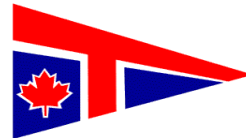




# TORONTO POWER & SAIL SQUADRON



A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

DECEMBER 1999



GANGPLANK



## *Commander's Report:*

The fall has passed quickly with the courses going well. We have a group of 35 active and enthusiastic students in the Boating Class. A pub night was held and the boating students and teachers were invited. It was enjoyable to meet these individuals in this informal setting. Several expressed the desire to continue in Piloting and to help with the squadron. This is the first year that the boating class will be asked to write two exams. The Accredited Boating Exam for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and the CPS examination for the boating course.

Tony and I have been having a great time as team teachers for the accredited Boat Pro course. We have taught two classes, one at Forest Hill and one at Mooredale Community Centre. Altogether we have taught and passed 29 students. I extend an invitation to you as members to teach this course. It is not a long commitment and we do need the extra help. We teach it in three nights with a fourth night as the exam night. It is fun and we have made up a teaching package that you can use. We will need this extra help in the new year. Remember, all children under 17 will have to have this card to operate a boat with a motor. If you do not already have a safe Boating Guide, which state all regulations and responsibilities of the recreational boater, you can obtain a copy from a Shell dealer (may not have copies until

spring 2000). As a result of a lot of work on the part of David Agnew (PRO) communicating with the Skyline Division, we will be teaching the Boy Scouts and the Sea Cadets. This will entitle them to earn their water badge as well as the PCO card.

As members of the CPS you would be contributing to safer boating through education by referring a relative, neighbour, friend and stranger to take the Boat Pro or Boating course. **So get out there and recruit students!**

In October, part of your bridge attended the National AGM. At this meeting, David Durwood was accepted as our new Chief Commander with Doreen Hinksman now taking on the role of Past Chief Commander. During this same meeting two of our members received their 20th merit mark and their certificate which reads:

*"for long and meritorious service Life Membership in the organization".*

Our congratulations are extended to Tanya Abolins and to Gunter Sinch. Each year that an individual puts in 20 hours to help the Toronto Power Squadron in teaching, marking, being on the bridge or helping our



organization we give them, in recognition, one merit mark. Tanya and Gunter have put in 20 of these years and we sincerely thank them for all their past help and for the help that they continue to give.

We also received our second 100% Honour Roll Award certificate for our contribution to the CPS Foundation. This means that we have given \$1 from each of our members to the Foundation. They, in turn, invest this money. The interest is used for training programs, techniques and courses in recreational boating.

Headquarters has decided to change the date of membership dues. They will now become due each year on your birthday. Next year will be a transition year. Starting April 1, 2000 the members of this squadron will be invoiced on a staggered process so that in March you will receive a renewal for 12 months to 18 months depending on your birthday. A person born in November will receive a renewal in March for 18 months, whereas a person born in August would receive a renewal for 15

months. This will take them to 2001 when they will receive their next renewal for 12 months. I have included a chart printed in this newsletter which I hope will be of some help.

Your bridge is hoping to improve the lines of communication within the membership. Inserted in the gangplank is a questionnaire. I ask that you each take the time to fill it out and then send it back to us. It is information that we will use to set up a database which will give us some idea of what we can do for each other.

I thank everybody in the squadron for the honour of acting as the last Commander of the 20th Century and the first commander of the 21st Century. As the year comes to a close Tony and I hope your holidays will be filled with the warmth of love, friendship and peace.

*Happy Holidays and a special wish for a New Millennium filled with Peace and Good will.*

Respectfully submitted

**Commander Annie Cook, N**

## *from the exec's deck.....*

Greetings,

Winter is in the air as I write this. Hopefully your boat is safe in bed, ready to sit out the snow and cold. Of course the boat show is less than 2 months away, and then after that it is all down hill to launch.

I recently had the privilege of attending the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's National Conference and AGM held in Niagara Falls. The combination of attending meetings by day and parties by night made for a busy schedule. Meeting fellow members from across Canada gave a national perspective to local problems.

