



Official Newsletter of the Tillsonburg Power & Sail Squadron

Commander's Report ~ Joe Haslinger

Can you believe we are already into December 2010? Where did the year go? I am sure we all can look back with many fond memories.

The Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron has had a very busy and successful year. I would like to thank our bridge for all the time and effort they put into making 2010 the success it was and making our squadron one of the best in Canada.

Since our last newsletter we have started our Boating Course in both Tillsonburg and Ingersoll. We have 8 new students and I would like to welcome them to our squadron. I would challenge them to become active members to make our squadron even better. I know you will learn a wealth of knowledge to become a safer and better boaters.

In November, we took part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg. We also participated in the Ingersoll and Tillsonburg Christmas parades and also the Norwich Christmas parade on December 4th. Our Christmas parade boat, trailer and dogs with life vests were certainly a parade success and we had many great comments from the public.

We certainly have had a good Indian summer this year and it was only last week I finally put our boat in storage. I know this is a sad day, but on the bright side it's only 5 more months to go and we will be boating again.

If anyone is interested in taking any of the CPS courses over the Winter months to make it go by that much faster please call Larry Hicks at 519-842-5618. We are always willing to put on a course and it is certainly a great way to pass the snow and cold months.

The Toronto boat show is just around the corner and we will be running a bus trip on Saturday January 15th, 2011. Tickets are on a first come basis and we have only one bus going so do not be disappointed and book early. For details and tickets contact Eric Hatzenbuehler or Joan Hicks.

The Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe and joyful holiday season!

PCOC changes announced

There are major changes coming effective April 2011 to the Pleasure Craft Operator Card licensing requirements. The changes will require an increase in knowledge and also an increase in the number of exam questions. I would advise anyone who requires a PCOC to take our course before April 2011. Please make sure all family and friends know about the changes. We are willing to run PCOC courses over the Winter months as required. Please contact Bob Older or Larry Hicks for details.

Annual Toronto Boat Show Bus Trip is coming soon...



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COMING EVENTS

January 15 Annual Toronto Boat Show
Bus Trip



Saturday January 15th, 2011

0900hrs - Ingersoll

(Carpool Lot - Hwy 19 @ 401)

0930hrs - Woodstock

(Quality Hotel & Suites Parking Lot)

Dinner at the Mandarin Chinese Buffet
in Mississauga

Tickets \$30.00 (advance) includes bus
& Boat Show admission

To reserve your seat call...

Joan Hicks 519-842-5618 or

Eric Hatzenbuehler 519-537-8945

Training Officer's Report ~ P/D/Cdr Larry Hicks

Hi Everyone! Just a short note this time to update the results of training so far this Fall. Registration was disappointing in numbers over other years but we presently have 6 students in Ingersoll and 2 in Tillsonburg for the Boating Course.

Joan and I attended the National AGM held in Nanaimo, British Columbia and there were some news releases from Transport Canada regarding content required in our accredited courses of Boat Pro and Boating. New exams and an implementation date of April 15, 2011 for new regulations on all Pleasure Craft Operator Card providers. I'll expand on that in the Spring newsletter. In the meantime, rest assured that those volunteers who create, revise, translate, proof read, etc are hard at work making CPS the top dog in safe boating instruction. We are at a loss as to how to best spend our time and money to get the message out to the public who as yet do not have training. Transport Canada estimate that there are still about 2.5 million boaters who need the card. I solicit your help in getting the word to them that CPS is the only card that is recognized in all of North America and by the U.S. Coast Guard. Membership with us includes a lot of perks which you can see by going onto the CPS website at www.cps-ecp.ca and click on membership. Well, got to go Christmas Shopping now - what would be a nice gift - perhaps something shiny & fiberglass?

Maritime Radio Officer's Report ~ P/Cdr Harry Ditmar

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

As instructor for the VHF radio course I would like to congratulate all the students who took the course this past year. We are planning on hosting another one in the near future. We have been unable to offer a course recently due to medial reasons but things are looking up.

Watch our web-page for dates, times and places. Remember you need a ROC-M to operate your radio.

