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Muskoka Wharf Attracts Tourists

by Rick Brenneman

On a cool, windy day this summer Ardys and I travelled to Gravenhurst from our marina at Starport Landing in Orillia to take in some of the local tourist attractions. We had read about a new development that was being constructed along the waterfront in Gravenhurst so we decided to check it out. Called the Muskoka Wharf, the development envelopes the harbour in Gravenhurst stretching along the waterfront from the *Seguin* cruise ship docks to the *Grace and Speed* museum on the opposite side. Parks and boardwalks, boutiques, restaurants, and an excellent tea house surround the town docks and lure visitors to the waterfront.

For us, the highlight of the day was a visit to the *Grace and Speed* museum. In this complex are a variety of authentic muskoka displays that capture the interest of visitors. A recreation of the famous Windemere Lodge complete with interactive displays, recalls the days of the grand hotels when visitors from all over North America came to vacation in the pristine environment of the muskoka area. Another area of the museum contained a large collection of antique outboard engines. Included in this display is one of the earliest steam-operated outboard engines, a single cylinder, brass constructed, glistening treasure. The variety of outboards on display was impressive and most fascinating. Also, on display were working models of some of the early steam engines that powered the cruise ships that plied the waters of Lake Muskoka.

One of the most captivating areas of the museum was the boat house that contained a large collection of fully restored antique boats. These vessels, owned by local muskoka boaters, are moored in the boat house and proudly show off their gleaming mahogany decks and their glistening brass accessories. Included in the display were two steam-powered vessels that were restored to operating condition.

Our visit ended with a cruise on the famous cruise ship *Sequin* past the palatial cottages of prominent Muskoka residents and visitors. As we enjoyed the sights of the Muskoka landscape, our imagination took us back to the decades past when luxurious steam-powered cruise ships brought wealthy visitors to the area for relaxation and pampering and sparkling mahogany vessels skimmed the waters of Lake Muskoka.

If you're looking for an interesting place to visit consider putting the Muskoka Wharf on your itinerary. It's well worth the visit!

MAREP Report Reminder

by Diane Allan P, Niagara District Marep Officer

Please watch for anything unusual that you may see on the water that isn't on your chart. Buoys are changed as well as other markers. If you see anything unusual or different, please notify your local MAREP Officer or Commander and get it noted.

Also, watch for any land markers that may be changed or removed; ie., lowering or raising of hydro lines, new construction going on and docks that may have changed location, etc. These all may have an impact on the ease of our boating and getting in and out of slips, etc. Again, please submit a report these to your Squadron MAREP Officer or Commander and get it recorded.

There is an award that is presented at the District AGM to the squadron that has been most diligent in noting any of these changes and submitting a report.

There is a CD that is available telling you more about the MAREP program and all that it entails. Ask your Squadron MAREP Officer or Commander for a copy!

In the meantime, happy and safe boating.

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Summer School Revisited

by P/C Bill Allan SN

Port Dover Yacht Club held another Sailing School in July this year on the beach by Callahan's Beach House. My grandson Clay stayed with me at the yacht club on our Tanzer 27 sailboat, s/v Mir, for the week. Sunday July 1, we watched the Canada Day Parade, the longest running annual parade in Canada's history. Afterwards, Clay's parents, his younger brother Austin and my wife Diane left to return to Kitchener, leaving Clay & I to enjoy the week together in Port Dover. He is very quick to make friends and after supper, he had invited three other student sailors & their grandparents over to our picnic table to enjoy the fireworks display that evening. Great show!

Monday morning came early and after showers and breakfast we headed to the beach. The Ontario Sailing coaches had unloaded eight Pico sailboats, masts, sails and their inflatable coach boat from the trailer and lessons began. First, identify all of the boat parts and assemble them. Next, fit all of the kids with proper life jackets. Within two hours all eight boats, sixteen student sailors, two sailing coaches and three helpers were out on the bay having a great sailing

session.

As the days came and went, the kids (and the coaches) had an excellent time together each day. The weather was mostly sunny and even the wind cooperated, never exceeding 5 or 6 knots. Wednesday morning brought rain so the students used the PDYC clubhouse for lessons and games. Each evening, we walked from the club into the town to enjoy the Harbour Museum, ice cream or just watching boats and fishermen from the town dock.

