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### Graduation Dinner a Success!

*Carol Gibson S*

Once again we had a very successful Graduation Dinner and Award Ceremony on Sunday April 30, 2006.

A total of 43 members and guests attended the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron Graduation and Awards Dinner on April 30 at the North Bay Yacht Club. The picturesque setting of the yacht club - on the shores of beautiful Callander Bay is always a great location, and the Roast Turkey dinner catered by Diane's Catering of Corbeil was tasty as usual. After dinner, our own squadron Secretary, Caven Ford, representing the Voyageur District gave a thought provoking message to the students and brought word that the North bay Squadron had won the Voyageur Advanced/Elective Course Award for having the most students in the District pass advanced and elective courses.

This is the 44th year we have been having our annual dinner and it is a great opportunity to recognize the members of the Squadron who give their time so generously to the CPS cause. The list of recipients of Merit Marks enclosed elsewhere in the Newsletter show that many members have dedicated a lot of years to NBPSS.

Maria Ermel received her 20th Merit Mark, and with this she becomes a Life Member - joining Carol Gibson, Don Whyte, Ivan Gough and John Size.

The boating students were involved in the evening formalities with Liette Renaud saying grace, Michael Renaud thanking the boating instructors and Rakesh Shreewastav giving the toast to the queen. George Graham presented the Windsor Trophy to Michael Nadeau. Ann Oswald presented the John Size Maskinonge Trophy to outgoing Commander Elizabeth Appleton. As well as the boating graduates, we also recognized piloting and weather graduates who were introduced by their instructors.



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## Merit Marks/Graduation - 2006

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 people received Merit Marks for work this past year and the numbers indicate the total Merit Marks they have earned. These Merit Marks were awarded at the Graduation and Change of Watch ceremonies on Sunday April 30, 2006:

Sandra Hay	3
Rick Taylor	4
Doug Hay	5
Anne Taylor	6
Grant Churcher	8
Caven Ford	8
Bill Simkins	8
Michael Eedy	9
Terry Lang	9
Pat Onions	10
Elizabeth Appleton	12
George Graham	12
Dave Byrnes	13
Maria Ermel	20*
Carol Gibson	23*
Don Whyte	23*
Ivan Gough	26*
John Size	44*

\* life member

The following were the Boating Graduates for this year, ably taught by George Graham AP and assisted by Doug Hay P:

Michael Nadeau  
Liette Renaud  
Michael Renaud  
Rakesh Shreewastav  
Andree Trottier  
Tim Trottier

The following were the Piloting Graduates ably instructed by Doug Hay P and Sandra Hay P:

Norm Bailey  
Dina Gilbert  
Shannon Gilbert  
Greg Seaman

The following were the Fundamentals of Weather Graduates ably instructed by Don Whyte SN:

Caven Ford  
Terry Lang

Congratulations to all our graduates once again this year! A job well done!

## Nautical Humor

*Caven Ford P*

Joe had saved up for many years and was finally going to purchase the fast offshore boat of his dreams. Shortly after hitting the water curiosity got to him and he pushed the throttles forward. With the wind blowing his aging hair back he smiled until he noticed a marine patrol boat chasing after him. At first he sped up to run away then realized, that was the wrong thing to do. With a terrible feeling he slowed to a stop. The officer asked his name. A very frightened, "Joe", was the response. Seeing that Joe was feeling really bad about being pulled over, the officer told him that if he could tell him a good reason for speeding his boat, he would let him go with just a warning. Joe thought for a moment then said; "My wife ran off with a marine patrol officer and I thought you were trying to give her back!" With a smile the patrolman said; "Don't do it again!" and left.

## Summer Fun With Your Squadron

*Caven Ford P*

This summer your squadron has planned a number of fun filled activities to enjoy throughout the summer.

Please mark your calendars 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! The following is a summary of the great activities coming up this summer:

Cruise to the West Arm on Friday June 23 to Sunday June 25, 2006. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

As mentioned elsewhere, don't miss the Squadron BBQ on Sunday July 9/2006 at 1400.

Once again we will be enjoying Dinner and a cruise on the Chief Commanda on Thursday August 24/2006. See more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Check out some articles and further descriptions of these activities elsewhere in this newsletter. Please make an effort to come out and attend one or more of these great activities. We hope to see you there!



## Doral Word Search

LAUNCH  
CRADLE  
DINGHY  
FENDER  
CLEAT  
PORT  
BOOM  
PROP  
ANCHOR  
BILGE  
DOCK LINE  
BOAT HOOK  
STARBOARD  
KEEL  
OUTBOARD  
MARINA  
VHF RADIO  
LIFEJACKET  
CHART  
DOCK

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D H J L P I Z D E J A K R A V A E C D R D I D P O R T  
A C J K L F C H L O F A R D D V J A W E F A Z A I X D  
A N B K I J T U Q W T J H M A R I N A U P A C B D B N Z  
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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 supply of heavy duty CPS flags 8"x 13" @ \$20.

