

MINUTES: September 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Niagara District Council was held at the centre for Inland Waters, Burlington on September 21, 2011

Chairperson: District Commander Bill Allan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Time: 2000 Hours

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Commander

D/C Bill Allan SN

District Commander's Report to the Niagara District

Sept 21, 2011

Welcome to the September 2011 Council meeting. This month marks the start of another training year.

I attended Brant Squadron Commander Don Elliott's funeral in August but was unable to travel to Picton to pay my respects in person at our National Secretary, Elaine Jeffries funeral. I will miss them both.

I attended Brant's June Bridge meeting and their Summer Solstice Graduation, a July Graduation at Fort Erie, an August Bridge meeting for Guelph and a September meeting for Brant where I pledged in their new Commander Dan Symes, who has stepped in as their new Commander.

All Commanders and District Officers received email from me regarding the 2015 National Conference.

I was asked to poll the group and get input about hosting the Conference somewhere in Niagara District.

Your response was positive and I let the Conference Chair know that Niagara would host it.

One of my next tasks will be getting a Committee together to determine the venue.

I have already received emails from people willing to sit on the Committee. Please let me know if any of you or a member of your Bridge is interested in joining a Committee.

There is no Chair yet, so please let me know if you are interested in that position.

E votes over the summer included one for Niagara participate in the Great Lakes District Hospitality Suite at the upcoming Halifax Conference, and another one to hold the 2011 Officer Training Seminar in November of this year. Both passed with a majority.

The October Council meeting will not take place next month because it conflicts with the National Conference dates.

I emailed all Council members about 2 items that will be up for discussion at the October Governing Board meeting

One was the Terms of Reference for an audit committee that reports directly to the Governing Board

The other was about the CPS position on wearing PFD's and life jackets.

I have yet to receive any information on other motions to be presented to Governing Board, but will forward any items as soon as I receive them.

All Commanders received email from Shawn Bilerman asking for issues to discuss at the upcoming Commanders meeting in Halifax. Please send your input to him at shawnbil@nbnet.nb.ca

I need input from you as well, about topics that can be discussed at the District Commanders meeting in Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

D/C Bill Allan SN

District Executive Officer

Garry Van Zandt AP

No report

District Administrative Officer

Thor Olsen

No report

District Training Officer

Lem Tamm

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DTO Report

Lem Tamm

I hope that everyone had a great Boating Summer.

Some of us, well - probably most - have not paid much attention to Squadron activities over the summer. I am especially guilty of that, and apologize to anyone who hoped they could get in contact with me over something of import. Technically, there really has not been much to update over the summer as most everything was in place in spring for the Apr 15 deadline.

This summer, Brant Squadron suffered a huge loss with the death of Don Elliott, a great help in our classrooms over a couple of decades, and our Knot Expert Extraordinaire.

BOATING

On August 11, all DTO's, Squadron Training Officers, D/C's, Squadron Commanders and Supply Officers received an e-blast concerning Boating.

August 10, 2011

To: All Squadron and District Training Officers

Cc: Supply Officers, Squadron and District Commanders

Subject: Boating

This memo will deal exclusively with ***Boating***.

Attached to this is the memo sent on June 14, 2011 titled “***2011-2012 Budget and Impact on Training Material***”. There is all the information you require regarding pricing and credits for current stock you may have on hand.

Due to inventory levels on hand at Headquarters, some new stock needed to be reprinted. After careful evaluation, the following will apply to ***Boating*** this coming Training year:

Boating English:

Until the stock of the current edition is used up, the following will be included when ordered:

- 2009 Edition
- Boating Basics Manual
- Sections D & E of the new Edition 10 to replace D & E of the 2009 Edition
- Plotter of Choice if you are purchasing Plotter included
- Training Chart 9996
- Updated Student CD
- Piloting Chart C (the new Section E has only three Cruises, one uses the Piloting Chart C which is a coloured chart)
- The new Section D contains a Digital Cruise, (select chart 999601 on Chart Navigator’s listing of available charts).

