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A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

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Commander's Report

I could hardly believe it is Spring until I called one of our members the other day and interrupted her work on the boat - this said it all. I was reminded of the intense preparations we make for the boating season and all it entails. We maintain our vessels and gear in good condition so that little can go wrong during the short boating season in order to maximize our enjoyment.

During this past winter the Squadron Volunteers have been busy preparing for the Boating season as well, with the same motivation and enthusiasm however in a different manner. In a classroom setting they inform and educate the new boater and upgrade the seasoned boater to ensure that little can go wrong on the water and keep us safe. Outside the classroom the monthly meetings provide a forum for discussion on ways to encourage new membership and promote participation by the squadron. If you would like to contribute to the efforts in any capacity I invite you to contact me or any Bridge member listed on page 8.

The Toronto Squadron one of the oldest CPS Chartered members having been promoting and teaching safe boating practices since 1948. In this regard May's AGM will be a special commemorative one and we encourage all members to attend. In addition the meeting will be held just prior to the kick-off of the North American Safe Boating Awareness Week and we are fortunate to have Ted Rankine, host of the Powerboat TV show and a Director of the Canadian Safe Boating Council, present a look at cold water survival. (see Ted pg.2)

As I will be passing the role of Commander on to R/C Tony Cook I know that the Squadron will benefit greatly by this longstanding dedicated CPS member. Having served for many years in many capacities with National through his expertise in multimedia and most recently as Training Officer for Toronto Tony brings with him a comprehensive understanding of the organization. I would suggest to our members that this would be the time to join our bridge and learn by the master. I will stay on as Communications Officer. See you at the AGM

Cdr Randall Boccia P

IMPORTANT DATES

Bridge Meetings are held the third Monday of each non-boating month. All members are welcome - contact a Bridge member for location.

- **April 22** Graduation and Members Party — Safari Bar & Grill — upstairs 1749 Avenue Rd
- **April 23** Fundamentals of Weather — Forest Hill Collegiate — 1900 see website for next dates
- **May 8** York West District — Annual General Meeting — 1830 Holiday Inn Select, Brampton
- **May 29** Toronto Squadron — Annual General Meeting — 1900 Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club

FOR ALL IMPORTANT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES REFER TO THE WEBSITE www.torontopowersquadron.org

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

TPS courses:

Boating:

This month will see the completion of the Winter Boating course, in which we taught 30 very enthusiastic students – room 252 was filled each evening. Our thanks once again to several members who came forward to teach the area of their specialty: Joni Alexander (weather and skipper's responsibilities), Jim McCreary (launch preparation, boat handling), Tanya Abolins (Col Regs and emergencies).

The sessions were plagued by snow storms, but we didn't skip a beat. Joni, just home from foot surgery, hobbled in using a walker – what a trouper! Jim drove down from Midland and back the same night – in a snow storm. We never close.

The entire class has agreed not to schedule their launches on a Tuesday!

Thanks also go to those members who answered the call for proctors: James Lang, John King, Jim Ivison and Peter Frost.

By the time you read this, the class will probably have sat their final exam and I am confident that we will be welcoming 30 new members. This is the first class in which all who pass the exam automatically become members.

Radio:

We ran two full courses, January and March/April. Our newly-minted RE, James Lang, assisted Ken Goodings. Ken and Lynn are in feverish preparation to leave QCYC in June aboard Silverheels III (<http://www.searoom.com/silverheels/silverheels01.htm>) For points south, east, west, wherever. We thank them both for years of volunteer service with TPS and wish them Fair Winds.

Extended Cruising:

Thanks to Bob Anglin's persistence, TPS was allowed to use a beta version of the revised EC course for our winter session. Head instructor Wanita Gray, who says she belongs to Ajax Squadron but who we really feel is one of Toronto's own, led the class and developed a number of excellent presentations, based on her deep knowledge of offshore sailing. Wanita also imported a roster of specialist presenters for this session.