12"x 20" CPS flags for those with larger boats sell for \$9.00

Burgees are available for \$15.00

Tilley Style hats are \$9.00

We have also purchased a quantity of "Wheelies". 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.

### Letters of Appreciation

*Caven Ford P*

At our graduation each year, your squadron hands out Letters of Appreciation to those members who reach a milestone of membership. Every 5 years of membership is the increment we use for these letters and they are a thank-you for your continued membership. If you missed the graduation and you are on this list, you should have received your letter with Crosschop. The members who were given a letter of appreciation this year and their number of years of continual membership is as follows:

Stefan Board	5	Ray Girard	30
Douglas Hay	5	Carol Gibson	30
Sandra Hay	5	John D. Size	45
Stephen Cerisano	10		
Noel Corbeil	10		
Michael Eedy	10		
Richard MacLeod	10		
Thomas MacLeod	10		
Cathy Rennie	10		
Gary Topp	10		
Brenda Walsh	10		
Paul Whitehead	15		
Maria Ermel	20		
Brinton Forbes	20		
Anne Taylor	20		
Richard Taylor	20		
Gordon Valliant	20		
Barry Devereux	25		
Linda McLeod	25		
Colin Vezina	25		
Richard Denston	30		
Joel Truckenbrodt	30		

## Coming Events

*Caven Ford P*

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

### Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise August 24, 2006:

Once again we will be enjoying the 2-1/2 hour dinner cruise aboard the chief Commanda 2.

Pre reservations are a must, and Michael Eedy (494 9219) is waiting anxiously to hear from you by Tuesday August 9, 2005. Entrée and accompaniment selection must be given at time of reservation.

The Entree choices are:

1. Grilled Chicken Breast finished with a Roasted Shallot Veloute Sauce, Served in a Crispy Phylo Basket.
2. Pickerel Crusted with Cornmeal, Pan-Seared and finished with Caper and Tomato Beurre Blanc.
3. 8oz Filet Mignon, Grilled and finished with a Lyonnaise Sauce.

Your choice of accompaniment:

1. Roasted Peppers, Spinach and Mushrooms.
2. Grilled Sweet Potato and Green Beans
3. Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Broccoli.

Cost for cruise and dinner is: \$45.00 /adult. We'll meet at 1800 at the ticket office on the Government Dock and the boat sails at 1830.

### Cruise to the West Arm:

Once again we are going to head out to the West Arm for a weekend. A group is already forming to head over there on Friday June 23. Details are still being arranged, but the plan so far is to meet on the lee side of Iron Island on Friday and spend the night as a group. We plan to leave for the West Arm Saturday morning arriving at Shuswap where we'll commandeer a convenient anchorage and raft together. Saturday afternoon will see us probably head into Monetteville for a cruise and sight seeing or something like that. Sailboats are more than welcome as if there is enough room on board, the power boats in attendance will provide transportation for the trip under the bridge. Sunday morning will feature a Brunch at Shuswap Lodge and all will head home or to other parts Sunday afternoon. To let us know you wish to attend, please contact Caven Ford at 752-2951 or send an email to [caven.ford@fordholdings.net](mailto:caven.ford@fordholdings.net).

## Fall Training Season Fast Approaches

*Caven Ford P*

We may not want to think about it, but it is inevitable! Just a reminder to spread the word about our Fall Training Sessions. This Fall, in addition to the traditional Boating Course, plans are in the works to put on another Piloting Course as well as an Advanced Piloting Course and Global Weather (the second part to the Weather Course). We can always be convinced to put on any other elective or general interest course should interest be sufficient. Why not take the VHF course or attend one of our very hands-on GPS courses this fall.

## Graduation Prayer

*Liette Renaud*

The following is the prayer given by Liette Renaud at the Graduation Dinner:

Dear God

As we prepare to share this meal, keep us mindful of the blessings you give to us.

We thank you for the rivers, lakes and seas and pray for all who sail upon them.

Bless our beautiful Lake Nipissing and all who travel in it. Protect them afloat and ashore, by day and by night.

Thank you God for this food.

Amen!

## Do You Require a Compass Onboard?

*Caven Ford P*

As of the reprinting of the Safe Boating Guide for 2006, Transport Canada, who took over ownership of the Office of Boating Safety from the Coast Guard, has introduced a new requirement for safety equipment onboard a pleasure craft. The Navigation Safety Regulations require certain pleasure craft to carry a magnetic compass and, if more than 20 nautical miles (37km) from shore, a compass-bearing device. The compass must be fitted and adjusted in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. If your boat is less than 8m (26'-3") in length and is within sight of navigational marks or is powered by oars, you do not require a compass. If your pleasure craft is between 8m (26'-3") and 20m (65'-7") and is power driven, you require a properly adjusted compass and if your voyage is more than 20 nautical miles from shore, you also require the compass-bearing device. The Safe Boating Guide further defines a navigation mark as any reference used to successfully determine relative position in relation to route or destination.

