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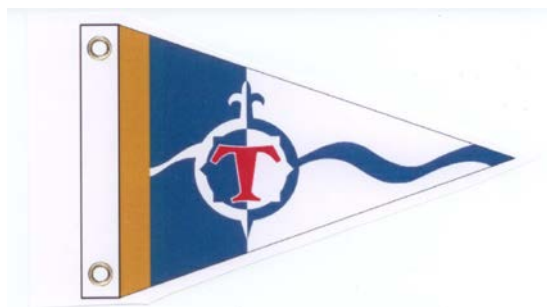
UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next event for the Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron is our annual Poker Run to be held on August 12th 2017. See the details later in this Newsletter.

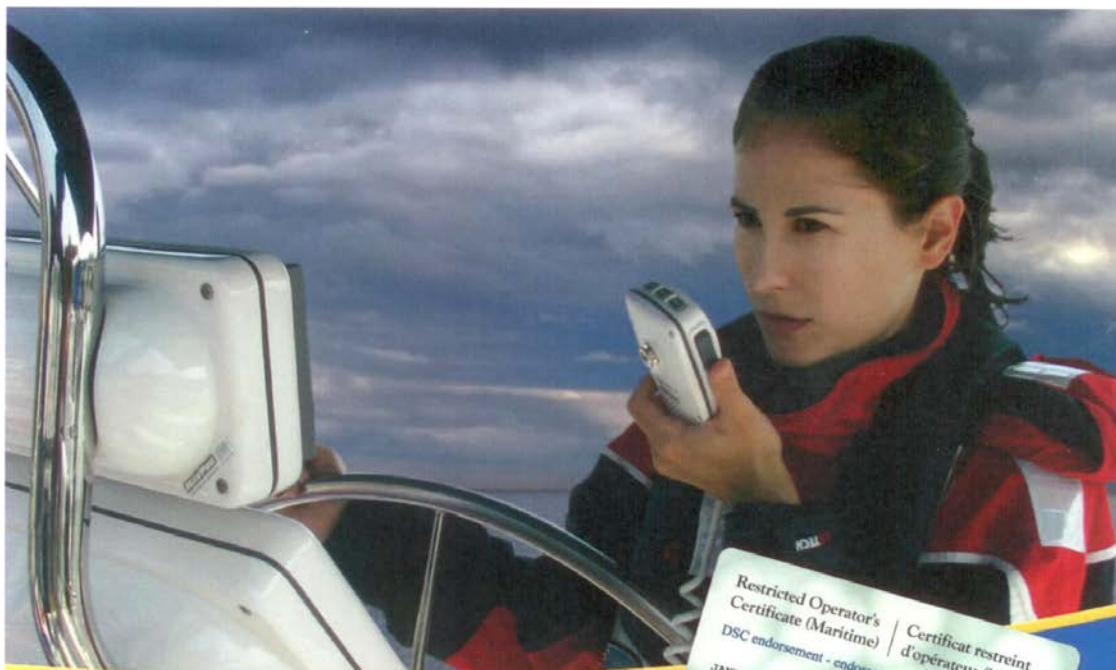
We will be participating in The Bayfest Parade in Port Rowan on the Labour Day Weekend. Come and support your Squadron and you can ride on the float to help us celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday.

The National Annual General Meeting is in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on October 25 – 28 2017 at the Delta Prince Edward Island Convention Centre. You can register online at the CPS Website.

Call Larry at 519-842-5618 if you are interested in taking any classes to upgrade your skills this fall. Especially for your Pleasure Craft Operator Card or Maritime Radio Operators Certificate.



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Commander's Report :

Hello fellow boaters and members: Since our last newsletter we had our annual AGM and we managed to get nearly a full bridge in place for the next term. Also we had a booth set up in the Tillsonburg Mall for safe boating week, and we cooked hot dogs for camp day at our local Tim Horton's here in Tillsonburg. A couple of weeks ago the annual rendezvous was held in Bell River and once again our squadron was asked to do the Sunday morning breakfast, I would like to thank Larry and Joan Hicks and Howard and Iris Wilhelm for doing the honours of preparing a wonderful spread as usual and representing our squadron. Our next big event is the Poker Run and Corn Roast being held on August 12th, it's a fun day so please come on out there are great prizes to be won, excellent food and a lot of stories to be told, read on further in the newsletter for more details. Just a bit of other exciting news, in the past little while there have been a few squadrons having difficulty in