If you have current stock on hand, please see the attached Memo, page 1 bottom section and follow the same procedure. The change is, that you will receive the following, rather than just the Boating Basics Manual:

- credit for the \$11.50 per each 2009 Boating student kit you have in inventory
- Boating Basics Manual
- Sections D & E of the new Edition 10 to replace D & E of the 2009 Edition
- Piloting Chart C (the new Section E has only three Cruises, one uses the Piloting Chart C which is a coloured chart)
- The new Section D contains a Digital Cruise, (select chart 999601 on Chart Navigator’s listing of available charts).

Once stock of the 2009 Edition is depleted, the 2010 Edition will be supplied which has been updated to the same standard as the Boating Basics Manual. It has not yet been approved by Transport Canada so you will still receive a Boating Basics Manual as part of the student kit.

This is what you will find on the current Price list.

When successfully completed, the following courses will lead to obtaining a CCG Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

BOATING

(9th Edition 2004) (Rev/2009) In Colour

New Supplementary Sections on Boating Etiquette and the Environment.

This Transport Canada course is intended to provide elementary instruction in boat handling and introduction to coastal navigation for safe operation of a boat in sheltered waters during daylight hours. The Transport Canada accredited Boating Basics manual will now be included with the Boating Material kit. With a passing grade of 76% in part one, students will receive their Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

Student's Kit \$110.00

Includes: Student's Notes; Plotting & Labelling Standard booklet; Homework Questions; Homework Answers; one Training Chart ICCA9996; Chart No. 1; Government Publications; MKII Plotter; Student CD, Boating Basics Handbook; part 2 exams; and graduation kits with passports.

Note: Kits Excludes PCOC Exam Part 1 \$20.00 Processing Fees

Student's Kit less CPS plotter \$104.00

Student's Kit Additional Family Members \$52.00

Includes homework and chart only, all other material is shared. Applicable to family members taking the course the same year only.

Family Member Kit Less Plotter \$46.00

(As material change from year to year, this discount can only be taken by family members taking the Boating course in the same session)

Note: Includes a non-refundable *1st year National Membership* upon successful completion of the Boating Exam.

Plotting Kit (pencil, eraser, divider) \$15.00

Optional item (not included with Student Kit).

Supplementary Material to Rev 2008 \$5.00

Booklet that includes Revised section D-7 on GPS, Boating Etiquette & Environment

Boating INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$68.00

Includes: Student's Kit (minus plotter). Instructor's Guide is available for download on Members' Mooring in PDF format.

***New* Also includes and instructor CD.**

INSTRUCTOR'S Guide only Boating (Phone order) \$10.00

Printed version of the PDF file available for download from Members' Mooring.

THE APPROVED BOATING BASICS HANDBOOK

Old BoatPro

(1st Edition 2011) (ISBN 978-1-55368-800-6)
Approved 2011 Pleasure Craft Operator Card Course

Approved by Transport Canada, this is an ideal manual for “about-to-be” boat owners, new boat owners, hunters, anglers and cottagers who use their boat for transportation and pleasure. A great introductory course for boaters who want to have fun and be safe on the water. Home study, or can be instructed by Squadrons in 4 to 8 hours. Successful completion of the separate exam qualifies students for a Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

STUDENT’S Manual \$14.00*

** Suggested Retail Price for students is \$17.95 plus shipping.
Suggested wholesale price to Registered Providers, \$16.00 plus Shipping*

PCOC Exam Kit

**NATIONAL CARD PROCESING & EXAM Fee
\$20.00**

Fee applicable for Boating Part 1 and Boating Basics

Boating Basics student CD **\$5.00**

PCOC FOR YOUTH - (Youth Course 8-12)

Student’s kit includes: Boating Basics Handbook and youth workbook

\$17.00

PCOC Youth Instructor’s Guide & CD

\$10.00

ADVANCE COURSES

SEAMANSHIP

(1st Edition 2008)(Rev 2009)

In colour

Prerequisite: Boating Course

This new course, presented in colour, replaced the *Piloting course in 2008*. It builds on the seamanship knowledge acquired in the Boating Course. It discusses the aspects of regulations, navigational and intermediate plotting skills; seamanship skills, emergencies and boat’s capabilities and performance.