One difficulty shared by many squadrons is finding willing participants. The mandate of CPS is boater education. To accomplish this it takes volunteers. All our courses are taught by our own members for no pay. With the intro-

duction of the Pleasure Craft Operator Card, the demand for teachers is growing.

Unfortunately, they are in short supply.

A squadron lives or dies based on its members. We need you to assist. People are needed to donate one night. Not a big commitment. Possibilities include helping on registration night, teaching a lecture, manning a booth at the January boat show for a couple of hours.

By doing this you assure the continuation of our squadron for another 50 years. So please contact any member of the Bridge and let them know you are interested. Your contribution can be as little or as large as you wish.

Yours in Boating,

**Lt/C Bruce Cameron**

## *and, from the training department ....*

The weather is turning colder and all our fun from the summer has been stored away.

The fall training session is quickly coming to a close. We have had a very busy session. We have put through two *Boat Pro* courses, a *Boating* course and have sent two students to North York for Piloting.

1st/Lt Humphrey Carter has done a fantastic job in organizing and running the *Boating* course. I am pleased to announce that everyone has passed the *Accredited Boating Exam*. It looks like they're on the right path to passing the boating exam this month. Here's looking forward to another potential 30 plus members.

Annie and Tony Cook should be commended for their efforts in running our two *Boat Pro* sessions. The first, as mentioned in Annie's report, was held at Forest Hill Collegiate and the second at Mooredale Community Centre. Everyone who took the courses was successful.

The winter session commencing in the

New Year is shaping up to be just as busy as the fall. We are offering *Offshore Cruising, Piloting, Boating and Boat Pro*. I am also hoping to run the electives - *Weather and Seamanship Power*.

I hope every member will consider getting involved and offer to help with a course. With everybody's contribution we can run *Boat Pro* each month.

We have also been approached by a group in the Beaches who may use our various programs.

Here is wishing everyone a Happy Holiday!

Looking forward to see more of you in the Year 2000!

**Lt/C Susan Cameron JN**

## **COURSE REGISTRATION**

FOREST HILL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE  
730 EGLINTON AVE. WEST

On January 25, 2000 1900 hrs.

**BOATING - 12 WEEK COURSE**

Obtain both *PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD & MEMBERSHIP TO CPS.*

**BOAT PRO - 4 DAY COURSE**

Obtain your *PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD*

**PILOTING - 12 WEEK COURSE**

**INCREASE YOUR NAVIGATIONAL KNOWLEDGE**

On January 18, 2000 1900 hrs.

**OFFSHORE SAILING - JAN 25th to end of MARCH**

**SEE FLYER IN GANGPLANK**

COSTS	BOATING	\$ 150	OFFSHORE SAILING	\$120 MEMBERS \$140 NON
	BOAT PRO	\$ 50	WEATHER	
	PILOTING	\$ 110	SEAMANSHIP POWER	

**WINTER SESSIONS**

- **Registration**                      *Forest Hill Collegiate - Room to be posted at the school entrance.*
- **Boating**                              *Wednesdays at North Toronto Memorial Community Centre (NTMCC)  
200 Eglinton Ave. W.      1900 hrs to 2130 hrs*
- **Boat Pro**                              *(Tuesdays at Forest Hill Collegiate 1830 hrs to 2030 hrs)*
- **Offshore Sailing**                  *(Tuesdays at Forest Hill Collegiate) 1930 hrs to 2130 hrs*
- **Instructional Techniques York West District** - *Open to anyone who wishes to teach.*

***2000 Calendar at glance***

Instructional Techniques - Teacher training for courses in Boating & Boat Pro	January TBA - York West Dist.
TPS Bridge	January 13
Offshore Sailing Course Registration	January 18 Forest Hill Collegiate
YWD Council	January 19
Class Registration Boating - Boat Pro - Piloting	January 25 Forest Hill Collegiate
Offshore Sailing Class commences	January 25 Forest Hill Collegiate
Boat Pro Class commences	February 1 Forest Hill Collegiate
Boating Class commences	February 2 N.T.M.C. C.
Piloting Class commences	February TBA
TPS Bridge	February 3
TPS Bridge	March 2
YWD Cdrs & Execs & Council	March 15
VHF	MAY T.S.C.C.
TORONTO HARBOUR LICENSE	MAY
Squadron Information Line: 416-932-0341	

**NEWS DEPT.....from Headquarters**

Starting April 1, 2000 the Membership renewal will be invoiced on a staggered process as per the adjoining chart:

“New members following the Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 classes will be offered 18 month memberships (members until April 30, 2001). Rejoins will be prorated as usual based on the current membership year.

