



# TORONTO POWER & SAIL SQUADRON



A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS



## JANUARY 2002



### *Commander's Report:*

# GANGPLANK

I hope everyone put his or her boat to rest safely. The weather continues to make me question my decision to have my boat hauled out. Just around the corner is the Toronto International Boat Show and dreams of summer.

I had the privilege of attending the National Annual General Meeting and Conference in Kelowna, British Columbia, in October. CPS members from all over Canada convened to share ideas, gather information, and socialize in the picturesque Okanagan Valley. Toronto Squadron had a strong showing of members from the Squadron, District and National levels.

As a squadron, Toronto remains strong. Although membership has dropped from 1994's level, it has increased the past 3 years. The trend nationally is a declining membership. Across Canada, squadrons complain about a decrease in enrollment in Boating students. Toronto's Boating class remains popular. The Boating course is the lifeblood of a squadron since that is where new members come from.

One interesting fact from the conference is

that the most effective method of advertising the Boating course is word of mouth. Think of how you found out about the Boating course yourself. For myself it was word of mouth. Please take some time and pass on to your friends and family the idea of taking the Boating course. It can be something that they will enjoy for a lifetime. Details for this winter's registration are located elsewhere in the Gangplank.

Finally, I would appeal to everyone to consider assisting with your Squadron. People are required to help with teaching and with the Bridge. All it takes is a few free hours and a willingness to help. No experience is needed. When I started, it was an assistant in Boating, helping students that had a question during the class. The contribution you make can be that simple. Please give me a call and offer your assistance.

Let's hope that the winter is a short one and spring will be here soon.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Bruce Cameron N**

#### **NOTICE !**

#### **We are offering free seminars**

The seminars will be held at the National Yacht Club, located at 1 Stadium Road, which is west of Bathurst Street and south of Lakeshore Blvd. 416 260-8686

Doors will open at 7:30 and the Seminar Presentation will be from 8:00 until 9:00-9:30pm. A cash bar will be available. Squadron messages 416 873-4913

#### **Thursday January 17th**

Aubrey and Judy Millard present *"The Nautical Aspects of Cruising in Europe"*

#### **Thursday March 21st**

Ron Bianchi - The Weather Network  
*"The Weather, Your Boat and You"*

#### **Thursday April 18th**

Laurie Mason  
The Store - Mason's Chandlery Ltd  
*"Anchoring" also*  
*"The New Life Jacket"*

## *from the training department ....*

### **Training Officer's Report**

Where to begin? Do I start with the Boating class having gone full steam ahead under Humphrey Carter's guidance, or do I get into the new interesting things that came out of the meetings at this year's conference? I'll start locally and work globally...

A group of keen students took Boating at Forest Hill Collegiate once again this past fall. Various instructors were recruited/platooned/begged to teach in their areas of expertise, or where they could help out; all were appreciated. Anyone interested in assisting this winter will be cheerfully accepted. Think of it as a chance to renew old skills or to meet new people. And a special thank you, Humphrey, for once again taking on the course.

The conference this year seemed to be a little less contentious than last year's meetings. The much touted Modularization is coming together at a noticeable pace. Two such modules, "Compass" and "Tides and Currents" are available for a test-run, and I have volunteered our Squadron to try out the "Tides and Currents" module. This will give Boating graduates a chance to get that information before taking all of Piloting and Advanced Piloting. I am also asking those who have already taken advanced courses to join the classes as well. There are no costs for materials, and your feedback will be invaluable in helping to shape the future of the CPS. There are one or two of you who should be expecting a phone call in the near future to see if you would be interested in being the first instructors... if you haven't received it already.

The old Weather course has now been divided into two; the first is more for local forecasting, while the second (not-quite-complete) course will get into global patterns. We are planning to offer the first course in the Spring, around April. Once Joni Alexander knows her schedule, we will have the dates posted on our website at [www.torontopowersquadron.org](http://www.torontopowersquadron.org).

Extended Cruising will be offered this year, after a one-year hiatus. Bob Anglin always manages to bring together a great group of speakers and instructors – a course with very enriched content to be sure! That will be starting Wednesday January 23rd. It is a course both sailors and power boaters can learn a great deal from.

