

## 4th Annual Squadron Barbeque - June 22, 2003

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron's 4th annual BBQ will be held on the beach at the Manitou Islands on June 22, 2003. The event will kick off around 1300. 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 1600. Done in plenty of time for the fishermen amongst us to get that evening fish in, or the rest to 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, [caven.ford@fordholdings.net](mailto:caven.ford@fordholdings.net) or Terry Lang at 497-3705, [terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca](mailto:terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca)

There will be games for the kids, swimming (if not too cold), fun, sun (hopefully) and a really good meal.

Come out and join us for a great afternoon on the lake!

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# CROSSCHOP

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### Great Summer Activities

*Caven Ford P*

This summer your squadron has planned a number of activities or has been invited to participate in some of the North Bay Yacht Clubs activities. Please mark your calenders and come out and enjoy as many of these great activities as you can. Participation of the squadron members is what makes them fun and worthwhile!

Cruise to the old Chief Commanda for Dinner - June 14, 2003 at 1830

Squadron BBQ - Sunday June 22, 2003 at 1300

Rendezvous with the Yacht Club at Keystone - Saturday July 12, 2003

Dinner Cruise on the New Chief - Tuesday August 12, 2003 - 1830

West Arm Cruise August 23, 2003

Check out articles and descriptions of these activities elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

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## Merit Marks/Graduation - 2003

Carol Gibson S

The "reward" for performing a minimum of 20 hours of service to the Squadron in any manner is in the form of a Merit Mark. If someone achieves 20 Merit Marks, they become a Life Member.

The following Merit Marks were awarded at the Graduation and Change of Watch ceremonies on Sunday May 4, 2003:

Richard Taylor	2
Anne Taylor	3
Remi Bellehumeur	4
Grant Churcher	5
Caven Ford	5
Bill Simkins	5
Michael Eedy	6
Terry Lang	6
Pat Onions	7
Ann Oswald	7
Elizabeth Appleton	9
George Graham	9
Dave Byrnes	10
Maria Ermel	17
Carol Gibson	20
Don Whyte	20
Ivan Gough	23
John Size	41

The following were the Boating Graduates for this year, ably taught by George Graham AP:

Aaron Bean  
Gary Bean  
Donald Bell  
Ralph Celentano  
Gary Jodouin  
John Landrie  
Ronald Leach  
Timothy Ott  
Andre Rochon  
Raymond Rochon  
Shelley Rochon  
Greg Seamen

And the following were the Seamanship Sail Graduates ably instructed by Pat Onions:

Ken Cork  
George Graham  
Simon Harrison  
Cathy Rennie  
Brenda Walsh

Congratulations to all our graduates this year!

## Overheard in Passing - Pirate Lore

Caven Ford P

Was Captain Kidd as bad a pirate as his legend says?

Captain William Kidd was a "privateer", not a pirate. Privateers were different from pirates in one very large respect: They were legal and considered a legitimate form of economic war. They used privately owned fleets to ransack the cargo-laden ships of the enemy. The fleets were provided by wealthy merchant-investors who received a cut of the loot. Privateers often operated under outright immunity from government officials (or at the very least, a wink and a nod), as long as they agreed to ransack only enemy ships.

England's East India Company was one of Kidd's financial backers, and French ships were considered fair game. However, in the course of his tour, Kidd took a French ship that was sailed by Moors. To preserve ties with India, the East India Company railroaded him. Kidd was arrested in Boston and transported to England for trial. Kidd was not allowed to present his evidence; the jury found him guilty of piracy, and he was hanged.

He had two children. Sara and Elizabeth Kidd lived with their mother, Sara Oort Kidd, on 56 Wall Street in New York City when William Kidd was put to death in 1701. While waiting to be hung, Kidd confessed no crimes to the chaplain, only that his greatest sorrow was dying without the chance to say good-bye to his wife and children back home.

## Graduation Dinner Sold Out!

Carol Gibson S

The May 4 Graduation / Change of Watch Dinner was a great evening. The Yacht Club is such a beautiful setting to hold boating related functions. The ice going out the previous week made it more special, and the sumptuous roast beef dinner by Diane's Catering made the evening complete.