It is only when a member enters the renewal process that they are placed on the birth month renewal process. “

<b>MEMBER'S BIRTH MONTH</b>	<b>MEMBER INVOICED FOR</b>
May	12 Months May 2000 - April 2001
June	13 Months May 2000 - May 2001
July	14 Months
August	15 Months
September	16 Months
October	17 Months
November	18 Months
December	7 Months May - November 2000
January	8 Months May - December 2000
February	9 Months May - January 2001
March	10 Months May - February 2001
April	11 Months May - March 2001

## *from the what's in a name file....*

We're fast approaching that date. You know the one I mean. I'm not going to say it though, you know, that MMMM thing. Well anyway assuming the machines still work by then we'll still be marveled by the advances or regression of the computer era we find ourselves in. It seems to have become our destiny to pass the time or to savor it (notice I didn't say "save time" because those who tinker with them end up spending a LOT of time) on the computer.

Even more apparent and not necessarily any more efficient are the other words...you know them "WWW"; that place where we all must go if we want to be in the know. For all its hype and for all that it has and doesn't have, its not going away and you know, its just getting more pervasive.

So like a windless day and a 9.9 that doesn't want to start we must go with the flow. Heck don't fight it this winter. Oh sure we can flip through our sailing/yachting magazines or re-sort our gear again but quite a few of you are now finding solace at the screen. Just passing the time and dreaming of the warm days to come.

Don't let it get you down, just sit back this winter, tap into the buzz - catch the wave and navigate.

Of course visit our own TPS site at [www.torpowersquadron.on.ca](http://www.torpowersquadron.on.ca) as mastered by our very own Tony Cook. Send us your favourites too.

Some other suggestions: all prefaced with "www."

[smokefreekids.com/boatbook.htm](http://smokefreekids.com/boatbook.htm)

[auroramarine.com/](http://auroramarine.com/)

[boatsafe.com/](http://boatsafe.com/) [ccg-gcc.ca](http://ccg-gcc.ca)

[great-lakes.net/tourism/boat](http://great-lakes.net/tourism/boat)

[cps-ecp.org/cpstest/octtest.htmhtml](http://cps-ecp.org/cpstest/octtest.htmhtml)

[torontoboatshow.com/](http://torontoboatshow.com/)

[ncf.carleton.ca/boating/links/html](http://ncf.carleton.ca/boating/links/html)

[bconnex.net/~probsolv/](http://bconnex.net/~probsolv/)

[king.igs.net/~jpjansen/index1.htm](http://king.igs.net/~jpjansen/index1.htm)

## SEE IT AT THE SHOW

January 15-23, 2000 National Trade Centre Exhibition Place Toronto, ON, Canada



### *Inaugural Fundraising Event*

Friday, January 14, 2000

7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

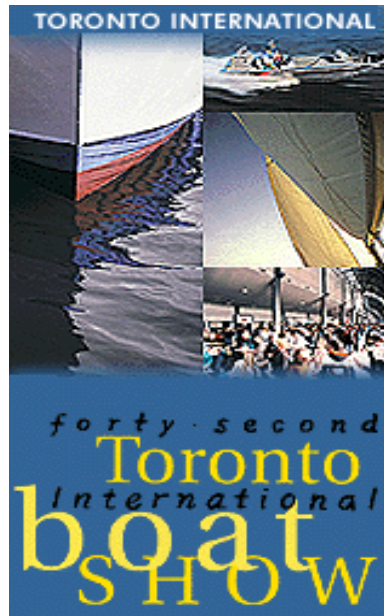
The National Trade Centre

Exhibition Place

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dress: Business or Nautical Attire.

Tickets \$100.00 per person.

