

PORT DOVER SQUADRON

REPORT FOR NIAGARA DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 17, 2010

1. Another successful year with training that included the following;
 - a. Basic Boating Course – 15 graduates
 - b. Junior Navigator – 5 graduates
 - c. Navigation – 4 – taking course
 - d. Seamanship – 7 registered and 2 have written exam to date
 - e. VHF Radio – 20 graduates
 - i. Next Course April 14 & 28
 - f. Radar Course - 7 graduates

2. Social Events consisted of;
 - a. Pub Night – first Thursday of the month at Captain Billy's.
 - b. Summer Splash in August at Pottahawk – the weather was not very cooperative.
 - c. Fall Fest was held at the Broken Plate Restaurant.

3. Squadron Display Booth was setup at;
 - a. Leisure Expo in Simcoe
 - b. Bridge Yachts Boat Show – Port Dover
 - c. Proctor Marine Open House – Simcoe

4. Our involvement with the Port Dover Yacht Club Sailing School continues to be successful and looking forward to this summer. We again sponsored one underprivileged child to take the one week sailing program. Last season they had 5 youngsters who completed the OSA Bronze IV level and hope to develop instructors in the future.

5. At the November Bridge meeting Thor Olsen did a MAP2 presentation. MAP2 is a series of mechanisms within National, District, Squadron and Headquarters that encourages new member involvement, and a sense of belonging in CPS during their first year on board. One of the mechanisms is communication. In January a survey was handed out to the students taking the Basic Boating and the Seamanship courses. Of the 19 handed out, 14 were returned with replies. Approximately 35% of respondents were interested in teaching or becoming actively involved with other squadron activities. Bridge Officers are currently following up with the respondents. To date, a couple of Basic Boating graduates helped at the Bridge Yacht booth display earlier this month.

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6. Our Squadron had the honour of hosting the Niagara District's 50th AGM in May 2009. It was a very successful event, which we received a number of positive comments. Our group of volunteers did a great job organizing the event, and I personally thank them for their efforts.

7. To promote Canadian Power and Sail Squadron (CPS) Safe Boating Week this year, on Saturday May 29th @ 10 am – 3 pm. (weather permitting) we plan to host a BBQ at the Port Dover Harbour Marina and setup our display booth. During lunch 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, our volunteers will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs and serving cold drinks to marina members and guests, for a suggested \$5 per person donation to help us cover costs. Some of the activities planned are, how to help STOP the spread of aquatic invasive species, involve boaters with hands-on demonstrations of knot tying, PFD's/life jackets, compass directions and practicing emergency radio procedures. Norfolk County will be promoting the event on their website.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Crane, Commander, Port Dover Squadron