We welcomed 12 new graduates into the CPS fold; congratulated 5 current members who passed the Seamanship Sail course this past winter; and thanked 18 members who received merit marks for work during 2002. Thanks to District Executive Officer Horst Mattern who traveled from Sudbury as the District Commanders representative.

Carol Gibson and Don Whyte each received their twentieth merit mark, qualifying them as CPS Life Members. North Bay Squadron has the distinction of now having 5 Life Members, and the 3 current ones - John Size, Dave Carmichael and Ivan Gough were present to welcome Carol and Don into this elite group.

## Coming Events

Along with the up coming Squadron BBQ, are a number of other exciting Squadron Activities.

### Dinner on Old Chief Commanda June 14, 2003 at 1830:

The North Bay Yacht Club is organizing a sailboat race from Callander to the North Bay docks and have the old Chief booked for dinner that evening. If any CPS members are interested in joining the group for dinner, we are most welcome. Please call Bill Simkins at 475-6507 to reserve.

### Rendezvous at Keystone July 12, 2003:

Once again the North Bay Squadron has been invited to join the Yacht Club for dinner at Keystone Lodge in conjunction with their weekend race to the French River. Cocktails are in the Lodge at 1800. You can order off their menu, or have one of the house specials. This has proved to be a really enjoyable get together the past few years - this year should be no exception. Please call Carol at 752-2223 if you plan on attending so Keystone can be sure to have lots of food available

### Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise August 12, 2003:

Your Bridge has decided the Chief cruise this summer will be a dinner cruise. Georgian Bay Cruise Co. operators of the Chief Commanda II are offering 2½ hour Callander Bay Sunset dinner cruises. We have chosen Tuesday Aug. 12 and hope you will join us. This promises to be a beautiful evening with full moon, glassy water and no bugs. Pre reservations are a must, and Michael Eedy (494 9219) is waiting anxiously to hear from you. Entrée & dessert selection must be given at time of reservation.

Choices:

1. Potato Crusted Pan-fried Fillet of Pickerel
2. Charbroiled New York Steak BBQ'd on board
3. Chicken Kiev with white wine / mushroom sauce

For Dessert you choose from: Fresh fruit crepe with strawberry yogurt sauce OR wild berry cake topped with whipped cream and fresh berries.

Cost for cruise and dinner is: \$45.00 adult; \$42.00 senior; \$14.00 student; \$9.00 child 6-12. + GST and gratuity. Discount possible depending on total numbers.

### West Arm Cruise - August 23, 2003:

Mark this date on your calender and plan on attending an all day (or two if you wish) trip into the west arm. This is a wonderful part of the lake that a lot of us may not get a chance to see. What a terrific way to go there for the first time or again maybe if you haven't been in a

while, than with a group of boaters going the same way. We will be led by an experienced guide so those that are not too sure of getting around in that neck of the woods will have ample assistance. Sailboats and Power boats are all welcome. If the group is going to move up further than the sail boats can navigate, then the customary practice has been to dock the sailboats and join up with one of the power boat crews for a sight seeing tour. We will be providing more information earlier in August as the date nears. In the meantime if you are interested in attending, please call Caven Ford at 752-4807 or George Graham at 752-3201 and let us know you are coming.

## Commander's Message

*Terry Lang AP*

Greetings Squadron Members. As the new boating season moves into full gear, so begins my second and final 1 year term as Commander.

We have a busy year coming up. Please stay tuned to Crosschop and to our web site at <http://www.nbpss.on.ca> for details of upcoming events and training. Just contact any Bridge Officer to get involved.

Also on the web site...don't forget to sign up your boat name and VHF call-sign.

I look forward to serving as your Commander for the duration of my term and will do my best to represent the views and wishes of you, the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron at the District level.

At the risk of sounding redundant, I leave you with a copy of our Mission. It's good to be reminded what CPS is all about:

"CPS's Mission is to increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating, by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating."

Thank you again, and have a Safe Boating Season.

### **Our Web Address**

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## Overheard in Passing - Pirate Lore

Caven Ford P

Why did pirates make prisoners walk the plank when they could've just tossed them overboard?