STUDENT’S KIT \$74.00

Includes: Student’s Notes; combined Homework Questions and Answers; Training Chart ICCA9996 and exam.

Combined HOMEWORK Questions and Answers \$14.00

INSTRUCTOR’S NOTES only

Available online

ADVANCED PILOTING

(4th Edition 2000)(Rev 2006)

Prerequisite: Piloting Course

The aim of this course is to convert the competent boater into a coastal navigator. Determine a course and fix a position by using landmarks and aids to navigation, allowing for current, leeway and the prediction of tides and tidal currents.

STUDENT'S KIT \$68.50

Includes: Student's Notes; Homework Questions; Homework Answers; one Training Chart A; Chart No. 1; D.O.T. Tides in Canadian Waters; and exam.

HOMEWORK Questions and Answers \$14.00

INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$68.50

Includes Student's Kit; combined Instructor's Notes, Homework Questions, and Homework Answers.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES only \$20.00

Combined Instructor's Notes, Homework Questions, and Homework Answers.

JUNIOR NAVIGATOR New in 2009

Introduction to Celestial Navigation and Offshore Navigation

STUDENT'S KIT \$45.00

INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$45.00

NAVIGATOR

Advanced Offshore Navigation and Celestial Navigation.

Includes CAPN Software CD.

STUDENT'S KIT \$115.00

INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$115.00

PLOTTING AND LABELLING STANDARDS

New in 2008

BOOKLET \$7.00

For a limited time this booklet will be included in the Boating Kit (Net No-Discount) Suggested Member retail price \$8.00. Non-Member Retail Price \$10.00

These were the Key points from Bruce Holden's AGM Report in April.

1. The equivalency table for the first round of Registered Instructors is widening and the re-certification process for 2016 in development is friendly,
2. For the Fall of 2011, the new Boating, Edition 10, ought to have clearly printed, coloured chartlets for the cruises,
3. Removal of redundant questions from the combined Accredited Boating and Boating exams, begun in 2008, has reduced the number of questions from 150 to 100 and is more attractive to potential students,
4. Increasing the Boat Pro content and renaming the course/seminar to Boating Basics nudges the door more open to a two-part Boating grade certification,

5. Minimizing the loose pages required for the Seamanship exam, as priorities permit, appears to streamline the administration at HQ, and reduces the handling and potential for errors between the DTO, STOs and DEEs,
6. The new GBR on Youth Education provides a clear statement of the conditions under which sessions shall be undertaken and provides assurances to Squadron that risks have been diligently considered,
7. In Sherbrooke I requested additional training in the use of WBAS for STOs and from Nanaimo I brought back a CD with a tutorial leading STOs through the student registration, exam mark entry, and many more system steps explained, and
8. The statement of process steps to enter Boating marks into WBAS under alternative examination outcomes has been accepted nationally.

Boating 10th Edition

Note: this will not be shipped until 2012 season

1. The 10TH Edition of Boating covers all 257 Transport Canada knowledge requirements. The new Exam format is described in the introduction pages.
2. GPS is referenced throughout the Course manual & covered in more detail in Section D-2
3. The Deck Log is no longer part of the Boating Course material. It will be covered in Seamanship
4. How to use the course plotter has been removed from the main course notes. Instructions for all three plotters (MARK I, MARKII, AND WEEMS & PLATH 255) are included in the supplementary material. The Course Director is also providing a Powerpoint Presentations on each of the three plotters.
5. The number of cruises has been reduced to three and a digital cruise has been added to Section D-7 using Training Chart 9996 on the Chart Navigator CD.
6. The Training Aid CDs are being updated.

