

## MINUTES: March 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Niagara District Council was held at the centre for Inland Waters, Burlington on March 17, 2010

**Chairperson:** District Commander Jim Brown

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Time 2002

### 2. ROLL CALL

BRANT	present	HAMILTON	present
BURLINGTON	present	KITCHENER-WATERLOO	present
CAMBRIDGE	absent	PORT COLBORNE	present
FORT ERIE	absent	PORT DALHOUSIE	present
GUELPH	present	PORT DOVER	present

### 3. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS

**District Commander**

**D/C Jim Brown**

Commander's Report  
March 17, 2010

Since our last District Meeting, I have had the pleasure of attending a local Squadron Bridge Meeting in Port Dover.

Thanks to Cdr. Bob Crane for the invitation to sit in on the meeting and hear their plans for several upcoming events.

I have also attended the Planning Committee Meeting and National Training Meeting March 5 & 6 in Mississauga.

During the Training Meeting I had the opportunity to meet and hear the District Training Officers and Course Directors from across Canada discuss our current courses, the changes being implemented and the future direction our CPS Courses will be taking over the next year.

Anytime you get the opportunity to sit with a group of knowledgeable individuals you can pick up ideas that can be applied to your own area and hopefully join in on the successes.

District Training Officer Bruce Holden will be reporting more on the meeting.

I was asked to present an update on the "MAP2 Project" and also, Marketing's "Evolution of Change" for Paul Clissold who was unable to attend the meeting.

MAP2 is definitely being embraced by the Squadrons across Canada, and the overall Membership continues to rise, despite those people who were simply in it for the PCOC.

We need to keep the focus on Membership Renewals in Niagara, and District Membership Officer Thor Olsen will be available to assist the Squadron M.O. with any questions they may have.

During my term as D.C., I have had several conversations with Squadrons regarding their difficulty in finding new people to join their Bridge.

This has been an ongoing issue for several years and affects Squadrons right across the country.

I personally feel we need to take a more concentrated look within, and determine why this is happening.

We continue to attract new students, and maintain our local Membership numbers, but struggle when it comes to attracting new Bridge Officers!

People are busier today than ever before and we compete for their valuable time. This is a problem that affects every Squadron at some point and I believe we are missing a key element, and need to pin point what it is.

My thanks go out to Diane Allan for making arrangements to tour the Weather Network building in Oakville last Wednesday.

Hearing the process of forecasting the weather and seeing how this information is assimilated and brought to us, the viewer, was most interesting.

The management at the Weather Network is very receptive to conducting tours and with a call to their marketing department any Squadron could arrange for an interesting event.

We are fast approaching the end of another season of CPS.

Our courses are nearing a close, and both the District and Squadrons are preparing for AGM's and Graduations.

Please keep in mind to have your 2010-11 Nomination Reports out to your Membership 30 days in advance of your AGM.

Once again, I solicit any questions or comments you would like to have brought forward at the upcoming Governing Board Meeting and ask that you email to me no later than March 19<sup>th</sup>.

The District's AGM will be held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, so this will be my last monthly report as D.C. before our Change of Watch.

Notice of the meeting, and the 2010-11 Nomination report have been sent out and we've now received confirmation that our guest representative from National will be Admin. Officer, Catherine McLeod.

In preparation, I would ask all District Officers and Squadron Commanders to have their reports ready for posting on the District web site no later than April 10, 2010.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and invite you to extend a personal invitation to any other Bridge Officers to join us in Fort Erie for our event.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Brown  
Niagara District Commander

**District Executive Officer**                      **Bill Allan SN**

Executive Officer's Report to the  
CPS Niagara District Council  
March 17, 2010

Since my last report, I have worked closely with D/C Jim Brown getting up to speed on items that may carry over past his term as District Commander.

I also want to thank and congratulate everyone on the efforts you made this past year, which helped make Niagara District Council meetings so successful. I believe that all of our Squadrons have benefited in some way from the support our District has been able to offer to them.

Keep up the great work!