You've got the instincts of a pirate all right. It turns out that they did toss them overboard, and they \*didn't\* really make them walk the plank. The walking-the-plank myth was first introduced in Robert Louis Stevenson's classic "Treasure Island" and has since been reinforced by pirate literature from "Peter Pan to Captain Blood." (Stevenson was also the source for the most famous, yet completely fictitious, pirate song that goes "Sixteen men on a dead man's chest / Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum ...")

Besides tossing victims overboard, typical punishments by real pirates included:

\* "Flogging". This treatment was universally popular at the time, on and off the high seas.

\* "Man Overboard". While this could be as simple as merely tossing the captive or prisoner overboard, it was sometimes varied to relieve the boredom of a long trip. Sometimes a man would be tied to one end of a rope and dragged until he died from drowning or exhaustion. Perhaps this was how waterskiing was invented.

\* "Dunking". This was less popular, as it required dunking the prisoner then hoisting him back up again, suspending him for hours above the water. It was too time-consuming, and aside from the initial spluttering and choking, not that entertaining.

\* "Marooning". This was the most common form of punishment for serious offenses like desertion. A sailor was either placed on a raft or left on a deserted island to die. If left in the water, he was often mercifully given a pistol to kill himself before the sharks got him.



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## District News

Terry Lang AP

The Annual General Meeting of the Voyageur District took place on Sunday May 21, 2003 at the Lockerby Legion in Sudbury. Most squadrons were represented by either the Commander, immediately past or incoming, or a district bridge member who also represented the squadron. V/C Serge St. Martin, National Administration Officer, represented the Chief Commander and swore in District Commander Ginson, and the District Bridge. After the slate of officers was elected (in this case, the nominating committee's slate of officers was elected by the single vote of the secretary), two presentations were given. District Webmaster Terry Lang (me) demonstrated the new district web site ((Link: [www.voyageur-cps-ecp.org](http://www.voyageur-cps-ecp.org))). I showed what has been done with the site and where I'd like to make some changes. I opened the floor to comments and suggestions on what we want our site to accomplish. A very good discussion followed. The other presentation was by District Training Officer Jack McIrvine who gave a presentation on where CPS stood with modularization. Although what was presented was still in the idea state, there are some fundamental principals of modularization that can and will work well for the squadrons. No testing has been done at the squadron level and that feedback will be invaluable to the project team as it unfolds.

The new slate of district officers are as follows:  
District Commander: Warren Ginson  
District Executive Officer: Horst P. Mattern  
District Training Officer: Jack McIrvine  
District Secretary: Lucille Laderoute  
District Treasurer: Ian Scott  
District Membership Officer: Vacant  
District Administration Officer: Camille Quesnel  
District Marep Officer: Vacant  
District Public Relation Officer: Vacant  
District Youth Officer: Camille Quesnel  
District Communications Officer: Gilbert Desjardins  
District Webmaster: Terry Lang  
Assistant DTO: Paul Yearwood  
District Historian: Earl Bryant  
District Port Captain: Cliff Curry  
District Environmental Officer: Vacant  
Past District Commander: Gilbert Desjardins

Next year, the district conference will be a full conference and will be held in Sault Ste Marie helping them celebrate their 40th year anniversary.

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# BAROMETER

# WIND DIRECTION

READING	ACTION	NW QUADRANT	SW QUADRANT	SE QUADRANT	NE QUADRANT
	Rising	Continued fair for 24 hrs Lower temp	Continued fair for 12 hrs	Fair weather	Clear & cool
30.20 Or Higher (767 mm)	Steady	Continued fair for 48 hrs No decided change in temp	Continued fair for 12 hrs No decided change in temp	Rain within 24 -48 hrs	Continued fair Lower temp
	Falling	Continued fair for 24 hrs Slowly rising temp	Fair for 6 – 12 hrs Rising temp	Rain within 12 hrs Wind increasing – rising temp	Rain within 24-48 hrs
	Rising	Fair for 48 hrs Lower temp	Fair for 48 hrs Lower temp	Fair	Clear & colder
30.20(767mm) 29.80 (757 mm)	Steady	Continued rainy	Fair for 12 hrs No decided change in temp	Rain within 12-24 hrs	No change
	falling	Fair 12 – 24 hrs No decided change in temp	Rain imminent	Rain within 6 – 12 hrs wind increasing – rising temp	Rain within 12 hrs
	Rising	Clearing within a few hrs, lower temp	Clearing within 6 hrs	Clearing	Clearing & colder
29.80 or lower (757 mm)	Steady	Cont'd threatening weather; lower temp	Continued stormy	Continued rain or no change	Rainy weather Clearing 12 – 24 hrs
	Falling	Changing weather	Increasing rain, clearing within 12 hrs	Severe storm imminent, clearing within 24 hrs	Heavy rain, severe north east gale, colder

