



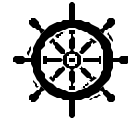
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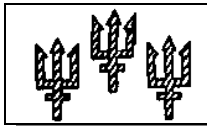
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MARCH 2004



GANGPLANK



Commander's Report:

Commander's Message

Well I hope everybody had a nice holiday season and is preparing for the 2004 Boating Season.

The Toronto Squadron had a Holiday Party in November held at the Bedford Restaurant with hot and cold food and even though the gathering was small everybody who was there enjoyed themselves. Door prizes were won by one lucky member who had just joined from the old St. James Squadron, as well as ATO Mathew Dwight, who never wins anything. We are planning to have another holiday get together in 2004 near the end of November so pencil it in your calendar.

We had many Toronto Squadron Members volunteering at the International Boat Show in January and that was nice to see and hear about. As many of you are aware there were once again several of the "For Profit" providers giving the PCOC Exam and seeming to help the exam writers.. I did talk to the Coast Guard and the woman officer in charge would like us to report these types of infractions to the Coast Guard, whenever we see them happening at a show. The Coast Guard is well aware that these "For Profit" groups are not helping the Boating Public Boat Safely as we do in CPS.

We have again arranged to have speakers/ seminars for members and they will be held at The National Yacht Club. Check our Web Site (www.torontopowersquadron.org) for more information but make a note that we have the well known Paul & Sheryl Shard speaking on March 26th.

We will also be ordering new enamel and metal lapel pins featuring the new longevity bar. Contact us to order one of the new pins containing the longevity bar symbolizing that the Toronto Squadron has been in existence over 50 years.

This February we had our Fall Graduation and it was a smaller turnout than we had planned for. Along with the Membership package we also gave each of the new Toronto Squadron graduating members a CPS flag. We combined the graduation with a seminar presentation. The speakers at the presentation were Aubrey and Judy Millard, who gave a very well received interactive presentation.

Toronto Squadron along with Humber Valley Squadron, have negotiated and set-up the tours that will be part of the National AGM to be held October 20th-October 23rd 2004. On the 21st of October we have arranged a City Tour with lunch at a local Italian restaurant. We have also arranged a Wine Tour to take in four estate wineries along with lunch at Niagara on the Lake. We will spend the evening at the Stage West dinner theatre.

We are again working with The Rigging Shoppe in providing elective courses to the public. This past week I helped out with the VHF course, instructed by Ken Goodings that was held on Saturday at The Rigging Shoppe. This is a good place to hold small classes as it is free for us. Just to let you know that this course was full about two weeks after the International Boat show. The next course we will be

involved with will be a one-day PCOC course so if you know of anybody who might be interested, have them contact *The Rigging Shoppe*.

The Nominating Committee is looking for interested individuals to help out on the bridge and with the squadron. If you are interested, drop myself (D.Agnew@rogers.com) or Sue Cameron (B_cameroin@rogers.com) a line.

Thank you

David Agnew
Commander
Toronto Squadron



Have a great launch!

From the training department

This has been perhaps the busiest training year we have experienced for some time. By the time we complete our Spring sessions, we will have provided instruction to about 250 students in 11 individual course sessions. From reports I have seen, that places your squadron in the forefront in York West District. I can give you these numbers due to meticulous record-keeping and reporting by ASTO Matthew Dwight (who also ran the Winter Boating course).

Quantity, however, is not the only benchmark. Quality figures significantly in our success and that is due to the dedication of a talented team of instructors and to the support of a hard-working group of Bridge officers. We'll be thanking those instructors in small part at a dinner at National Yacht Club on the occasion of our March 26 seminar.

Our Boating and Boat Pro courses are taught almost completely using the digital projector – a significant investment that is paying dividends. Your squadron is a leader in the use of this support technology in instruction. There is much discussion around

the new media at the national CPS level and I expect we will see more and more courses being supported by digital media.

Adding to the success in attracting substantial numbers to our primary Boating and Boat Pro courses, is the continuing success of the electives, such as VHF, Weather and Extended Cruising. This year, for the first time in several years, we have been able to offer Piloting and Seamanship Sail, thus providing further interest courses for existing members. I hope we can build on this in the coming year by offering more advanced courses.

