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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tillsonburg Power & Sail Squadron
Annual Poker Run & Corn Roast
August 10, 2013
See inside for details

National Annual General Meeting
October 23rd to October 26th
Eaton Chelsea Hotel
Downtown Toronto
Come for the week or come for a day
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Commander's Report

Well it's been a while since our last newsletter and there have been some changes on our Bridge. We had our annual AGM in April and a new Bridge was elected, since then our Squadron has been fairly active throughout the community. First we had our Annual Commander's Ball and Graduation on May 4th and it was very well attended. At the end of May it was safe boating week and we had a booth set up at the Tillsonburg Mall as well we flew a banner in the downtown for the week. The next event will be our Annual Poker run in August which you can read about in this newsletter. I look forward to my term as your Commander for the next couple of years. Unfortunately it had a downturn when I took over in April, I had back surgery a few weeks later and have been recovering since then. It's coming along slowly but surely so once the fall starts I should be able to attend meetings etc. I would like to thank Larry and Joan Hicks for all their help these past few months, they have kept things running smoothly. We welcome any ideas you might have so please let us know if there is something you would like the Bridge to try, we need more input from our members. In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe summer of boating and please come out and join in at the poker run.

Respectively submitted, Cdr. Eric Hatzenbuhler



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At our AGM in April, District Executive Officer Jay Jeffery pledged in the new members of the Tillsonburg Bridge. From left to right Jon Adlington, Brent Hicks, Yvonne Barbour, Pete Barbour, Marg Harris, Joan Hicks, Commander Eric Hatzenbuhler, District Exec Officer Jay Jeffery, P/C Ted VanStevendaal, Larry Hicks, Doug Robinson, Norm Park, Betsy VanStevendaal, and Jacqui Hicks. Absent Dennis Cook.

Job Opening

Do you have a couple of hours a month? Your Squadron needs a Membership Officer. The duties of a membership officer are to monitor the membership of our squadron, to welcome new members into our squadron who have transferred in through headquarters. Should be available to attend most Bridge Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month excepting July and August. If interested please contact your Commander, Eric Hatzenbuhler at 519-537-8945.

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History of Navigation

We are now skipping a few years and will look at the Medieval Marine Culture. This era started after the Roman Empire collapsed around the beginning of the 4th century. The most well-known participants of the development of maritime navigation during that time were the Norsemen, better known as the Vikings, who first originated from Scandinavia, mainly Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The inhabitants began building large seaworthy vessels during these early times. A crew of about two dozen paddled the wooden Hjortspring boat across the Baltic Sea long before the rise of the Roman Empire. The Scandinavians continued to develop better and bigger ships, incorporating iron and other metals into the design and developing oars for propulsion. The Nydam Oak boat of the year 315 AD measured sometimes over 100 feet in length. During the early Middle Ages, the Vikings (also known as Norsemen or Danes) developed the so called Longship, capable of voyaging beyond sight of shore. This ship acquired a reputation for speed and agility. The Vikings used the navigating technology, already developed by the Phoenicians and improved on by the Romans of course. They also learned celestial navigation and other means of finding their way to other lands. They used the improved sail systems to propel their boats quickly in the winds of the North Sea.

Norwegian Vikings first attacked the isle of Portland in the British Isles in 787. They continued to demonstrate their naval prowess to dominate European trade and commerce for the next several centuries, establishing colonies along the European coast from the Baltic to the Balkans. They also sailed up many big rivers, establishing their dominance well inland

through much of Russia and the Eastern European Territories. The Vikings successfully invaded Anglo-Saxon England and installed William the Conqueror as King.

As good as their naval abilities were, was also their prowess as land warriors. The Europeans had to live with the Vikings for several centuries.

The next time we will drift into the more advanced naval history.

This article was written and researched by P/C Ted VanStevendaal.



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The District Rendezvous was held this year in La Salle with all nine squadrons being represented. The Friday Night Wine Patrol was well attended and everyone enjoyed the wine, friendship and dogs provided by the U.S.P.S. Saturday morning was a short District Meeting with Dock Lunch to follow. Everyone brings their favourite food and shares it with everyone else. Games Saturday afternoon, not from rain, but participants got wet, wet, wet. An evening meal to die for, great food, door prizes, and music that everyone could sing along with. Sunday Morning Tillsonburg Squadron cooked breakfast for all with some help from London. The Commander's Competition was won by Goderich Squadron this year.

75th Anniversary Flag



Flags arriving from the United States.



The U.S.P.S. Chief Commander handing them off to C.P.S. Chief Commander



The flag being received by Tillsonburg from St. Thomas Commander.



