

DRY ROT

Malcolm Bunting 1928 – 2005

P/Cdr Malcolm Bunting passed away Nov. 24, 2005

Malcolm's service which was held at the Cattel, Eaton, and Chambers Funeral Home in Dundas, was well attended; a testament to the love and respect that his family and many friends had for him.

Malcolm retired from his position as an inspector for the City of Hamilton in 1988 where he worked for thirty years. He was the Commander of the Hamilton squadron in the years 1993-1994 and he became a life member in 2000. Malcolm remained active in the squadron; wanting to take more courses and was a proctor for the 2004-2005 Boating class.

Malcolm leaves Margaret his wife of fifty-two years, sister Betty, their children Neil, Karen, and Bob, and their grandchildren, Brian, Brendan, Jesse, and Caitlin.

We will miss him.

From the Commander

An abbreviated report on the 2005 Annual General Meeting held in Winnipeg, Manitoba Oct. 2005:



Nationally CPS membership numbers decreased in 2004-2005 which is puzzling considering enforcement of regulations and the number of recreational boaters have both increased.

Many suggestions were offered toward promoting CPS to boaters, and the Niagara District squadrons including us will implement some of those ideas to raise awareness of our programs.

The most successful results according to officers from coast to coast came from word of mouth.

A presentation was made on the digital library, which is available to CPS members only, via Members' Moorings.

The site will grow as needed to achieve the original purpose of

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sharing members' presentations. Contributions of presentations, photos, etc are welcomed from instructors and all CPS members. However, because of copyright and privacy issues they have some strict guidelines.

The site is password protected so for log in information please contact Rik Hall DL Co-Chair hall@unb.ca or Michael Dunn Multimedia Chair mdunn@nbnet

New course material as well as students CD is available for the VHF maritime radio seminars.

For the GPS course a new manual is now available and a CD will be available soon. We saw a demonstration of the GPS simulator and it looked great!

There is a CD chart navigator with over 400 charts and it includes actual photographs of some of the charted areas. It too looked fantastic!

This and That

CPS revenues are down and there is a deficit of \$19,000.00 due to payments to Canadian Sport Fishing. The contract with Canadian Sport Fishing ended at the end of October 2005.

A property in Innisfil, which was owned by CPS, was sold at a loss of \$67,000.00

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary signed a memorandum of agreement to facilitate a co-operative atmosphere, which will serve to further our common purposes. The signing officer who was from Hawaii stated that the favourite vacation destination of Hawaiians is Canada.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary made a presentation regarding the Office of Boating Safety and also addressed forthcoming changes to the PCO licensing program. New standards for providers and examiners will be put in place and enforced.

Non-boating organizations will gradually be eliminated from the list of those sanctioned to issue the PCO cards.

A new piloting course has been developed and it has been submitted for approval.

The new C/C-Serge St. Martin presented our own P/D/C Percy Brown with his lifetime membership certificate.

The new officers of the national bridge were sworn into office.



Summation in Brief:

We appear to have some great new instructional tools. Transport Canada is becoming increasingly aware of the inadequacy of boating licensing.

Our new Chief Commander has promised that headquarters will be more accountable to the districts, the squadrons, and to CPS members.

Officers that I talked with during and after the AGM seemed to have an optimistic outlook for the next few years under the new national leadership. I share their optimism and look forward to seeing the results of the apparent enthusiasm that the new regime seems to have for CPS.

Other Matters:

Our treasurer 1st Lt M. Finkbeiner has resigned his position and 1st Lt Bonnie Hazell has agreed to become the treasurer, and will be aided for a while by Frank Lauinger who was our treasurer a few years back.

Lt/ C Mike Gray who was our training officer has stepped away from the squadron to attend to personal matters, so we have an empty chair to fill.

The training office is arguably the most important one in the squadron.

The training officer is responsible for arranging instructional venues, obtaining instructors and proctors for courses and for communicating with the district training officer.

The duties are currently being shared between Lt/C Vicky Grimshaw and me, however this cannot go on for much longer as Vicky is extremely busy with all the other functions she performs for the squadron and soon both of us are going to move on.