Finally Friday came and the kids were treated to a barbeque lunch on the beach, served by Chris Campbell of Callahan's Beach House. After lunch, there was more sailing and then the awards presentation. All students earned their White Sail 1 certificate! Clay also earned his Boy Scout Sailing badge (with a little extra help from sailing coaches Orest and Emilie).

The next sailing school is in mid August and you can bet that I will be there once more, with my granddaughter Amy this time!

From the Helm

by Janice Fleischmann

The CPS National AGM and Conference is coming up in October and the key issue this year will be the "CPS Brand Name Contest" results (see the April 2007 issue of the High & Dry). On Saturday, June 9th, the Special Projects Committee announced the three finalists in the contest and they are:

1. **CPS-ECP** – the traditional brand name for our organization, allows for the least change in the flag logo and brand
2. **Nautique Canada** – recognizes both official languages, gives nautical reference to our activities in "Nautique" and indicates the organization is clearly Canadian
3. **CPS Nautique** – an evolved "brand name", recognizes both official languages and represents our original (1938) name "Canadian Power Squadron"

Take time to mull over these finalists and challenge their relative merit. We have (as a Squadron) until October 8, 2007 to make our final selection at which time we will need to advise our AGM delegate on how to vote.

I urge all members to send their comments or questions (whatever they may be) to me at jfleischmann@rogers.com or mail to 653B Pinerow Crescent, Waterloo, Ontario N2T 2K5 or call me at 519-886-8625 (evenings). It is extremely important that the K-W Bridge executive know your thoughts to make a good decision and more importantly, to let CPS District and National know your feelings on these three name choices. You can also find more information on the CPS website under Members Mooring at www.cps-ecp.ca.

From the Training Desk

By Bob Cotey, Training Officer

Hopefully all of you are enjoying the summer, spending as much time on your boats as possible. As we progress through the season we have time to think about what we can do to make us better, safer and more competent boaters, whether it be sail or power. We are never too old to learn and often it's the little things that make a difference in our ability to handle our boats.

To this end the squadron is once again offering numerous courses that will address our wants and needs as we enjoy our pleasure craft.

Registration for **all courses** will take place upstairs at the **Waterloo Regional Police Detachment 3** building on Erb St West, one block off King St.

Fall registration - September 11 & 13, 2007 from 7:00 - 9:00pm

Winter/Spring registration dates - January 8 & 10, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00pm

Registration will also be available through the **Squadron web site** via e-mail. Course dates are posted on the web site for all the sessions. Simply fill out the form on the web site for the course of your choice and it will be forwarded to us. A reply and form for you to download will be sent out immediately for you to pre-register via mail.

The following courses will be taught upstairs at the **WRP detachment 3 building** for both sessions--**Boating** (13 weeks), **Boat Pro** (2 nights), **VHF** (2 nights), and **GPS** (2 nights).

Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Weather Fundamentals will be taught at resurrection High School. Please note that the running of all courses is subject to enrolment numbers being high enough to make up a class.

At this time I would like to encourage anyone interested in assisting with the instruction of courses or proctoring any courses to contact me via e-mail at cotey@rogers.com or by phone at 519-885-3771.

Editorial

Another boating season is rapidly coming to an end and soon we'll be winterizing our vessels and preparing for lay-up. Hopefully many of you will be making plans to take some additional boating courses this fall. Please the article by our Training Officer that outlines the course offerings that have been planned for this fall.

A busy schedule of social events has also been planned by the squadron. Please note these events on your calendar and make plans to participate in these activities.

I would appreciate hearing about your boating experiences this season and look forward to your submissions. Please share your articles so that I can include them in the next issue scheduled for November. Please e-mail your contributions to rickardys@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Recently I was diagnosed with

AAADD (Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder)

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose, I look over at my car and decide the car needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the study to my desk where I find the can of pop that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the pop aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I notice that the pop is getting warm so I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the pop, a pot of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need to be watered. I set the pop down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote someone left on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of pop sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

When I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

Graduation Ceremonies

by Janice Fleischmann

Graduation ceremonies were held on May 30, 2007 at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus with 54 students receiving certificates. Congratulations to all our students on their achievements. Special presentations were made to Robert Bakker and Bernie LaFleur to thank them for their contributions to our Training Department over the years. Our speaker for the evening was Captain Wallace Gouk of Port Credit Marine Surveyors, who showed us just a few of the things to watch for when purchasing a boat. A light lunch and social hour ended the ceremonies.

