

NAUTICAL NOTES

Commander's Message

In spite of the unseasonably warm, summer weather, fall has arrived and the leaves are finally changing to shades of red, orange and brown. I trust that all our boating friends have had a safe and fun experience on waterways in Peterborough and the Kawarthas this summer. In July, our squadron was busy with several on-the-water events. We partnered with Paris Marine, who again offered their very successful program, Women Making Waves. Leigh, Doug, Susan and Martha from Peterborough squadron shared information about boating safety and the required safety equipment that vessels of various sizes must have on board while underway. The participants learned to launch and dock their boats under the expert guidance of Deborah and Joe from Paris Marine.

Later in the month, Ron Gernat and Martha Scott visited Reach Harbour and spent a couple of days doing Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks. Both new and experienced boaters benefited from a check of their safety equipment and had a chance to show off their wonderful vessels.

Last week, past commanders Nick Cliteur and Gina Lee took theological seminary students on a 'Fun Run'. Nick volunteered his pontoon boat to take teams of students out into Little Lake where they sang songs and did a circle around the fountain. You can read all about this event on page 4 in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to a face-to-face social event for the first time in several years. Join us on Sunday, November 12th for Pizza and Pins - a fun afternoon of bowling and pizza dinner. See the ad on page 3 for details. I can't wait to see many of you in person.

Finally, we are pleased to offer Weather for Boaters, an online course with weekly tutorials and a question period. The course begins Wednesday November 8th and runs until December 13th. This is a great opportunity to brush up on your weather skills, interpret forecasts and learn how to stay safe during adverse maritime weather events - these are certainly on the increase! See page 7 for details on how to register online at cps-ecp.ca. Enjoy the remainder of the fall boating season!

Commander Martha Scott

October 16th - October 22nd :
AGM and National Conference in Windsor, Ont.

November Events

November 8th - December 13th
 Wednesday Evenings beginning at 7 :00 p.m.
Practical Weather for Boaters!

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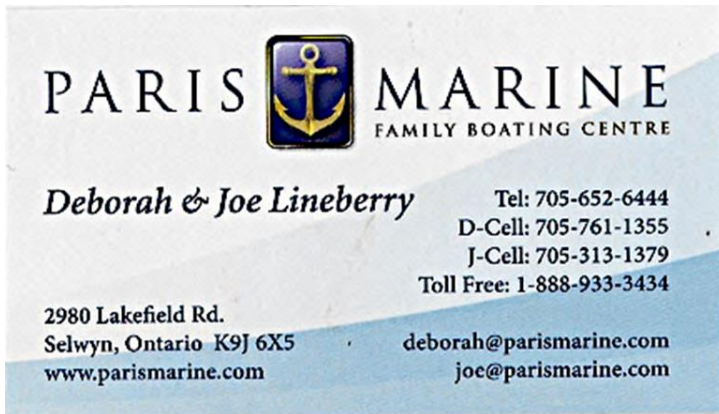
Pizza and Pins

Sunday, November 12th 3 : 00 p.m. at
 Lakeview Bowl in Peterborough, ON

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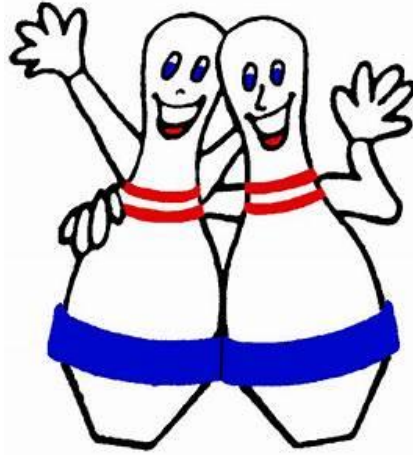
Women Making Waves



On July 08th, Peterborough Squadron members Leigh Mellow, Susan Mellow, Doug Hagan and Martha Scott joined Paris Marine in hosting “Women Making Waves” at McCracken’s Landing on Stony Lake (in the Kawarthas). Deb and Joe from Paris Marine developed this innovative approach to coaching women new to boating in the basics of launching, vessel docking and trailering. In addition to on- the- water training offered by Joe and Deb, Peterborough Squadron gave 30 - minute sessions on basic boating safety, the importance of wearing one’s Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while underway, and care of life jackets for boaters of all ages and sizes. In addition, we reviewed the basic safety equipment required by Transport Canada for boats of specific sizes (lengths). The ladies were enthusiastic learners who asked great questions about boating safety.

Assistant Educational Officer Doug Hagan, a very experienced educator in our Squadron, brought along a model of a Viking sailing vessel that he built during the pandemic and used the model to demonstrate the origin of the terms starboard, larboard and port.

This was a great opportunity to showcase our squadron, and we thoroughly enjoyed the warm sunny day and the venue. Many thanks to Paris Marine for organizing this event!



Pizza & Pins is Back!

Join us for 5-Pin bowling and pizza dinner on

Sunday, November 12

3:00 pm

Lakeview Bowl

Market Plaza – Corner of George Street and Rink Street

\$25/person includes 2 games, shoe rental, and dinner

Bowling only - \$15

Dinner only - \$10

RSVP to Gina at admin@peterboroughsafeboating.org

By Sunday, November 5

Master's College Theological Students Take to the Water for Annual Fun Race along with Squadron Past Commanders Nick Cliteur and Gina Lee

On Thursday, September 21, under beautiful sunny skies, members of the Peterborough Squadron assisted Master's College and Seminary to facilitate their annual Fun Race, an event to help acquaint students with the City of Peterborough and with each other. It was an amazing day, and we were so happy to be able to help Master's College students on their fun adventure!