I'd like to express thanks, also, to Carolyn Burgess and her staff at *The Rigging Shoppe* for their continuing support for our efforts.

Tony Cook, Training Officer.

2004 COURSES AND EVENTS SUMMARY

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATE + TIME
Toronto Squadron Annual General Meeting	Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club	May 19, 2004 1930
Y W District Annual General Meeting	Holiday Inn— Select Brampton	Apr. 24, 2004 0900—1400
Toronto Harbour Licence	Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club	May 11, 2004 1900 May 18, 2004 1830
VHF	Forest Hill Collegiate	April 1 + 8 2004
Boat Pro	Forest Hill Collegiate	
Fundamentals of Weather	Forest Hill Collegiate	April 15, 2004 1900
Boating Class	Forest Hill Collegiate	September 14, 2004 1900
Courses Registration	Forest Hill Collegiate	September 14, 2004 1900

Squadron Information Line: 416-873-4913 or On-Line www.torontopowersquadron.org

Fall 2003 Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony for the Fall 2003 Boating Class was held at the National Yacht Club on Friday January 30, 2004.

This year we were honoured to have the York West District Commander Annie Cook at the graduation to pledge the new Toronto Members. Unfortunately it was a very cold and snowy night so we had fewer new members attend but all who were not able to attend have been invited to pledge at the Annual General Meeting on May 19th.

The valedictorian from the Fall 2003 Boating course was Kathleen Timmis and she will be presented with the new Boating Course Award later in the year.

After the graduation, we had a very informative interactive session with Aubrey and Judy Millard. They gave us a very good review of what they needed to do as cruisers to get ready for their five-year cruising adventure along with what they have done since. There was lively discussion all around and everybody enjoyed themselves.

I would like to say thank you to Sue Cameron, our Executive Officer, who dragged herself out of her sick bed to be at the graduation and also deliver the "nibbles" for us to eat.

Boating 2003

Lorne Burk
Kelvin Fosberry
Yvonne Hiemstra
David Holmes
Alex Khan
Amy Olah
Chris Pagendam
Denise Remus
Andrei Sadu
Laura Sandilands
Kevin Stern
Mary Ann Tevlin
Weldon Thoburn
Kathleen Timmis
Jason Venditti

Instructional Technique

Richard Dray 2003
Don Mercer 2003
Mathew Dwight 2003

Acknowledging Recent Graduates CONGRATULATIONS

Marine Maintenance

Robert Robertson 2003
Roger Carstairs 2002

Sea Sail

Adrian Bradford 2003

Sea Power

Roger Carstairs 2002
John Lang 2002

Extended Cruising

Ken Goodings 2003
Lynn Kaak 2003
Christopher Feindel 2003
Graham Prosser 2003
John Lang 2002
Elizabeth Lyttle 2002

Celestial Navigation

Joe Albert 2002

Fundamentals of Weather

Adrian Bradford 2002
Lynn Kaak 2003
Graham Prosser 2003
John Lang 2003
David Agnew 2003
James Beechinor 2003
Maureen Beechinor 2003
Richard Dray 2003
Mathew Dwight 2003
Christine Waque 2003
Robert Robertson 2004



TORONTO POWER & SAIL SQUADRON



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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 Wednesday May 19, 2004 at 1930.

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 2004 - 2005.
- 6) Considering such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.
- 7) Presenting merit marks and other awards

DATED At Toronto this 10th day of March 2004. By order of the Executive Committee.

DAVID AGNEW, COMMANDER

Ingrid Sapon, Treasurer

Report of the Nominating Committee

SCHEDULE 'A'

March 10, 2004

To: Commander David Agnew

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2004

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 2001-2002. All nominees have signified their willingness to accept the position, if elected.