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Allan  
Niagara District Executive Officer

**District Administrative Officer**              **Garry Van Zandt AP**  
No Report

**District Training Officer**                      **Bruce Holden SN**

**Draft**  
**Notes on Spring Training Meeting**  
**DTO's Report, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Courses, Seminars, National Training Dept Meeting**

National Training Meeting was held March 5, 6, 7th. (There are Mtgs of DTO's, Course Directors, & Joint Members, and Guest presentations). The full report will be submitted to Squadron & District Officers on Mar 17<sup>th</sup>; however, a preview of some important items follows:

**Transport Canada** updates of current direction on PCOC by Mal Blann, C/C:

**Accreditation:**

Follows a simplified Quality Management system, renewable in 5 yr (not ISO)  
Must contain an educational component, ie Course & Test Syllabus  
Teaching points increased to 253 from 149  
Instructor training will be required in the future  
Test questions to be banked as done by Industry Can's other Radio Lic's  
Must be in Official Languages  
Must have data base agreement (CPS to obtain permission from Trans Can)  
PR have 30 day to hand over a signed agreement to terms.  
(Some providers have dropped out at this point)

**On Line Course & Testing:**

Trans Can recognizes pitfalls (need for training, ID of applicant, cheating)  
Trans Can suggesting Study Guide of five, timed modules  
Require 75% on each module to move on to next module  
Requires three non-consecutive hrs to complete over one year  
(CPS suggests: four hrs for module, one hr for test)

**Test Protocol:**

When Trans Can Officers attend Squadron's testing they will look for:  
Test Protocol on hand & in sight, visible on table  
(It has been experienced)  
(It explains extra questions for NASBLA)  
(It is signed by Trans Can)  
Watch for or ask for Squadron's checklist that indicates ID examined  
(to be done at registration, if documented, or at beginning of test)  
Clear explanation of instructions for answering questions must be given  
Not more than 20 registrants per CPS test supervisor/administrator  
Send paper work to HQ, for the audit trail

### **The Audit:**

After the cordial visit to the Squadron by Trans Can Officers  
(And it will be cordial, showing their photo ID, Office of  
Boating Safety)

Trans Can sends a reports HQ with findings.

John Gulick will ask for a response from the Squadron  
Squadrons must respond in writing (E-mail)

Trans Can will audit with or without notice

They check ads & websites to know the timing of courses &  
tests

(Turn off website if you can't keep it up to date)

The number of providers has been decreased from 85 to 62

### **Course Updates**

#### **Boat Pro**

(John Gulick)

NASBLA Approval: CPS is only in Canada approved course

(Boaterexam.com is only approved on the US  
taught courses)

(Some States recognize any PCOC Cards)

Former Red Cross providers must qualify as do CPS RP's (no grand-  
fathering)

Three Proofs of Competency remain:

PCOC Card, (Commercial Cert's don't prove competency; need  
PCOC)

Boating Course Cert issued prior to April 89,

Rental Cert expiring when charter ends

#### **Boating Course**

(Proposal, David Burt), (Update, Keith Roberts), (Request from floor)

Proposal: Replace 60 D St with GPS seminar

Move plotting to Seamanship

Shorten 12 weeks to 9 weeks

Continue with paper charts, not chart plotters

Rationale: Dropouts occur when plotting begins

Time constraint, not money, limit participation

Inclusive of the modern boater

Update: Draft prepared that rearranges test questions:  
Part I, Accredited PCOC  
Part II, Boating material

(Part I, 50 questions: 36 & 14 requiring 27/36 & 38/50)

(Part II, 50 questions: 38/50) Including more electronic course material

Amendments recently issued to STO's by email (track definition, etc)

Proposal from floor:

Require two separate exams: Accredited test for PCOC, 50 questions

Last Half of Boating, 50 questions

Anticipate

Part I: supply full Student Notes & Course Instruction (\$125)

Part II: supply plotter, tools, charts, col'n regs, instruction (\$125)

Rationale: To enable Squadrons to offer two part Boating Course with tests in two separate sittings

To emulate 6-8 wk College Courses (Word, Excel, etc)

The proposal, the update, and request were discussed in the DTO, & C/D Mtgs on Saturday.

The Boating C/D announced on Sunday that the proposed curriculum change will not proceed.

The C/D clarified on Sunday that the Boating Course may proceed as requested in two parts.

