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Graduation Dinner a Success!

Carol Gibson S

Once again we had a wonderful Graduation Dinner and Change of Watch. 40+ members and spouses attended on April 29th at the Yacht Club in Callander. A beautiful nautical setting to welcome the new graduates into the CPS organization. Diane's catering once again did a great job - this year we had roast beef dinner complete with all the trimmings. Our trainers had a busy winter with George Graham and Shannon Gilbert teaching the Boating Course; Rick and Anne Taylor teaching Advanced Piloting; and Don Whyte teaching Global Weather. All instructors were present to congratulate their students (names listed elsewhere).

Our own Terry Lang was the representative of Voyageur District (he is District Exec Officer) and gave the address to the graduates as well as assisting Cdr Doug in the presentation of Merit Marks. David Blahey was eloquent in his valedictory address thanking George and Shannon.

The Windsor Trophy for best overall student in the Boating class was presented to Cory Boyer.

The John Swartz Trophy for the best mark in Advanced Piloting was presented in absentia to Norm Bailey with the comment that Norm received one of the highest marks ever seen in this program (and thats across Canada). The John Size Maskinonge Trophy this year was presented by past recipient Elizabeth Appleton to George Graham acknowledging the many hours and years George has dedicated to teaching the boating course.

Letters of appreciation were read out to members who have reached milestones in years of membership. A special letter of appreciation was presented to Pat Onions who is leaving the North Bay area to relocate closer to family down south. Best wishes Pat - we will miss your contributions to the Squadron.

19 members received merit marks. These are presented to members who do at least 20 hours of work for the CPS - locally or nationally. Of note - North Bay Squadron has 6 members who have 10 or more merit marks, and 5 members who are classed as Life Members - a designation with the achievement of 20 merit marks: Maria Ermel 21, Carol Gibson 24, Don Whyte 24, Ivan Gough 27 and John Size 45. This speaks to the long lasting dedication of local members.

The last event of the evening was the introduction and "swearing in" of the Bridge for the upcoming year. Names are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. We still have a few vacant positions, so its not too late to volunteer to help out in the upcoming year. We are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas.

Contact Cdr Doug if interested, his contact details are listed on the back page.

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Merit Marks/Graduation - 2007

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 29, 2007:

Shannon Gilbert	1
Sandra Hay	4
Rick Taylor	5
Doug Hay	6
Anne Taylor	7
Grant Churcher	9
Caven Ford	9
Bill Simkins	9
Michael Eedy	10
Terry Lang	10
Pat Onions	11
Elizabeth Appleton	13
George Graham	13
Dave Byrnes	14
Maria Ermel	21*
Carol Gibson	24*
Don Whyte	24*
Ivan Gough	27*
John Size	45*

* Life Member

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

David Blahey
Cory Boyer
Bruce Demers
Mike Fenn
Terry Kelly
David Pollard
Mary Pollard

The following were the Piloting Graduates ably instructed by Rick Taylor AP:

Norm Bailey
Doug Hay
Sandra Hay
Greg Seaman



Merit Marks/Graduation - 2007

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

David Byrnes
Grant Churcher
Kym Eedy
Michael Eedy
Caven Ford
George Graham
Terry Lang
Brenda Walsh
Glen White

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

Summer Fun With Your Squadron

Caven Ford P

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

As mentioned elsewhere, don't miss the Squadron BBQ on Sunday July 15/2007 at 1400. Watch the Squadron Website for details of the location. Weather permitting it will be at the Manitou Islands. In the case of inclement weather, it will be held at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander. Please call Caven Ford (752-2951) or Terry Lang (497-3705) to indicate you will be attending so enough supplies can be obtained.

Once again we will be enjoying Dinner and a cruise on the Chief Commanda on Thursday August 16/2006. Call Mike Eedy (494-9219) to get tickets to this wonderful event. A large crowd has had a lovely meal on board the last few years.

If interest is adequate, another cruise to the West Arm is tentatively planned for August. Please call Caven Ford (752-2951) if you are interested in a cruise there. An alternate destination could be chosen to one of the beautiful anchorages in the French River as well.

Please make an effort to come out and attend one or more of these great activities. We hope to see you there!

Boating Safety Inspections

Caven Ford P

With the boating season upon us, now is a good time to be thinking of the safety gear on your boat. Your squadron can assist you in determining that you have all the necessary equipment on board before you are stopped for a check by the authorities.

Working with Transport Canada, our Boating Safety Specialists will visit you at your marina or launch ramp to review many of the safety devices either required by law or recommended for your specific boat.

You will receive a report from the Specialist that provides a summary of what they found and any safety improvements they may suggest.

The program is free of charge and provided as a courtesy only. The information collected is used strictly for safety statistics and not enforcement.

