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### FALL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

*We are so fortunate to live in this great country and in particular this beautiful area. By living here we are able to have the opportunity of enjoying the four seasons...*

*Power boating may not have been as enjoyable as some would have hoped this summer, what with the higher fuel costs, and Mother natures temperament...rain, cool temperatures, rain, windy conditions, and rain...but at least the sail boaters can have a laugh as from what I have heard, they had a pretty good season.*

*There were some nice warm calm days, and wonderful trips to the new Sturgeon Falls marina, the French River, the West Arm, the South River, and of course the enjoyable and eventful Squadron Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise...what happens on the Chief, stays on the Chief.*

*I guess I am a little disappointed now because boating in this area is fantastic and I want to do more, but with the frosted rooftops in the morning comes the realization that I will have to satisfy my boating urges with a CPS boating course, perhaps attending the Toronto Boat Show, maybe getting a few new items for my boat, and taking part in some squadron meeting and activities.*

*I hope you had a wonderful summer and that you able to find you own way of quenching your boating passion until next year. Keep smiling.*

Yours truly,  
David Blahey  
Commander North Bay Power and Sail Squadron



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#### Local NBSS member rescues stranded boaters.....

When Ron Shortt, our Executive Officer headed out onto Lake Nipissing on Saturday Aug 17, 2013 I'm sure the following journal entry was not what he was expecting..... (in his own words)

*"At 1900 hrs I observed a small red canoe with two paddlers about a mile south of us on an Easterly course passing Waldemar Island. (Should be noted, high west wind and 1 1/2 ft waves) At 1910 hours I noted the canoe was not moving and binoculars indicated it had capsized and two people were in the water. Immediately weighed anchor and set course for red canoe. ( wide open at 6.8 knots.) Arrived at SW corner of Beacon Island just as one of the males was able to crawl up onto a rock. The other was too weak to get out of the water on his own. They had towed the canoe full of water about 200 yds. They capsized when waves from a passing boat caught them unexpectedly in the heavy chop. After trying to empty the water from their canoe and becoming too exhausted to get into the canoe they decided to tow it to the nearest shore and empty it there. On our arrival it was observed that they were safe for the moment but were exhausted. Their canoe was too small for them to safely return to their cottage against the wind. There was no one at the only cottage on the island. When I offered to return them and their canoe to their cottage they immediately loaded the canoe and clambered aboard. I advised the two of them, that they had been rescued by a member of the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron and pointed out to them that their canoe was obviously too small to be out on Lake Nipissing in such weather. I also pointed out to them, and they agreed, that if they had not been wearing proper fitting PFD's this may have been a very different ending. I also informed them that The North Bay Power Squadron was always looking for new members to prevent what had just happened to them and told them they could contact me through their friend "Kevin" at Fish Bay Marina."*

**Great job Ron! We're all relieved that it was a happy ending!**



## CPS 75TH ANNIVERSARY FLAG RELAY



The journey of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flags  
By Terry Lang, AP

### The Journey:

CPS had its beginning with Windsor Power and Sail Squadron in 1938. Three members of the Windsor Yacht Club (WYC) took the Junior Piloting Course at the Detroit Yacht Club with the Detroit Power Squadron in 1937 (WYC Founded in 1937) and instructed the first course in Windsor at the WYC in 1938. In honour of this 75th milestone in our history, two specially designed CPS anniversary flags arrived by boat from the US depicting where we grew from.

These were delivered by USPS Chief Commander John Alter and received by CPS Chief Commander Richard Bee on May 5th at WYC, blessed by Fr. Stan Fraser and they have now begun their journey: one **West to Vancouver Island, BC** and one **East to Avalon, Nfld.**

Stopping in each CPS District and most Squadrons during their journey, the flags will return to the CPS Annual General Meeting in Toronto on October 26th where we will be culminating our 75th anniversary celebrations. One flag will be retained by CPS and the other will travel to the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) 100th anniversary celebration in January 2014 to symbolize the importance of the role that USPS had in our beginning and our growth... eventually coast to coast.

(The above 2 paragraphs about the Journey were copied directly from the cps website and included to give you the background of the flag relay.)

### Locally:

CPS setup a web page dedicated to tracking the flags journey where you could post local pictures and track the location of each flag. I didn't see much sense re-writing it as it says exactly what I needed to say. I will talk a bit about the local events that our squadron held while the flag passed thru our area. The flag was here on June 20, 2013. Executive Officer Ron Shortt traveled to Huntsville to pick up the flag after one of their events. He returned for a photo opp at the Municipality of Powassan (some of you would have seen the picture in the Almaguin News and the last Crosschop edition) and then on to North Bay. We photographed the flag and as many officers that could come out near the Chief Commanda. Next we took the flag for a little ride on Past Commander Doug Hay's boat and once again posed for some photos near the gas dock of the North Bay Marina. Finally we took some pictures under the Gateway Arch in Lee park before sending the flag along to Sudbury, the next stop on it's journey to the West coast.



