

## **Celebrating our Long-Time Members**

### **Doug Lavery**

On April 10, we visited Douglas Lavery at his home in Peterborough to present a Certificate of Appreciation for 50 years as a Regular member of the Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron.



Doug was originally from Toronto, but came to Peterborough, via Montreal, while working for Bell Canada. Since then he has been a professor in computer science at Fleming College and then started a private business following his college employment in which he helped people with their home computer issues.

As a young man new to the Peterborough area, he stayed with friends and realized that now that he was in “cottage country” he’d better learn something about boating. He took his first CPS course in 1968 from Dr. Don Curtis and was hooked from then on!

Doug and his family still own two properties on Stony Lake and their “navy” consists of boats of all shapes and sizes, including a variety of non-motorized craft. He has continued to promote safe boating by ensuring his family are conscientious boaters. We asked Doug why he continues to support CPS and he responded that he feels it’s a great organization and he wants to help us continue the good work of ensuring safe boating in our area.

Many thanks to Doug for 50 years of membership with the Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron!

### **John Rutkauskas**

On April 11, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to John Rutkauskas in celebration of 54 years as a Regular member of the Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron.



John emigrated from Lithuania to Canada in 1951. He married his lovely wife Mary in 1962 and shortly after purchased his first boat, 16-feet long with a small cabin. Their friends teased that they had no money, yet they had a boat! In fact, the boat was somewhat of a rescue... they purchased it for \$1,000 from a teacher in Guelph who had built the boat himself, but was told "it's the boat or the wife!" So John and Mary bought the boat to save a marriage! They often bundled their baby daughter into a carrier at the front of the little boat and enjoyed day trips on it.

The Rutkauskas family eventually moved up to a 25' cabin cruiser which they kept mostly at Mars Marina when they weren't cruising Lake Simcoe, part of the Rideau Canal system, and the Thousand Islands.

John took several CPS courses including Advanced Piloting, Sailing, and Weather, and was the Peterborough Squadron Commander in 1976-77. When asked why John has kept up his membership for so many years, he replied that he feels it's a great organization and, since being a Squadron Commander, he feels a certain ownership and responsibility to continue his support.

Although John and Mary are no longer boaters, they continue their membership; we truly appreciate John's dedication to the Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron!

### **John Metheral**

We also celebrate 50 years of membership from John Metheral who, after earning 24 merit marks, has become a Life Member. Joining CPS in 1968, John has been instrumental in the success of the Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron, and we appreciate his contributions!