Seamanship

Sheila Boucher provided the following update on 2011-09-14

Seamanship update

To all District Training Officers, copied to Joe Gatfield, Carolyn Reid, Morton Biback, Barb Hoffstrom and Alain Briere

Please note the following information with respect to the Seamanship Course (English). Please pass on this information to any Squadron Training Officers who may be running a

Seamanship Course this year. (There are no changes to the Piloting course still being offered in French.)

There is a short addendum to the course, which will be corrected in the next printing, and should be sent out with any course notes which are ordered this fall.. However, there may be some course notes already with squadrons which need adjusting. I attach the addendum file. It is also available on WBAS. (Go into WBAS, click on Instruction Services, and then on Course Material Addenda).

When ordering Seamanship Student kits, or Instructor kits, these should come with the appropriate CD. Please note that additional CDs for both Students and Instructors are available at a cost of \$3:00.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get back to me.

Sheila Boutcher

Seamanship Course Director,

501 Greenbriar Place,

Nanaimo BC V9T 4E8

250-756-9227

I will send out the addendum separately to all concerned but I recommend using WBAS to make sure you always have the latest version.- Lem

Recognized Instructor Program

The following is from the web and all Squadrons received materials over the summer.

Recognized Instructor

How does RI (recognized Instructor) Affect you?

CPS will begin the implementation of the Recognized Instructor (RI) requirement on Sept.1, 2011. At present this standard will be required for instructors of PCOC or its Boating equivalent and ROC(M) only.

1. All individuals holding IT or ID will be given RI status until Dec. 31, 2015. You will receive notification of this by September 2011.
2. All current RPs and those granted until Dec.31, 2012 will be given RI status until Dec. 31, 2015. You will be notified at the time of your contract renewal.
3. All current REs and those granted up to Dec.31, 2012 will be given RI status until Dec. 31, 2015.
4. All individuals applying for RP and RE status after Dec.31, 2012 must hold RI status

For further explanation of this implementation contact your Squadron Commander, Squadron Training Officer, or the Course Director of Instructor Development.

All members who wish to obtain RI status by equivalent competency or squadron recommendation should submit a completed application form to the Course Director of Instructor Development, 26 Golden Gate Court, Toronto, Ontario M1P 3A5 or email at instructordevelopment@cps-ecp.org (Fax: 1-416-293-2445)

Forms and Application

[Recognized Instructor Application](#) Proof of Equivalent Competency

[Recognized Instructor Application](#) Squadron Recommendation

[Instructor Observation and Evaluation Form](#)

All Squadrons should have started their efforts to prepare for Recognized Instructor qualification over the summer.

At present this standard will be required for instructors of PCOC or its Boating equivalent and ROC(M) only.

Today's Sept 21, 2011 RI report for Niagara shows that 116 members have been recognized across the District. Please **try to complete submissions for all your potential instructors.**

ADVANCED PILOTING

Colleen Simmons is the new DEE for the Advanced Piloting exam. Congratulations Colleen.

WBAS COURSE MANAGEMENT

Please use the WBAS Course Management system to update Courses, Students, and Exams. This will make life a lot easier for everyone.

Today's Training Report (since August 01) shows:

<u>Course</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Provider</u>	<u>CourseStatus</u>	<u>CourseMark</u>	<u>Count</u>
Boating & PCOC	NIAGARA	Port Dalhousie		In Progress		8
Marine Maintenance	NIAGARA	Port Dover		In Progress		6
Pleasure Craft Operator Card	NIAGARA	Brant		Pass		18
Pleasure Craft Operator Card	NIAGARA	Fort Erie		Pass		1
Pleasure Craft Operator Card	NIAGARA	Kitchener-Waterloo		Pass		4
Pleasure Craft Operator Card	NIAGARA	Port Dover		Pass		4
Seamanship	NIAGARA	Port Dalhousie		In Progress		2

I'm hoping that tonight's Squadron Commander's Reports will show a lot more activity than this across the District.