**Instructor Standards, Instructor Development:** (Carolyn Reid)

CPS's current and proactive focus is Gov't Courses (PCOC, ROC {M})

Very positive position by CPS for our existing Instructors

Focus on seamanship knowledge, experience & qualifications (not pedagogy)

Current instructors grand-fathered for 4 yrs

Re-certification: Has theme of 'What can you bring to help us'

No exams, afternoon discussion of what went well/poorly

School Teachers & College Prof's good for life

Need for Equivalency Table for other learning

(CR referenced BAH's email on Sport Coach,  
Management Leadership)

Anticipate having a log of instructors on WBAS

Survey answers were used to know current status of instructor training

**Requires feedback from STO's on proposed Instructor Standards by  
June 2010**

(See separate email)

**Youth Committee** (Carol Murry)

PCOC for Youth is designed for 8 – 12 yr olds

To be issued to STO's in 2 wks, one copy funded by  
Foundation

Instructors Guide

Student Workbook (one time use booklet costing \$15)

Instructors Resource CD

Also, requires Approved Boating Handbook

When costing, remember PCOC admin, \$20; Snacks, \$5;  
venue \$?

When testing, follow Test Protocol

Proof of ID from parents, Protocol visible

Explanations allowed, e.g. bitter end

Greeting Card Contest: theme is "Wear Lifejackets"

2011 Calendar Contest: Limited to two submissions from each District

District needs Sept 2010 cut-off for National's Oct 1 cut-off

**Seamanship** (Clifford Miller)

Instructor's Guide CD is now available (\$5); Student CD to be  
available in Sept 2010

Guide: Homework Q&A's, Buoy ID test, Animated Knots,  
Geographic Range e.g.'s, Tides, Cruise

**Advanced Piloting** (Tony Gardiner)

Updating the material & technology for consistency with Boating,  
Seamanship, JN & N

To be done in two phases:

First, Canadianizing of the USPS course

Second, jointly create a North American course

NA course to be based on the current USPS AP & US Weekend  
Navigator

**Offshore Navigation** (John Hinksman)

Currently offering CN, JN & N  
Will offer JN & N only when all French translation complete  
(Approx'ly 1 yrs)  
No change in JN & N content  
Likely change to ISO 8601 for dates and times for Sight Log,  
Reductions, Deck Log  
Difficulty noted in supply of manuals and exams

**Electronic Navigation (Morton Biback)**

Will continue with GPS & Chartplotting as separate courses  
Draft of combined course has been completed  
However, three courses in the development process are taking  
priority  
Loran shuts down Oct 2010

**Sailing (Rik Hall)**

Wants STO's to send answer sheets for Sail (with or without student  
names) to him  
Wants to confirm effectiveness or improve course and exam  
65 Harley, Fredrickton, NB, E3G 0J7  
hall @ UNB.ca 506 457 6011

**Extended Cruising (Steve Reading)**

Expected to be no sooner than 2010-2011 ready

**Boat & Engine Maintenance (Norm Raine)**

Expected to be 2010-2011 ready

**Marine Electrical Maintenance (Alan Richardson)**

Expected to be later than 2010-2011 ready

**Weather (Terry Gillespie)**

DEE's are now able to provide feedback to students & STO's on  
exam results  
Global Weather has a supplementary southern hemisphere cruise

**Distance Education (Dave Bieman)**

Letter of intent has been signed with Pro Training for on-line course  
offering

Sheridan does not satisfy needs: French/English, quick & easy

content change

Expect process to apply to PCOC, ROC(M), & eventually Weather Find CPS Website; register; complete modules; take exam; results to CPS/Stud't

Squadrons to feedback what they need to get from on-line PCOC; ie, value proposition

### **Dates to Remember**

National Volunteer Week

[www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca) April 18 – 24, 2010

CSBC's Safe Boating Awareness Week

[www.csbc.ca](http://www.csbc.ca) May 22 – 28, 2010

CPS's Safe Boating Awareness Week

[www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) May 28-June 4, 2010

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National Conference & AGM, Nanaimo

[www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) Oct 21- 24,

2010 [www.cps-ecp.ca/?WCE=A=Body|C=11|RefreshS=Container|RefreshT=224475|K=224475](http://www.cps-ecp.ca/?WCE=A=Body|C=11|RefreshS=Container|RefreshT=224475|K=224475)

### **Draft for Consideration,**

**Bruce Holden SN**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A Holden, SN

**District Secretary**

No Report

**Lem Tamm**

**District Public Relations Officer**

No Report

**Les Armstrong**

**District Membership Officer**

No Report.