So, what does this mean to you and your vessel? The size of the craft and where you boat will determine the effect. For instance if you own a 16 foot fishing boat (or any powered craft under 8m) and are boating on Lake Nipissing, chances are good that you will be close to markers and landmarks and such that you will not be required to install a compass. If your boat is greater than 8m though, you need to have one. Since you probably cannot get 20 nautical miles from any shore on Lake Nipissing, the requirement for a compass-bearing device is likely not an issue. Beware boating in the Great Lakes though!

## Seventh Annual Squadron BBQ

*Caven Ford P*

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron's 7th annual BBQ will be held on the beach at the Manitou Islands on Sunday July 9, 2006. The event will kick off around 1400. A few of us will be out there early to try to grab part of the beach for the BBQ. Those of you with 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 752-2951, or email me at [caven.ford@fordholdings.net](mailto:caven.ford@fordholdings.net) or call Terry Lang at 497-3705 and his email is [terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca](mailto:terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca)

There will be lots for the kids to do, swimming, fun, sun (hopefully) and a really good meal. Come out and join us for a great afternoon on the lake!

If the weather is not agreeable to getting over to the Manitou Islands, we will hold the BBQ at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander. See our website the day of the BBQ for details if you are unsure of the weather. We will announce final decisions on where the BBQ will be there.

## Nautical Humor

*Caven Ford P*

One day, while sailing the seven seas, a look-out spotted a pirate ship, and the crew became frantic. Captain Bravo bellowed for his red shirt. The First Mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, and, after donning the shirt, the captain led his crew into battle and defeated the pirates.

Later on, the look-out spotted not one, but two pirate ships. The captain again howled for his red shirt and once again vanquished the pirates.

That evening, all the men sat around on the deck recounting the day's triumphs, and one of them asked the captain: "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before each battle?" The captain replied: "If I am wounded in the attack, my crew won't notice my bleeding and will continue to fight, unafraid." All of the men sat in silence and marveled at the courage of their captain.

As dawn came the next morning, the look-out spotted not one, not two, but TEN pirate ships approaching. The rank and file all stared at the captain and waited for his usual request. Captain Bravo calmly shouted: "Bring me my brown pants!"

## Commander's Message

*Doug Hay P*

The month of May draws quickly to a close and the weather has not been good. Hopefully by the time you are reading this note, weather conditions have improved and your boat has seen plenty of sea time.

The May long weekend was terrible from a weather point and tragic as several boaters lost their lives. From the news stories some, of those victims were not wearing their PFD's. Cold water likely was another contributor to the events that unfolded.

Have you checked your PFD's to ensure they are still in good condition? Are they readily accessible? Preferably, you actually wear them. Gone are the days of the key-hole, today's PFD's are comfortable and stylish. Prices are reasonable whereas your life is priceless. Something to consider isn't it!

The Squadron enjoyed a successful year with the Boating course graduating six and Piloting graduating four. Fundamentals of Weather graduated two (although I'm not sure if Environment Canada needs to feel threatened by two new prognosticators).

Several events are planned during the summer, the annual Bar-Be-Que, rain or shine, and the Chief Commanda dinner cruise. And don't forget about the West Arm cruise. Contact any of the Bridge members or look for details within this edition of Cross Chop. Join in these fun events and contribute to your squadron. They truly are fun events and the cost for the dinner cruise is quite affordable.

I am always looking for suggestions for continual improvement of your squadron. And of course if you have just one hour (or more), volunteer your time. Maybe help teach a section of the Boating course on your most favorite topic. Do you have an anecdote that you are willing to share that will help students understand the theory? Share it. None of use will live long enough to make all the mistakes others already have.

I look forward to the coming year and I thank you for your continued support of the Squadron. Enjoy a safe boating season and wave a friendly hello when you see me. I certainly will return the gesture, maybe even approach closer for a mid-lake conversation.

Safe Boating,

Doug Hay



**Next Bridge Meeting**  
**Thur. Sept 14, 2006 @ 1930**  
**North Bay Yacht Club, Callander**  
**All Members and**  
**Spouses welcome.**

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## North Bay Well Represented at Voyageur District

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron is once again well represented on the Voyageur District Bridge. At the recent AGM held in New Liskeard no fewer than 5 members of our squadron accepted positions on the district bridge.

Currently we have the following members serving at District:

Terry Lang as District Executive Officer (D/E/O) and District Web Master (D/Web)

Ivan Gough as District Treasurer (D/Tres)

Elizabeth Appleton as District Administration Officer (D/A/O)

Caven Ford as District Secretary (D/Secy)

Doug Hay as District Port Captain (D/Port)

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