Commander	Sue Cameron, JN
Executive Officer	
Public Relations Officer	
Training Officer	
Treasurer	Craig Haley
Secretary	Ingrid Sapona
Communications Officer	Randall Boccia P
Training Administration Officer	
Assistant Training Officer	Matthew Dwight
Assistant Training Officer	Rick Dray
Social /Administration Officer	
Auditors	P/C Tanya Abolins, APS
	Don Mockford, APS
Commander's Aide	Ken Wadsworth
Past Commander	David Agnew

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. David Agnew

P/C Bruce Cameron

D/C Annie Cook

TPS 2003 Holiday Get Together

The Squadron hosted a holiday get together at Bedford's Restaurant (Yonge and Lawrence) on November 20, 2003. The weather was cool but the warmth and cheer of Bedford's proved a good way to usher in the holiday season.

A small but enthusiastic crowd enjoyed a tasty assortment of appetizers and treats and the company of fellow squadron members – many of whom commented that the camaraderie of other boaters is one of the things they enjoy most about being members.

The evening was capped off with door prizes graciously contributed by Commander David Agnew. Door Prizes went to: Sue Cameron, Joanne Brady, Ken Fairfield and Matthew Dwight, the Squadron's Assistant Training Officer, who claims to never win anything, was the final winner of the evening.

"It's nice to see some old friends whom we haven't seen in awhile," commented Commander Agnew. "Evenings like this – along with the seminars, graduation ceremonies and rendezvous – are a good opportunity to re-connect with members," he said.

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

FEATURED IN OUR SITE www.torontopowersquadron.org

Up to date information on the courses we have to offer.

News: Current CPS events or updates as they happen.

General items of interests and links to sites and stories related to the boating community.

CPS-ECP www.cps-ecp.ca

Winter issue of PROMOTO

2004 Electronic Membership Renewals

New Ships Stores

SEAROOM.COM a project by Tony Cook

Recent Articles

[Flaky charts to be replaced](#)

Ottawa, December 12, 2003 – it's been kept pretty quiet, but certain charts produced by the Canadian Hydrographic Service are proving to be defective...

[New Boating Safety Articles - updated March 2004](#)

From the U.S. Coast Guard — A series of boating articles covering safety, the environment and topics of interest to all boaters, provided by members of the USCG and their Auxiliary.

[Veleda IV - world cruise resumes](#)

March 2004, Toronto — After spending several months ashore in Canada, Aubrey and Judy are about to head back to Veleda at Istanbul and make preparations to sail into the Black Sea.



JOIN THE SQUADRON "FLASH"

NEWS LIST As we publish our **GangPlank** newsletter only four times per year, we are now set to provide brief new email updates whenever there is information that can't wait.

Just mail to training@searoom.com

JUNE RENDEZVOUS

Toronto Island
Hanlan's Point
Saturday June 12, 2004

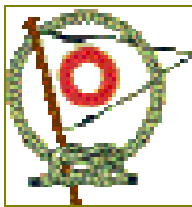
**CONFERENCE
2004**

Full conference
to be held
October 21 - 23 in
Toronto

Details to be posted
on our web site

**TPS
ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

May 19,
2004
1930 hrs



The
Toronto Sailing & Canoe
Club

HAPPENINGS

MARCH 26 - 28 2004

Location:

International Centre
6900 Airport Rd. @ Derry Rd.
Toronto, Ontario

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

contact Annie Cook

**21st Annual
YACHTSMEN'S SPRING THAW LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2004**

The Toronto Hilton Hotel, 145 Richmond St. W.
Reception 11:45 a.m. 416 536-8110

With special guest speaker Derek Hatfield - "Spirit of Canada"
Visit our Website for more information www.torontopowersquadron.org/stl

AT THE AGM

Introduction of old and new Bridge members.

Pledging of new members.

Guest Speaker

Merit Marks

A merit mark is a certificate presented to a member or associate who has contributed substantially to the promotion of the interests of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron during the year.

If you are a member who feels they have earned a merit mark during 2003, but may not be considered contact Cdr. David Agnew

BRIDGE 2003 - 2004

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	Web master: Randall Boccia	rboccia@rogers.com	

Member Updates

Our good friend and colleague Ken Wadsworth is recuperating in London Ontario with family after successful heart surgery. A long time member of our Bridge, Ken has devoted many hours in his various roles which includes Treasurer and Membership. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return as Commander's Aide. Anyone wishing to write to Ken can contact a Bridge member.

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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