



Official Newsletter of the Tillsonburg Power & Sail Squadron

Commander's Report ~ Joe Haslinger

What a summer we had. Hot, sunny and moderate winds made it a perfect summer for boaters!

I would like to thank all the people who helped staff the BBQ for Tim Horton's Camp Day on June 2nd. It was a great success and the fried onions were to die for.

I would also like to thank Jeff Helsdon and the Tillsonburg News for the article they did on The Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron and the PCOC and VHF requirements. It sparked a lot of discussion with the public.

On Saturday August 7th we had our annual Poker Run and Corn Roast. The weather was unbelievable and we had 51 people take part. What a success. After last year's event being a rained out twice, it was good to see so many boaters take part in our annual tradition this year. Best hand paid \$100.00 and was won by Linda Hudson, second place for \$75.00 went to Tammy Ayres and 3rd place for \$50.00 went to Mark Ryan. The worst hand paid \$25.00 and was won by George Eerenberg. Congratulations to all our winners. The LCBO gift certificates for our raffle were won by Julie Ditmar and Jack Eerenberg.

Our squadron's name will be inscribed in the Honour Roll Log for our 17th donation to the CPS Foundation. The CPS Foundation plays a very important role in securing and funding future generation's safe boating education and ensuring we have the best courses available to our members.

Our squadron took part in the Port Rowan Bayfest parade on September 5th. We had both our trailer and also the CPS special exhibit boat, the Howard G Peck, entered in the parade. This was the biggest Bayfest parade ever with 68 entrants and our display certainly stood out.

Now that the summer is coming to a close it's that time again to think about CPS courses and to sharpen our skills. We will be running a number of courses, from Basic Boating to Marine Maintenance to GPS, so let's promote our courses to family and friends and enjoy some time together with fellow boaters during the off season.

PCOC requirements are increasing. Transport Canada will be increasing the number of questions and also increasing the difficulty level. Please advise anyone you know that needs their PCOC card to contact us as soon as possible and arrange to take our course.

If there are any courses you would like us to put on over the winter months, please contact our training department at 1-866-597-BOAT (2628) or 519-842-5618

Wishing you an extended Indian Summer and a lot more boating.

Tillsonburg Squadron in the Port Rowan Bayfest Parade



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COMING EVENTS

October Basic Boating Course begins. Register today!

October 21-23 CPS National AGM—Nanaimo B.C.

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

The September Newsletter...already! You know what they say about time when you're having fun. Anyway, your Squadron Training Department needs to plan ahead for the fall, winter and spring courses. We need to hunt up instructors, classrooms, course materials, etc. but first and foremost we need registrations. We need you, our membership, to tell us what courses you might be interested in taking. If you don't know what courses we have you can go to www.cps-ecp.ca the National Site and scan the list or www.tillsonburg.cps-ecp.org or better yet just call me at 519-842-5618 and I will be pleased to help you find something interesting and to your liking. I already have names for Boating, Maritime Radio, Seamanship, PCOC and Fundamentals of Weather. Some of these have been registered by email which is great; canest@oxford.net works very good for me. We all know somebody who, as yet, has not joined our squadron and would benefit from some in class instruction, just to make them safer boaters. Well, why not mention to them, before they get gone for the winter, about our efforts - "Volunteers Teaching Safe Boating". A pleasant time in a warm classroom, talking and learning about things we enjoy, while the water is stiff and the snow flies outside. Sound good - give me a call.

Our Squadron has continued throughout the summer to provide courses and challenges for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card and Maritime Radio. Many recreational boaters have not yet fulfilled their obligation to get the certification they need to satisfy the new laws. I'd like to help you with that - it's easy - just get in touch.

Around the first of September, Transport Canada is supposed to be releasing a new criteria for certifications. The National Training Department has been working very hard and assure us that they will be ready almost immediately to have our course material and instructors up to speed. I know there are some new and exciting opportunities coming from our National Training Department but they won't tell me what yet. We'll just have to wait and see.