**Thor Olsen**

**District MAREP Officer**

**Diane Allan P**  
Mar 17, 2010

Tour of the Weather Channel network on Bristol Circle in Oakville took place on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Found to be very interesting and Weather Channel is open for further tours.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Allan

**Past District Commander**

**P/D/C/ Darryl Lankin**

**Electronic Communications  
Web Master**

**Ernie Whalley**

**Niagara District  
Electronic Communications Officers Report  
for 17 Mar. 2010**

With apologies, I'm unable to attend this evenings meeting.  
I'm enjoying the sunny but unusually cool Florida weather.  
I did manage to enjoy a day out on Winter Toy, a Hurricane.  
Despite my holiday, all reports received have been posted on the web, including the  
AGM notice and the nomcom report.  
I will see you all at the AGM.

Respectfully,  
Ernie Whalley SN

**District Youth Education Officer**  
No Report

**Brian Elder AP**

**District Ports Captain**  
No Report

**Cal Traver**

**Environmental Officer**

**TBA**

**Instructional Techniques**

**Ken Budd AP**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Budd, I.D. Officer

**District 6 Liaison**

**P/D/C Jeff Eggleton AP**

**District 6 Spring Conference 2010**

19 – 21 March 2010 — Holiday Inn Ithaca Downtown  
*Hosted by Ithaca Sail & Power Squadron*

**Boat Operator Certification  
Comes To District 6**

USPS' Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program, under the direction of District 6's past DEO, R/C Jack Fletcher, SN, is operating across the country and District 6 needs to gear up to meet our members' needs so they can enjoy the benefits of the program.

Currently the **Inland Navigator certification** level is operating and we need certifiers and advanced certifiers. So what are they?

First, let's discuss the **Inland Navigator**. This certificate covers the conditions that many of us sail(not to disparage motor boaters, but for sake of simplicity, we all sail) in: rivers, canals, lakes within 2 nm of shore, winds less than 16 kt, waves <3ft, on a boat around 26 ft +/- . In general, fair weather sailors in waters we know well. This is not to say that we don't

occasionally deviate from these circumstances; that's a large part of the fun of boating: 'cruising' to foreign – not our home – waters.

**The Inland Navigator level certifies that you as a recreational boater possess all the skills necessary to safely operate a non-commercial vessel in these conditions.** It shows validation to people who don't know you that you're not someone who simply can make the payments. You've invested the time and money to become a competent safe skipper. You may have taken many USPS courses, but the general public doesn't know what an S or AP or any other grade means. **The BOC certification is becoming a recognized ticket that attests to your skill.**

D/6 Rendezvous - 21-25 July 2010

“Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes”

A Jimmy Buffett styled party at Bonnie Castle Resort, Alexandria Bay

Visit District 6 on the web at: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d6> to view the latest news their newsletter is called **Deep 6** and is significantly more up to date than the website itself

**District Bylaws and Protocol**

No report

**Brian Elder AP**

**District Historian**

No report

**P/D/C Darryl Lankin**

**District Flag Officer**

**P/D/C Percy Brown SN**

**Two sets of Squadron pennants and flags are available on request for use by District Squadrons**

**Assistant DTO West**

No Report

**Steven Cheu**

**Assistant DTO Mid**

No Report

**Mike West**

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Moved by:** Bob Crane

**Seconded by:** Thor Olsen

**That the Officer's Reports be accepted as presented.**

**No Discussion**

**Carried**

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT and ACCEPTANCE**

**As of March 01, 2010**

**General Account**

**627.40**

<b>Conference Account</b>	<b>689.29</b>
<b>Training Account</b>	<b>601.35</b>
<b>Special Savings Account</b>	<b>9,619.46</b>
<b>Nat. Hospitality Account</b>	<b>87.07</b>

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<b>CIBC Bank Account</b>	<b>\$ 11,624.57</b>
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<b>Head Quarters</b>	<b>123.50</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>\$ 11,748.07</b>