CPS_ECP Website

I have noticed that very few Squadrons across the country are placing their courses on the Events and Courses Calendar, and that when they do - there is a huge diversity of presentation. It remains very frustrating to me that when I search here - the info appearing is not always the same - even if I believe my search parameters were. I hope that all Niagara Squadrons will begin to use this feature. I think the time has come when most people searching for info will start on the web.

National Training Meetings - October AGM

As DTO I will be attending and need your input. Niagara will not be having an October Council meeting so please let me know prior to the meeting. This is my opportunity to voice your concerns, Since Bruce did such a fine job last year I haven't been involved enough as of yet to really get up to date and understand what lurks in the inventory he gave me. I find every trip to the website for info to be an exercise in frustration but I'm learning.

Respectfully Submitted
Lem Tamm
DTO-Niagara District

District Secretary
No Report.

Al Saynor

District Public Relations Officer
No Report

Les Armstrong

District Membership Officer

Ernie Whalley

Membership Renewal Statistics January to June 30, 2011

Renewal Statistical Reports available directly from CPS's Web Based Administration System (WBAS) can be misleading. Accurate Renewal Statistics can be used to evaluate initiatives to improve membership retention, including initiatives directed towards New Members. Therefore the attached statistical report is circulated twice annually; in August to cover the first half of each calendar year, and in February to cover the total calendar year. The statistics are generated by downloading WBAS data into Excel Spreadsheets, using formulas and filters to select, calculate, and format, the statistics. Statistics are shown for each Squadron in the District as well District and CPS National totals.

District Membership Officers are asked to share this report with other District officers and with each Squadron in the District.

Explanation

The set of yellow columns immediately to the right of the Squadron name shows statistics for CPS Associate Members. The set of Blue columns to the left of the page shows the statistics for Regular Members. The columns entitled "All Associate Members" and "All Regular Members" show the renewal statistics for all members in that category whose membership was due to expire in the period shown. The columns entitled "First Year Associates Only" and "First Year Regular Members Only" show the renewal statistics for only those members who had to renew after their first "complimentary" year.

The columns entitled "Jan-Jun30 2011" show the renewal statistics for memberships due to expire during the first six months of 2011. To aid in trend analysis we also include renewal stats for Jan- Dec 2010 for "All Members", and for both 2009 and 2010 for "First Year Members".

A note about accuracy

The source data used is taken from CPS's Web Based Administration System (WBAS),
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but due to the nature of WBAS the data must be manipulated extensively in Excel to produce meaningful statistics. If you should notice errors or have any questions or comments about the statistics please contact us at: spencegl@telus.net.
CPS National Membership Committee Aug 2011

District MAREP Officer
No Report.

David Bull

Past District Commander
No Report.

P/D/C/ Jim Brown

**Electronic Communications
Web Master**

Donna Lankin

NIAGARA DISTRICT POWER & SAIL SQUADRON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS September 21, 2011

First of all, I would like to thank Ernie Whalley for posting the reports in May, when I wasn't ready to take on my new responsibilities.

I have once again familiarized myself with Dreamweaver and FTP software, so we can move forward with a new facelift on the website.

I attended National Secretary, Elaine Jeffrey's funeral, since I worked closely with her on Members Moorings. I was very impressed to see around 90 representatives of CPS at the church service, as well as half a dozen members of USPS. She will be missed, but at the same time, I congratulate our own Jim Brown for taking on the National Secretary's responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Lankin Electronic Communications

District Youth Education Officer
No Report

Diane Allan

District Port Captain
No Report

Harvey Zaturski

Environment Officer
No report.

