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UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes in Boating Basics (for the card) and Maritime Radio, and Boating Essentials (Boating) will begin in the fall. If you are interested in any courses please call Larry at the phone or email below.

An early indicator to our education officer around late summer or early fall on any other courses that you would like to take, would allow us ample time for arrangements. Let us know and we will attempt to provide you with what you would like. A list of courses is provided on our website.

To register for these courses call our Education Officer, Larry Hicks at 519-842-5618 or email at <u>canest@oxford.net</u>

The Annual Poker Run and Corn Roast

will be held August 8th 2015 Rain Date August 9th, 2015. Registration at Marina Shores and Booths Harbour, pick up cards at Marina Shores, Booth's Harbour, Post Marine, Turkey Point Marine and the Pavilion at Port Rowan. Entry Fee \$10.00 per hand. Members and non-members are welcome to participate. Those unable to travel by boat may pick up cards at the marina's listed above or all five cards can be picked up at the Pavilion in Port Rowan.

The Marinas in Long Point Bay area are great supporters of the Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron and we urge you, in return, support them as well as a supplier for your recreational needs.

Commander's report

Hello Everyone, hope all is well with you, hopefully you all have gotten your boats in the water and are enjoying the season. Since our last newsletter we have had our AGM in April, we managed to get an almost full slate of Officers, of course there is always room for more if anyone would like to join our group once a month. We held our first flare disposal day program on June 6th at Marina Shores. Unfortunately the weather was not in our favour, it was very windy and cool that day so people were in hiding, we did manage to get 70 or so flares dropped off, so not all was lost. We are looking into seeing if we can do this once again possibly with our poker run in August, watch out for flyer advertisements hanging around the marinas at the bay. Like I said earlier most of our events, we are putting on usually are not well attended. Our next one is the Poker Run and Corn Roast Saturday, August 8th, this will be well advertised at the marinas etc and in our newsletter so please try and make it out this year and make this a success. We will participate once again at Bay Fest in September in Port rowan with our trailer in the parade. Watch for us there. I hope you all have a safe and fun boating season and hope to see some of you at the Poker Run in August or out on the water.

Eric Hatzenbuhler,

Commander Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron



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YOUR SUMMER PLACE TO BE

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Flossie's Flounder a L'Orange

2 tbsp fresh squeezed orange juice 2 tbsp vegetable oil 1 tsp salt 1 tsp grated orange rind dash pepper 1 ¹/₂ lbs founder fillets, cut into serving pieces 1/8 tsp nutmet Combine orange joice, vegetable oil, salt, grated orange rind and pepper.

Place fish in greased shallow pan. Pour sauce over fish, sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in 350 degree oven 20-30 minutes. Serves four.



The Atlantic Codfather says his family's success depends on schools.

Grand Banks: The Atlantic Cod is a member of a large family of marine fish and considered one of the most abundant in North Atlantic waters. Atlantic Cod is a heavy bodied fish with three dorsal fins and a broad, nearly square tail. Cod measures up to 40 inches in length and from 3 - 30 pounds in weight. Cod fillets are sold as jumbo (weighing I pound or more) and regular. Scrod is the market term for cod or haddock weighing under 2 1/2 lbs. Atlantic cod varies in colour from shades of gray to green or red to brown tints. Atlantic Cod is a lean fish with a large, white firm flake. It is exceptionally well suited for freezing. Fishing for cod is a year-round industry. However, cod are most abundant fresh from March to November in the mid Atlantic and from April to December in New England waters, Canada, Norway, Denmark and Iceland are big supplier of cod.



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If you have noticed ominous clouds of insects hovering near the waterfront, and gravitating toward lakeshore these are midges, an entirely harmless, if completely annoying breed of insect. The Midges are a mosquito-like bug that go through four life cycles in a year. The last one was October, when they were rampant. Because the weather is warmer now, the midges emerged and started their next cycle. The adults mate in the recognizable clouds, lay eggs, likely in the lake and die within a week. They are primarily found near bodies of water, and are attracted to light. Because there were so many last fall, we have lots of babies turning into adults this spring, and a warm humid summer will increase their numbers. But there is good news: despite looking like mosquitoes, they don't have the mouth parts to bite like them. So just keep that in mind as you bike through their mating clouds.