Respectfully Submitted  
 Sharon Reeve  
 District Treasurer

**Moved by:** Sharon Reeve                      **Seconded by:** Diane Allan

**That the Treasurer’s report be accepted as read**

**Discussion:** none

Carried

**6. PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS**

Bills Submitted – Jim Brown, Lem Tamm, Ken Budd

**Moved by:** Sharon Reeve                      **Seconded by:** Al Saynor

**To accept payment of District Bills as read**

**Discussion:** none

Carried

**7. REPORTS OF SQUADRON COMMANDERS**

**BRANT :**    **Linda Knapp**

The Boating Course is now in the second half. There are five students in the course all of who passed the first exam. Rob Rook instructed the first half of the course along with Terry Miller and Don Elliott. Lem Tamm will instruct the second half. We plan to have a Boat Pro course in April and also a VHF course immediately following the Boating Course.

On March 6th we held our annual Winter Rendezvous. This year it was held at the Best Western in Brantford. Following dinner Dave and Sue Williams gave a presentation on their cruise across the Atlantic. It was enjoyed by all.

Our next event is our AGM and chili contest May 18th at the Pinegrove Community Centre. June 21st is our annual Commanders BBQ, and graduation, which will also be held at the Pinegrove Community Centre.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Knapp  
Commander Brant Squadron

**BURLINGTON**  
No Report

**Larry Kretz**

**CAMBRIDGE:**  
No Report

**Al Saynor**

**FORT ERIE**  
**FORT ERIE POWER & SAIL SQUADRON REPORT**  
**Monday, May 17, 2010**

**Steven Cheu**

Fort Erie Squadron is halfway through the Boating Course and the Seamanship Course is almost completed. We have three students enrolled in the Boating Course and five students in the Seamanship Course.

The Niagara Outdoor Show is being held at the Optimist Hall in Niagara Falls on April 3 and 4 with Fort Erie Power & Sail Squadron operating a booth. We will be promoting our squadron and our courses, as well as offering challenges to the BoatPro exam for those who want to obtain their Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

Fort Erie has agreed to host the Niagara District AGM, with D/A/O Garry Van Zandt in charge of organizing it. Saturday, April 17, 2010 has been confirmed. The AGM is taking place at Bridgewater Country Club, 700 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie, with lunch beginning at 12:00 at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Please let me know if you will be attending by Thursday, April 8, as Bridgewater needs to know how much food to prepare. The Graduation and AGM has been confirmed. The Graduation is taking place on Saturday, May 1 at Betty's Restaurant, 8921 Sodom Road, Niagara Falls at 1100. Cost for brunch is \$20.00 per person. Our AGM is taking place on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at Bertie Boating Club, 1010 Point Abino Road South, Ridgeway at 1900. Pizza and chicken wings will be provided.

Fort Erie's next Bridge meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7 at 1900 at May Wah Restaurant.

Steven Cheu, P  
Commander  
Fort Erie Power & Sail Squadron

**GUELPH**  
No report

**Nick Wenzler**

**HAMILTON:**

**Vicky Grimshaw**

Hello everyone,

I have been in touch with Stewart Robinson and he will do the RVCC training for our Niagara District Squadron - to make it easy for all to get to, we will hold it at either Macassa Bay Yacht Club or the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club - we will probably hold in the early afternoon at 1:00 pm which gives all time to get here - and the training is only 2.5 hrs. -- So please RSVP me and I will put you on the list. If you have any further questions please contact myself 905-628-0645 or Stewart Robinson 905-849-7840

Check with your members and see if they would be interested in doing these checks in their local marina or yacht clubs.

RSVP March 19, 2010

MARCH 28,2010 AT 1300 (1:00 pm ) location to be finalized - either MBYC or RHYC

Thanks so much Vicky

Cdr Vicky Grimshaw  
Hamilton Power & Sail Squadron  
Tel No. 905-628-0645  
Fax No. 905-628-3412  
e-mail [cici@nas.net](mailto:cici@nas.net)

If you are interested in doing Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC), please read on.

Transport Canada has asked the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS) organization to raise awareness of boating safety issues and increase the number of pleasure craft operators following safe boating practices. CPS volunteers completed about 1,000 Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks in 2009 and CPS is looking forward to surpassing that number for 2010. 600 courtesy checks were completed in Ontario alone.

