



BRANT POWER & SAIL SQUADRON



Brant Power & Sail Squadron's report to the Niagara District AGM
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It has been a pleasure to work with the officers and Squadrons of Niagara District. I believe that collectively we have made some good advances. I urge continued co-operation for the future.

I came to the roll of Squadron Commander with the idea that if we made taking "The Boating Course" easier, then more people would take it. My idea was that if we split the course into two sections of six to eight weeks each, it would be easier for students. I asked for and was promised a two part examination which could be offered in two separate sittings by the National Training Department. We printed up attractive flyers to hand out describing our new Boating I and Boating II courses as well as other CPS offerings and distributed them all around the area. We even received a donation to provide a free 'Navigation with GPS' course to all who passed 'Boating I' to attract even more students. In the end, there seems to be no evidence (certainly not in the numbers of students) that it was easier for either the students or the training department and now the National Training Department has changed its mind. They are indicating that the exams must be done in one sitting. Brant Squadron will have to look carefully at all of this before proceeding with classes in the next training year.

I attended all but two District Council meetings. One of the missed meetings was because I was at the St. John's College Academic Awards night to present the Brant Power & Sail Squadron bursary for achieving the highest standing in grade nine Geography. I believe that this is a valuable contribution to the community and pays the benefit of community exposure to Brant Squadron.

I presented a request on behalf of James Messecar to become a Marine VHF radio Registered Examiner to the District for approval.

Brant Squadron formed a 50th Anniversary Committee who so far planned and executed our 50th Anniversary dinner, petitioned the Flag and Etiquette Committee for approval to add a gold bar to the hoist of our burgee commemorating our 50th year, and took on the added task of planning for the 52nd District AGM.

I came to the roll of Squadron Commander repair what I saw as broken. An outdated, lengthy and expensive 'The Boating Course'. I was not successful, and it's still broken.

Respectfully submitted

Darryl Lankin, SN - Squadron Commander