



The *High* and *Dry*

Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron

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An Encounter with Tall Ships

By Marsha Cutting

One of the highlights of the time I spent last summer sailing in Maine was the abundance of schooners, most of which spend their time taking groups of tourists to sea for anywhere from a day or two to a week or more. When a group of them get together, they can be an impressive sight.

I had read there was going to be a tall ships parade in Rockland Harbour several days after I left Portland, Maryland. I wanted to see it very badly, so when I left Portland on a Wednesday morning, the plan was to go to Damariscove Island

From the Helm

By Cmdr. Bill Allan

Season's Greetings to one and all from Diane and I! Christmas is here and the New Year will be upon us very quickly!

Our boat was hauled out in October this year, and we ended another season of fine sailing on Lake Erie. Next year we're hoping that the weather is pleasant, and all of our members and friends have a safe and fun-filled season once again on the water.

Our Fall Term training is drawing to a close and I hope that all of our students have had a good learning adventure in the classroom.

We had a very informative evening with Paul & Sheryl Shard in November. As always, their presentation was top notch, and we're hoping to do that again soon.

The Christmas Dinner was an enjoyable evening again this year, as we were served a traditional turkey dinner with all of the trimmings by "Party Solutions". Well done, Angus! The evening continued with Christmas music by the KW Philharmonic Choir, who also led us in a sing-along as well. Bob Cotey then introduced us to a "Name the Tune & Artist" game.

We're looking forward to more squadron events in the coming year! Check our Training and Upcoming Events calendar on our web site www.kwboating.ca for information on future events!



that night and Tenants Harbour on Thursday, to be in position to scoot into Rockland the next morning.

The plan, such as it was, started falling apart with a strong wind from due south, which made the harbor at Damariscove a lee shore and an uncomfortable anchorage. So I forgot about Damariscove and headed for Farnham Cove, a small harbor on the Damariscotta River. There I found the mooring for a friend's boat unoccupied. "Hmm," I thought, "let's look at the pennant and see how much growth it has." Oops--none. "Maybe I better not use it; they might be back. Of course, I could always apologize & move."

In the midst of this mental debate, I saw a man on a dock waving his arms at me. I sailed over, and he told me that my friend just left on a cruise yesterday and I should use the mooring--score! And better yet, he said that someone had inspected it just last week. So I settled down for the night and fired up the grill.

The next morning, I really want to head out. The weather forecast was nasty for the afternoon with the likelihood of strong thunderstorms (which I had my fill of earlier in the season). But I figured that if I want to be in Rockland for the tall ships, maybe I could get as far as Maple Juice Cove on the St. George and hunker down there. But when I headed out, I found thick fog, and lumpy seas with wind over tide. I pulled on my foulie jacket,

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Winter 2006 Training Schedule

All registration nights and classes are held at Resurrection High School on University Ave, near Fischer Hallman in Kitchener.

Regular Winter Courses

January 12 - Late registration night for all classes
January 12 - First night of regular classes

Boat Pro Course

February 2 - Registration
February 14 - Boat Pro class
February 21 - Boat Pro class and exam

VHF Course

February 14 - Registration
February 28 - VHF Class
March 7 - VHF Class and exam

Spring Boating Course

March 30 and April 6 - Registration
April 13 - First Spring Boating Class

Editorial

Another year has passed and with it many wonderful memories of a beautiful, hot, sunny summer on the water. As we enter the New Year, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very prosperous and happy New Year. May 2006 be a year of opportunity and fulfillment for you and your family.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have submitted articles for the High and Dry this year. Your support has been greatly appreciated and your contributions have helped to make our newsletter interesting and informative.

I would like to encourage others to submit articles and informative anecdotes about your boating adventures for future issues. Please e-mail all contributions to rbren@golden.net.

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Explore. Dream. Discover. -  
Mark Twain

*"For the truth is that I already know as much about my fate as I need to know. The day will come when I will die. So the only matter of consequence before me is what I will do with my allotted time. I can remain on shore, paralyzed with fear, or I can raise my sails and dip and soar in the breeze."*

**Richard Bode**  
*First You Have to Row a Little Boat*

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitchener-Waterloo Boating Show**

**Join us this year again at our Boating Show in a brand new location!!!**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 is the date, and St. Jacobs arena is the place**

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**or email Ken Amy at [pro@kwpowerandsail.ca](mailto:pro@kwpowerandsail.ca) for more details!**

## Upcoming Events

by Diane Allan

**January 12** – Additional boating class registration as well as the beginning of winter classes.

**January 21** – Trip to Toronto Boat Show via coach. Tickets are \$25.00 each with pick up points at Tim Horton's on Bridgeport and Weber at 9am and 9:30 at Lulu's and also in Cambridge. For tickets, please call Diane Allan at 576-0749 or Adrian Dwyer at 747-3895, or email [specialevents@kwpowerandsail.ca](mailto:specialevents@kwpowerandsail.ca)

**February 14 and 21** - Boat Pro classes.

**February 28 and March 2** - VHF with registration 2 weeks in advance.

**February 23,24,25,26** is the virtual trade show . Please check it at <http://canadaoutdoor.vshows.net/canadaoutdoor/tradeshows.asp>

**April 8 and 9** is the Kitchener Waterloo Boating show at St Jacobs Arena.

**April 28** is AGM at Waterloo Knights of Columbus with social hour from 7-8 and meeting starting at 8 pm.

**May 31** is Graduation at Waterloo Knights of Columbus with social at 6:30 pm and graduation ceremonies starting at 7 pm.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers to people on the phoning committee to let us know of upcoming events. We are looking for volunteers to phone 10-15 people at 3 to 4 times per year to keep everyone informed. Please let Diane Allan know at 576-0749.