A little reminder that the next PCOC deadline is coming up this year. *Anyone* operating a boat under 4 metres long or a Personal Water Craft must have their PCOC. Age is not the only factor, now. Please

remind your friends and family of this and encourage them to take a Boat Pro course, if not a Boating course. If they have a tender with their larger boat, they will need the Card to operate it legally. By 2009 everyone must have the Card, and rumour has it that the testing will only get more difficult. There is no point in putting off the inevitable, so encourage those you know to do it sooner rather than later.

Allow me to do my regular "please get involved" spiel here. We *need* more instructors, and people to get involved with the Bridge. We would love to offer a greater variety of courses, but somebody needs to teach them. The same people get called, and they are agreeing with greater reluctance. Calling every member of our Squadron for support is a very time-consuming and frustrating exercise especially when we don't have up-to-date phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you have any interest, please call me at (416) 532-5715. I am not asking for a lifetime commitment, but if we can get a database of people with some willingness, maybe we can do more as a Squadron.

Perhaps offering courses right downtown so some people can go right after work and get home at an acceptable time, and still offering a course in a more central location for others who would rather go home first. Offer more, different courses – GPS anyone? And teaching lets you meet some very nice people who have an interest in boats – just like you. There are schools and organizations that want to offer Boat Pro, but I have to scramble for instructors... One does not have to have their Navigator to teach that, Boating is sufficient. And you don't have to wear a uniform to teach, either!

At the conference, I suggested making the on-line course available to anyone who signs up with a Squadron to take a course. This would enable someone taking a course to stay up with the course material even if they are away on business or pleasure, or if they just can't make class that night. It was met with favourably, and I will keep pushing for it, as I think it will help all of us.

And of course, keep in mind for May that VHF and the Toronto Harbour Licence courses will be offered again.

A few things on our immediate calendar, and interesting things on the horizon. Get involved by taking a course or teaching.

Respectfully,  
Lt/C Lynn Kaak

## COURSE INFORMATION

FOREST HILL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE 730 EGLINTON AVE. WEST

* EXTENDED CRUISING	\$ 140	JANUARY 23, 2002
BOATING	\$ 160	FEBRUARY 5, 2002
BOAT PRO	\$ 60	FEBRUARY 5, 2002

\* Check out the *CPS On Line Learning Centre* for course details. You may register at the Toronto Squadron's website or at 416-481-4529. \$120 for members.

### Winter 2002 Calendar at glance

COURSE	REGISTRATION	COMMENCEMENT
<b>Extended Cruising</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>January 23</b>
<b>Boating Class</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>February 5</b>
<b>Boat Pro Class 4 weeks</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>February 5</b>
<b>New Weather Course</b>	<b>FALL 2002 TBA</b>	<b>To be announced</b>
<b>VHF</b>	<b>SPRING 2002 TBA</b>	<b>To be announced</b>
<b>Toronto Harbour Licence</b>	<b>SPRING 2002 TBA</b>	<b>To be announced</b>

**Special Guests**  
Canada's Cup Boat and Olympic Medalist Terry McLaughlin

**Ron Bianchi** from The Weather Network presents "Weather and Your Boat" Thursday January 17th at 4:00pm

**John Gullick** Deputy Executive Director, CPS will remind us of the proper VHF Radio Etiquette on Sunday January 13th at 2:30 pm and then again on Tuesday January 15th at 6:00 pm




### SEMINARS

**Angus Armstrong** of the Toronto Marine Unit will be presenting "**Safety and Rules on the Water**" at 2:30 PM January 12th, 19th and 20th


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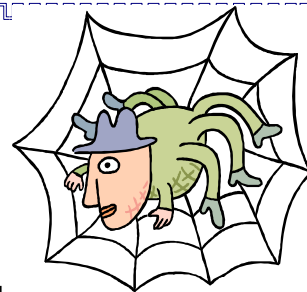
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## *from the what's on the Web file....*

**FROM HEADQUARTERS** [www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/index.html](http://www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/index.html)  
**CPS Member wins 2001 Outstanding SAR Award**

“Ottawa, December 10, 2001 The National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS) has announced that **P/D/C/ Jeff Eggleton AP**, of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA), has been awarded the Secretariat’s **2001 Outstanding Search and Rescue Achievement Award.**”



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Recent Articles

### **Harry Mitchell Race Trophy Announced**

**TORONTO: January 3, 2002 ...** Harry Mitchell, the 70 year old British entrant in the 1994-95 Around Alone race was tragically lost at sea with his boat Henry Hornblower near Cape Horn, sadly in the very place that was his desire to conquer. Now, with the help of Canada's Spirit of Canada helmsman, Derek Hatfield, a trophy for the Open 40 class has been dedicated in Harry's memory.