You know we don't teach and give classes all the time - we sometimes have fun too. For instance, all members can attend our Annual District Rendezvous. This year's event was held in Wallaceburg. A Friday night, Saturday and Sunday joining in festivities with lots of other members from CPS and USPS as well. Also, the Annual District AGM was held this year in Forest, another Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday of meetings and greeting old and new friends. There are also the USPS conferences that welcome Canadians to join in their AGM's. The more you participate the more you enjoy. So, let's learn and play together for a very successful squadron.

As always we solicit your help as instructors, resource people, bridge members or just a strong back for special events. Contact me however you want if only just to say hello. Boating Classes will start in October and other classes, depending on the numbers registered, will be arranged accordingly.

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

I hope everyone has had a great summer. We hosted one Maritime Radio class this summer so there are 12 more people using their radio in the proper fashion. We are planning a class for November so please tell anyone who needs an upgrade or ROC-M to keep an eye on our squadron website for dates.

As stated in P/Cdr Julie's report, we attended the Poker Run where again, I roasted wieners, fried onions, toasted buns and kept people fed. It was a good day. The Labour Day Parade was well attended and it was a pleasure to be part of it.

Secretary's Report ~ P/Cdr Julie Ditmar

The last long weekend of the summer has come and gone, but it was a great one! Over this beautiful summer it was my pleasure to present Guy Lavallee with his Safe Boater of the Year award. I attended and helped at the Poker Run and Harry and I hauled the Howard G. Peck in the Bayfest Parade along with Joan and Larry who had our beautiful trailer in tow. The Poker Run was well attended but there were quite a few old faces missing. I guess I keep hoping for a turnout like we had in the past. The weather was superb for both the Poker Run and the Parade. With the turning of September it is now time for your Bridge to get back to work and plan ways to bring the Squadron attendance back up with upcoming events, yet to be determined. We really do miss you! Enjoy what is left of the summer and be safe.

Membership Officer's Report ~ Penny Holmes

We are down a few members. We have 221 Regular Members, Life Members still 10, Lady Associates still 5, Associates & PCOC at 227, with Junior Associates at 12. Our total membership is 525. Sadly, unpaid members are up to 190 with many being the PCOC recipients who do not seem to renew after their free 1st year. A family of 3 transferred from St. Thomas, so welcome to Peter C, Peter A and Yvonne Barbour. Another member from St. Thomas is transferring, after he reinstates, so welcome to these new members. We have done a few PCOC exams here at Lost Channel, as they have to have the card to rent the boats. I have enjoyed this lovely summer.

Youth Officer's Report ~ Tammy Ayres

Wow, what a great summer this has been! The weather for the most part has made up for last year.

During the course of the summer I have completed a few exams for the PCOC. Boaters seem to be understanding that they require the card or face a fine.

The poker run was a very successful event this year. I was very honoured and surprised to have come in at 2nd place. This definitely makes up for the other years were I left empty handed. It seemed all who attended had a great time.

I hope the weather continues to be in our favour for the remainder of this year's boating season.

Boat Pro Officer's Report ~ Bob Older

Seems as though as I get older, time speeds up. Every year when August arrives I say to Dianne "summer will be over before we know it". Well, it is now September. Ha! Told you so.

Back in the Spring we booked the Ingersoll high school again for the Basic Boating course for sixteen weeks, starting the second Tuesday in October. I hope more people are interested this time. As far as the PCOC card and course issue, I have had no interest from anyone in general...zero! Not boating on the water now may have something to do with it. Anyhow, a few northern and southern and local comrades have looked after those needs in their area. Thank you! We will see how the Boating course sets up and then perhaps set up a PCOC course date. I hope everyone else had a great summer this year...warmer at last and dryer.

Our next newsletter deadline is December 1, 2010

Email newsletter submissions to "bjerry@execulink.com"

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Tillsonburg Power
& Sail Squadron

Annual Poker Run & Corn Roast — a huge success!
Cdr Joe Haslinger congratulates our winners...



1st prize — Linda Hudson \$100



2nd prize — Tammy Ayres \$75



3rd prize — Mark Ryan \$50



Worst hand — George Eerenberg \$25



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