

The *High* and *Dry*

Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron

Summer, 2013

From the Helm

by Diane Allan, Commander

This year started out with me getting inundated into the commander's activities very quickly. Although I have been on the Bridge for years, I did not have a full grasp of all it entailed. The changes that CPS is making also have caused more brainstorming sessions and changes to the way things have been done.

It has been a busy time to date. This year is CPS's 75th anniversary. To mark this special event they are holding a flag relay with two flags travelling across the country, one ending in British Columbia and the other in Newfoundland. They have been passing through each squadron and events have been planned in each local area. We had the flag pass through KW on May 14th and I had an opportunity to meet with Mayor Carl Zehr to commemorate this occasion. We also held a reception that night at Ratz-Bechtel Family Centre prior to our normal Bridge meeting.

We attended the 2013 *Rock the Dock in Dover Rendezvous* in Port Dover this year and we were not disappointed! There was a wine and cheese reception, a tour of the museum and a tour of 3 local vineyards. Then we had a sunset cruise aboard *Kayloe* out of Port Dover complete with dinner and dancing. The next day we had breakfast at the Erie Beach Motel, listened to a travelogue of the North Channel and toured the Canadian Coast Guard Station. A huge thank you is extended to Rick and Ardys Brenneman for organizing the weekend. Stay tuned for more information on the 2014 Florida Fantasy Rendezvous coming up in February, 2014!

The Tall Ships are currently in Toronto and are travelling around the Great Lakes. Please check out the schedules at www.sailtraining.org to see their entire Great Lakes schedule. If you get a chance to attend, they are well worth seeing. The remaining Canadian ports where they will be visiting are:

Collingwood/Owen Sound – August 16-18

Penetang/Midland – August 24-25

Amherstburg/Kingsville/Windsor – August 30-September 2

Have a safe and happy summer on the water.

CPS 75th Anniversary Flag Arrives in K-W

by Rick Brenneman, Executive Officer

On May 14, the CPS Anniversary Flag arrived in Kitchener-Waterloo to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron in Canada. This special occasion was celebrated by meeting with Mayor Carl Zehr and presenting him with memorabilia about our squadron and outlining the important role that CPS plays in promoting safe boating through our educational programmes and activities. Our commander had the privilege to be photographed with the mayor and the anniversary flag. Later in the evening, a reception was held to celebrate this special event.

CPS-ECP is recognized as the largest organization of its kind in the world, the foremost educational boating authority in Canada. Graduates of the CPS-ECP Boating Course fly the CPS Flag on their vessels in recognition of their achievement and membership.



In 1938, three members of the Windsor Yacht Club crossed the Ambassador Bridge into Detroit, Michigan. Under the direction of the Detroit Power Squadron, Fred Dane, George Ruel, and G. William Bowman passed the United States Power Squadron's Junior Piloting Course. They soon formed the first Squadron in Canada, Windsor Power Squadron, with G. William Bowman as its first Commander. He later became the first Chief Commander of Canadian Power Squadrons, the organization that later became known as Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons/Les Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance, or CPS-ECP, with over 26,000 members in 155 squadrons across Canada.

CPS-ECP's mandate is to increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating. To this end, many local law

enforcement agencies and municipal authorities consult CPS-ECP on matters of training and navigational hazards. Training has been given by CPS-ECP's members across Canada to such organizations as the Boy Scouts, Sea Cadets, and law enforcement agencies, to name but a few. Whenever requested, our members are available to teach, lecture, or advise on boating safety.

Since 1938, CPS-ECP has taught 850,000 plus boaters from coast to coast. To celebrate this milestone, CPS-ECP has organized a Flag Relay. Two CPS-ECP Flags will make their way from Windsor, Ontario to travel east and west across Canada making stops at each Squadron from coast to coast. To symbolize how CPS-ECP has touched every major waterway in the country, dipping ceremonies are planned, occurring in Windsor, Ontario on May 5th, 2013, the Atlantic Ocean in St. John's, Newfoundland on October 12th, 2013 and the Pacific Ocean in Sooke, British Columbia on October 11th 2013.

With planned participation of various levels of government officials, the celebrations will culminate at the CPS-ECP National Conference in Toronto October 2013.

Track the flags and check out our history, awards, and events as we mark the occasion by visiting our website at www.cps-ecp.ca.

Port Dover Rendezvous a Rocking Success

by Rick and Ardys Brenneman, Rendezvous Co-ordinators

On the weekend of June 21-23, 27 enthusiastic participants descended on Port Dover for our annual rendezvous. The festivities began on Friday evening with a wine and cheese reception in the hospitality suite of the Erie Beach Hotel. After an evening of fun, food, and fellowship, we returned to our rooms to prepare for a full day of events the next day.