## Virtual Trade Show

Canada's Outdoors.com and Virtual Trade Shows Inc of Thorold, Ontario invites the Executive and members of the Kitchener-Waterloo Power & Sail Squadron to help them write the next chapter in the evolution of the consumer trade show.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Online Outdoor Activity Trade Show & Expo is scheduled for February 23 to 26, 2006 and will take place on your desktop computer. This event is the 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind to originate from Canada; it's the 1<sup>st</sup> truly interactive, fully functional and totally interactive online expo to focus on Canadian outdoor activities and it is the 1<sup>st</sup> virtual trade show to be dedicated to the outdoors enthusiast.

Regular trade show attendees will see everything they would at a physical show. They can attend, pick up information and ask questions around the clock during the 4-day event and communicate with merchants real-time via live email chat or telephone during daytime hours from the comfort of their own

homes. Vendors can display their products and services, provide information, offer true "show specials", interact with and make sales to interested and qualified buyers without leaving their place of business.

It's truly unique how it all comes together and this will take the trade show concept to the next level but it's more than just a sophisticated e-commerce venue. It is also a high visibility, public awareness marketing vehicle and event producers are inviting non-profit, outdoors specific clubs across Canada to participate free of charge.

Details on what this means to Kitchener-Waterloo Power & Sail will be published in the next newsletter. You can visit Canada's Outdoors, [www.canadasoutdoors.com](http://www.canadasoutdoors.com) and click on the green 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Online Outdoor Show & Expo banner to reach the show's Information page. If you or someone you know owns a business and want a booth in the online event you are asked to contact Nora at 1-800-773-7713.



## Fall Activities

Parkway Ford provided us with a truck to pull the CPS Promo Boat in the Oktoberfest Parade this year.

An estimated 250,000 people got to see the boat. We walked in front of it with a Squadron Banner, donated by Amy Awning & Sign, as some of our children rode in the boat through Kitchener-Waterloo.

Paul and Sheryl Shard gave a presentation to the squadron on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo Knights of Columbus. We had a fantastic evening listening to them talk and show us some of their sailing adventures around Greece and Turkey. They also showed some film clips from this summer's sailing around Syria and area. Their presentation was super and a good night was had by all.

Our Christmas dinner and sing song was held November 30<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo Knights of Columbus. We feasted on a terrific turkey dinner catered by Party Solutions. A group from the Philharmonic Choir came to sing to us and lead us in a sing song ending a super evening. The raffles were won for the

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decided, "This is dumb," and headed back to the mooring, where I spent a lovely day and got a lot done, both on my summer writing project and on the boat, with only a few drops of rain.

By this point, I had given up on the tall ships, and just want to get to Rockland so I could rendezvous with my car and get a variety of things I had left in it. On Friday I got up to the lobster boat alarm, and headed out about 7:30. I wasn't really paying much attention to the time, since I figured it was hopeless to get to Portland on time.

Somewhere around noon, I was at the south end of Muscle Ridge Channel, and as I neared the northern end, what did I spy but schooners with lots of sails.

I couldn't have timed it better if I'd been trying!

I sailed out into the approach to the harbour, just as the first of them was approaching. I asked a guy on a small schooner what the plan was and he told me where they were planning on sailing. I motored out toward them (they were motoring too, since the wind that had been on my nose for the last couple hours had now died), taking pix as I went. I didn't have the good camera with me, but at least I had one of those one-use ones. Then I discovered that I could motor faster than they were going, so I got ahead of them to be in position for more pictures.

There were about a dozen of them and every time one passed the Rockland Light, a cannon was fired. They filed into the harbour, and then gathered over on the north side of the harbour. I ran out of film way too soon (I need to get serious about getting a digital camera), but I have more pictures of the sight of the massed schooners stored in my memory.

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topiary tree by Margo Millman and the knitted afghan, donated by Mrs. Smith, was won by Lisa Allan. A two way radio set was won by Bob Cotey and the Christmas angel, which was donated by A Garden of Treasures, was won by Hermes Radatus. There were several door prizes which were donated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS and thank you to all who donated!!

**Shard's DVD's**

We just wanted to let you know that the latest Distant Shores DVD following our voyages has just been released and is available for online Christmas shopping. From now until the end of December we're offering free shipping as well as a special deal on the whole 5-volume collection! Please use the link below for more information. <http://www.searoom.com/shard/bvideo.html>

The new DVD, "Distant Shores - Greek Islands and Turkey: Part II", which is Volume 5 in the Distant Shores Collector's Series, continues the voyage through the Greek Islands and along the Turkish coast that we began in Volume 4 and takes you to more great destinations in the Aegean Sea. This time we explore the tranquil Northeast Aegean Islands of Greece, home of the annual Ouzo Festival, and the fabulous Turquoise Coast of Turkey, one of the world's best chartering and cruising grounds.

As usual we have included lots of good stories and information on interesting activities and sights to see, as well as tips on anchoring and mooring techniques, passage planning, dealing with storm conditions, and other useful info for sailors and travellers. This new DVD contains 9 half-hour episodes plus additional features for a total of 3 1/2 hours viewing time - \$24.95 CDN / \$19.95 US

**Attention CPS members!**

Canada's first Virtual Outdoors Show and Expo will be held on Feb 23rd-26<sup>th</sup>/06

And our squadron has been invited to be part of it!

Check out our Virtual Booth at

<http://canadaoutdoor.vshows.net/canadaoutdoor/tradeshows.asp?>

and look for us in the Wind and Water Pavillion

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