Secretary's Report ~ P/Cdr Julie Ditmar

Well, here we are...Winter again. Our boats are all stored or moved to warmer climates and we will remember 2010 as a great summer!

We had Safety Day at Cornell Hall with demonstrations and talks by the OPP and Otterville volunteer fire fighters. There were hot dogs and give a ways for the kids. Although attendance wasn't great, it was an informative and fun day for those who were there. The Poker Run and Corn Roast was another great event. The weather unlike last year stayed warm and sunny with no rain or wind. Congratulations to the winners. We hope everyone had a good time, will attend next year and bring a friend. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and if you didn't get a chance to help this year, please try again next year.

We have been in the Labour Day parade and three Christmas parades.

Nominations for 2011 Bridge are also in the works. If you have one day a month available and would like a voice and are willing to help take our Squadron to the next level...please contact me.

I would like to take this chance to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Membership Officer's Report ~ Penny Holmes

Our number of Regular Members are actually up by 1, so we now have 224. Life Members are the same at 10, Junior Associates are 12, Lady Associates stay the same at 5 and Associate Members (1st year PCOC) down to 165, making a total membership for our Squadron at 416. The number of unpaid is up to 287 which indicates that the PCOC students are not renewing after their free year! I enjoyed our summer up north at Lost Channel as I'm now getting used to retirement in Tillsonburg. I will be heading to Australia and New Zealand in January, so retirement isn't too bad.

Youth Officer's Report ~ Tammy Ayres

I would like to thank Bob and Dianne Older for the amazing job they did on decorating their dinghy for both the Ingersoll and Tillsonburg Santa Claus Parades. I was privileged to pull the float in the Tillsonburg Parade. Many comments were made on how wonderful the float looked.

I would like to congratulate both Braden Jerry and Heather Hicks for representing us in the CPS Note Card Contest. They both did an awesome job. I would like to encourage all the youngsters to start thinking and designing their entries for next year's contest. The theme will be "BE CLEAN AND GO GREEN".

I hope to see everyone on the bus trip to the Toronto Boat Show. It is only about 4 more months after the show that we will be back on the water. I cannot wait. I would imagine all the boats have been put to bed for their long winter nap, as they dream about the toys Santa will bring them in his sac for the upcoming boating season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Boat Pro Officer's Report ~ Bob Older

Good things come in small packages or so they say. Our class of students in Ingersoll may not be large, but they have enthusiasm and ask intellectually curious questions (isn't that an unusual statement). Anyhow, we are moving along and I hope to have them into basic plotting by Christmas. Thanks to Kristen Jerry for her support and Don Campbell on a well done chapter of "Ropes, Lines and Knots". To the class and everyone, enjoy yourselves and have a Merry Christmas.

The Last Word ~ Bill Jerry ~ Editor

The summer has come and gone but what a great year on the water. After the horrible weather of the summer of 2009, we finally got a break. The boats are now stored and we are in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Thanks to all of the bridge members of our Squadron for getting their newsletter submissions in early allowing me to get this edition off to print on time. As I wrap up this issue of the newsletter, I am less than two weeks away from making a Christmas escape to a warmer climate and looking forward to a break from the rush of the season. Although Christmas without snow is unusual to a hardcore Canadian I have learned to adapt. I'll happily trade my boots for flip flops, hot chocolate around the fire for cocktails around the pool and howling north winds for tropical breezes. From my family to yours...have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a prosperous 2011.

Our next newsletter deadline is March 1, 2011

Email newsletter submissions to "bjerry@execulink.com"

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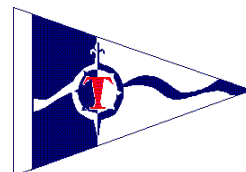
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Our entry in the Ingersoll Christmas Parade. Thanks to Bob & Dianne Older for the use of their boat...and grandchildren to promote our safe boating message. Thanks to all of our parade volunteers (dogs included) who participated this year in Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Norwich.

The Ingersoll Boating Class of 2010/2011



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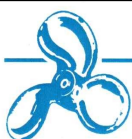
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