Saturday dawned with the threat of rain, but fortunately the forecast was incorrect and we enjoyed a great day with lots of planned activities. The events started with a 10:00 tour of the Port Dover Harbour Museum. This facility offers an outstanding display of the maritime history of Port Dover. Following a guided tour, we had time to peruse an interesting presentation on the *Battle of Lake Erie* which was one of the major border conflicts during the war of 1812-1814 between American, British and Canadian forces. If you want to spend an interesting time touring what the Toronto Star has dubbed "the best small town museum in Ontario", be sure to visit the Port Dover Harbour Museum.





Following the museum tour we walked to Powell Park in downtown Port Dover to enjoy a refreshing lunch and a quick break before continuing our afternoon activities.

After lunch, we boarded a bus and headed off for a three hour tour of local wineries in the Norfolk County area. Known as the South Coast Wineries, this is an emerging wine producing area on farmland that was once popular for tobacco growing. Our tour host took us to three local wineries, Burning Kiln, Golden Leaf Estate Winery, and finally Wooden Bear L. Winery which specialized in producing some interesting fruit wines. It was most interesting to see how this area, which was once famous for its tobacco production, has been converted to other forms of agriculture including wine production, peanuts, market gardening

and ginseng to name but a few.

When we returned to Port Dover everyone enjoyed a few hours of free time to browse, relax, and prepare for the evening event, a three-hour dinner cruise aboard *Kayole*. To everyone's relief, the weather cleared, the winds died down and the calm waters of Lake Erie welcomed us to a great evening cruise on the water.

At 1800 a giddy group of 50's revelers gathered at the boarding dock in assorted period costumes to enjoy what was certainly the highlight of the rendezvous. After departing the town docks, we sat down to a delicious perch dinner catered by Port Dover's famous Knechtel's Restaurant. After dinner, we celebrated four birthdays which all happened to coincide on the same weekend. When dinner tables were cleared, we prepared for the main event; a 50's themed dance complete with spot dances, a hula hoop contest, a bubble gum blowing contest, and prizes for best costumes and most authentic 50's attire. Wow, what an evening! Everyone had a fabulous time.



On Sunday morning we all gathered in a private dining room at the Erie Beach Hotel for a delicious breakfast buffet served family style. The generous portions were enjoyed by everyone as we enthusiastically reminisced about the events of the previous day. Following breakfast we were treated to an interesting and informative travelogue presented by Dave and Allison Burkett and Bryan and Linda Hodgert on our North Channel rendezvous last summer. It was fun to recall the happy experiences that we enjoyed as we plyed the waters of the North Channel.



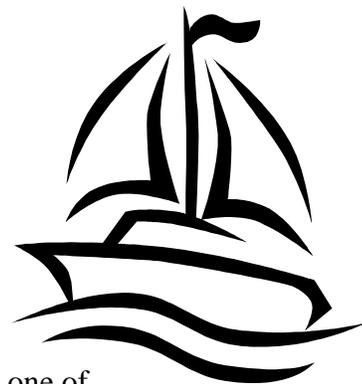
The weekend concluded with an afternoon tour of the Canadian Coast Guard Station in Port Dover. We had an opportunity to tour the Coast Guard boats and learn about the important role that the Coast Guard plays in search and rescue operations and border security on Lake Erie.

We want to thank all the participants whose enthusiasm helped to make this rendezvous event such an overwhelming success. If you haven't already joined us for a rendezvous, consider participating in the future and enjoying the fun and camaraderie. It would be great to have you! Plan now to join in the fun during our Florida Fantasy rendezvous in February of 2014. It will be a blast!

A Florida Fantasy – Rendezvous 2014

Sunday, February 23 – Saturday, March 1, 2014

Charlotte Harbour, Florida



Plan now to join us on a fantastic week of cruising in beautiful Charlotte Harbour, one of southwest Florida's outstanding waterways. This area is protected from the Gulf of Mexico by the well-known barrier islands of Sanibel, Pine, and Cayo Costa. It offers fabulous sailing and a variety of interesting tourist destinations. We will be enjoying secluded anchorages, exploring uninhabited state parks, visiting private island resorts, savouring Jimmy Buffet's "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" at Cabbage Key, and enjoying unique boutiques and shopping adventures in beautiful downtown Punta Gorda.

