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Dates for Your Calendar

June 3 Etobicoke P&S Squadron
Annual General Meeting
Virtual Meeting
7:00 pm A link will be sent out
just before meeting.

What are your plans for the summer? Are you planning a cruise? Send me your story. Don't worry about making it pretty or grammar, I can fix that. Our members want to hear about your adventures!

This is your newsletter, so send me your boating adventure stories, ideas, thoughts, pictures and items for sale.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Buying a New (to you) Boat?

Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety has made changes to how pleasure crafts are licensed. The new Pleasure Craft Electronic Licensing System allows owners to apply for a license online.
<https://www.pcl-pep.snb.services.ca/1001/pubweb/default.aspx?lang=en-CA>



Commander's Deck



Launch was delayed and haul-out was advanced but we did get a boating season in 2020. All RVCC inspections were cancelled. Due to Covid, face to face meetings and classes were not permitted. The Squadron 2020 AGM was held on line using York West District's licensed copy of Go-ToMeeting. Thanks to all those who participated. In December, the Squadron purchased a license for Zoom. This platform is being used for both Squadron Bridge meetings and on-line classes.

I attended the virtual National AGM. A proposed dues increase was rejected. The future implications of this are not yet clear. This year's National AGM will also be held on-line.

No social events were held in 2020. We will have to wait and see what we are allowed to do later in 2021. Fogh marine has not yet scheduled a date for collection of expired flares. If they do proceed, the Squadron will not be involved this year.

The Squadron has been participating in on-line instruction. Details will be found in the Education Department Report. We are hoping to greatly improve the Squadron's on-line presence in the coming year.

2021 launch has also been delayed but it looks like we may be able to use out boats soon. The possibility of offering RVCC inspections this year is being investigated.

The Nominating Committee's search to find new Bridge members was a spectacular success. There are lots of new names in the Committee's report.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ronald McCutcheon
Commander
Etobicoke Power & Sail Squadron

SEE YOU AT THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Membership Deck

April 30, 2021 has come and gone! What is so special about April 30, 2021? That is when most memberships in the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron organization are due to be renewed.

Over the past couple of years, membership in Canadian Power Squadron in general and in Etobicoke Squadron in particular have experienced a decrease – a few years ago Etobicoke P&S Squadron numbers were in excess of 200 members– as at March 31st records indicate 146 members consisting of Regular Life, Regular, Lady Associate & Associate Members.

While we are an aging membership, we have had several new and younger members taking courses and joining.

CPS has recognized the increase in the number of lapsed memberships and have hired an individual to contact all members whose membership has lapsed over the past couple of years. This project is vital to regaining lost members and to ensure the health of CPS as well as Etobicoke Squadron going forward.

While we are hopeful our membership numbers will increase, we also understand that many of our long standing members are aging and are no longer involved in boating.

To further compound the impact on membership numbers, last year CPS went live with a new website and data base system that has had an impact on education, finance, marketing, administration and membership. Add to the confusion was, and continues, is COVID – 19. Rest assured there is a dedicated team of folks who are working on fine tuning the new software. Add to the challenges - staff working remotely.

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To say the launch of a new system is challenging is an understatement and anyone who has been involved in a major system change & and conversion can attest – significant challenges are the norm.

Given outdated information on the system, one of the major changes is, WHILE NO FEE IS PAYABLE, ALL REGULAR LIFE, LADY ASSOCIATE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MUST RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR (in addition to regular members who pay an annual fee) thus ensuring up to date information is on file.

At the moment we are dealing with several issues with Headquarters and until they are resolved any member of our squadron having a problem renewing should contact Headquarters BY EMAIL AT membershiprenewal@cps-ecp.ca or BY CALLING– 1-888-277-2628 ext. 2176.

Payment of membership dues can only be handled through Headquarters either by credit card when renewing on line or by cheque if mailing membership renewal information.

If any member has any questions, comments or concerns you can email me at - donnagscott@rogers.com - if I can help great - if not I can direct you.

Respectfully submitted,
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