We have a very important position to be filled. The job is not overwhelming and the rewards are immeasurable. There are also perks—you get to attend seven or eight meetings throughout the year, which take place at the Macassa Bay Yacht Club from 1900 to 2130 plus or minus a few clock ticks. An August barbeque with spouses welcomed at the commander's home kicks off the instructional year. This is truly an enjoyable event. The meeting part is brief and the fun part is long.

You get to present the grads with their diplomas and take part in the celebration of their achievements which are due in part to your efforts.

You will enjoy the camaraderie of some really good people who are dedicated to making recreational boating as safe as possible for all of us.

And what is wrong with that?

Unfortunately there is no pay. You do however get to feel that you have done something positive, all the while having a great time doing it!

Go to the phone. I am waiting for your call.

Cdr Cal

Here's a Thought Phone Committee Needed

I would like to ask members if anyone would be interested in taking part in a possible new committee to improve communication and social activity within our Squadron. It would involve calling approx. 20-25 members about 4-5 times a year on upcoming events or courses. This would be a nice way to help out and maybe meet with a few friends on occasion. We would need about 20 interested members to make it work. Please call George at 905-592-1107, if interested.

Thanks.

From the chart table of Flo Laminar

Re:
The quiz in the last
issue of Dry Rot.

The question was "when is it dangerous to cross our "Ts" and who was famous for doing it?"

Answer: It is a bold and dangerous maneuver in a naval battle of ships of the line, which expose one ship's flank to the broadsides of an opponent.

The person famous for executing this during the battle of Trafalgar was of course Admiral Nelson. The prize as of this writing has not been claimed.

To all my friends and boaters everywhere the best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Heaving to. Flo

Registration Report from the Public Relations Officer

Good news! We changed the format on having our registration for courses and it ended up being quite successful. Thank you to those who responded to my request for volunteers in the last issue of Dry Rot. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our police liaison Officer Rob Garland, we made arrangements to use of the Canada Marine Discovery Centre, at the foot of Hughson St. on Pier 8 for the registration.

The dates were held Oct 29/30/05 and again on Nov 27/05. What a beautiful location for boating minded people to meet! A total of 85 students registered for various courses. The next set of courses will be at the Westdale High School on Jan 09, 2006.

Please look in this issue on page 9 to see the dates when courses are being offered. As members, please remember to talk to other people that you know who might need to be licensed to operate a boat. By 2009, everyone will need to be licensed, besides the courses are a great way to pass the win-

ter months.

Question to HPS members: Our squadron now has new colorful brochures with a stand. Do you know of any places where these could be set up?

We have been taking them to License Bureaus, some marine stores, etc.

But I am sure there are lots of businesses that would put them on display for us. If you can think of a

location, please contact me and I will either get the brochures to you, or take them to the place of contact.

My mission is to get people to know about CPS, the great courses that are offered, and to get boaters talking with other boaters.

Vicky Grimshaw PRO – 905-628-0645 or e-mail cici@nas.net



SEABREEZE

Many years ago my dear sister from Victoria B.C sent me that magnificent poem called "Footsteps". It refers to times in life when we are low and when the good Lord carries us through these times. I would like to thank the people who pulled together to complete the previous copy of Dry Rot. Vicky, thank you for carrying me!

Fall is in full swing and Christmas is looming on the horizon. Most of our boats have been tucked away for the winter. I remind boat owners that the boating season really never ends. There are always maintenance items on both sail and powerboats that need attention and planning. It is always pleasant on a sunny wintry day to go down to the boats with a thermos of coffee and check things out, like cradle pads lines and tarps. It's pleasant to just sit in the car near "your baby" and do some thinking about some unexplored anchorage, or ponder a task that needs to be performed. It is even nicer to climb up in side the boat and simply reflect. Even if you own just a small skiff or a canoe, there is always some little thing that needs attention, plus there is the therapeutic effect of being near our boats. What about taking a CPS course to improve

you talents on the water? There are only a few among us who have obtained their "full ticket", that is completing all the courses that Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons have to offer. What about serving as a teacher or a proctor and sharing your knowledge with others? As you may see from this, the boating season is really never over.

December 1/05: I do not like to leave on a sad note, but I have to comment on the recent passing of **Past Commander Malcolm Bunting**. We have known Malcolm and his dear wife Margaret for many years. Malcolm and Margaret were regulars at most Squadron functions and I particularly remember their faithful attendance at the Dry Rot assemblies and serving coffee at our classes. Dear Malcolm we will miss you. Our hearts go out to Margaret and the family.