Larry Hicks and Commander Eric Hatzenbuhler.

The 75th Anniversary Flag has started its long journey. On Sunday May 5th the flag was brought to Canada across the Detroit River by the U.S.P.S. Chief Commander from Michigan. The U.S. Chief passed it off to our Chief and the flags were ready to start a long journey. One is going to Newfoundland on the east coast and the other to Vancouver Island on the west coast. The flags will then travel in October to Toronto to our National AGM. Each Squadron will have a flag for a day and display as they see fit. On May 9th the flag travelling to the east coast was picked up by the Tillsonburg Squadron from St. Thomas and was passed off to Port Dover on the 10th. The flag was taken to Commander Eric for pictures and then to the Hicks'. Quite a few members travelled to have their picture taken with the flag. The Tillsonburg News attended and a very nice article was written and printed. Each Squadron was given an Anniversary Flag to fly at their events over the year and Tillsonburg has flown it in Tillsonburg for Safe Boating Week. The mayor attended with some members to hoist the flag at the Town Centre Mall with the Canadian Flag, the Tillsonburg Town Flag and the Red Ensign. Great Public Relations for our Squadron. Check the National Website to check where the flags are now on their journey.

Commander's Ball & Graduation



A delicious dinner was had by about 50 members and guests at the Cornell Hall in May for the graduation ceremonies of the winter classes.



The workers of our Squadron received merit marks for their work done over the past year. The marks ranged from number 1 to number 38



The new students were pledged into the Squadron by the P/D/C Mike Smith, the presiding officer for the night.



Mr John Gayford was our guest speaker for the evening. He and four other men built a sailboat and sailed it from Oakville Ontario to Australia. 117 days at sea. Pictures and videos made this presentation a great success.



Mr. & Mrs Gayford. P/D/C Mike Smith and P/C Ted VanStevendaal at the head table.

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Tillsonburg Squadron was represented in the Port Dover Canada Day Boat Parade by Howard and Iris Wilhelm on the Iris Too, on July 1, 2013. The parade had 3 categories with 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes in each. There were Fishing Tugs (commercial) 4 entered. Followed by Steel Pleasure Craft 5 entered. Then 6 Sail boats and 25 power boats, a great parade. The theme of the parade was "I Love Summer at Port Dover". Jim Murphy was the narrator and made special comments about the Tillsonburg Power & Sail Squadron and CPS in general.



Thanks, Howard, Iris and Morgan for a great job of representing Tillsonburg Squadron. Also congratulations to Howard & Iris Wilhelm on their 57th wedding Anniversary.

Training Officer Report

Hi Everyone: Over the winter and spring months our courses of Pleasure Craft Operator Card, Boating Essentials, Seamanship, Maritime Radio have been presented as the student registration has required. A few changes in courses have given us another market option which is to offer the charting portion of the old Basic Course in a new course called Boating Essentials. The prerequisite for the Essentials Course is that the student needs to have a PCOC, from any supplier of operator cards which qualifies him for registration into the charting section which is somewhat more educational. By CPS allowing us to recognize any suppliers card it opens up a market of several million students across Canada. Our squadron already has registrations for the fall season for PCOC, Essentials, Seamanship and Maritime Radio. Our classes are certainly not as great in number as history records so theres always room and we very much appreciate early registration to help us with course materials. Fall classes will start in early October and continue as fits the student registrations. We will try to offer any of our other courses which are of interest. Check our website for details. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of those members and resourse people who have helped to make the 2012-2013 training season a great success.

On my last quiz, apparently no one could identify the bridge because I got no responses. It was the Lions Gate Bridge in Vancouver.

This month's quiz: What are the call words of the third priority radio message? And who should it be addressed to?



Some Squadron Members with Mayor Lessif. Early morning just before flag being raised over Tillsonburg Town Centre.



The 75th Flag flying at the Tillsonburg Town Centre. The flag flew for a week along with the banner over Broadway Street for Safe Boating Week. Hope everyone saw our 75th Anniversary flag.



The booth set up in the Town Centre for Safe Boating Week. Thanks P/C Ted and Betsy and crew for manning the booth so many hours. Great Job. Names were collected for PCOC classes, Maritime Radio classes and the Boating Essentials Course for this fall.



At the end of the day, peacefully beside the still waters of Lake Pivibiska. Tomorrow a day of swimming, boating, tubing and fishing (better than today's catch). Life at the cottage is the life for me. Peaceful and Relaxing. Hope to see you all at the Poker Run for prizes, hot dogs and corn.