

Port Dalhousie Commander's Report May 2011

It has been a very busy month for our squadron. As mentioned previously we hosted a successful Water Safety and Flare seminar on April 10. Forty people watched Lori Mason show a ins and outs of a variety of life jackets, pfd and flares. Also Sergeant Bill Wiley and Constable Dale Racine of the Niagara Regional Police Marine Unit were on hand to explain their role, the danger of outdated flares and to collect any flares for proper disposal.

The Port Dalhousie Squadron AGM was on April 13 at Dalhousie Yacht Club. Bridge members enjoyed a tasty meal and were later pledged in by District Executive Officer Garry Van Zandt. The bridge is a little smaller than last year but now consists only of active members. New people are in the positions of Training Officer, Secretary, Supply Officer and RVCC Officer.

At our last bridge meeting, May 11, we spent a lot of time discussing what to do with the surplus funds the squadron has accumulated. The goal is to have 150% of our annual expenses in reserve. Several good suggestions were made on how to achieve this goal and a report will be made to District Commander Bill Allan to take to Governing Council.

The graduation for our Boating graduates took place on May 14 at Dalhousie Yacht Club. This years grads are a friendly and enthusiast group. Hopefully many will choose to take Seamanship next season and perhaps consider coming to bridge meetings. We were pleased to have D/C Bill Allan with us to lead the membership pledge.

This Saturday, May 21, the squadron is participating in a Water Safety Exhibit hosted by the Niagara Regional Police Marine Unit. Canadian Coast Guard officers will be in attendance as well. It is gratifying to be asked by the Marine Unit to be part of this and can only strengthen our relationship with them.

Respectively submitted

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