May you all have a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mike Kott.

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muffins, tarts, & squares. A good variety of coffees & the teas
are served in a good-size teapot.*

Please go see them and tell them that Cal & Vicky sent you.



HISTORY OF THE HAMILTON POWER SQUADRON

*With personal comments by the Squadron Historian,
Ralph I. Probert N*

This story has a strong nautical theme (as indeed it should), but it takes us far from Hamilton, and indeed Ontario. It occurred quite a few years ago when our National body, Canadian Power Squadron (CPS), decided to hold a National Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

This conference included a special attraction in that, after the ceremonies in Halifax ended, a trip by sea from Halifax to New York City in an ocean liner was added. The response was immediate and the trip was fully booked.

It seems that some people decided to take the cruise to New York at the last minute with the result that a larger crowd than was expected, turned up for the cruise. Above, I called the boat an ocean liner but it was no Queen Elizabeth in size. It also had a large number of passengers from England who would also be staying on board until New York.

Almost all the CPS people were in couples of course, and all their overnight necessities were packed in a single suitcase. When the captain announced that couples would have to split up into single cabins consternation reigned. This would mean that suitcases would all have to be unpacked in one cabin, items sorted out for each person and carried (in what?) to another cabin. Perhaps on another deck! At this announcement, the old "you know what" broke loose, so the Captain, realizing he had a possible mutiny on board gave in - and tragedy was averted. I have no idea as to how he resolved the problem.

The Captain however, possibly because I had mentioned to him that a number of our group had taken, or were taking, a course in Celestial Navigation, invited a small group of those taking the JN or N classes to join him on the Bridge to see how our classroom courses were used in real life situa-

tions. It was of course obvious that the Bridge Officers were all competent but I was amazed when the Navigator showed me the ship's sextant. It was made of brass and had obviously been around for a very long time and during that time all the markings on it had long ago disappeared. The Navigator however, seemed to have no trouble using it so that was all that mattered. In any case, the rest of the trip was uneventful and enjoyable, as we watched dolphins playing around the ship.

I hope that I will be forgiven if I mention here a personal memory that this brings up for me of a far different departure I made from Halifax. The year was 1942 and I was by myself in a hotel room near the docks in Halifax. (History buffs will recall that in 1942 Canada was at war with Nazi Germany). From my window I could see a massive ship docked opposite my window and on which I was to be a passenger. At first, I had trouble reading the name of the ship which was painted on its bow, until I realized that the name had been covered over with black paint. Then I realized that this huge mass of a ship was the mighty "Queen Elizabeth" and I, at the time a young Canadian Army Officer, was on my way to join the Canadian Army overseas.

At the time England was badly in need of men and women in the Armed Forces plus material from Canada and the U.S.A., all of which were being sent in convoys of slow-moving cargo ships. A great many of these convoys were easy prey for the large packs of German U-Boats (submarines) which were lying in wait in the Atlantic Ocean, to sink them with torpedoes. It was felt that the "QE" would have a better chance of surviving these attacks due to its great speed and maneuverability.

Needless to say, the great ship made this, and many other runs, across the Atlantic, zig-zagging at full speed all the way and thus providing a very vital lifeline for a desperate England.

BOAT PRO

Well the time is getting closer to the day that everyone will need their Pleasure Craft Operator's Card to operate a boat. In the year 2009 all boat operators will need it. If you have a personal watercraft, you need one now. Members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron automatically receive the card. A few years back we only had to ask for it. So if you're still without one, contact the Membership Officer or the Hotline to get yours.

What are we doing as a local Squadron about the boaters looking to get an Operators Card? We offer a one-day seminar using a power point presentation right from the CPS Boat Pro Manual. Also a few training aids are used for demonstration. In my opinion, we are responsible for the education of ALL boaters. I feel it is necessary to offer this course. We offer it in a one-day format, sadly, because most people that are looking for a place to get the card are unwilling to go

at the cottage once in a while. But if this guy gets his card from us and learns more about the

Squadron and that it is a "not for profit" organization that he will be supporting by taking it from us, maybe he will encourage others to do the same. We

By George Williamson AP
Boat Pro Coordinator



to two or three nights of classes. Often they will go to another organization. The students that we do instruct get a thorough presentation throughout our seminar on what CPS is about and also why they need more boating education. Some will go on to take the Boating course (offered in January) for more knowledge but we all know some will not take a longer course. For example the guy that goes fishing

all know "word of mouth" is a very successful means of advertising.