getting a bridge together and membership dwindling etc. and are having to give up their warrants due to just not enough interest I suppose. We are working closely with the Stratford Squadron since they are one of these squadrons. We recently went to their last meeting to give them support, they are wanting to join with our squadron and merge together as one, of course they could still conduct CCPS courses etc at their end. We look forward to welcoming their bridge members and any other members that would like to join in with us. One last thing I would like to say to everyone is have yourself a great summer please be safe on and off the waterways. About a year and a half ago I had the pleasure of receiving the most prestigious award of all The BENT PROP AWARD!! Well I am looking for a new home for this piece of art! So boater's beware I am on the lookout for someone who might do something a little silly out on the water or perhaps even on shore, I am watching a couple people quite closely. If anyone sees something that would possibly deserve this Honour please contact me and tell me the story and we possibly can find a new home for this Beautiful and Deserving Award.

Respectfully Submitted, Commander Eric Hatzenbuehler



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In each Newsletter we will be introducing some of the Bridge Members with pictures and a small bio on each one. Get to know your Bridge and get in touch if you need anything.



For those who do not know me, my name is Howard Wilhelm and I am your Membership Officer. I have been a member of the Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron since 1978. I owe a great deal to CPS for the experience and the courses they have made available to me in the past years. It has helped me to be a better boater, more confident and I have been able to pass this on to others.

As Membership Officer I answer directly to our Commander. It is my responsibility to advise him and the Bridge of all activities pertaining to membership. I prepare a report and present it at our monthly meetings. For this report I have access to information from our National Headquarters which includes all the statistics for our Squadron. My report will include

information on all of the different types of membership we have, including Regular, Family, Associate and Junior. It also gives me renewal information, this is very important to me because it gives me a chance to contact any member to give him or her a reminder about the renewal notice or to find out if there is a problem and if there is, I might be able to resolve it or have something to take to the Bridge and deal with it. Who knows others may have the same issue. Another report which I do like is the New Member Applicant Summary. Unfortunately it is not very active. There are many reasons for this that we are addressing. A lot of Clubs and Organizations are experiencing the same problem of declining membership. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons has taken steps to change in order to keep up with the changing times. You can see the Membership Officer has a very responsible job and I take it very seriously. Saying all this I would like to offer my assistance to all regarding membership or any CPS questions. If I can't answer your question I have contacts and know people that can.

Have a great and safe Boating Season.

Membership Officer, Howard Wilhelm, P



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Hello” I’m Robert Pegg and I’m pleased to be on the bridge this year as your new Public Relations Officer for the Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron. I will be assisting with the courtesy boat checks this summer for anyone that might be interested in a check. It’s a great opportunity to see if you have all of the required safety equipment for the boat you are operating. There will also be a poker run on August 12, 2017. Registration will be at Booths Harbour Marina and Marina Shores Marina from 1000 until 1400 (if running behind you can pick remaining cards and register at the end in Port Rowan if you missed the 1400 cut off). This year the poker run stops at Marina Shores, EC10, Old Cut Marina and Booth’s Harbour then ending at the pavilion in Port Rowan Harbour at 1600. It will be followed by cash prizes, for the top 3 hands and 1 boobie prize including multiple door prizes, corn roast, hot dogs, coffee and pop. Hope to see you all out on the 12th. Thanks Robert.



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The District Rendezvous this year was held in Belle River with the host the Windsor Squadron. A great time was had with good food, good friends and good times. We were joined by our friends in District 9, U.S.P.S. Our Squadron was represented by Howard and Iris Wilhelm and Larry and Joan Hicks. We would like to have more of you join us next year for a time of fun and fellowship. The theme of the weekend was Canada 150 with everyone dressed in red and white. As usual Tillsonburg with some help from London, cooked Sunday morning breakfast of sausage and pancakes.