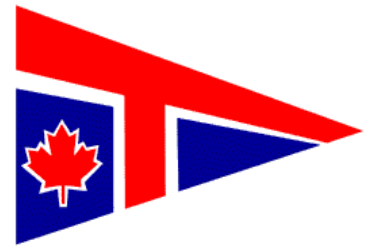


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## PLEASE ASSIST US IN OUR EFFORTS TO UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP

Simply complete this page and mail it to: TPS c/o A. Cook 253 Cranbrooke St. Toronto, Ont. M5M1M8  
or visit us on our web site at [www.torpowersquadron.on.ca](http://www.torpowersquadron.on.ca) and complete the form online.

CPS Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation \_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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## TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

What mini courses are you interested in? *Refresher in Navigation* - *Seamanship Sail* -  
*Seamanship Power* - *Weather* - *GPS/electronics* - *Others* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a boat? *Sail* \_\_\_\_\_ *Power* \_\_\_\_\_ *Other* \_\_\_\_\_

Where does she sleep? *Lake* \_\_\_\_\_ *Marina/Club* \_\_\_\_\_ *Other* \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to attend a summer rendezvous on - *Lake Ontario* \_\_\_\_ *Lake Simcoe* \_\_\_\_  
*Georgian Bay* \_\_\_\_

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## GET INVOLVED AND JOIN OUR TEAM.

What areas of interest or skills do you have that you may wish to offer to the squadron?  
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**Training :** Assist the Squadron Training Officer (STO) in the staffing and operation of all courses offered by TPS. ( skills: good organization/communication/teaching )

**Boat Pro :** Organize the staffing and delivery of the *BoatPro* courses under the direction of the STO. (skills: good organization and desire to share your knowledge)

**Newsletter:** Assist the editor in the creation of a regular news letter, source or write articles, assist with design or production and seek out some sponsors. (skills: writing editing, page layout and design.)

**Public/ Relations :** Assist the PRO in publicizing all TPS activities, promote membership and enhance our squadron. (skills : good communication and enthusiasm)

**Website :** Assist the webmaster in the maintenance of the Squadron website. (knowledge of HTML and/or *Frontpage*; writing or graphic editing/design.)

**Com. Aide:** Assist our Commander in her exhaustive efforts to oversee these and many more tasks. (skills: energetic, detail oriented and supportive)

# **OFFSHORE SAILING COURSE**

**This course, and other “elective” courses, are now available to the general public, not only to members of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.**

The course focuses on the challenges of blue-water sailing to maximize the enjoyment and minimize the risks for those on board.

The highly-respected course will be offered at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute, 730 Eglinton Ave. West, a kilometre east of the Allen Expressway, on Tuesday evenings starting January 25 from 1930 to 2130±. It runs until March, with an (optional) exam the last week of March.

Registration will be at the same location on Tuesday, January 18 from 1900 to 2100, or you may pre-register now at the Toronto Power and Sail Squadron website: <[www.torpowersquadron.on.ca/](http://www.torpowersquadron.on.ca/)>.

There will be **outstanding lecturers, six with trans-oceanic experience.**

**This excellent course could be of vital importance to those planning “blue water sailing”, and of interest to other advanced sailors.** Power boaters are welcome; there just aren't many power boats making ocean passages.

**Topics** include analysis of the boat, sails, passage planning, passage making, oceanography and weather, instrumentation, radio communication and adverse conditions.

This course will be offered from coast to coast, but we are not aware of it being presented elsewhere in the greater Toronto area.

The cost? \$120 for CPS members, \$140 for others.

The website for the course <[www.cps-ecp.org/offshore](http://www.cps-ecp.org/offshore)> may well be of interest simply for its bibliography of books, videos and software, or for its 40 direct links, e.g. for online purchase of nautical books. If you are forwarding any of this information, please give credit.

A website for this relatively new course will be found at: <[www.cps-ecp.org/offshore](http://www.cps-ecp.org/offshore)>

For more information, call Bob Anglin at (416) 481-4529 or by fax at (416) 481-8940, or email at <[ranglin@interlog.com/](mailto:ranglin@interlog.com/)>

Fall, 1999

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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.

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