Fundamentals of Weather is the last offering of the winter session, starting April 23, 2008 with Joni Alexander once again instructing.

Training news:

At the Spring National Training Meeting, it was decided to introduce a new plotter to replace the existing CPS Plotter. Designed and made in Canada, the new device is simpler in operation, quite rugged and certainly has appeal for the new boater. We expect to have the plotter ready for the Fall sessions.

Also in the navigation area, a decision was made to permit labeling of Course in both True and Magnetic. Instead of C275 (assuming a 20 degree variation) one would now label C275/255M. This recognizes the fact that many experienced boaters already label Magnetic. A review of such terms as Track, TMG, COG and SMG is under way. These are terms that have always caused a great deal of confusion in the introductory classes and are ambiguous when GPS practice is considered. The Celestial Navigation committee has recommended returning to JN/N split courses, and adopting with modification, new USPS versions. Progress is being made on a new Seamanship course – possibly ready for Fall or Winter introduction. This is a long-felt want, as it represents an important stepping-stone for Boating graduates.

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AT THE AGM

Fun, Food and Serious Stuff.
Celebrating 60 years!



TED (from page 1)

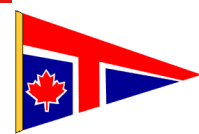
Cold Water Boot Camp is a Canadian initiative aimed to reduce the number of fatalities across Canada from immersion in our cold waters.

Ted presents this important topic in a meaningful and entertaining manner. His presentation has garnered praise from boating authorities across Canada.

All boaters in our area should hear what Ted has to say on this important topic.



TORONTO POWER & SAIL SQUADRON



A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Toronto Power & Sail Squadron will be held at the Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club, 1391 Lakeshore Blvd. W on Thursday May 29, 2008 at 1900.

This meeting is for the purpose of:

- 1) Receiving, and if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
- 2) Receiving, and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron.
- 3) Electing such Officers referred to in Article 9.1 of the Squadron Regulations, as in the opinion of the Squadron Executive Committee are necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Squadron during the ensuing year.

A copy of the report of the Nominating Committee follows this Notice as "Schedule A" and forms a part thereof.

- 4) Appointing such Officers as in the opinion of the Squadron Executive Committee are necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Squadron during the ensuing year.
- 5) Appointing an Auditor for the Squadron year 2008 - 2009.
- 6) Considering such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.
- 7) Presenting merit marks and other awards

DATED At Toronto this 15th day of April 2008. By order of the Executive Committee.

Randall Boccia, Commander

Darren Payne, Treasurer

Report of the Nominating Committee

SCHEDULE 'A'

April 4, 2008

To: Commander Susan Cameron

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2008

In accordance with Article 9, Section 9.1 of the *Toronto Power and Sail Squadron Regulations*, the Nominating Committee recommends the following people for election to the offices indicated for the year 2008-2009. All nominees have signified their willingness to accept the position, if elected.

Commander	R/C Tony Cook
Administrative Officer	Bob Robertson
Public Relations Officer	Barry McQuillan
Training Officer	James Lang
Treasurer	Darren Payne
Secretary	P/DC Annie Cook
Communications Officer	Cdr Randall Boccia
Assistant Training Officer	
Auditors	P/C Tanya Abolins, APS
	Craig Haley
Commander's Aide	
Past Commander	Cdr Randall Boccia

Toronto Power & Sail Squadron Regulations, Article 12, Section 12.1:

"No member shall be eligible for election as provided in Section 11.6.1 of these regulations at any Annual General Meeting unless nominated by the Squadron Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five members of the Squadron, who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination.

All such nominations.

(A) by the Squadron Nominating Committee, shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which election shall take place.

(B) by petition, shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place."

Respectfully submitted,

SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE, TORONTO POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

Cdr. Randall Boccia

P/C Sue Cameron

P/C David Agnew

FROM DISTRICT

Spring Greetings from your District Commander

The training season is winding down and our boating season is about to begin. Weather permitting. Graduations and AGM's finish off a productive year.