In a nutshell, here is what a CPS Boating Safety Specialist does; referencing the appropriate section in the "Safe Boating Guide" (determined by the vessel length) the volunteer goes through the list of minimum safety equipment required to be on board as set by Transport Canada and using a Transport Canada form, checks off the safety equipment on board and if everything is there the CPS Boating Safety Specialist issues the boat owner a 2010 RVCC decal.

Since boating laws have changed and fines are heavy we are assisting the boating community to keep them legal and providing them knowledge to boat safely. This knowledge will save the boater from getting a possible fine from the OPP and will enhance their pleasure boating experience.

The training session is a short 2.5 hour **FREE** seminar; open to all CPS members within your Squadron and interested in providing this service to the boating public.

**KITCHENER- WATERLOO:**        **Ken Amy**  
No report

**PORT COLBORNE:**                **Harvey Zaturski**

Our boating class is going well and the students are very interactive in class. They will be writing the exam at the end of April.

Our AGM and graduation class will be held on May 7th, 2010 at The Country Store Kettle and Grill, Main St. Port Colborne.

One of our members will be attending the RVCC training on March 28th in Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted  
Cdr. Harvey Zaturski

**PORT DALHOUSIE: David Bull**

Port Dalhousie AGM will be on April 14.

Respectfully submitted  
David Bull, Commander

**PORT DOVER: Robert Crane**

**PORT DOVER SQUADRON  
REPORT FOR NIAGARA DISTRICT MEETING**

March 17, 2010

1. Outlined below are our training courses being offered, followed by the number of students registered.

a. VHF - 20 students completed course in February

i. Will be offered again on April 14

b. Radar Course – 6 completed course in February

2. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we had our display booth at the Leisure Show in Simcoe. The pull-up displays we had made, showed well, and received a number of positive comments. Also received - enquiries and names for future training courses. Will probably attend this event next year.

3. We will be having a display booth at two local Open House/Boat Shows:

a. Bridge Yachts Boat Show, March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at their store in Port Dover

b. Proctor Marine, April 10<sup>th</sup> at their store in Simcoe

4. Friday, April 16, 2010 will be our Graduation Dinner and AGM at the Royal Canadian Legion, 212 Market St E, Port Dover.

Respectfully submitted:

Respectfully submitted:  
Bob Crane, Commander  
Port Dover Squadron

**Moved by:** Bob Crane                      **Seconded by:** Steven Cheu

**That the Squadron Commander's Reports be accepted as presented.**

**Discussion:** None

**Carried**

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Are there any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS?**

None Noted

**Moved by:** Thor Olsen

**Seconded by:** Kim Pullman

**That the Feb 17, 2010 Minutes be accepted as presented.**

**Discussion:** None  
**Carried**

## **9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **AGM 2010**

**Fort Erie has agreed to host the 2010 AGM on April 17, 2010**

**Saturday April 17, 2010 at 1200 Hours**

**Niagara District AGM**

**Bridgewater Country Club, 700 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie, ON.**

Lunch will be served and the cost is \$25.00 per person, to be followed by the AGM.

**I will need a head count by Thursday, April 8 to inform Bridgewater.** Details about a tour of a local plant are still to be confirmed and/or finalized

For those who received District Trophies last year at the AGM, please remember to return them to Garry VanZandt.

### **SAFE BOATING WEEK(S)**

CSBC's Safe Boating Awareness Week      [www.csbc.ca](http://www.csbc.ca)  
May 22 – 28, 2010

CPS's Safe Boating Awareness Week      [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca)  
May 28-June 4, 2010

[www.cps-ecp.ca/PUBLIC.asp?WCE=C=47|K=224660|RefreshT=224475|RefreshS=Container|RefreshD=2244752](http://www.cps-ecp.ca/PUBLIC.asp?WCE=C=47|K=224660|RefreshT=224475|RefreshS=Container|RefreshD=2244752)

Issue of discrepancy will be brought forward to Governing Board.

### **VHF RADIO OPERATION**

From Last Month:

Reported - Peel OPP, apparently has indicated, that they may charge individuals for VHF operation without a ROC Maritime certificate.