Several bridge members are now Marine Safety Specialists and are conducting a number of courtesy inspection blitzes this summer.

If you would like to have a courtesy inspection of your vessel, please call and let us know. Remember, these are free, and not for enforcement but safety purposes only. It might be better to find out you don't comply now than to have an enforcement officer tell you. The squadron phone number is 499-2499.

Fall Courses Already??

Caven Ford P

The following is the current list of courses and seminars offered by CPS. The fall training season is just around the corner. A good time to think about taking some training is right now. We only require a few people interested in any course in order to put one on, so please contact the Squadron for more details:

Introductory Courses:

Pleasure Craft Operator Card Safe Boating Course (BoatPro)
The Boating Course

Advanced Courses:

Piloting Course
Advanced Piloting
Maritime Radio (VHF)

Elective Courses:

Marine Electronics
Marine Maintenance
Seamanship Sail
Extended Cruising
Fundamentals of Weather
Global Weather

Letters of Appreciation

Grant Churcher AP

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:

Peter Argue	5
Arthur Hay	5
Stephen Hay	5
Rene Bazinet	10
Caven Ford	10
Grant Kerr	10
Susan Laberge	10
Terry Lang	10
James Burnett	15
Joan Burnett	15
Clifford Cowcill	15
Michael O'Shea	15
Michael Turner	15
Mickey Wallace	15
Bob Alkins	20
Pierre Levesque	20
Marie-Noella Bertsch	25
William Scaife	30
George Justice	40
Irma Hewitt	45

Fall Training

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Seminars:

Electronic Charting
Radar for Pleasure Craft
Finding Your Way with GPS
Navigating with GPS
Distress Signaling
Depthsounders

Please note that seminars and elective courses are open to non-members as well so if you have some friends that would be interested, please contact the squadron for more details.

As of right now there is strong interest in another Piloting course. We have recently heard from a couple members who are eager to teach the Marine Maintenance course which should prove to be a very interesting and informative one.

Boat education is what we do and the backbone of a good squadron. Don't be shy, take a course this fall!

Nautical Terms

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ABOARD: A piece of lumber you can use to repair your vessel.

AFT: Automatic Flotation Thing. The Coast Guard requires you have a personal flotation device for each member on board your vessel. These are the ones that inflate automatically when you hit the water (and you will hit the water!) to prevent drowning.

ADRIFT: A method of moving across the water when nothing on your vessel works. You normally do not have a lot of input as to where you are actually going, but you can get there.

ANCHOR: A mechanical device that's supposed to keep the vessel in one place (see dragging). These devices are sometimes used to submerge expensive anchor lines and chain when used without proper termination at both ends of the anchor line.

ASTERN: A type of look. Your spouse gives you astern look when you attempt to buy things for your new vessel.

BILGE: A storage area in the bottom of the vessel for all the things you dropped and can not find. Also a mixing area for water, fuel and head output.

BILGE PUMP: An electrical device designed to remove the charge from your batteries. These devices only operate when the vessel is not taking on water.

BOW: What you do (along with scape) in front of your banker when you are asking for more money to spend on your vessel.

BRIDGE: Something you cross to get to the other side of a body of water when you don't have a vessel available. Can also be used for removing masts of sailing vessels if the bridge is low enough.

CAPSIZE: The size you need to know when shopping for a hat or cap.

CREW: The people working on your vessel. They are usually friends or acquaintances who don't find out about the "work" part of the trip until you are away from the dock. Crews have a high turnover rate, and normally will never want to see you again, let alone set foot on your vessel again.

DECK: What your spouse will do to you after discovering how much money you spent on the vessel without first obtaining permission.

DOCK: A medical professional.

GPS: An electronic device that allows you to navigate out of sight of landmarks before the batteries die.

HATCH: 1. A device similar in nature to a mousetrap, in that it will drop down on your head or hand without warning. 2. An opening for admitting water into the vessel.

HEAD: The part of your body that sits on top of your neck. Useful for storing items like hats, sunglasses, etc.

HULL: Bobby. A famous hockey player.

Nautical Terms

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KEEL: A stopping device for your vessel. It works by contacting the bottom of the water body you are in, thus inhibiting forward motion.

KEYS: Used for opening locks and lockers aboard your vessel, starting with the engine. Keys can usually be found in the water beneath your vessel.

LEEWAY: What you hope your spouse will give you when you want an expensive new toy for your vessel.

LOG: Another stopping device for your vessel. It works by either placing a hole in your vessel so it can no longer float, or in the case of smaller vessels, by provide a resting spot above the water far enough so that an oar or motor can no longer propel the vessel.

MATE: Your spouse.

OVERBOARD: A term describing the final resting place for anything expensive dropped while on board a vessel.

PAY OUT: What you must do every time something unexpected happens to your vessel.