York West District's annual general meeting will be held on Thursday evening May 8th at the Holiday Inn, Bramalea City Centre at 1830 hours. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This year we have invited Mr. Taylor Echlin JN to relate his experiences last December while aboard the vessel involved in the rescue of the passengers and crew of a cruise ship that sank in the Antarctic. He will begin his video and slide presentation at 1900 sharp so please come early.

No organization can function without the support of its members. York West District of CPS has nearly 4000

members and according to their bye laws they must have an annual general meeting each year. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for renewing your membership; which is now easier as you may renew on line at www.cpsboat.ca if you wish. I would be delighted to see you at either your squadron or district's AGM or graduation celebration. Please talk to me if you have a few hours each month to help out in any capacity. We would be delighted to have you join us.

The district web site will list your summer events so don't forget to send the information to our new web master Tom Perrone at <http://yorkwest.cps-ecp.org>

We have fun too; it's not all work and no play.

Best Regards,
Pauline Wettlaufer
D/C York West District

Congratulations

Bridge member Christine Biggs (ASTO) gave birth to her first child Benjamin. An enthusiastic and dedicated contributor to the Squadron Christine gave it her all late into her term. Thanks Christine from everyone.

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Developments:

At the upcoming AGM, I shall lead the ceremonial destruction of the last CPS2 form in my possession. All former STOs are invited to assist. This form, the bane of any training officer, disappears into well-earned oblivion with the introduction of the new Web-based Administration System (WBAS). Using WBAS, a new Boating student registers and pays on line, and from that moment on, the student's life in CPS is recorded and tracked. We never have to enter the student's basic information again! When the student registers for subsequent courses, the new information is added, course results are plugged in, certificates and course stickers are produced automatically. Nirvana.

The CPS Certificate, awarded on Boating graduation, may soon be augmented with a "Passport", or log book, similar to those used by CYA and others.

On-line testing for the PCOC may soon be a reality. The Distance Education committee has been given the green light to proceed with development of an on-line course using the new CPS Forums and additional software plug-ins. Due to the testing protocol, a proctor is still required to be present, which means that CPS members will still be called upon to assist. 2009 is the crunch year, as every boater must have the PCOC by then.

A really, really important development this month will be an addition to ASTO Chris Bigg's family. Chris has been a tower of strength for the training department over the past year. Baby affairs will keep her busy for the next little while, but we know Chris will be ready to help as soon as she can. Thanks Chris.

Tony Cook, STO
April 2008

**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
YORK WEST DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To: The Members, York West District

In accordance with Section 11.1.1 of the York West District Regulations, Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of York West District of Canadian Power and Sail Squadron will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Hwy. 7 & Dixie Rd., Brampton, on Thursday May 8th, 2008, at 1900, for the purposes of:

- a) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Reports of Officers and Committees of the District;
- b) receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2008, and the Report of the District Auditor thereon;
- c) electing the Officers referred to in Section 9.1 of the York West District Regulations;
- d) appointing the District Auditor;
- e) considering such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The Report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this Notice. Under District Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than five members of this District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this Meeting.

Attendance of Members in good standing of Canadian Power and Sail Squadron in general, and of York West District in particular, is requested and encouraged.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2008

P/Cdr Marilyn Ellison AP
District Secretary

Note: Refreshment will be served from 1830
Dress Code: Blazer or Uniform

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS YORK WEST DISTRICT

To: The Members of York West District

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE March 26, 2008

1. The York West District Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as District Officers for 2008/2009

District Commander (D/C)	D/C Pauline Wettlaufer <u>AP</u>	Port Credit Squadron
District Executive Officer	P/Cdr David Agnew	Toronto Squadron
District Training Officer	Christopher Morgan, JN	Centennial Park Squadron
District Treasurer	P/Cdr John Ellison <u>AP</u>	Newmarket Squadron
District Administrative Officer	Cdr Darlene Albers <u>AP</u>	Newmarket Squadron
District Secretary	P/Cdr Marilyn Ellison <u>AP</u>	Newmarket Squadron
District Membership Officer	Graham Cardoza Sr.	Newmarket Squadron
District Public Relations Officer	P/Cdr Roy Stollard	Richmond Hill Squadron
District MAREP Officer	P/Cdr John Hinksman <u>SN</u>	Oakville Squadron

