


## Summer 2001 .....Come Join Us!

Lets support the Bridge and plan on attending some of the social get togethers that have been planned for this summer. Mark your calendar, and pray for decent boating weather.

The first cruise is to **Keystone Lodge** in French River for dinner on **Saturday July 14th**. This dinner is in conjunction with a Yacht Club cruise / race to Keystone. Cocktails are in Lodge at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. You can

order off their menu, or have one of the specials that will be announced closer to the date. For more information, please contact Bill Scaife (472-6182)

The other 2 major social events planned are the French River Historical Cruise on the Chief Commanda II, and the Summer BBQ on August 18. 

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# CROSSCHOP

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### Free Summer BBQ - Aug 18, 2001


By T. Lang

We are going to try a little closer to home this year for our annual summer BBQ. Manitou Islands. Last year we attempted to have the first annual BBQ on the Goose Islands, but high winds prevented us from actually having the event. So, this year will be the first annual (hopefully).

The event will kick off around 14:00. A few of us will be out there early to try to grab part of the beach for the BBQ. Those of you with bigger boats that can't get to shore, give us a call on the VHF (we will be monitoring Chanel 68). Some one will be more than glad to scoot out to ferry you in. We plan to begin cooking around 16:00. Done in plenty of time for you fishermen amongst us to get that evening fish in, and get back to port before dark.

The Squadron will supply all the food and soft drinks for the BBQ for Squadron members and their immediate families. If you wish to bring a guest, they are welcome. We will ask guests for a small donation to cover the cost of the food. We plan on purchasing the food as close to the date as we possibly can, but we will need to know who is coming to get the right amount of food. Please contact Caven Ford at 752-4807, [cavenfor@bigfoot.com](mailto:cavenfor@bigfoot.com) or Terry Lang, 497-3705, [terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca](mailto:terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca)



There will be games for the kids, swimming, fun, sun (hopefully) and a really good meal. 

See you at the Manitous on Saturday August 18th, 2001

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## John SurpriZE

By Don Whyte

It all started with an innocent enough remark last autumn. John Size wondered "what should we do with the (coveted) Harry Hickson Trophy" the one that is quite unique among CPS Squadrons. He was talking with a few of us who, as past recipients of the trophy, were the one's who would decide who the next deserving person would be to be honoured. With this year being the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Squadron Charter, the choices were to try perhaps retire the trophy, or to add yet another "layer" for more individual plaques.

John was reluctant to retire it, but we all agreed that it would not look as good with yet another addition under it. As there was no prospective candidate apparent to us, at the time, we kind-of decided to "maybe" design a new trophy as a replacement. And there the matter rested.

After John had left someone suggested that we might design and buy a new trophy and name it after John himself. After all John is a Charter Member, has earned a Merit Mark in every year since the becoming a member of CPS, 39 in all, and, among other things has been Commander twice and a member of National as PRO. The decision was made to try to keep the whole plot secret from John, but that was not going to be easy for not much gets past our John!

As we collected key information and a few old pictures, the circle of conspirators grew and our carefully planned scheme seemed doomed to failure. John seemed unsettled that "we" were not moving to replace the revered trophy and he was becoming reticent to "just retire it". However, using all the guile and disinformation skills we could muster, the day of reckoning neared, the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Dinner and Change of Watch. Would we be able to pull it off?

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2001 dawned bright and clear and the stage was set. The United Nations had co-operated by naming 2001 "The Year of the Volunteer". It provided the perfect cover to add an extra item at the end of the usual Programme of Events. I had made the mistake of making a suggestion and thus found myself saddled with the job of introducing the new trophy.

John looked politely interested as I made kind remarks about the various layers of volunteers who had contributed to our squadron in it's 40 years, which led beautifully to our senior volunteer himself. After noting his retiring of the Harry Hickson Trophy, I introduced those present to its replacement and the first recipient:

The John Size "Maskinonge" Trophy.

John, a retired Radio Host, is never at a loss for words, well almost never. After he had gathered himself, John's pride and delight were obvious as he was feted by his family and friends. Sometimes little white lies are worth it, after all!

By the way, John's wooden cabin cruiser, the Maskinonge, was a familiar sight on Lake Nippissing for many years until she finally succumbed to the evil dry rot. She is prominently pictured on the new trophy. 🍁



*John Size Receiving the John Size Maskinonge" Trophy from Past Commander and Training Officer George Graham (AP). The Hickson Trophy Retired and sitting to the right of George*

## The Lake Nipissing Weather Buoy

By Terry Lang



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We think we know what it is, We've seen it on the water, and know what it is, but what does it do for us? Yes indeed, Lake Nipissing has it's own weather Bouy...Station 45152 to be precise. It is owned and maintained by [Environment Canada and lives at 46.23 N 79.72 W](#). This buoy collects many interesting pieces of data and transmits them back to the National Data Bouy Center where the data is compiled and published on the Internet for all to see. Here's the site: type it carefully: (I will make a link from the Squadron Site <http://www.nbpss.on.ca>) [http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station\\_page.phtml?station=45152](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.phtml?station=45152) Here is a sample of the output. It tracks data every hour and has the most recent 24 hours of live data available.