Harvey Zaturski

Instructional Techniques
No Report

Vacant

District 6 Liaison
No report

P/D/C Jeff Eggleton AP

District Bylaws and Protocol
No report

Brian Elder AP

District Historian

Vacant

No report

District Flag Officer

Vacant

Assistant DTO West
No Report

Steven Cheu

Assistant DTO East
No Report

Diane Allen

4. DISCUSSION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS

No Discussion

Moved by: Brian Elder Seconded by: Jim Brown
That the Officer's Reports be accepted as presented.
Carried

Niagara District - CPS as of Aug 31, 2011

General Account	3,312.75
Conference Account	229.29
Training Account	155.55
Special Savings Account	8,619.46
Nat. Hospitality Account	87.07
CIBC Bank Account	\$12,404.12
Head Quarters	0.00
Net Worth	\$12,404.12

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Reeve
District
Treasurer

5. TREASURER'S REPORT and ACCEPTANCE

Moved by: Sharon Reeve Seconded by: Dan Symes
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That the Treasurer's report be accepted as read
Discussion: None

6. PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS

\$149.10 for mileage Bill Allan
\$83.33 to Bill Allan for districts share of hospitality suite at 2011 NAGM

Moved by: Sharon Reeve Seconded by: Colleen Simmons
To accept payment of District Bills as read

Discussion: None

7. REPORTS OF SQUADRON COMMANDERS

BRANT : **Dan Symes**

BRANT POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

September 21, 2011

This year we held our course registration on the 14th of this September and have signed up the following: Boating 2: 4 candidates Boating 1 & 2: 4 candidates VHF: 5 candidates (course to run between Boating 1 & 2 in November) I look forward to working with the Bridge of Brant Squadron as well District over the next year.

Respectfully Submitted Commander Dan Symes

BURLINGTON : **Larry Kretz**

Larry Kretz, Sherry McClorry, Jim Brown, Les Armstrong, Ray Kirkham, Sybille Hamilton, Mike Palme, Carol Krummenacher, Herb Walton, Tony Warner

This year's courses

We have 3 banners. Jim put one up at MM Robinson. Les will put one up a BSBC and one at Upper Middle and Appleby

Pull ups will be re-instated at Bronte Outer Harbour Herb will submit another article to the Post Registration is Sept 13 and 27 at Salvation Army

Herb confirmed we have the Salvation Army for Boating ... Instructors Jim and Ian Herb will instruct Seamanship again

We will offer JN with Ray mentoring in Ian's basement We will see what students we get for other courses and plan as appropriate

Seminars

We agreed to offer Simon Langler First Aid course in February. Tony will contact Simon. This will be an all day session. There will be a fee

Larry will contact Murray Charlton re a 12 volt seminar in November

We will also plan a second splicing seminar in March

Winter Social

Sybille will run the winter social on January 27 We will have Hugh and
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Les talk about their cruise this summer to Ottawa for Canada Day
National AGM Oct 20-22 in Halifax

Ian and Larry will attend District will pay Larry's registration

New Business:

Bronte Outer Harbour – Dingy Race prize of free VHF registration worked well to promote relations.

Herb requested pamphlets to distribute at Canadian Tire. Marine Unit – with Scott leaving, replacement needs to be investigated. Simon as possible replacement?

Next meeting :

October 4, 2011 7:00pm SITA

CAMBRIDGE:

Al Saynor

Cambridge Squadron Commander Report September 21, 2011

The Cambridge Squadron is presently working on our plans to celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations. We are planning on holding our celebration sometime in mid April. We are also working on the design of our burgee to add the gold bar for our fiftieth year.

As we have a surplus of cash we are planning on a large advertising campaign in order to increase attendance and registration for our Winter courses. With the increased registration we will also increase our membership base. We also plan on investing in several advertising media to increase awareness of the squadron within the community.

I would also like to report at this time that our bridge continues to be strong and have even taken on two new bridge members this year.

Respectfully submitted, Al Saynor Cambridge, Squadron Commander.