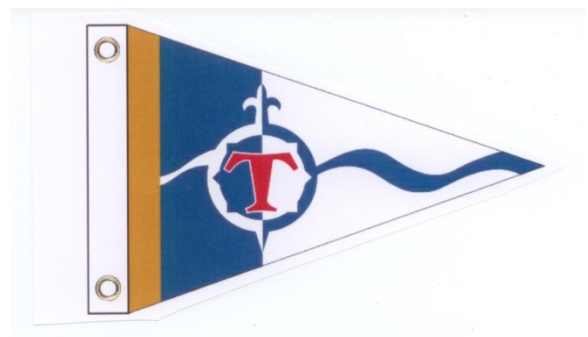


Here are Alice from London, and Larry and Joan cooking sausage with Howard in the back ground having a coffee and a break.

The second picture shows our District Commander Mavis with the 150 cake to celebrate the anniversary of Canada.



Above is the Bridge of the Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron. From left to right front row Larry Hicks, Joan Hicks, Doug Robinson, Ted VanStevendaal, Brent Hicks, Crystal Hatzenbuhler, and Jacqui Hicks. Back row Robert Pegg, Howard Wilhelm, Peter Barbour, Jay Jeffery our Past District Commander and Eric Hatzenbuhler our Commander. Absent Jon Adlington, and Yvonne Barbour.



Don't forget our Burgee with the gold stripe on the side is available to fly on your vessel. The gold stripe indicates that the Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron has been in existence for fifty years. That's fifty years of promoting Safe Boating.

Lake Erie Mayflies

Sometime around the middle of May and lasting through June and into July, there is a plague of insects that strikes the cities, towns and villages along Lake Erie's shoreline. This plague is outdone only by those described in the Bible (or so it seems that way to townfolk) of great hordes of insects invading the land and laying it to waste. Fortunately, this insect is totally harmless unless you are sliding on them in your car. They are drawn to any light source – coating the sides of buildings and telephone poles. They are actually a handsome bug, windswept transparent wings, two long graceful tails no thicker than a hair, streamlined body-the main problem- they stink like dead fish, What am I talking about, you ask – the now famous Lake Erie Mayflies. Mayflies usually live for 24 – 72 hours. Don't forget that they've already spent 1-2 years on the bottom of the lake as a nymph borrowed in the mud. Within that three days, though, they manage to get into about everything you can imagine. You will find dead mayflies lying around on the sidewalks, in spider webs, on window ledges etc. they'll go anywhere where there's light at night. Wear a white shirt outside at night and you'll see.

Many mayflies stack up on the streets below street light, this is where they land after they get tired of flying around the light for hours on end. Once on the street, they are usually run over by cars and make this "snapping" sound and it's all over. If it's dry, they turn into a dust after several hours of traffic. If it's raining, they turn into a thick soup that smells something awful.

Mayflies only flourish in water that is not polluted, so thanks to the zebra mussel, Lake Erie Water is the clearest its been in many years so a good habitat for mayflies. The only advise I can give is to wash them off your boat or home with a hose and be careful when driving, the road will be very slippery when mayflies are present. Your vehicle will hydroplane just as if you were on a highway covered with water.

Most of this article taken from
The Mayflies of Lake Erie – Official Site

Seagoing Superstitions

Boating is a centuries- old activity wrought with superstitions, including the following:

- Pouring wine on the deck will bring good luck on a long voyage (a libation to the gods, while being good for the soul).
- Women aboard a ship make the sea angry, but a naked woman onboard will calm the sea. (this is the reason for naked figureheads).
- A stolen piece of wood mortised into the keel will make the ship sail faster.
- A silver coin placed under the masthead ensures a successful voyage.

A few boating superstitions involve bananas. In the early 1700s during the height of Spain's South Atlantic and Caribbean trading empire, nearly every ship that disappeared at sea was carrying a cargo of bananas, giving rise to the belief that hauling bananas was a dangerous prospect. This superstition has other purported origins as well:

- Banana boats were believed to be so fast that fishermen never caught anything while trolling from them.
- Another theory holds that bananas aboard slave ships fermented, giving off methane gas that would get trapped below decks. Anyone in the hold would succumb to the gas and anyone who climbed into the hold to help would fall prey to the dangerous gas as well.
- A better known danger of bananas at sea is a species of spider with a lethal bite that likes to hide in bunches of bananas. Crew members suddenly dying of spider bites after bananas are brought aboard certainly would be considered a bad omen, resulting in the cargo being tossed into the sea.

The above article taken from the USPS Ensign