So, what can you do as members to help us out? Tell a friend. Be proud of our organization.

Remember it actually was the first Canadian Coast Guard accredited boating course. Direct them to the web site www.hamiltonpowersquadron.ca or our Hotline at 905-388-1227 and have them leave their name and number. We invite you to sit in on part of a seminar if you are interested. Also if you have something you would like to donate to the Squadron to use as a training aid it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have an organization that would be interested in hosting a one-day course call, contact us also to

arrange it. You can be a part of helping us in many ways. Any ideas give me a call at home

905-592-1107.



BOAT INSURANCE – DOES YOUR POLICY MEASURE UP?

Boat insurance can be very confusing. With various policies available through insurance companies, boat owners need to take the time to understand the policy they are purchasing. Saving a few dollars on your insurance policy could be costly in the event of a claim.

A Boat Insurance policy can provide physical damage coverage on an Actual Cash Value (ACV) or an Agreed Value Basis. Both types of insurance policies offer important coverages but there are significant differences.

Actual Cash Value policies pay for Replacement Cost less depreciation at the time of the loss. In the event of a total loss, used boat pricing guides and other resources are used to determine the approximate market value of your vessel. A partial loss is settled by taking the total cost of the repair less a percentage of depreciation.

Agreed Value policies mean you and your insurance company have agreed on the value of your boat and in the event of a total loss you will be paid that amount. With respect to partial losses, there is typically no deduction for depreciation. Most Agreed Value policies will apply depreciation on certain items such as sails, protective covers, dinghies, trailers and outboard motors.

Example of Actual Cash Value vs. Agreed Value on \$10,000 damage to a 5 year old outdrive:

Actual Cash Value		Agreed Value	
Damage	\$10,000	Damage	\$10,000
Less Depreciation	\$-4,000	Less Depreciation	\$0
Less Deductible	\$-500	Less Deductible	\$-500
Payment	\$5,500	Payment	\$9,500

Although this is only one aspect of a boat insurance policy, you can see how the difference between the two types of policies can be very costly. It is important that you understand exactly what you are purchasing and that you are dealing with an insurance representative who understands boating insurance.

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Notes from the Entertainment Officer

The Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance was held at Marquis Gardens, Hamilton on November 25, 2005. Approximately 45 members and guests

were in attendance to enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing and sharing good times with new and old friends. The door prizes were plentiful and well received by those whose number got picked and even by those who won a prize for just getting their hand up the fastest! Our aim is to

always provide an opportunity for even the unlucky to get lucky!

Anne Roberts

was the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw winning \$70.00 and she generously donated \$30.00 back to make an even \$100.00 donation to the Hamilton Mission to Seafarers on behalf of the Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron. The Anglican Parish of St Luke in Hamilton was instrumental in beginning an ecumenical ministry in the harbour. This ministry, known as the Mission to Seafarers, works to meet the practical and spiritual needs of seafarers of all races and creeds around the world. They offer friendship, comfort in

times of distress, spiritual support, counselling to those with problems, help in cases of injustice, and welcome - all at our seafarers' centre (located on the Dockside Road behind the Lakeport Brewery). People from this parish and churches throughout the commu-

nity offer their services as volunteers. For more information contact the Mission to Seafarers, Hamilton Branch at 528-8681. The port of Hamilton mainly serves the steel industry. During the Shipping season the Port of Hamilton is visited by an average of 140 ocean vessels, not to mention the great number of Lakers. The port is spread out over a very vast area, which means that at one time this past season we had as many as 8 salties in at one time.

We have a few events in the works for 2006, so mark your calendars now and watch for further details.

January Cider Night for Boating Students - The Bridge will be hosting a "Cider Night" at one of the Boating Classes in late January to provide an opportunity for students to meet Commander Cal and Bridge members and to get a better understanding of what the Squadron is all about.