FORT ERIE

Steven Alexander

COMMANDER'S REPORT DISTRICT MEETING SEPT 21/2011

On July 24, the Fort Erie Squadron hosted a second graduation and Summer BBQ at Miller's Creek Marina. We were delighted to have Diane and Bill Allen in attendance at the BBQ. We had approximately 90 people at the BBQ and a great time was had by all. On this day

we also offered the RVCC inspections for anyone interested. Throughout the summer I conducted 15 safety boat inspections at Miller's Creek Marina. A couple of the Bridge Officers Nick Louras and Marcel Carriere have setup another CPS booth at the Niagara Square. They have outfitted the booth with all the info on the BOATING courses offered by CPS and have also provided a boat that has been

setup with all the proper safety equipment required. Thanks to Niagara Square for providing us with the space at no cost to the Squadron. We are going to be running the Boating Course beginning on October 4 and concluding mid December. Depending on the interest for the Course, we may also run another course at

the Fire Training Center in Fort Erie. This year once again, Fort Erie CPS

members Francis Balough and Carolyn Harris have offered us their factory to do our courses at no cost to the Squadron.

We are in the process of organizing our Annual Holiday party which will probably be sometime in November and will be starting the planning for our 50th year with CPS. Looking forward to attending the National Conference in Halifax in October.

Respectfully Submitted Commander Stephen Alexander Fort Erie Power and Sail Squadron

**GUELPH
No Report**

Wayne Young

**HAMILTON:
No report**

Vicky Grimshaw

KITCHENER- WATERLOO: Glenn Shug

KITCHENER-WATERLOO POWER and SAIL SQUADRON, COMMANDER'S REPORT TO NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING Sept 21, 2011

1. This year's Squadron Rendezvous was held at Wye Heritage Marina, near Midland on Georgian Bay, July 22-24. The Commander and some Bridge members from the Midland Squadron, the mayor of Midland and Niagara District P/D/C Jim Brown attended our opening session on Friday night. Despite the very hot weather that weekend everyone enjoyed the program planned and executed by Rick & Ardys Brenneman and their industrious committee. A morning bus trip to Discovery Harbour in Penetang and later various game activities/contests at Wye were the highlights on Saturday.

2. Planning has been started for the proposed Rendezvous 2012 to be staged from Gore Bay in Aug 18-25th. An information/registration meeting is expected in November to provide the best chance for the desired charter boat rentals from CYC. If you are interested in joining this expedition please contact Rick at rickardys@hotmail.com.

3. Our Squadron will be celebrating 50 Years of Teaching Safe Boating with a Gala including a dinner with wine and entertainment on OCTOBER 29, 2011 at the Delta Hotel in downtown Kitchener. There is a choice of three entrees, Beef, Chicken or Salmon Wellington, or a special can be provided for dietary/medical reasons, to be made when buying tickets which are \$25 – you can't afford not to go. Chief Commander Elect Richard Bee has accepted our invitation and P/D/C Jim Brown has agreed to be our Emcee.

Come and help us celebrate. Bill/Diane Allan have tickets and I have some with me tonight. 4. Our fall course registrations have been very sparse with only a November VHF course likely to be given.

Respectfully submitted

R. Glenn Shugg, SN rgs@gto.net 518-894-5335 Commander

PORT COLBORNE: Harvey Zaturski .

PORT COLBORNE SQUADRON – September 2011
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I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, especially as the weather slowly improved. In June, information about C.P.S. and a display of boating courses was presented at the Sugarloaf Marina. However, the festivities were quickly shortened due to the high winds and rain caused by Mother Nature's wrath and fury. This summer, we held a few PCOC challenges, a VHF course and our RVCC examiners did safety checks on boats. An information blitz was also held at the Marina to encourage boaters to increase their knowledge and do some courses. We have also set dates for the Fall courses in VHF, Operators card and boating. It is our goal to keep trying to attract folks to make themselves safer boaters. At this time, there are several interested people.
Respectfully submitted Cdr. Harvey Zaturski

PORT DALHOUSIE: David Bull
Port Dalhousie Squadron September 20, 2011
Commander's Report

Two Bridge members, Phil Trachman and Joe Bogner had a very busy summer with RVCC. The total number of inspections for the year are not yet in but both visited very many boats. I was on hand when they inspected boats for the Niagara-On-the-Lake Sailing Club and witnessed their informative yet courteous manner that was readily accepted by the club members. They are excellent ambassadors for CPS.