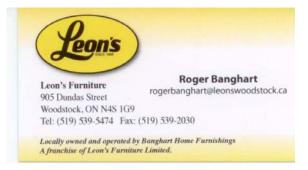
Mosquitoes: It's too early to tell whether mosquitoes will invade us in increasing numbers this year, but a humid late spring and summer would be prime conditions for them. A dry summer would be the best thing for keeping mosquito populations down. One concern that comes with higher mosquito populations is West Nile Virus. There need to be really high temperatures for the virus to become a problem. But it's always a concern for the public in Ontario for sure. If you can keep puddles of standing water treated or emptied you can help control and keep down mosquito numbers.

Ticks: The rural areas near the shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, is at high risk for Lyme Disease, carried by the black-legged tick. The disease originated in the Connecticut area, but as the animals that carry ticks migrated north, so did Lyme Disease. We suggest that you wear light clothes when out walking in the bush, so that ticks, which are black and small, become noticeable. You should check yourself after your walk, because you really want to make sure you don't have one of these little rascals on you.

Ladybugs: The ladybug invasion won't happen until early autumn, when the temperatures start to drop. A lot of the time in the fall you'll see them swarming on the outside of a house or a building. They're just looking for a warm place to survive the winter. Ladybugs don't house any health concerns and are good to have around. The more of them the better, They eat a lot of pests that get on our vegetables and our ornamental plants, so they're a good thing.

Wasps: The yellow jacket wasps are an end of summer staple and they're more aggressive and irritable than other wasps. They seem to be more willing to hang around or not be shooshed away than some other types. We haven't seen any changes in the number of them over the past few years as we have seen with other insect populations.

Taken from the National Post



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Ships sail East and ships sail West, While the self-same breezes blow, It's the set of the sails and not the gales. That determine the way you go. Just in case you missed it in the Porthole. Just Ask John:

Q: Will the Canadian Coast Guard follow the US lead in no longer monitoring channel 16 (Mid Frequency MF 2182 KZ)?

A: In October 2013, following the USCG announcement(USCG Marine Safety Alert 06-13 dated June 18th) re discontinuance of monitoring of its shore-based medium frequency communications network, the CCG responded as follows: This decision will have no impact on CCG marine communication and traffic services operations. The CCG continues to monitor 2182 kHz and provide broadcast services on 2 MHz and has no plans to discontinue the service. In October 2014, I once again contacted CCG HQ on this issue and was advised as follows: "There has been no senior level CCG discussion about ending the monitoring of (MF) 2182. If we do visit it in the future, it would demand public consultation. Canadian Coast Guard continues to monitor Channel 16

Q: How do I activate the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) feature in my VHF maritime radio?

A: Contact a regional Industry Canada Spectrum Management office and get a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number and then follow the DSC set up instructions in the radio's Owner's Manual. DSC cannot be activated without a MMSI number

Q: Can I use the DSC feature for routine calling?

A: In addition to the automatic distress-alerting feature of VHF-DSC radios, the initial contact with another vessel, a "routine" call, is made digitally on channel 70. The channel for voice

communication is indicated utilizing the vessel MMSI in a manner similar to that of a pager. Another vessel's radio is digitally contacted and advised to go to a specific channel for voice communications.

Q: How can I find out which VHF channels to use for voice communication in my cruising area?

A: In the CPS-ECP Maritime Radio Course student's notes and the Maritime Radio Course Module Two of students notes you will find a copy of Industry Canada's RIC 13 as Appendix 1, Table of Transmitting Frequencies for the VHF band 156-174 MHz in the Maritime Mobile Service. This chart clearly identifies each of the channels 01 to 88, their areas of operation, the types of service and the types of traffic that can use the various channels. You can also go to the Industry Canada Spectrum Management web site and search RIC 13 for this chart.

Summary: The DSC radio automatically, silently and continuously maintains a listening watch on the appropriate DSC channel, VHF channel 70. DSC capabilities are not limited to emergencies. "All Ships" Urgency and Safety alerts may also be received and sent to or from CCG Coast Stations and to establish routine contact with other DSC equipped vessels and coast stations directly without having to use the voice calling/distress channels.



The Port Burwell Historical Society has acquired the wheelhouse from this massive ship the Fernglen as an attraction for the local marine museum. It's really an artifact and the museum wants it as an attraction.



