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UPCOMING EVENTS

Get a Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check
Call Peter Barbour or Doug Robinson
Find out what you need on your vessel.
We cannot give you a ticket but we can
save you one by letting you know what is
required on board.

Annual Poker Run and Corn Roast.
Held at Port Rowan on August 9th, gather
poker hands and meet at the park in Port
Rowan to hand in your cards and see if
you are a winner. The first three hands
have a monetary prize and there are quite
a few door prizes for those of us who
don't play poker so well. See you there.

National AGM in Quebec City
The Conference is October 22-26, 2014
At the Hotel Chateau Laurier in Quebec
City. See the National Web site for
further details and to register for a fun
filled time with the voyagers.



Congratulations to Marg Harris
On receiving her Life Membership
Which can only be accomplished by
giving 20 hours per year for 20 years of
volunteer service. Marg is presently
serving as the treasurer of our Squadron.
Shown here with Cdr. Eric and our
District Representative David Corke.

Commander's Report

Hello everyone, hope you are enjoying the summer we are having. Since our last newsletter we had our rendezvous which Tillsonburg Squadron hosted for the first time at the Sarnia Bay Marina. It was a great weekend which began Friday night with the wine patrol and coney dogs. Saturday we had a short District Meeting with games in the afternoon, Saturday evening there was roast beef on a bun with salads and dessert served by a local caterer. Tillsonburg Squadron put on a short skit about the Ghosts of Long Point that are in a cabin, the cast featured many of our talented members who did a great job portraying the play, of course great narration by Larry Hicks, then we had some door prizes and entertainment and socializing for the remainder of the evening. Sunday morning was the breakfast once again put on by our squadron, breakfast fit for a king it was.

I would like to personally thank the bridge members that were at the rendezvous all weekend for their hard work, I really thought we put on a great weekend.

The next event coming is our annual poker run and corn roast held at the Port Rowan Docks. The pick-up areas for the cards are as follows first off there is Turkey Point where Howard Wilhelm will be in his boat the Iris Too, there is Marina Shores at the gas docks or store, Booths Harbour gas docks or store, Old Cut Ferris Marine gas dock and last pickup will be Port Rowan at the park where some of our Bridge Members will be there preparing the food. You can pick there up in any order you like, hopefully we have nice weather and get a good turnout for this event, it's a lot of fun. The date for this event is Saturday August 9th, 2014. Corn Roast and prizes will start at 5 o'clock. Enjoy

the rest of the summer and hope to see you all at the corn roast.

Commander Eric Hatzenbuhler.



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POKER RUN

SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2014

Meet Howard Wilhelm at Turkey Point Marina, Eric Hatzenbuhler at Marina Shores, Ted VanStevendaal at Old Cut Marina and Doug Robinson at Booth's Harbour.

Register from 1000 – 0100 at the above Marinas and pick up cards anytime so you will be back at the Port Rowan Docks by 1630, Corn and Hot Dogs at 1700, prizes to follow.

Anyone can join in the fun you do not need to be a member, so bring your friends and neighbours.

Great Fun, Good Corn, and Great Prizes.

District Rendezvous

The District Rendezvous was held this year in Sarnia hosted by your Squadron, Tillsonburg. A very successful weekend was attended by members from across the District. Everyone had a Fun in the Sun weekend with great friendships being renewed and new ones forged. Food was superb with eating one of the main things being done. On Saturday the dock lunch was enjoyed by all, everyone brought their specialty and we had quite a smorgasbourg of all kinds of goodies. Fun games were played in the afternoon before a great roast beef supper being catered. Our own Commander Eric entertained in the evening and the Tillsonburg Players made an appearance as the Legends of Long Point. Sunday morning breakfast was cooked by some of the members from Tillsonburg as usual with sausage, peameal bacon eggs, hashbrowns and all the trimmings. All in all a great weekend, thanks to all who came and helped host the weekend.


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Pictures from the Fun in the Sun Weekend at the District Rendezvous. From the very youngest boater and future commander of our Squadron to the Chief Commander, Joe Gatfield and the Tillsonburg Players. Wonderful weekend with the United States Power Squadrons and Western Ontario District CPS



Quilt donated by Marg Harris won by Lori Garrah of Verona, Congratulations Lori.



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4 July 2014

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Dear Eric,

Hazel and I would like to express our appreciation for the gracious reception we received at the Fun in the Sun Rendezvous 2014 in Sarnia. We had an opportunity to meet a number of wonderful people and fellow boaters. The event was extremely well organized, and you managed to pack a great deal into just a couple of days. We know it took a lot of hard work by the Tillsonburg Squadron, and it came off without a hitch.

Thank you for hosting us at this event. It was a great experience!