This is an experience you won't want to miss; a winter getaway that will provide a warm, sunny break from our cold Ontario winter. Plan now to invite your friends to join you and share a charter boat (power or sail) from Southwest Florida Yacht Charters. Visit their website at www.swfyachts.com for vessel information and reservations. Power boats are chartered out of Marinatown, Fort Myers while sailboats are chartered out of Burnt Store Marina, Punta Gorda. Further details, including a detailed itinerary, are posted on our Squadron website at www.kwboating.ca. For more information please contact Rick or Ardys Brenneman, Rendezvous Co-ordinators, at 519-662-2861 or e-mail rickardys@hotmail.com.

This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends or family members to join you on a sunny, winter vacation getaway. Share a boat, join in the fun and camaraderie with other participants, and enjoy a fun-filled week of exciting activities in sunny southwest Florida.

1. Visit the Southwest Florida Charters website at www.swfyachts.com for charter information and reservations.
2. Decide which vessel you wish to charter and with whom you wish to share the week. Most of the charter vessels can accommodate two or three couples. In this way you can significantly reduce the charter cost.
3. Book your charter by July/August, 2013 to ensure availability. When making your reservation be sure to indicate that you are with the Kitchener-Waterloo Rendezvous group to receive our special rate of six charter days for the price of five. In addition, all charters include free boarding on the first night.
4. Complete the online registration form at www.kwboating.ca or call 519-662-2861 to inform us of your participation.
5. Plan your travel arrangements. Direct flights from Pearson to Southwest Florida International (Fort Myers) are available. Flights can also be booked from Niagara Falls (New York) to Punta Gorda airport. Check your favourite on-line travel source to book your flights.
6. If you plan to travel by car, the driving time from Kitchener-Waterloo to Punta Gorda/Fort Myers is approximately 26 hours. You can do it in two 13 hour days with an overnight stop in Knoxville, TN. However, 3 days is much more comfortable and highly recommended.

This will be an event you won't want to miss. Hopefully we'll see you in sunny southwest Florida in February. Leave the snow shovels at home, pack the sunscreen and bathing suits and join us for a great winter getaway!



**Join us for an exciting
Grand River Sunset Dinner Cruise
Sunday, October 6, 2013
Departure 1700
36 Brant County Rd., 22
N3W 2G9**

This 3hr sunset cruise includes a 4 course roast beef dinner. Invite your family and friends to join you and enjoy a relaxing evening cruise along the historic Grand River.

For reservations, call Pat Pearl at 519-742-9987.

For further details visit www.grandrivercruises.ca

A Victorian Christmas

The Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron

invites you and your friends to join us

for a Victorian Christmas Celebration

on Friday December 6, 2013

at Milton's Restaurant

2979 Weber Street, Kitchener, ON

Reception at 1830

Dinner at 1900

Dance at 2100



Come dressed in your finest Victorian attire and enjoy an evening of fun and fantasy in Victorian style. Relive the excitement and grandeur of a bygone era and experience the holiday customs of the era.

For tickets and reservations call Pat Pearl at 519-742-9987

Back to School

It's time to begin making plans to enroll in one of the many valuable courses offered by CPS to improve your boating confidence and navigational skills. Invite your boating friends and family members to join you. CPS offers ***Boating Basics*** (formerly Boat Pro) leading to the mandatory Pleasure Craft Operators Card, ***Boating Essentials***, ***Seamanship*** (formerly Piloting), ***Advanced Piloting***, ***Junior Navigation***, and ***Navigation***. For a complete description of these courses, visit our squadron website at www.kwboating.ca. In addition, we also offer the ***ROC(M)***, ***VHF/DSC*** course, ***Electronic Navigation*** and the ***Weather*** course. If you are interested in any of these courses please contact our Training Officer, Barry McClinchey at ***519-578-8743*** or e-mail bmcclinc@gmail.com. If there is sufficient interest in any of these courses, we will arrange a suitable time and location to offer the course.

Currently we have scheduled the following courses for the fall:

Boating Basics (PCOC) – Thursday evenings September 5-24 at the Village of Winston Park

ROC(M) – Thursday evenings November 28 – December 9 at the Village of Winston Park

*Are you frustrated with meal preparations in the inadequate facilities of a small boat galley?
Are you running out of ideas for meal planning with limited ingredients?
Is food storage an issue in the restricted spaces of a boat?*

Join Janice and Ardys as they demonstrate easy, yet appetizing recipes that will turn your galley creations into culinary masterpieces.

Register now for an evening of cooking adventures on Tuesday, September 17 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Community Room of the Westmount Long Term Care Facility 200 David Bergey Drive Kitchener

Call Ardys at 519-662-2861 to register. A registration fee of \$15.00 covers the cost of ingredients and supplies.