Master of the Helm Challenge at Starport Landing

by Rick Brenneman

On Sunday, July 29th Dusty Miller and his Master of the Helm Challenge arrived at Starport Landing Marina for an event filled day of boating instruction, boat handling competitions, and the crowning of Starport's Master of the Helm. The day began with Dusty providing on-board instruction to participants aboard a 2007 30' Cruisers boat provided by Angus Yachts. Each participant received personalized instruction on docking and maneuvering techniques on the slalom course that was set up for the competition to follow.

In the afternoon, participants engaged in the competition. Boaters had the option of using the boat provided or their own vessel during the competition. The event consisted of transiting a slalom course, docking procedures, and other challenges. Dusty and his crew boarded the vessels and evaluated each maneuver. Marks were assigned to each participant and, at the end of the competition, a Master of the Helm certificate was awarded to the winning competitor.

Dusty Miller, a long-time boating instructor and journalist for Power Boating Canada, operates the Master of the Helm Challenge in marinas throughout Ontario during the summer months. The winner of each of the local competitions is invited to participate in the final competition at the In-water Boat Show at Ontario Place in Toronto at the end of August. Incidentally, the current Master of the Helm champion from the 2006 competitions in Toronto is Sean Miller (no relation to Dusty) from Starport Landing. His championship flag flies proudly at the gas dock at Starport Landing until a new champion is crowned this year.

Dusty Miller's Master of the Helm Challenge is a valuable and educational boating experience that has been enjoyed by boaters at Starport Landing for the last two years.

Administrative Officer's Report

by Diane Allan, P

Hi everyone. Hopefully your summer is going great with lots of fun-filled warm weather activities! The Squadron Bridge meetings are booked for the next coming year. They will be held every second Tuesday of the month from September 2007 through to June 2008, and will be held at the Ratz-Bechtel Family Center, 621 King St. West, in Kitchener. All members are invited (and encouraged!) to attend any of our Bridge meetings. See what happens in the background of KW Power & Sail. Dress is informal and one of the Bridge members always brings snacks for everyone. See you there!

Coming Events (Mark Your Calendars)

K-W Oktoberfest Parade – Monday, October 8, 2007 – we will require a maximum of six people to walk in the parade with our entry. If you would like to participate please contact Janice Fleischmann at jfleischmann@rogers.com or call 519-886-8625

Christmas Dinner & Social – Friday, November 23, 2007 at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus beginning with a social hour at 18:00 and dinner at 19:00. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Contact Janice Fleischmann for tickets or more information.

K-W Squadron Bridge Meeting – Tuesday, September 11, 2007 beginning at 19:00 at the Ratz Bechtel Family Centre. All members are welcome to attend.

CPS National Conference and AGM – October 24-27, 2007 in Ottawa. Visit the CPS website at www.cps-ecp.ca for additional information.

Bus Trip to the Toronto International Boat Show – Saturday, January 19, 2008. For more information contact Janice at jfleischmann@rogers.com or call 519-886-8625 to reserve your seat.

Celestial Navigation Links

by P/C Bill Allan, SN

Those of you who are interested in Celestial Navigation may find some interesting links in this article. This time-honoured navigation technique is primarily used as a double-check and backup to radio, radar and satellite navigation. Kitchener-Waterloo Squadron has many members that have studied and passed the Junior Navigator, Navigator, or Celestial Navigation course. Let our Training Dept know if celestial navigation study is something you might be interested in. It's fascinating! You can find email addresses for our Training Officer and our 3 assistant Training Officers on our web site at <http://www.kwboating.ca>

Here are three links for you.

- Try the Celestial Navigation Net, located at <http://www.celestialnavigation.net> Here you will find the history of it, theory behind it, and reasons why we study it.
- Another neat site is you might want to visit is Wikipedia, for a good basic description of Celestial Navigation and how it works. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celestial_navigation
- The third site is Heaven's Above web site at <http://www.heavens-above.com/> This site will show you where satellites, the space station and the shuttle are situated in real time from your customized location. Check it out!