Training Officer Dan Oswald and Secretary/Supply Officer Susan Payette also were busy in the summer ordering teaching materials and arranging a new location for our classes with the District School Board of Niagara. Our classes will now be held at DSBN's Lifetime Learning Centre at the corner of Lakeport Road and Lake Street. (Do those names have any significance?) Secretary Susan is finding her task somewhat easier with the new laptop purchased by the Bridge. Upcoming courses were advertised at all the local marinas and yacht clubs and resulted in many phone calls, emails and online registrations. The first Boating class with 12 participants started on Tuesday September 19. Seamanship will start soon, probably next week. Junior and Senior Navigator will proceed with two students working closely with instructors Leonard Stern and Louis Culomovic. All in all the Squadron is off to a good start for the 2011 - 2012 teaching season.
Respectively submitted

David Bull Commander Port Dalhousie Squadron.

PORT DOVER: Robert Crane
PORT DOVER SQUADRON REPORT FOR NIAGARA DISTRICT MEETING
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1. Courses for 2011 – 2012 a. Boating
b. Seamanship c. Boat & Engine Maintenance d. Advanced Piloting e. GPS, Chartplotting f. VHF g. PCOC

to date no registrations 2 students 9 students to date no registrations to date no registrations Fall (10), Winter, Spring Ongoing (17 passed)

2. Social Events; a. Pub Night – first Thursday of the month, 1900 hrs at Captain Billy's. b. Fall Fest 2011 casual dinner event is scheduled for October 14th at the Boat

House Restaurant in Port Rowan.

3. National Conference in Halifax; No one from Port Dover Bridge is available to attend.

4. Minimum Shipping/Handling Fee charged by CPS for course material seems excessive. Item for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Crane, Commander, Port Dover Squadron

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS

Moved by: Brian Elder Seconded by: Steve Cheu

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

Discussion: None

Carried

8. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (May18/11)

Are there any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS?

None Noted

Moved by: Larry Kretz Seconded by: Dan Symes

That the May 18, 2011 Minutes be accepted as presented

Discussion: None

Carried

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Discussion: None

Carried.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Percey Brown is stepping down as Flag Officer and Etiquette , need a volunteer to hold this position, everyone speak to your bridge for a volunteer.
- Officer Training Course for new bridge officers. Let Garry know who will be attending.
- Right to vote forms, fill out and sign and give to Bill Allan if you want him to take to the NAGM.
- Motion NM5, there was discussion on exceptions to the rule, ie, scuba divers. Keep the government out of it. Make it for Sea Doo's, Canoe's, Dinghys etc.

- Central Ontario Boat Show in Hamilton, we need a volunteer to look after the show, it is the 3rd weekend in February. (Family Day) Ask your bridge for a volunteer and let Bill Allan know.
- We are still looking for a Chairman to look after the 2015 NAGM which Niagara District is hosting. Also looking for more volunteers to assist. REMEMBER IT IS 4 YEARS FROM NOW!
- A suggestion was made that a letter of commendation be sent to Percy Brown.
- Brian Elder brought up the questions of where CPS stands on Police Record Checks.
- Motions by Dan Symes and seconded by Glen Shug to make a donation in Don Elliot's name to the Foundation. Carried
- Motion by Dan Duggan and seconded by Sharon Reeve to make a donation in Elaine Jeffery's name to the Foundation. Carried.

12. NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

November 18 , 2011

2000 Hours

CCIW

13. TERMINATION

Since there was no other New Business, the meeting was terminated

At 2156 hrs