All of our local pictures are available thru the CPS flag relay website.

## 2013 ANNUAL CHIEF COMMANDA DINNER CRUISE



Great fun was had by everyone who attended the annual Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise held August 15. The fantastic selection of food, spirits and company made for a wonderful evening on the lake!

See you all next year!!



## Ivan Gough

NBPSS—Past Historian

As mentioned in the previous Crosschop issued in June, Ivan Gough was awarded the John Size Maskulunge Trophy. We thought it was very important to share with everyone the extensive work, dedication and invaluable experience that Ivan brought to the NBPSS and to the Bridge he has served on. The following write up was submitted by Terry Lang, [AP](#).



Ivan on left, Terry on right.

A brief history of the Maskulunge trophy first. The original trophy was the Harry Hickson trophy. Harry, a founding member of our squadron and it's first Commander, was awarded a trophy by the original boating class. He donated it back to the squadron and deemed that it was to be awarded to members making a significant contribution to the squadron to warrant receipt. The unique twist for this trophy was that only past recipients can award it. This makes it quite the special trophy to win as you are being recognized directly by your peers and other contributors to the squadron. So, Harry was the first recipient, and myself (Terry Lang) was the last. The trophy was circulated for 40 years and then finally retired in 2011. To see the complete list of recipients, please visit our website. I think it was important to discuss the history of the Hickson trophy particularly the part about it being award only by past recipients and not the bridge/ commander. I also know it seems odd that I tell you about such a terrific trophy and what I feel is an amazing peer award, and then in the next breath tell you it doesn't exist anymore. Fear not! Thus enter the replacement trophy: the John Size Maskolundge trophy. This trophy was first presented to John Size in his honour and for his incredible contribution to the squadron. Any local of the North Bay area knows Johnny Size who was a local radio personality, hosted his own outdoor show, and has been involved in boating for many years. John was also a founding member of the squadron and part of that first boating class who gave the original trophy to Harry Hickson. I'm not going to get into the discussion here about why we replaced it, or the significance of honouring Johnny for his contribution, but I do need to point out that the awarding rules remain the same. Only past recipients may award it to someone that they feel deserves it.

Fast forward ahead to the present. There was no trouble deciding who was to receive the Maskulunge trophy this year and Ivan Gough took that honour.

Ivan took his boating class quite some time ago (around 1964). He completed his Piloting in 1965, completed his Advanced Piloting in 1966, took Seamanship in 1967 and Weather in 1994. Although Ivan is not a founding member, he has been a member of our squadron for 3 less years than the squadron existed, or about 49 years. Ivan became a life member in 2000 and has held just about every Squadron bridge position that there is. This includes (but not a complete list) Secretary 72, 73, XO: 74, 75 again in 82, 83, Commander 85, 86, Historian from 87 thru 2012, and currently Officer at Large. [\(Someone with this much knowledge and experience, you don't just let leave\).](#) Ivan has also served on the District Bridge for many years, most recently as treasurer and still acts as one of the national proctors / markers for the Piloting course. Ivan also was award the Hickson trophy in 1987.

I can't begin to describe all the countless hours of work Ivan has given to CPS (and to the North Bay Squadron and Voyageur District specifically) over the years. The Bridge and to remain in context, the past recipients of the Maskolundge trophy, would like to thank him for all the outstanding contribution to the safe boating community.

*IVAN, THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US!*



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## NBPSS Training/Courses

**Boat Essentials** - starts Tuesday October 15 at Chippewa High School. For details contact Doug Hay at: [dshay10@hotmail.com](mailto:dshay10@hotmail.com) or call 705-752-3670

**Weather Course** - Terry Lang has volunteered to instruct a course this fall. If you or any member you know is interested in taking this course, please drop Terry a note of interest at [terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca](mailto:terrylang@tlcconsulting.on.ca)

## 2013 Summer Cruises

This past Labour Day weekend this lucky girl was invited to go on a 4 day/4 night houseboat cruise on beautiful Lake Temagami!

I have never spent that many nights and days on a boat and can tell you it was fantastic!

This chart shows our course and thank you to Captain Terry who kept us safe and sound.  
Suzanne Lafontaine



Doug and Sandra Hay also had cruises with various boaters to Sturgeon Falls and South River. Doug also had an excellent extended open water cruise on Lake Huron.

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