February Pub Night at Macassa Bay Yacht Club – Friday, February 24, 2006 (tentative date) – Come out to share a learning experience and to enjoy time with fellow members.

March Breakfast – Sunday, March 26, 2006 (Tentative Date) - Due to changes in Leander's catering policy, we are in the process of making new arrangements for our annual breakfast.

Watch for your next newsletter for more information on these opportunities for socializing with fellow members and boaters. If you have an email address and would like to receive reminders and notices about upcoming events, please send an email to me - madden@mountaincable.net. We will be sure to keep you posted, so that you do not miss out on any events.

Happy 2006 To All

Donna Madden, Entertainment Officer

Report from the Executive Officer:

I was honoured to represent the Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron at the 57th AGM in Winnipeg Oct 20-24/05. It was amazing to see so many individuals from various squadrons across our nation and the USA. Volunteers all interested in promoting safe boating. A good relationship is being developed between CPS and the United States to work together on course material and education awareness. The next couple of years should show some positive changes in our material and education.

I attended as many meetings as I could, including the AGM, Training meeting, Public Relations meeting, and the National training meeting.

Some of the highlights that I think our squadron will benefit from are:

- Newer course material on VHF and GPS (including CD's)
- A new course called Distress Signalling
- A new chartlet for Piloting, AP, & CN, which will be included in these courses starting Sept/06.
- CPS HQ working with Transport Canada, and changes to the exam for the PCO card
- Working with Transport Canada on the Boating Safety Specialist Program to be launched early spring (Ontario only).
- Video clip about boating accident to become available early spring for training & promotion.

Cowan Insurance Brokers also spoke at the AGM, I found this talk to be very informative, addressing many of the problems with the fine print on marine policies. You will see in this issue an article sent by them, and from time to time they will be sending us articles for the newsletter. If you have any questions that you would like answered regarding insurance for boats, just call me or e-mail and I will see if they have someone that can answer it.

I really enjoyed this AGM; I have now attended three of them. I look forward to going to next year's.

Other items on my Report

Some may not be aware, but this year I am wearing a few different hats, (so to speak) for the squadron. I would like to take at moment of your reading time to tell of some of the items coming up.

From the Training Dept Hat.

We are starting our courses Jan. 09, 2006 7–9 pm, Westdale High School. On the first Monday night, Boating (12 evenings) in the cafeteria, Piloting (16 evenings) in Room 122 and Boat Pro (3 evenings) in Room 124. We do need proctors, so please come out or contact us and tell us what nights you could help out.

VHF with DSC (Digital Selective Calling) will start Jan 30/06 7-9 pm (3 evenings). You can still sign up for this one.

We will also be running more of Boat Pro, VHF with DSC & GPS and in early spring the Distress Signalling. For the dates or more information call **905-628-0645**. Some of these courses will be Monday evenings and some on the weekend at the Canada Marine Discovery Centre.

Another note about the training: The Squadron last year purchased a laptop and LCD projector with some funds earned from our courses. We are currently looking to purchase another unit, so the teachers will have modern equipment to enhance their presentations. If you like teaching, and using newer equipment come on out and help!!!

Reminder: The bridge is looking for a volunteer for this position TO (Training officer) and ATO (Assistant Training officer) in the new bridge year, May/06. These are fun positions and you get to meet lots of great people.

From Public Relations Hat:

CPS HQ has introduced some new brochures, which look great and are available for distribution.

If any one has suggestions on how to build awareness of our squadron and the courses offered to the public, I would love to hear from you.

I am working on a few items that include Safe Boating Awareness Week and Hamilton Port Days. I am always receptive to hear new ideas.

From the Executive Officer Hat:

On Nov 25/05 at the Marquis Garden, we had our Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance. Thanks go to Donna Madden, our entertainment officer for a great time and lovely evening.

We missed you! Next year, we *promise* to get the date posted earlier, so you can come and enjoy the fun.

I look forward to the upcoming events that Donna has planned and hope to see some new faces out there.



*Wishing everyone a Safe
and Happy Holiday Season.*

Vicky Grimshaw

Executive Officer
Public Relations Officer
& filling in for Training Officer
(‘til you come out and volunteer)
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HAMILTON POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

2005/2006 BRIDGE

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