This ship was built in Loraine, Ohio in 1917. The wheelhouse was used as an office for an excavating company in Lowbanks, Ontario. The society inquired about the wheelhouse years ago and it wasn't for sale at the time. All these years later the excavating company came back to the historical society and they had built a new building and the wheelhouse was surplus. Does Port Burwell still want it? The company donated the wheelhouse but it will be up to the society to transport it to Port Burwell. Volunteers and donations will bring it to its final resting place on museum property at the corner of Pitt and Robinson streets, across from what is said to be Canada's oldest inland lighthouse.

Parts of this article taken from the News of Norfolk and region St. Thomas Times Journal



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Commander's Social and Graduation

If you were unable to attend this annual event then you missed ample portions of a delicious catered meal with non-calorie content desserts (so we were told) as well as the graduation ceremonies of last years' students. Presentations of certificates, CPS flags (appropriately sized) and all the rewards for completing our courses were given to the very deserving students present. Pictures and pledging followed with P/D/C Parke doing the honours. Last on the business portion of the evening was presentation of the bent prop award. This prestigious trophy was eventually awarded to Commander Eric Hatzenbuhler who was nominated by his wife as a deserving mariner of this highly sought after reward for some screw up while afloat. All present were in agreement that such a fine decoration should grace his mantle for the ensuing year. A final and very appropriate presentation was given by a representative of the Norfolk County OPP Marine Unit, Long Point Bay Area which covered everything new and reminded us of everything old that should be kept in mind for the upcoming boating season. His numbers and comments about infractions and plain silliness were an eye opener to what is happening out there and the benefits of education. This was followed by video of the events in Long Point Area including the Pottahawk Party and what went on there last year is a visual reminder that alcohol and boating has a place and time to enjoy, Many, many questions were put forth and many answers and explanations were given. Everyone present left the better informed for their attendance at this event. Thank you Officer Jim for a great evening.

POKER RUN

Hosted by Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron Saturday August 8th or Rain Date August 9th, 2015



Prizes and BBQ at Port Rowan Pavilion at 1630

Join us for Fun, Food and Fellowship

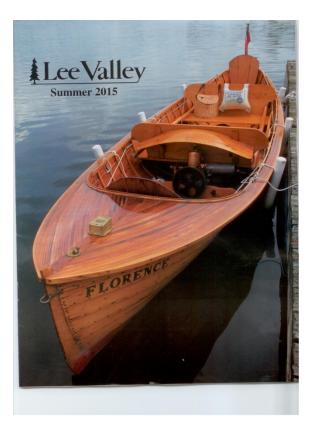
Entry Fee \$10.00 Per Hand

Register at Marina Shores & Booth's Harbour from 1000 – 1200 cards can be picked up at Marina shores, Booths Harbour, Post Marine, Turkey Point Marina and at Port Rowan Pavilion

Pre-register by calling Joan 519-842-5618–Eric 519-536-5245

Those unable to travel by Boat may pick up cards at each Marina. All five cards can be picked up at Port Rowan Pavilion.

First Prize \$ 100.00 Second Prize \$50.00 Third Prize \$ 25.00



Shown on the cover of the Lee Valley catalogue is the Florence a Dispro (Disappearing Propeller Boat) This vessel is near and dear to the hearts of Larry and I as we are the proud owners of the Maggie-Jo, a Dippy that is in the state of varnishing and sanding that we hope will be done by the next century. Our Dispro was built by the Greavette Boat Company in 1948. Her serial number is 24-48 the 24th boat off the line in 1948. At this point Maggie-Jo does not look like the Florence but hopefully someday.

This year the Dippy (as it is lovingly called) is celebrating the Centennial Year of this vessel 1915 – 2015. So if you see one of these vessels at any boat shows take a closer look and say Happy Birthday to the little boat that is still putting along with it's one cylinder motor and rope steering wheel. Notice the device in the bottom, the propeller is lifted up into the boat to get close to shore. A unique little boat with a long history.



Watch for the new District Sign at Marinas where some squadron will be doing an RVCC (Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check). This check is at no cost to the boater we just check and see that you have all the required safety equipment on your boat. We cannot give you a ticket but we might save you one if you are checked by the CCG or the OPP. Peter Barbour and Doug Robinson are the ones from our squadron who will be happy to check your vessel. Their telephone numbers are on the front page of this newsletter. They will be glad to come to you to do a vessel check and make sure you are safe on the water with all safety equipment required.

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