

# BY THE BAY

ASHBRIDGE'S BAY SQUADRON NEWSLETTER  
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## Training Events

We have a great  
lineup of courses  
this Fall. Come  
on out and  
upgrade your  
boating skills or  
perhaps offer to  
help your fellow  
boaters by proc-  
toring a course!  
See back page  
for times and  
location.

## Hoisting Anchor?

Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you are moving, changing your telephone or e-mail. Take a minute and complete the following form and return to

Lt/C Nancy Mason,  
137 Sammon Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4J 1Y9

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

You can also e-mail the information to Nancy at [nmason@ca.ibm.com](mailto:nmason@ca.ibm.com)

FROM THE SQUADRON COMMANDER

## View from the Helm

Morton Biback

While summer is coming to a close — and much too soon for most of us — Ashbridge's Bay Squadron is busy preparing for the coming winter season. Actually, winter is our Squadron's busiest season as we prepare and deliver a variety of courses designed to make safe boating practices a way of life. Browse through our newsletter for a full description of course offerings.

As your new Commander, one of my objectives is to encourage membership participation. I, and the members of the Bridge, want to get to know you and to give you a reason to belong to Canadian Power Squadron and the Ashbridge's Bay Squadron in particular.

Are we meeting your needs? This is YOUR Squadron. What do you, our members, want us to do? Should we have more social events such as a summer rendezvous with a sail past, cruises, a BBQ? During the non-boating season, would you enjoy dinner at an inexpensive restaurant, at a yacht club? Do you want more courses or more educational social evenings on specific topics? Please feel free to tell us what you would like. Take a moment and let us know — we need your input.

All members are invited to attend all meetings of the Bridge executive. The next one will be held in early September. If you wish to be advised of the date, please contact any member of the Bridge. Their names and phone numbers/email addresses appear in this newsletter.

In the meantime, let's look at one benefit of CPS membership — boat insurance. If you have a boat, you should have insurance, protection in case the boat is stolen, vandalized, involved in an accident or catches fire. Nature may cause damage by winds or waves. (No, I am not in the insurance business).

CPS can help you to obtain favourable rates with qualified, reputable insurers. Even if you don't insure through a CPS-recommended company, there may still be advantages to be had because of your CPS connection. My own boat is a small one and it is insured with the same company that insures my home. When the

renewal premium notice came, my rate had gone up a few percent (due to the increased cost of doing business these days). I called the insurance company to see if my connection with CPS entitled me to a discount. They asked if I had taken any safety courses and since I had, they asked for a copy of my certificate. (If you have lost your certificate, let us know and we will re-issue it).

The result was a fifteen percent discount, a savings of over \$60, about double my annual membership fee in CPS. That in itself is enough reason to remain a member in our squadron. Of course, there are many other reasons to be a member, but let us look into those in a future issue of View From the Helm.

We look forward to great year with all of you of Ashbridge's Bay Squadron.

## **Odds and Ends**

The editors of the newsletter would like to include photographs in the Squadron publication. Do you have any photographs of past Squadron events such as our Christmas parties, or Boating Course Graduations? If so, perhaps we could borrow them for use in this newsletter. Please tell us who is in the photograph and what event it was. We will make sure the photograph is returned to you.

- Three cheers for Commander Morton Biback who singlehandedly taught the Boat Pro course to an entire family and added \$300 to the Squadron coffers. Morton was pleased to announce that all family members passed despite his tougher-than-usual eagle eye during exam time.
- Would you be interested in a classified section for members who wish to sell boating-related items?
- Do you have an idea you would like to see in the newsletter? Let us know.

Call either Margaret or Nancy with suggestions, or offers of help in putting together the newsletter. We are always looking for articles that would be of interest to our Squadron members. See page 7 for our phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## The Executive Point of View

Bill Mason

Hello to all our new members and welcome aboard the Ashbridge's Bay Squadron. And to our past members, welcome back and thank you for renewing your memberships and your continued support.

As we are steaming into the 21st century, I wonder where the time goes. It seems we just launched our boat and, as I write this column, it is mid-July ... half way through this summer!

This is our (my wife Nancy is also your Membership Officer) second year of boating and our second year of being part of the Bridge of your Squadron. You will notice I said YOUR squadron because the Squadron is only as strong as its membership. Ashbridges Bay is part of the York East District that over the past few years, has seen several squadrons become inactive. There are other Squadrons that do not share our financial and membership strength.

I mention this as an introduction to an issue that was a major topic of discussion at both the last meeting of the Bridge (You have a very strong and complete Bridge this year) and a recent District meeting.

### **We need your ACTIVE support!!!**

What does this mean? We look to our membership to provide feedback and guidance on how they want the Squadron to function. This does not mean hours of volunteer effort — although we would welcome you to help with manning our boat show booths or assisting your Social Officer with your Squadron's social functions. It is your ideas and suggestions are most important to us.

What can the Bridge do to make your membership more beneficial to you? Our social events are one way for like-minded folks to get together and have an evening out. I would welcome feedback on the timing, venue suggestions, activities that you would like to see. As well, we would welcome all our members to attend a Bridge meeting at least once a year.

Your Bridge is here for you, to manage YOUR squadron. I look forward to hearing from you.

## WEB SITES OF INTEREST TO BOATERS

The Internet is a treasure trove for those searching for information on boats and equipment. Looking for a sailboat? a slalom ski? A fish finder? Log on and try some of the following.