## Weather Facts

Carol Gibson S

Be your own weather forecaster.

All you need - is to know the wind direction and an aneroid barometer. I cut the above chart out of a boating magazine many years ago, and refer to it faithfully when planning outdoor activities.

The barometer is one essential, simple instrument which no cruising boat, or home, should be without. It used to be calibrated in inches (and then mm). Now they talk about kiloPascals. It's not the number that matters, but the change and more importantly, the rate of change. If barometer suddenly drops an inch (or 25.4 mm) or a lot of kiloPascals in an hour, something horrid is going to happen!

The weather guide has been prepared for moderate winds. If winds are strong, rain occurs sooner, and if winds are light, rain will be delayed.

You can find the current conditions (wind direction, strength, and barometer readings) by accessing the weather channel on VHF radio, or by calling the North Bay weather line (472-9110). Both are updated hourly.

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## Ship's Stores

Carol Gibson S

Now that boating season is upon us, this is the time to replace that frayed flag, treat yourself to a North Bay Burgee - unique to our Squadron, or purchase a "Tilley" style hat for those hot sunny days that we are impatiently waiting for.

We have a limited supply of heavy duty CPS flags 8"x 13" @ \$20. and 12"x 20" CPS flags for those with larger boats sell for \$9.00

Burgees are available for \$15.00, and hats are \$9.00

We have also purchased a quantity of "Wheelines". They are advertised as a floating, all-season, safety-rope delivery system for outdoor enthusiasts. This is a locally made heaving line that packages 50 ft of floating line in a compact, tangle less method and can be hung for convenience, instead of being at the bottom of your line cupboard. They sell from the manufacturer for \$34, but by making a bulk purchase, we can offer to our members for \$25.00 including taxes.

Call Carol at 752 2223 to purchase any of the above.

## Flotsam and Jetsam

More Pirate Lore

Where did the Jolly Roger flag come from?

The skull and crossbones image was used to represent death long before the era of pirates. It was seen a lot during plagues to warn that someone inside a house, ship, or room was afflicted. Because the skull-and-crossbones had come to mean "danger, stay away," it seemed like a fitting accessory to be hoisted on a pirate ship. Why was it called the "Jolly Roger" when its meaning was anything but jolly, you might well ask? There are several theories that we've collected from some otherwise reliable fact mongers. Here they are arranged in order of what we consider least likely to most likely:

1) The name came from the French "joli rouge", meaning "pretty red."

Supposedly, pirates were in the practice of dipping their flags in red paint or even blood. However, since the name refers to a black-and-white flag with no trace of red, this sounds like after-the-fact linguistic gymnastics. Admittedly, some pirate ships began displaying a "red" Jolly Roger to indicate that they were even more dangerous than ordinary pirates. However, the term "Jolly Roger" predates this practice.

2) Asian pirates called themselves "Ali Rajas" or "Kings of the Sea," and subsequent British pirates butchered it to Jolly Roger. (Cute, but it also leaves us unconvinced.)

3) Here's what we consider most likely: The term "Roger" had been in use in the English language since the middle ages, meaning "devil" or "rogue." Although today we define the word "jolly" as "happy" or "jovial," the term once meant "brave." (Thus, the song "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was meant to pay tribute to someone's bravery, not his cheerfulness.) We think "Jolly Roger" makes perfect sense as a name for a skeleton flying above a throng of brave rogues.



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