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## Apple Pie - Or is it?

Introduced to us on an Hors D'Oeuvres cruise on G Bay, this "tricky" desert will surprise your friends and family.

(See Recipe page 4)

## Commander's Report

First thing I would like to say is "Thank you" to the people that have been helping the Squadron over the past months. With the reduced number of people on the Bridge, all help is appreciated. Please consider donating even a couple of hours to assist us.

The national AGM was just held in Winnipeg. Power and Sail Squadron members from across the country converged at the "Longitudinal Centre" of Canada for 3 days of meetings, seminars, and social events. The difficulties that Toronto Squadron has with participation on the Bridge are not ours alone. A number of squadrons are having difficulty getting members to volunteer their time to the squadron. Strategies were discussed for membership retention. Toronto Squadron is more fortunate than most in that we retain most of our members from year to year and new members make up for any loss. National has developed a new public relations campaign with new flyers, pamphlets and course material covers. They look quite sharp and attract attention. Randy Boccia attended the web site development seminar and learned how to make our site rank higher in search engine results. This makes it easier for people to find us if they search in Google or Yahoo.

As far as social events go, we were taken back to the time of the Voyageur. The Friday night costume theme was the *Courier du bois*. We also took part in some of the local tours offered and enjoyed a "typical" French Canadian dinner. For the Chief Commander's Ball a dinner featuring some prairie delicacies was offered. The new Chief Commander was pledged. He is Serge St-Martin, JN. He has been a member of CPS for 29 years.

In closing I would like to thank the host, Winnipeg Squadron. They put on the national AGM as a single squadron (as opposed to the combined efforts of a District). It was a well run, enjoyable event. I urge all members to consider attending a national AGM at some point.

*Cdr Susan Cameron*

*Tanya, Randy, Sue,*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Bridge Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at Bedford's Restaurant 3080 Yonge St. In the courtyard behind the Lawrence Subway Station at 1930. All members are welcome.

- January 9 First Bridge Meeting of 2006 (see above)
- January 13 New Year Social and Boating Class Graduation 7:30 pm Bedford's Restaurant
- January 14 – 22 Toronto International Boat Show – Volunteer– Colin Cowley Colin.Cowley@rogers.com
- January 17 Course Registration for Boating, Extended Cruising and Fundamentals of Weather
- January 15 Annual CASBA Dinner – Sunday of the Boat Show, at the Sheraton Centre
- February 17 Member Seminar at the National Yacht Club - 1900 - check the web site for details.

## CALL TO THE MEMBERS

Your Toronto Squadron needs your Email Address

We are actively reviewing and updating our membership records from Headquarters. We have determined that out of the 344 members on records we currently have only 163 email addresses for our members, which is about 47%. We would like to have them all. Why, you ask? Well it will help us and - most importantly - you, because you'll get current information in a more timely manner. Good communication with our members is essential to maintain a healthy vibrant organization that will further enhance your experience. If we wish to contact the members of the squadron after the newsletter has been sent out, we need not wait a few months. Over time we can save hundreds of dollars on printing costs if we publish the Gangplank in this manner.

So help us out. Drop me a line at D.Agnev@rogers.com or send an e-mail to any of the other Bridge members (their addresses can be found under the "Bridge" section) and give us your email address. If you think your email address has changed, drop us a line to have us verify what we have on record. We assure you that, we do not share your personal information with anyone outside of CPS. A copy of our Privacy Policy can be viewed on the website. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me or any other Bridge member.

David Agnew  
Past Commander

**WINTER - SPRING 2006 SCHEDULED COURSES** All classes will be held at Forest Hill Collegiate, 730 Eglinton Ave W.

- ◆ BOATING **January 24, 2006**
  - ◆ EXTENDED CRUISING **January 25, 2006**
  - ◆ FUNDAMENTALS OF WEATHER **April 2006**
- Updates on the web at [www.torontopowersquadron.org](http://www.torontopowersquadron.org)**

## AT THE CONFERENCE



### Highlights

Robert Beale, N passed away this year (on next page)

Bill Booth P/Cdr 1958– 1959 received his 50th merit mark. (See Congratulations on next page)

Tanya Abolins notes that two of the Training trophies handed out are difficult to choose winners for - either the parameters are lost or things have changed since the trophies were originally handed out. This reminded me that TPS has three trophies. One is still being used and handed out at the CPS AGM (Ref Reid - winner chosen by Marine Maintenance Course Director). The others are collecting dust at Headquarters. For our 50th anniversary celebration I checked old minutes and newsletters for interesting items. I discovered that one of the trophies was won during races or cruises (Lake Ontario) and later the USPS joined in. Wouldn't be great if we resurrected the awards? We welcome any suggestions and help to create and continue a tradition.

An important item dealing with Intellectual Property and Copyright was presented at the meeting. In our role as a non-profit organization we may not realize we're in jeopardy of breaching copyright by using a third party's creation or ideas. We do it when we borrow a picture or quote a bit of text. The issue could leave us liable

The notion of "*fair use*" was presented and hit home especially with respect of digital copyright as it pertains to photos. An image taken by someone is in effect owned by them. Also people in an image are not necessarily granting you the right to display it. The message was clear; if it is not public domain then you must get permission and/or a release to make use of these resources for your purpose.

### ***Congratulations!***

The Toronto Power and Sail Squadron Bridge and members extend their congratulations to one of the Squadron's long time members, Mr. William Booth, N, on receiving his 50<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark this year!