2. The District Nominating Committee advises that, if elected, the Nominee for Commander intends to appoint the following Members, pursuant to District Regulation 9.3:

Assistant District Training Officer	S/Lt Brad Dempsey, P	Newmarket Squadron
Assistant District Training Officer	Craig Taylor, <u>AP</u>	Richmond Hill Squadron
Assistant District Membership Officer	Graham Cardoza Sr.	Newmarket Squadron
District Communications Officer	Tom Perrone	Richmond Hill Squadron
District Environment Officer	TBD	
District Boat Show Chairperson	P/D/C Herb Rufft SN	Newmarket Squadron
District Flag Officer	P/D/C Herb Rufft SN	Newmarket Squadron

3. The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following Member for appointment by the Members to the District Internal Audit Review Committee:

Chair / District Internal Audit Review Committee P/Cdr Kirk Benson , AP Port Credit Squadron

4. The District Nominating Committee also advises that:

a) the following Member will serve on the District Executive Committee and the District Council by virtue of his position as Immediate Past District Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

Immediate Past District Commander P/D/C Herman Todd SN Centennial Park Squadron

b) pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following Members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for the year 2008/2009 by virtue of their positions, and do not require election or appointment:

P/D/C Herman Todd SN	Centennial Park Squadron (Chairman)
P/D/C Annie Cook N	Toronto Squadron
D/C Pauline Wettlaufer <u>AP</u>	Port Credit Squadron

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Herman Todd SN, Chairman

P/D/C Annie Cook N

D/C Pauline Wettlaufer AP

Sheryl's Mom's Chocolate Chip Cookies

My mother, May, loves to bake and one of her all-time favourite hits are her Chocolate Chip Cookies. As kids, my sister, Cori, and I loved to help her roll them out - because even the raw dough is delicious! Mom makes big batches of these yummy crisp cookies and stores them in lovely cookie tins which she gives out to friends and family. Before any cruise, Paul and I are always presented with a good supply.

1 cup shortening (I use Crisco)
 3/4 cup brown sugar
 3/4 cup white sugar Beat well until mixed together and creamy looking
 2 eggs (large) Add separately and beat in well
 2 tsp. vanilla Beat in.
 2 cups all purpose flour
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 - 1 tsp salt Sift together and add to mixture.
 Stir in 1 package chocolate chips (2 cups)
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, if you wish.

There are so many people allergic to nuts that Mom leaves them out most times.

Roll into 1" balls. If the dough is sticky, leave it in the frig until it is easier to work with, then roll it.
 Bake at 375 F for 10 - 12 minutes.
 Put on rack to cool.

Makes about 65 cookies that keep well in a tin or the freezer.

This and many *Onboard Cuisine* recipes can be viewed at searoom.com

Paul and Sheryl Shard have been cruising aboard their self-built Classic 37 sailboat, Two-Step, since 1989. They are best-selling authors and award-winning filmmakers and have cruised 35,000 miles to 24 countries around the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas and Atlantic Ocean. Follow their adventures on SeaRoom.

Don't forget to visit their website - www.searoom.com/shard/

Bridge 2007–2008

Commander:	Cdr Randall Boccia rboccia@rogers.com
Training Officer :	R/C Tony Cook
Assist. Training Officer:	Christine Biggs
PR & Membership:	Barry McQuillan
Boating Chair	Bob Robertson
Treasurer:	Darren Payne
Past Commander:	P/Cdr Sue Cameron

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Our Mission

To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating, by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.