating exam and reduce the examining agencies from over 100 to about 12. If this is the case then I urge you to contact your member of parliament and complain.

Right now the ability to get a boating license on line is a joke. You can register your bedroom slipper as an Examination Supervisor, give someone who has seen a buoy or two \$45, your name and address to write the exam for you and bingo you're a licensed boater for the rest of your life, with the ability to take out a boat the size of your house and ply the waterways – in any weather conditions without knowing how to get where you are going – or how to get back.

The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron was organized because recreational boaters were looking for a way to feel safer on the water. We wanted more education to give us an edge against adverse conditions. If the government is planning on offering a watered down version of the existing exam and no other education is required, I can see our waterways becoming more dangerous to navigate everywhere. Please get as many people as you can to sign up for a CPS boating course

That being said, let's start getting our boats ready to splash. It's spring already.

Have a great summer.

*Pete Boothroyd AP
Membership Officer*

Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron 2010/2011 Bridge

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Past Commander	P/C Cal Traver	cici@nas.net	905-628-0645
Executive Officer	Vacant		
Training Officer	Glen Carruthers	gcarruthers@mountaincable.net	905-387-8127
Asst. Training	Barry Courtman	barrycourtman@sympatico.ca	905-387-9220
Secretary	Mike Kott	mike.kott@hwc.org	905-529-8339
Treasurer	Danielle Bibby	danielle@centreisland.ca	905-807-2628
Membership	Peter Boothroyd	pboothroyd@cogeco.ca	905-527-4087
Public Relations	Walter Plater	walter_plater@hotmail.com	905-388-7339
Assistant PRO	Vacant		
MAREP/Enviro	Vacant		
Supply	Sinead Walsh	sinead.byrne@cogeco.ca	905-304-1092
Communications	Walter Plater	walter_plater@hotmail.com	905-388-7339
Entertainment	Vacant		
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By-Laws & Protocol	P/R/C Ron Warby	warby@sourcecable.net	905-389-5719
Editor Dry Rot	Mike Kott	mike.kott@hwc.org	905-529-8339
Boat Proficiency	Vacant		
Historian	Vacant		
Port Captain Hamilton	P/C Murray Thompson	mrthompson@cogeco.ca	905-681-8641
Webmaster	P/C Rick Crook	rickcrook@sympatico.ca	905-627-8954
Officer at Large	P/D/C Percy Brown		905-544-5070

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