Bill Booth and his wife Vera have been very much involved with the Toronto Squadron since its early days. Perhaps some of you remember his excellent presentations or you still have your merit mark certificates on which Vera had carefully hand scripted your name.

Bill was Commander of the Toronto Squadron in 1958-59 and then moved on to be Commander of the then York District in 1959-60. In 1960-62, Bill moved up to serve on National (CPS) as the Administration Officer, in 1962-63 the Executive Officer and in 1963-65, Bill Booth was the Chief Commander of CPS. Bill attained his life membership in 1975.

The Booths continue to be involved with CPS – Bill is Past Chief Commander and the Historian for CPS; and he and Vera are active members of Don Valley Squadron where Bill lectures and Vera runs the winter Boating course and edits the Squadron newsletter. Bill also lectures for the North York Squadron. Both Bill and Vera are still members of the Toronto Squadron and once in a while attend its AGMs or special evenings.

Tanya Abolins

### ***Notes from the Editor:***

This year I attended my first national AGM and conference. But what really motivated me was a chance to experience how the organization functions and to see why it is that I (we) get involved. What does it take to sustain the drive to continue the cause that we collectively vowed to uphold?

Witnessing the organization in its formality and informality gave me insight into why we volunteer and what it does for us and others. The adoration and acknowledgements expressed between the participants was genuine and heartfelt. This enthusiasm in turn becomes infectious and supportive of the cause. This I hoped will help me identify what it takes to encourage our members, myself included, to reaffirm our mission.

It seemed to me that the act of giving was a part of it. We give to receive in a sense, a feeling that by sharing what it is we have to offer we will improve the lives of others. This in turn makes us feel good about ourselves and our collective futures.

So I guess it is easy for us to simply recite our mission statements and hope that all see the point but I feel it is much more than that too. It is more to do with our own personal mission, consciously or not. With this I call upon our members to share our mission and volunteer to keep it going strong.

Randall Boccia P  
Executive Officer

### ***Good Bye Dear Friend***

*It is with sadness that we learned of the recent passing (August) of our long time member, Robert Beale, N who has been involved with CPS for 49 years. Bob Beale, with his wife Marion, traveled across the country attending the last 40 Annual General Meetings of CPS; and, they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary recently at one of these! For many years, until just recently, Bob and Marion attended Toronto Squadron's AGMs and Graduating ceremonies.*

*Past Chief Commander Bob Beale, N, was a man of many talents. He graduated from The University of Detroit with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and then, from the University of Toronto with a degree in Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering. Not satisfied, Bob attended the Ontario College of Education leaving with his Secondary School Teacher's Certificate. He taught at Vaughn Collegiate from 1934-39 after which time he enlisted in the RCAF as an Aeronautical Engineer. At the time of his discharge in 1946, Bob held the rank of Wing Commander and was Commanding Officer of No. 12 Aero Inspection District.*

*After being discharged, Bob joined the Aluminum Company of Canada as a Small Boat Specialist. He was there until 1969 when he finally realized his long held ambition and set himself up as a private Marine Consultant.*

*Bob joined Toronto Power Squadron in 1956 and in 1962 became its Commander. In 1963, Bob moved to York District as a Lieutenant and chaired the Annual Conference. Bob then joined the National Bridge of CPS as the Assistant Treasurer and worked his way through the ranks. In 1965, Bob became the Chief Commander of CPS. Bob held 42 Merit marks at the time of his death.*

*The Beales are a Boating family. Marion took courses all the way up to JN and both their children took the Boating course.*

*Bob was also an ardent Amateur Radio Operator with the call letters VE3FNV. When Bob and Marion moved to a retirement community, they were not permitted to erect a suitable antenna for his hobby. Not to be outdone, Bob installed a flagpole that was, in effect, his antenna.*

Bill Booth N

## Recipe from the Galley

**Try this one on, especially with the Kids.  
Let them think its apple pie**

**Ritz Apple Pie** Yield: 6 servings

20 ea Ritz Crackers  
2 c Water  
1 1/4 c Sugar  
2 ts Cream of tartar  
1 ts Cinnamon  
1/4 ts Nutmeg  
2 ts Butter  
1 pie shell (pre-made)



Combine water, sugar, cream of tartar and bring to a boil, drop in crackers whole and continue boiling until transparent, about 8-10 min.

Pour into unbaked pie shell and sprinkle on cinnamon and nutmeg and dot with the butter. Cover with top crust, cut slits in crust to let steam out.

Bake in 425 oven 30 to 40 min.

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**OPENINGS EXIST ON THE BRIDGE FOR YOU— GET ON IT !**

## HEADQUARTERS HEADS-UP

**P/R/C Tony Cook - District Communications Officer writes**

The log-in procedure to *Members Moorings* has been restored. (It was for some time insecure).  
<http://ecc.cps-ecp.org/ftpacc1.htm>

In order to log-in to the site, you are required to enter a User Name, which is your CPS Certificate #, (format: 004956TRN), and a Password, which is your postal code, (format: X9X 9X9, including the centre space, all in caps.)

**R/C Michael Dunn - Chair of the Multimedia Committee writes**

It gives me pleasure to announce the launch of the *CPS Digital Library*. Many thanks to Rik Hall (Chair of the DL-P sub-committee) and Jean-Robert Lavergne (Deputy) for their work. And a equal thanks to those CPS members who supported this project for so long - especially Tony Cook and Jim Thompson.

The site is password protected as we wish DL-P to be available only to CPS members. Please email to obtain access for the user-name and password. The site's URL is: <http://dlp.cps-ecp.org/>

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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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