Cordially,

Anyone want to take a shot at the odds of this ever happening again? For those who have served on a jury, this one is something to think about. Just when you think you have heard everything! Not even Law and Order would attempt to capture this mess. This is one of those stories which comes under the heading of “twist of fate” that you wouldn’t be able to sell to a book editor.

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science (AAFS), president Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to that effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly. Neither the shooter or the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers, and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned. The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus. When one intends to kill subject “A” but kills subject “B” in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject “B”. When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention

to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded. The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple’s son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son’s financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn’t actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist... Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother’s murder. This led him to jump off the ten story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

Get On Board, Wear A Life Jacket



See You At The Poker Run

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Help STOP the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

What are alien invasive species? An alien species is a plant or animal occurring in an area outside of its known natural range as a result of accidental or intentional introduction by human activities. An alien species is considered invasive if its introduction and spread causes harm to the environment, economy or society. You may recognize the names of some alien aquatic invasive species that have already invaded Canadian waters: Zebra Mussel, Round Goby, Spiny Water Flea, Eurasian Watermilfoil, and Green Crab

Why do we need to stop the spread of alien species? When aquatic invasive species are introduced and survive, their population usually increases very rapidly. They may feed on native species and compete for food and space, as well as introduce parasites and diseases that could infect native species. Invasive species are known to be one of the leading causes of native species populations becoming threatened or endangered. In fact, alien species are now recognized as a serious problem threatening global biodiversity and human health worldwide.

How do they get here? On any one day, an estimated 3000 species are transported in the ballast water of ocean-going vessels around the world. Anything from fish, to snails and clams,

to aquatic plants, to pathogens can be transported in ballast water to almost any port in the world. Ballast water is used to add weight and stabilize the ship in rough waves. Some species can also catch a ride on the outside hull of the ship. Either way these “aliens” can be deposited into any Canadian Port, including those on the Great Lakes. In addition to shipping, aquatic invasive species can arrive and spread through: recreational boating, aquarium and water garden trade, release of live bait, live food fish trade, aqua culture, and man-made canals. Once established in a water body invasive species are extremely difficult, if not impossible to control or eradicate.

How are they spread once they get here? Once they are here, the most common way aquatic invasive species are spread is by hitching a ride on a boat, trailer, boating equipment and fishing gear, including bait buckets. You can help keep all our lakes great by following the boater’s checklist to make sure these harmful hitchhikers are not spread any further.

How do aquatic invasive species affect you? Aquatic invasive species affect everyone that uses our waters, including boaters, shoreline property owners and anglers. These invaders can, clog boat engines and jam steering equipment which may lead to expensive repairs. Clog cottage water intake lines. Choke lakes and waterways and restrict use by boaters and swimmers. Reduce the numbers of popular sportfish, foul fishing gear. Reduce populations of native fish, clams, waterfowl and other species that inhabit our waters, Degrade the natural beauty of our lakes and waterways, Reduce waterfront property values.

Any questions call 1-800-563-7711 or visit www.invadingspecies.com

Stop the Spread: Boaters Checklist

Remove all aquatic plants, mussels or other visible organisms and put in the garbage.

Drain the water from your boat, including the motor, live well and bilge.

Do not release live bait! Empty your bait bucket on land or freeze or salt the bait to use later.

Remove organisms you can't see on your boat by (1) rinsing with hot water, (2) spraying with high-pressure water, (3) drying in the sun for 5 days.



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Distress Flares for Recreational Vessels

There are four types of flares that are approved by the Department of Transport for recreational vessels those being type A, B, C, and D.

Type A are rocket parachute flares that create a single red star that reaches a height of 300' and then slowly descend by a parachute, burn time is at least forty seconds and Type A are easily seen from the ground or air.

Type B are multi-star flares producing two or more red star, they reach a height of approximately 100' and easily seen from the ground or air. If the flare contains only one red star the quantity required by a vessel is doubled. Type B flares are the most common type used in recreational vessels.

Type C flares are hand held, they produce a red flame torch. These are best used to help searchers locate you, they burn for at least one minute. Care must be taken to ensure that the molten by-products are held clear of the boat and downwind of the holder. Do not look into the flare.

Type D flares are smoke signals emitting an orange smoke, if buoyant variety will smoke for three minutes and if hand held for fifty seconds. Useful only in daylight and in close proximity to searchers.

Flares are time sensitive and expire four years from the date of manufacture, there is not any excuse accepted by law enforcement personnel not to have current and sufficient flares on board.

Keep Safe: Pete Barbour, RVCC Officer.

Speaking of RVCC, Pete and Doug Robinson will do a free inspection of your safety equipment and let you know what you need for your length of vessel. Like I said this is a free service offered by your Tillsonburg Squadron. There are no tickets handed out but could save you the price of a ticket if checked by an officer

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