PFD: Personal Flotation Device. A multifunction device normally used as a cushion, packing material or sponge. The Coast Guard requires one for each person on board to ensure they have something soft to sit on in case seating is limited.

PORT: What you drink when you are on your vessel.

PROPELLER: A metal thing that looks like a fan and is attached to your motor. The propeller is a dual-purpose item. It both propels your vessel through the water and catches stray dock and rigging lines before they can harm wildlife. After a short period of time, motors typically don't have the same number of propellers they originally came with.

RUDDER: The device that steers your vessel, and usually the first part of your vessel to come off when you hit a rock.

ROCK: 1. Devices used to remove rudders from vessels. 2. What your vessel does just after you fill all your glasses to the brim with port.

STERN: 1. The flat, back end of your vessel, included so you have a place to paint the name of your vessel. 2. How your spouse sounds when you have spent too much on or been out too long on your vessel.

THROUGH-THE-HULL-FITTING: A leak.

WAKE: A part of a funeral often confused with what trails behind a vessel. Also what you participate in when you don't practice safe boating or canoeing.



Commander's Message

Doug Hay AP

I'm making this note with snow falling and my boating season already underway! Something is definitely wrong here. I hope all of you were able to successfully launch and get your boating season off to a good start. We know the weather will improve and the lake warm up. Let's all hope for favorable weather and a great summer of safe and enjoyable boating.

The training season has wound down but start thinking about courses for next fall. Boating will be offered as usual, so go out and promote the course and the Squadron. Piloting, Marine Maintenance, and Seamanship Sail (under Dan Faulkner and Norm Bailey) may be offered. Hopefully we will see renewed interest in the advanced and elective courses as this is where you really benefit by being a CPS member.

The Squadron is planning on hosting several events over the summer. The annual Bar-Be-Q is planned for Sunday July 15. Indications as I write this are, the Chief Commander may be making a return visit to North Bay. I have invited him to attend the Bar-Be-Q, so hopefully he is able to make the day. Watch for other notices of Squadron events including the dinner cruise on Chief Commanda II. I invite everyone to attend.

My thanks go out to all of the many volunteers, without whom, the Squadron would not function or exist. We welcome anyone with even a few hours to join in the activities and give something back to your Squadron. Thanks to all for assisting me in my role as Squadron commander over the past year. I look forward to your continued support of the Squadron for the next year. I once again challenge all of you to not only come out to an event or meeting, but to bring along a fellow member who maybe has not attended in the past.

Just a reminder for the season, check your safety gear to ensure you meet or exceed the requirements and look at how you can make your boating experience even more enjoyable. Think and promote safe boating but most importantly... Go Boating. That's why you have a boat. I'll be watching for those salutes as I pass by. Fly those CPS flags proudly.

Doug Hay
Cdr.

Did You Know - Marine VHF Radio

Doug Hay AP

Anyone operating a marine VHF radio or other marine radio is required to have in their possession a Restricted Radiotelephone Operators Certificate [ROC(M)]. In addition, if your radio has Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capabilities, you must have the DSC endorsement. You may be subject to significant fines if you are found operating your radio without the required certificate!

The Federal Government issues the ROC(M) license through CPS, and CPS offers a seminar on proper operation as well as administering the examination process on behalf of the Government. Full details are available on the CPS website at www.cps-ecp.ca

For you to utilize the DSC capabilities of your VHF radio, you must also have a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. This number may be obtained free of charge from Industry Canada Spectrum Management. A quick search on the internet to www.strategis.ic.gc.ca and then searching for document CPC-2-3-07, or just searching for obtaining MMSI number (on Canadian sites) will lead you to the appropriate documents. There are links for the application form as well as explanatory notes which you will need to complete the application. The completed form can then be sent to the nearest branch office of Industry Canada Spectrum Management.

A complete list of offices can be found on Industry Canada Spectrum Management document RIC-66. The office I have used is located in Sault Ste. Marie, ph 705-941-4139, email spectrum.sault-ste-marie@ic.gc.ca The staff in that office was very helpful.

When in Canadian territorial waters, pleasure craft are exempt from carrying a radio station license. However this exemption does not apply in foreign waters including American territorial waters. There is information on the CPS website and a station license may be obtained from Industry Canada-Spectrum Management. The annual fee is \$36 according to the CPS website, but you may want to contact the local IC office for the latest fee schedule.

The USA under Homeland Security has issued formal warnings to Canadian boaters that full and proper vessel documentation is required while in American waters. There is a zero-tolerance policy currently in place regarding licensing and documentation.

For more information including obtaining you ROC(M) license, contact the Squadron training officer or any Bridge Member. Don't spoil your summer holidays by not having the proper required licensing and documentation aboard your vessel.

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Next Bridge Meeting
Thur. Sept 13, 2007 @ 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 Sudbury, 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)

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