Conditions at 45152 as of  
(11:00 pm EDT on 06/18/2001)  
0300 GMT on 06/19/2001:

Wind Direction (WDIR):	S ( 190 deg )
Wind Speed (WSPD):	11.7 kts
Wind Gust (GST):	13.6 kts
Wave Height (WVHT):	0.3 ft
Dominant Wave Period (DPD):	21 sec
Atmospheric Pressure (PRES):	29.98 in
Pressure Tendency (PTDY):	-0.05 in (Falling )
Air Temperature (ATMP):	65.5 °F
Water Temperature (WTMP):	67.1 °F

This is a handy site to visit BEFORE venturing out onto the water. 🍁



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## District Update

By Dave Burns (District Secretary)

Following are the dates for the Voyageur District General Meetings for 2001-2001, and the date for the 2002 Annual General Meeting. These dates are to pre-date the Governing Board meetings by at least one week so that any items of interest can be brought forward to the G.B. Meeting by the D/C.

All meetings are scheduled for Sudbury, except the AGM 2002. We do not yet have a Squadron who wishes to host the AGM 2002, May 25-27, 2002.

>Sunday Sept.30, 2001

>Sunday Jan. 27, 2001

>Sunday Apr. 02, 2001

>Sunday May 26, 2001

-Annual General Meeting-Venue to be announced.

The new bridge consists in part of the following officers:

D/C	Gilbert Desjardins
E/O	Warren Ginson
D/T/O	Jerome Pilon
D/A/O	Horst Mattern
D/Sec.	Robert Desjardins
D/Tres.	Vacant
D/P/R/O	Frank Greathead
D/Mem.	Robert Smith

## French River Historical Cruise - Friday August 24, 2001

By Mike Eedy

For those of you who enjoyed the squadron's cruise on the Chief Commanda II last year, we will be going again. For those of you who missed out on a good time last year; you have another chance.



The Squadron will be subsidizing so each ticket will only cost you \$20. The cruise leaves Government Dock at 10:30 returning at 15:30.

This cruise travels to Keystone Lodge where passengers going to the French River will disembark and freight will be unloaded. The Chief will continue on into the French River into picturesque and historical areas which will be described by local historian John Size.

If you are interested in attending contact Mike Eedy at 494-9219 or [mikey@efni.com](mailto:mikey@efni.com) by 22 Aug 2001 🍁

**Next Bridge Meeting:**  
**Wed. August 15, 2001 @ 17:30**  
**At the Yacht Club in Callander**

## Commanders Message:

SUMMER 2001  
By Caven Ford



Another boating season is in full swing. I hope all have had the opportunity to enjoy our favorite pastime by now. Better get out there, it will be winter again soon.

I am looking forward to a long summer of fishing and other recreational activities on the water. I hope to see you at the Squadron BBQ in August. Don't forget the joint cruise in July and the historical cruise on the Chief in August as well.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I'll see you on the water!

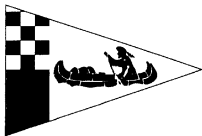
Caven Ford P



## Flags, Flags, and More Flags

By Carol Gibson

YES - we have flags for sale. Just recently received our new order of North Bay Burgees. They are heavy quality Nylon and sell for \$15.00 I have heard a few mutterings about the quality of our CPS member flags and have ordered a small quantity of heavy duty nylon flags. So now there is a choice - the regular flag supplied by headquarters for \$9.00, or heavy nylon flag that sells for \$20 (only small size is available in nylon). We are flying a CPS flag at North Bay Marina again this year, and Yacht Club in Callander will soon sport a CPS flag as well. These large flags are heavy duty nylon as well, and should weather the strong Lake Nipissing winds. Carol will be awaiting your call for flag or burgee orders - 752-2223



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## Bridge News

By Carol Gibson

> The biggest Bridge news is that WE NEED A SECRETARY for the upcoming year. Anyone with a computer, and internet access, can do the necessary paperwork in very little time. Bill Bates has streamlined the job and assures us that minimal time is required to prepare meeting minutes. Most Bridge members have internet, so minutes are distributed by email. The only other requirement is to attend meetings one evening a month, from Aug - May. If you can help, please contact any Bridge member.

> Bill Bates and Bill Simkins are both stepping down from their positions as Secretary and Public Relations. They are both going to be spending more of the winter months in the sunny South. Thanks for your help the past few years!!

> New Position on Bridge: With the advent of boat licencing and exam challenges, it was decided a new position was required to organize occasions of these exam challenges. In 2000 we had over 200 people get their licences at 15 different dates and locations. Elizabeth Appleton is now the contact person to facilitate this organizing.

## Did you Know...

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron just celebrated it's 40th anniversary (along with Parry Sound).

Squadrons of the Voyageur Districts, anniversary dates, of the awarding of their Charter are:

Bracebridge 1958

North Bay	1961
Parry Sound	1961
Sudbury	1963
Huntsville	1964
Sault Ste Marie	1964
North Channel	1971
Tri-Town	1974
Manitoulin	1996



## Donation made to CPS Foundation

By Mike Eedy

After long discussion and debate, the bridge has agreed on what to donate to the CPS Foundation.