Their race mission, to visit various locations within the City and take selfie photos to be submitted for points to win the race, included Peterborough's iconic Centennial Fountain in Little Lake. Past Commander Nick Cliteur kindly offered his pontoon boat to enable the students to get the perfect shot of the fountain, and Admin Officer Gina Lee was on hand to provide a little information about the lake and fountain and to ensure all participants safely enjoyed the voyage. About 50 students took part in the adventure, gaining points for singing a song on the boat, taking photos of their team on the boat, and racing back into town to get snaps of other people and points of interest. There was some healthy competition among the teams, but all had a great time enjoying our beautiful city.

Our sincere thanks to Paris Marine who generously moved Nick's boat from Chemong Lake to Little Lake and back. Without their assistance we could not have helped the College with their event. Master's College and Seminar is chartered by the Government of Ontario to offer theological degrees and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education to grant certificates and degrees at the Associate and Baccalaureate levels. They are the theological college of the Western Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Quebec, and Maritime Districts of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and are located on Argyle Street in Peterborough.

10 Fun Facts About Peterborough that Masters Students know...do you???

- 1 - Centennial Fountain was built in 1967 to celebrate Canada's 100th Anniversary.
- 2 - The fountain shoots 76 meters (250 feet) into the air and is the highest jet fountain in Canada.
- 3 - At night, the fountain is lit with coloured lights to match the current events, i.e., Pink in June to support our Dragon Boat Festival which raises funds to benefit Cancer Care at our local hospital.
- 4 - Peterborough started as a sawmill and gristmill in 1818 and was known as Scott's Plains.
- 5 - In 1884 Peterborough became known as the Electric City, the first city in Canada with electric streetlights and its long association with General Electric in Peterborough. (Over 7,200 lights are now being converted to LED to conserve energy consumption.)
- 6 - The Lift Lock, built in 1904, is the highest hydraulic lock in the world at 65 feet (19.8 meters)
- 7 - Quaker Oats invented Rolled Oats at The Peterborough headquarters; we're often known as Quakerborough.
- 8 - Stompin' Tom Connors got his nickname from pounding the beat on the wooden floors of the King George Hotel in Peterborough.
- 9 - Wayne Gretzky played 3 games with our Peterborough Petes hockey team but didn't score a single goal...oh well!
- 10 - Peterborough was one of the first to generate hydro-electric power, even before Niagara Falls.



Images from the Master's Seminary Fun Run



CPS-ECP National Conference and AGM. October 16th - 22nd 2023

All members are welcome to attend!

Beginning on October 16th, 2023, the Windsor Power and Sail Squadron is hosting our National Conference and Annual General Meeting at the Caesar's Windsor Hotel and Casino in Windsor, Ontario. The AGM will take place on Saturday morning (October 21st) and other committee, district and squadron commander meetings will occur earlier in the week. As Commander, I am very pleased to be attending the conference on behalf of both Peterborough Squadron and Quinte District (unfortunately District Commander Bill Thompson cannot attend this year's meetings, but he has asked me to represent him). In the November issue of Nautical Notes, I will include an article highlighting events of this year's meetings and will keep all members up to date concerning any changes going forward. CPS-ECP is in a period of structural and fiscal reorganization as we transition to new methods of online education, and new and innovative ways of communication with our members. We value your input. If you have any special concerns or questions, please email me at commander@peterboroughsafeboating.org

You can attend the AGM in person or online. Just go to cps-ecp.ca and click the events tab on the home page. All information about attending the conference and the notice of AGM can be found on this website. Check out the November Nautical Notes for the conference scoop!



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Weather for Boaters – Our newest Online Course Offering!

Register online for the Practical Weather Course by going to the cps-ecp.ca website and selecting the courses and course calendar tab on the left-hand side of the home page. Then select Practical Weather for Boaters and choose the Peterborough Squadron offering, scheduled to begin November 08th, 2023. There are 12 spots available.

This course is offered online using Moodle technology. Once registered, you access the course by signing into the CPS site using the username and password provided at registration. The course runs from November 08th until December 13th, with one hour review sessions each Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The course covers topics relevant to boaters experiencing maritime weather including:

- Causes of weather patterns/ basic meteorology
 - Weather makers: air masses and fronts
- Clouds and their interpretation – the Signposts of the sky
- Weather forecasting and tools/websites of interest to boaters
 - Basic symbols and terminology



Another Season of RVCC

On July 14th and 15th, RVCC Officer Ron Gernat and Commander Martha Scott travelled to Reach Harbour on beautiful Buckhorn Lake in the Kawarthas. This harbour is home port for a diverse community of boaters and numerous vessel types. Boaters ranged in experience from novices, having recently purchased their first boat, to more experienced boaters.

The Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check program (RVCC) is sponsored by Transport Canada and administered by CPS-ECP Canada to provide boaters with a way to ensure that they have on board all the required equipment for safe boating. When a boater is stopped by the OPP Maritime unit officers, they use the same checklist for safety equipment developed by Transport Canada. The safety equipment needed varies according to the length and type of vessel (commercial or recreational). Our safety checks for recreational vessels provide peace of mind for boat owners who can review their equipment, and make sure that it is operational and accessible in case of emergency.

Boat owners are provided with a sticker if they have the required equipment (good for the year of the inspection) and they also have an opportunity to upgrade their equipment and get a sticker if they are lacking anything on the list. Many thanks to Ron for his hard work in administering this program!

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting the boat owners, who were very proud of their beautiful vessels and their on-board pets.



Ron, ready for action!!

Stay tuned for details of the Peterborough **New Horizons Band Christmas Concert** tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 24th 2023. Peterborough Squadron is planning on attending this event, featuring our own Susan Mellow on the trombone. This is an excellent way to kick off the holiday season. We usually meet for dinner before the concert and seats are set aside so that we can enjoy the concert as group. More details to follow on Mailchimp prior to the event date, including how to purchase tickets.