## Spirit of Canada Sails to the Boat Show!

**TORONTO: January 3, 2002 ...** Derek Hatfield sailed his Open 40 class yacht from the Port Credit Yacht Club over to Toronto's Western Gap in readiness for hauling and delivery to the International Boat Show - and it was cold out there on Lake Ontario!

## Meet Derek Hatfield

**TORONTO: December 17, 2001.** Derek Hatfield, elite Canadian single-handed sailor, and Canada's entry in the 2002-3 Around Alone race, will be present with his yacht, *Spirit of Canada*, at the Toronto International Boat Show, January 12 - 22, 2002. Meet Derek and his support crew; have your name or company name added to Spirit's hull and send it "Around Together". website  
Photo: Spirit sailing on Lake Ontario.

## Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)

If you're thinking of purchasing a new VHF radio for your boat, it will most likely be equipped with a Digital Selective Calling (DSC) feature that allows selective calling on VHF Ch70. Each radio must have an identity, a 9-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. This feature allows one to make a DSC call to another boat or to a shore station that has DSC capability. MMSI numbers are assigned, free of charge, by Industry Canada. For more information visit their website at [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/obs-bsn/mmsi/main\\_e.htm](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/obs-bsn/mmsi/main_e.htm)

## OTHER SITES OF INTEREST

### CPS

*Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons' Ship's Stores* - [cps-ecp.org/shipstore/](http://cps-ecp.org/shipstore/)

*CPS Members' Moorings* (Member ID required - The Moorings contains such information as Gold Page Directories, Committee pages and minutes, useful CPS and boating images, Port Captains listings and much more. ) [cps-ecp.org/ftpacc1.htm](http://cps-ecp.org/ftpacc1.htm)

*Squadron and District Websites/Contact Information* [www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/ontario.html](http://www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/ontario.html)

*PROMOTO* [www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/promoto.html](http://www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/promoto.html)

*USPS/CPS Members* - Information for Members CPS certificate number required <http://www.usps.org/member/>

### Misc.

[discoverboating.com/boatshows/toronto](http://discoverboating.com/boatshows/toronto) (*The Toronto Boat Show*)

[redcross.ca/english/firstaid/](http://redcross.ca/english/firstaid/) ( first aid services )

[boatsafe.com/kids/index.htm](http://boatsafe.com/kids/index.htm) ( questions and answers for kids about boat stuff )

[safeboatingcouncil.org/](http://safeboatingcouncil.org/) ( Safe Boating Council - boating safety and education )

[www.ec.gc.ca/weather\\_e.html](http://www.ec.gc.ca/weather_e.html) ( Environment Canada Weather and related information )

[cruiser.co.za/links.asp](http://cruiser.co.za/links.asp) ( "Cruiser Log" sailing resources )

[yorkwest.cps-ecp.org/](http://yorkwest.cps-ecp.org/) ( York West Districts site)

[searoom.com](http://searoom.com) ( all around great site—informative, current well maintained )

[great-lakes.net/](http://great-lakes.net/) ( GLIN Great Lake Information Network )

[ccg-gcc.gc.ca/obs-bsn/sbg-gsn/](http://ccg-gcc.gc.ca/obs-bsn/sbg-gsn/) ( Fisheries and Oceans Canada Safe boating guide)

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### In Memoriam

It is with a fond farewell that we must say goodbye. Toronto Squadron lost 3 members over the past year, P/C **Cicely Brewer, Franklin T. Curtis, and P/C Michael Herbert.**

Michael Herbert was a member since 1959, achieved his Junior Navigator and was a Past Commander.

Franklin Curtis was a member since 1969 and achieved his Navigator.

Cicely Brewer was a member from 1974, and was a Past Commander. Cicely remained active in the squadron as a Commanders Aide. She was well known for her phone calls before membership renewals and meetings.

### BRIDGE 2000-2002

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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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