



DRY ROT

WINTER 2015

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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
Commander
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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.

Happy New Year to all.

There was not much activity over the Holiday Season. I sincerely hope you have enjoyed the season! For the first part of the New Year I have decided to focus on communications.

Our signage and time spent at **William's Fresh Café** have yielded some positive results – we plan to continue this in the early spring. In this venue, we have the opportunity to chat one on one with people and introduce our Web Site to passing traffic.

I met with **Rob Spiering** this week to layout a strategy for a Hamilton **Facebook** page. Rob will be working on this in the next few weeks. We hope we can count on input from you, our membership, to help Rob bring engaging content and relevant information about our programs and orga-

nization to Facebook.

We will also continue to advertise on our **Web Page about upcoming courses**. We know that some attendees prefer to register on line and we hope to increase our enrollment. We will also be running **Boating Essentials** again in the spring as a result of input from boaters who wish to attend before the boating season gets underway.

We will be in Florida by this weekend, but remind members that I am always available via e-mail.

Respectfully submitted

Murray Thompson
Commander



HPS - 8TH ANNUAL Tickets: **\$15.00**



PIZZA & WING NIGHT

Friday, February 6th 2015

Macassa Bay Yacht Club • 80 Harbour Drive
5:30 p.m. Social Hour • 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Introducing the newest Horizon hand held VHF, **GARY YOUNG**

 CASH BAR
  PRIZES
  RAFFLE

HPS ANNUAL Tickets: **\$15.00**



SPRING BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club • 555 Bay Street North
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
LILLIAN KLUKA

Buffet style breakfast including:
coffee, tea, juices, assorted pastries
& sliced fruit; eggs, bacon, sausage,
home-fries & toast; pancakes & syrup



RSVP BY
APRIL 5, 2015

HPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tickets: **\$25.00**



GRADUATION & 66th AGM

Friday, April 24, 2015

Macassa Bay Yacht Club • 80 Harbour Drive
5:30 p.m. Social Hour • 6:30 p.m. Hot Dinner Buffet
8:00 p.m. Graduation Ceremony
9:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting

HPS Graduation & 66th Annual General Meeting



RSVP BY
APRIL 17, 2015

Tickets can be reserved by contacting:

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Boating Safety Courses **REGISTER ONLINE!**

www.cps-ecp.ca/Hamilton



Courses include:

- VHF DSC Radio License
- PCOC, (Operator's Card)
- Boating Essentials
- Navigating with GPS



All courses by the

**Hamilton Power
and Sail Squadron**

As authorized by The Canada Coast Guard



SEABREEZE

After listening to some interested students, we have decided to run courses in the New Year so that people will be ready for the upcoming boating season.

Courses will be held at Westdale Secondary School and Macassa Bay Yacht Club. See our Training Officer, Roger Pimm's column for details on upcoming courses.

February is the worst temperature month of the year and thankfully, it is also the shortest.

Looking for a fun evening to warm-up February?

We have just the thing! February 6, 2015 at Macassa Bay Yacht Club is Pizza and Wing night. It gets underway at 5:30 pm with a cash bar and social hour. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm all for the bargain price of \$15, don't forget bring a favourite partner!

For **Pizza and Wing night** we have **speaker Gary Young** introducing us to new electronics available to assist boaters in navigation –right out of the box!

We have made some changes to the way we communicate – both for members and our boating courses.

We had open registrations at **William's Fresh Café** on Discovery Dr and met interested people who talked to us and also signed up for courses based on our exposure at this sight.

We have recruited a new **Facebook Manager, Rob Spiering**, we will be highlighting upcoming

events, introducing present and new members of the Club and the Bridge. Rob will be looking to standardize format and protocols that support Headquarters and will enable this tool to make our Squadron more accessible to all. It is amazing how the speed of new technologies are grasped - and more incredible how efficiently and effectively they support our information systems.

Several members are Snowbirds heading to warmer climates for the winter. **New communications technologies make our absence hardly noticeable.**

Roger Pimm's article "*Ham Radio Helping Sailors*" was most enjoyable and informative. Roger clearly outlined the amazing technologies that are available to World Wide Web sailors today. Moving on substantially from the days gone by of listening daily for Herb's weather forecasts as many of us have done in years past.

As a small world point, Doug Last the Ham Radio Operator who Roger talked about in his last article, helped start eat company where I once worked in the early sixties.

For those of you who may think of getting involved with HPS, we have many exciting opportunities available.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact any of our Bridge Members.

Amateur / Ham 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 license does cover the marine bands on the Single Side Band (SSB) radio, but the Ham license opens up frequencies that give added coverage and distance. 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 course provided there are sufficient candidates for us to put together a class. We are currently considering a class starting this September 2014, and another course starting January 2015. 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.

Contact me or the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club directly via the following links if you are interested:

**Rogerpimm70@gmail.com or
exec@Hamiltonarc.ca**

Cheers, Roger Pimm

ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICER
– Hamilton Power Squadron
President – Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

COMING EVENTS

HPS ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

LILLIAN KLUKA

Sunday April 12, 2015 | 0900 to 1100

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

- Farm girl turned Ship's Captain
- First Female Captain on the Great Lakes
- First Female Marine Pilot in Canada
- Supply trips to the Arctic
- Many Great Lakes ports of call including Hamilton
- Retired after twenty five years
- Received Masters in English and Bachelor of Education
- Now teaches with the Huron Perth Catholic School Board

Tickets only \$15.00
and can be reserved by contacting:

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Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron 2014 BRIDGE

Commander	P/C Murray Thompson
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Port Captain	Pending
Web Site	P/C Rick Crook
Officer At Large	P/D/C Percy Brown
Past Commander	P/C Vicky Grimshaw

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