**The CPS Foundation** is a charitable corporation, established in 1976.

Its purpose is to further the efforts of all Squadrons of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (CPS). While it serves as the repository for memorial gifts (official receipts available on request), it solicits other donations. The Foundation ensures that the disbursement of specified monies is used to help strengthen the mission of CPS.

The "Disbursement Quota", defined by regulation as the minimum percentage of the proceeds of the fund that must be dispensed by the Foundation, is used to assist in CPS projects. The remaining interest earned is used to build the fund. By design, this fund, subscribed to by today's longer-sighted and caring boat men and women, will one day totally fund the boating education needs of the boating community.

All memorial gifts are acknowledged to the donor, and an appropriate notice is sent to the person specified. Gifts, contributions and bequests are all tax-deductible. Donations of securities or property are subject to acceptance by the Directors of the Foundation. Gifts may be directed to the CPS Foundation, c/o CPS HQ.

Each year, at least one significant project is funded by the Foundation. Tooling for the CPS Plotter is a good example. Revenue from plotter sales now provides working capital directly to CPS and will continue to do so. Providing funds for a revised edition of the Boat Pro Manual was one of the most financially successful projects. The Manual, which is accredited by Canadian Coast Guard, is a study guide for operator proficiency. Most Squadrons responded to the new boater education challenge, boosting membership and Squadron finances. Another major project was funding the CPS Distance Education Program. This moved CPS into the real world of today and provided an electronic communications base on which to build.

Since 1983, the Foundation has returned over \$125,000.00 to CPS! Currently the CPS Foundation has about \$280,000 in it...and that number never gets touched...the interest (about \$12,000,00 this year) is all that is used.

Each squadron was urged to become members of an honor roll whereby they donate \$1.00 per registered member. Squadrons donating one dollar per member receive a Certificate of Merit and a place on the Honour Roll. Districts qualify for Honour Roll Status when all of their Squadrons qualify. The Honour Roll is published annually at the CPS Conference.

At the March 21, 2000 Bridge meeting, The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron bridge has agreed to become members of the honor roll, but not the 100% Honour Roll which would mean donating \$1 per member since 1983 or approx \$2,880. However we believe that this is a very worthwhile project and will donate \$2.00 per member for the past year (\$314), and have agreed to review the yearly Honour Roll donation every year.



## Welcome New Boating Grads

By T. Lang

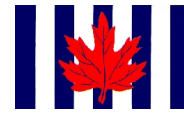


This year, only 2 people successfully graduated from the boating program. Shown here left to right, Membership Officer Grant Churcher, Stefan Board, Leon Chiasson, and Training Officer George Graham.

This picture taken moments after our two newest members were sworn in and received their flags at the 2001 graduation and change of watch ceremony at the Best Western in North Bay. The squadron pays for one years membership of all new grads. Welcome to the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron Stefan and Leon.

# Graduation Dinner/Change of Watch Ceremony

By Carol Gibson



Our Graduation and Change of Watch was held on May 06, just a few days after our Annual Meeting . Highlights of the evening including introduction of our new trophy, and the Bridge for 2001 are listed to the right. The superb dinner was complimented by the artistic place mats designed by Terry Lang in honour of our 40th Anniversary, and miniature flag standards constructed by George Graham as table centre pieces flying our new order of burgees. All in all, a memorable evening for the attendees.

## TROPHY WINNERS

**Windsor Trophy** was presented by Doris Windsor in memory of her husband and daughter to best student in Boating Class. Criteria for judging is: class attendance, class participation, overall mark. This years winner was Leon Chiasson. The class valedictorian was Stefan Board.

The **Hickson Trophy** was retired by John Size and replaced by the John Size trophy...see article page 2

Congratulations to all trophy winners and welcome all new graduates.

### Boating Grads 2000 - 2001

Stefan Board  
Leon Chiasson



### Seamanship Power Grads

Grant Churcher  
George Graham  
Glenn White

### MERIT MARKS - 2000

the only tangible thanks offered by CPS.

Anne Taylor	1	George Graham	7
Bill Bates	2	Dave Byrnes	8
Remi Bellehumeur	2	Armand Despres	9
Grant Churcher	3	Heinz Schlueting	10
Caven Ford	3	Maria Ermel	15
Bill Simkins	3	Carol Gibson	18
Michael Eedy	4	Don Whyte	18
Terry Lang	4	Ivan Gough	21
Ann Oswald	5	John Size	39
Elizabeth Appleton	7		




Plaques were handed out for the "milestone" achievements of 5 Merit Marks to Ann Oswald, 10 Merit Marks to Heinz Schlueting, and 15 Merit Marks to Maria Ermel.



## Annual General Meeting Update

By Carol Gibson

North Bay Squadron held its 40th A.G.M. on May 02. The usual faithful attended and were treated to an excellent slide presentation by Ray Whitham. Ray just recently returned from a memorable cruise (not a luxury one for sure) up the Amazon River. It may not be everyones idea of a tropical holiday, but it sure was interesting. Thanks to Ray for sharing his adventure with us. 

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