Commander Brown reports: **Transport Canada insists you CANNOT be ticketed!**

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **DIRECTIONAL CARD PROMOTION**

Commander Brown's proposal approximately \$250 per 1000 (approx 0.25 each )  
Commanders are requested to get a decision from each Squadron. Burlington will reorder shortly regardless of other Squadrons - Max cost \$0.32 each

**Garry would like decision from each Squadron**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **SQUADRON BURGEE EXCHANGE**

Bob Crane suggested a Burgee Exchange among Squadrons so that each Squadron might acquire their own set of district-wide Burgees - Port Dover wishes to swap burgees.

Among possible suppliers are Original Flag Store and Flags Unlimited

Note: Flag Officer Percy Brown has two sets of burgees available for use on request

### **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Please submit your thoughts to Jim for the Governing Board meetings by March 19.

### **INVASIVE SPECIES CCIW ISSUES**

Contact Alain Briere at HQ

### **HAMILTON SQUADRON BREAKFAST**

Sunday March 21, (9:00 -11:00)

RHYC \$12:00 at the door

### **GOOGLE DOC SURVEY**

Burlington Squadron had a successful survey of members via Google Docs

Got a great VHF result

In an effort to promote Seamanship as the next course for Boating graduates - giving consideration to a discount for registering – a \$99 flyer promotion

### **PCOC DEMAND**

Although the Sept 15, 2009 deadline has passed demand for PCOC should be reasonably high over the Spring/Summer period.

### **PCOC EXAM IRREGULARITIES**

As noted in Bruce Holdens's report, Transport Canada has noted deficiencies in PCOC test protocol adherence across the country during audits.

Please read and follow Test Protocols appropriately.

### **MEMBERSHIP - MEMBER COMPLAINT LETTER**

Jim shared his thoughts on a letter received by a CPS Squadron from a very dissatisfied member on why he was not renewing his membership.

It is extremely important for Squadrons to make their members welcome and give them a reason for remaining members.

### **COURSE AVAILABILITY-COMMUNICATION**

It was noted that some effort should be made via calendar and other means to communicate the availability of courses within the District so that potential students can be made aware of possibilities of taking a course in a neighbouring Squadron when their own Squadron cannot accommodate them.

Entries by all Squadrons on the District Website calendar may be of help.

### **SQUADRON EVENTS – DISTRICT PRESENCE**

Please submit all dates for upcoming Squadron AGM and Graduation events.

### **SQUADRON NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Due to members at least 14 days prior to the event – do not leave it too late.

Note to members – once the Nomination Committee report has been issued, other nominations can still be received by the Secretary prior to the AGM – supplementing or even challenging for a position

### **RECOGNIZED EXAMINER (VHF)**

Some discussion over some providers not appearing to purchase materials from the Squadron

Recognition of Providers should be up to the local Squadron.

### **WEBSITE - NATIONAL**

Upgrades are being made to change the look of the website for public consumers as well as for the member sections

### **COST OF COURSE MATERIALS**

Noted that many Squadrons do not approve of having cost of materials posted on the Public Website – creates a problem with students challenging local Squadron course pricing.

### **JUNE DISTRICT SOCIAL**

Bill will announce details at the May 19 District meeting.

### **BRIDGE AND SQUADRON COMMANDERS' REPORTS**

Please send reports to Ernie Whalley for posting on the web-site three days prior to our meeting and to the Secretary when available.

### **EVENING WORKSHOP -TRAINING DEPT.**

The evening's workshop presented by Bruce Holden.

### **12. NEXT DISTRICT MEETING**

**Saturday April 17, 2010 at 1200 Hours**  
**Niagara District AGM**  
**Bridgewater Country Club, 700 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie, ON.**

Lunch will be served and the cost is \$25.00 per person, to be followed by the AGM. I will need a head count by Thursday, April 8 to inform Bridgewater. Details about a tour of a local plant are still to be confirmed and/or finalized.  
Dress will be CPs casual.

**NOTE: Wednesday April 21, meeting has been cancelled!**

### **13. TERMINATION**

**Moved by:** Bob Crane                      **Seconded by:** Percy Brown  
**That the meeting be terminated**

**Carried – Terminated:** 2205 hrs