Searoom: <http://www.searoom.com>

A Canadian website for sailors, especially those who do lots of cruising. Books, articles, and links to other sites.

Popeyes Sailors Exchange:

<http://www.popeyesailorexchange.com/popeyes/>

A website featuring new and used parts or accessories – thousands of items in stock.

YACHTWORLD.com: <http://www.yachtworld.com/>

Boats for sale, forums, articles, links to boating magazine, recipes and much more.

US Navy Meteorology and Oceanography:

<http://www.fnmoc.navy.mil/index.html>

Climate, ocean wave heights and temperatures, satellite pictures, etc.

BC Marine Trades Association: <http://www.bcmarine.com/>

Links to events, boat sales, charters, rentals, marina, boatyards, marine adventure, marine supply, sport fishing, boat builders, publicationÉ

*Manufacturers' sites:*

Bayliner [www.Bayliner.com/home.htm](http://www.Bayliner.com/home.htm)

Beneteau [www.beneteau.com/](http://www.beneteau.com/)

Campion [www.campionboats.com/](http://www.campionboats.com/)

Carver [www.carveryachts.com/](http://www.carveryachts.com/)

Catalina [www.catalinayachts.com/](http://www.catalinayachts.com/)

Doral [www.doralboat.com/](http://www.doralboat.com/)

Hunter [www.huntermarine.com/](http://www.huntermarine.com/)

Jenneau [www.jeanneauamerica.com/](http://www.jeanneauamerica.com/)

MacGregor [www.MacGregor26.com/](http://www.MacGregor26.com/)

Maxum [www.MaxumBoats.com/](http://www.MaxumBoats.com/)

### Interested in learning more about CPS?

There is a CPS publication called PROMOTO. This used to be distributed to a select few due to the high cost of production and distribution. Now, thanks to the economies possible using the WWW, everyone may receive their copy. It is at

<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/html/english/promoto.html>

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

## All Aboard!

Nancy Mason

Hello to all members of Ashbridge's Bay Canadian Power and Sail Squadron. As your Membership Officer I would like to thank you for your continued support of CPS and, as you have read in the *View from the Helm*, and the Second Wave, we are a very healthy squadron.

Being a CPS member entitles you to a wide variety of benefits. Did you know that CPS membership entitles you to

- Save up to 40% on boat insurance
- Save 20% at Sam the Record Man
- Save up to 40% at Speedy Muffler King
- Save 50% on annual self-directed RRSP/RRIF fees
- Receive *Boats and Places* (formerly called "Today's Boating") magazine – FREE
- Receive half-price membership with "Boat US"
- Vote at meetings
- Hold office on your Bridge
- Enroll in advanced courses
- Fly the CPS Flag

When my husband, Bill, and I joined CPS last year I noticed we were not receiving our *Boats and Places* magazine subscription which is part of your membership package. After speaking with other members, I realized that there were others who were not receiving their subscription. *Boats and Places* is an excellent magazine which provides a wide range of information for all boaters. As well, it is a way for your CPS National Organization to keep you informed and up to date with a number of articles written by your National Bridge Officers. If you are not receiving your subscription I encourage you to contact the CPS national by phone at 416-293-2445 and ask for Donna Read. We began to receive our subscription, including back issues, shortly after I contacted HQ.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding your membership or benefits. I will be happy to help you. Remember that your feedback and support are critical to your squadron.

## **TRAINING COURSES FOR 2001-2002 SEASON**

### ***Boat Pro***

Your introduction to safe boating. During four sessions, participants are introduced to the basic concepts of safe boating including aids to navigation, safety equipment, power boats, sail boats, weather and seamanship.

Registration: Monday September 24 at 7 pm.

Course: Monday October 1 through Monday October 23 at 7 pm

Location: Legion Hall, Kingston Road and Woodbine

Cost: \$45 includes manual and exam fee

### ***Fundamentals of Weather***

Allows the boater to anticipate adverse weather and forecasts by gathering pertinent information and interpreting weather patterns. Topics include air masses, fronts, clouds, and precipitation.

Registration: Tuesday October 9 at 7 pm

Course: Tuesday October 16 through Tuesday December 4, at 7 pm

Location: Legion Hall, Kingston Road and Woodbine

Cost: \$95, \$75 for CPS members

### ***Boating***

Includes the basic topics of safe boating presented in **Boat Pro** but expands to include basic navigation, charts, piloting, and plotting.

Registration: Monday January 14, 2002

Course: Monday January 21 through Monday April 29

Location: Legion Hall, Kingston Road and Woodbine

Cost: \$135, \$200 for a couple sharing course materials

### ***Navigating with GPS***

Covers the fundamentals of operating a GPS receiver, navigating with GPS, sources of error, selecting units and importance of chart datum. A demonstration of how to interface a GPS with a PC is included.

Registration: Tuesday February 12, 2002

Course: Tuesday February 19 through Tuesday March 5

Location: Legion Hall, Kingston Road and Woodbine

Cost: \$35, \$30 for CPS members

### ***VHF***

Prepares participants for the Maritime Radiotelephone Operator's Restricted Certificate.

Registration: Tuesday April 9, 2002

Course: Tuesday April 15 through Tuesday April 30

Location: Legion Hall, Kingston Road and Woodbine

Cost: \$40, \$35 for CPS members