

The *High and Dry*

The K-W Power and Sail Squadron

September, 2004

Cruising the Caribbean with CPS by R/C Catherine McLeod, P, CPS Communications Chair

February is a cold and dreary month for most of us. Our boats are put away and spring still seems a long way off. Why not join your fellow CPS members on the CPS-ECP Caribbean Cruise aboard Celebrity Cruise Lines' *Millennium*. Come make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

You will fly from Toronto's Pearson airport on Sunday, February 13, 2005, arriving in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to board the ship for a 1630 departure. For the next seven days you will enjoy the following itinerary:

- Monday – at sea

- Tuesday – Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic
- Wednesday – San Juan in Puerto Rico
- Thursday – Charlotte Amalie in St. Thomas
- Friday – at sea
- Saturday – Nassau in the Bahamas
- Sunday – return to Fort Lauderdale, Florida at 0700.

The price of your cruise includes return airfare from Toronto, all transfers, a Captain's Cocktail Party, a private CPS Cocktail Party, on-board CPS functions and all meals and snacks aboard ship.

Beverages are extra, as are off-ship tours that you can book through the cruise line. Airfares from other getaways are available on request.

A deposit of \$420 per person is required and that amount is 100% refundable any time before the final payment date, if you are required to cancel your trip. The final payment for the cruise is required 90 days prior to departure.

Costs are:

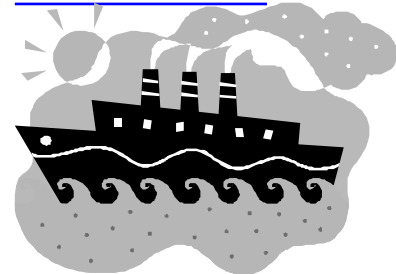
- Interior Stateroom from \$1849,
- Ocean view Stateroom from \$2129,
- Balcony Stateroom from \$2339.

All prices are subject to PST and GST.

R/C Richard Bee, AP is the driving force behind the plans for this cruise and has negotiated this event at no cost to CPS. In fact, CPS will receive \$145 from every cabin booked (drawn from travel commissions, NOT from your fare).

The cruise is not limited to CPS Members, so if you want to invite along your friends and family please do so. There was a block of 40 cabins set aside for CPS bookings and they are going fast, so get your booking in soon if you have not already done so.

You can book by contacting Cruise Connoisseurs, 18025 Yonge Street, Unit #5 Newmarket, ON, L3V 8C9. Phone 905-830-6766 or 1-800-363-2989, or e-mail: dean@inedacruise.com.



From the Helm by Commander Bill Allan

Summer really didn't disappoint us at all this year. We had a good mixture of sunny days, some cool nights that were great for sleeping and, as always, some rain. Diane and I sailed across the lake to Erie, PA. for 10 days this summer. After leaving Port Dover and motoring across Lake Erie, we boated in Presque Isle Bay. We attended "Dover Days", a yearly celebration put on by Erie Yacht Club for those who travel over from Port Dover Yacht Club. This included a wonderful garden party (catered) at the home of Conrad and Janet, who sail "IceBear", a beautiful Morris boat design. We then traveled to the State Park Marina, anchoring out in Marina Bay. After that, we stayed at Commodore Perry Yacht Club and finally Presque Isle Yacht Club, where we attended a Corn Roast, their yearly Social Event. Finally, we had a good weather window and sailed back to Port Dover. All in all, we had a great time and brought back lots of good memories!

Your Bridge has been busy throughout the summer lining up classrooms at the school, preparing advertising for the September registration, and generally getting all of the pieces in place for courses for this Fall term. Our Executive Officer, Janice Fleischmann will be setting up a display in Conestoga Mall on Sept 11th and 12th. Come on over and see what we have to offer for advanced courses this year. And, as always, pass the word on to your boating friends about the course we are so well-known for, the Boating Course. Bridge meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at Ratz-Bechtel Family Center on King St. Drop in to see how your squadron runs behind the scenes. Who knows? You may decide to help on our Executive. There's always room for one more!

Why I Have a Job

Submitted by Adrian Dwyer

The following is an email I received over the weekend from a friend of mine in the USCG. It is hard to believe that someone can be so negligent. What a tragedy a brief moment of thoughtlessness can cause!

Those of you who are boat owners will probably wince when you see this picture. The owner of this boat is a salesperson for kill switches and a licensed boater. He had just purchased a new 38 foot Fountain and had not yet made the first payment on the \$375,000 vessel. While trialing his boat on Hartwell Lake, NC this spring, he made a sharp turn at a speed of about 80 mph. The force of the sudden turn threw him and his passenger out of the boat. He did not have his kill switch on, so the vessel steadily accelerated until it hit the bank, went airborne and split on this tree. There were no PFD's on board either.



Special Events by Diane Allan

Be sure to mark your calendar for these special events. We're looking forward to having many of our Squadron members attending these activities.

December 1/04	Annual Christmas Dinner and Entertainment
January 22/05	Bus Trip to the Toronto Boat Show
January 29/05	Derek Hatfield Around The World Alone Sailor

Please check on our website at <http://www.kwpowerandsail.ca/> frequently, for updates and information on coming events.

We will be selling tickets for all three events at the school on class nights. Tickets are also available from Bridge members. Limited seating available in all three events. Be sure to purchase a ticket in advance.

Editorial

I hope that everyone has had a great summer enjoying our many waterways here in Southern Ontario. Even though the weather has not been the greatest, it has been wonderful connecting with our summer friends at the marina and enjoying the camaraderie that boating offers.

This issue is packed with a variety of interesting articles that I'm sure you will enjoy. The article about **Cruising with CPS** may interest some of you to enjoy a sunny mid-winter getaway with other CPS members from across Canada. Hopefully some of you will consider taking advantage of this special offer.

Be sure to note the **fall courses** that are being offered and mark the registration dates on your calendar.

As always I look forward to receiving your submissions. Your contributions are always welcome.

Online Purchasing – by Jamie Miller

If you are thinking about purchasing that hard to find part for your boat, or you are not inclined to travel to the big marine store, here are a few ideas to get you started. First let me say I am a sailor and, as such, will be looking at sites and articles for sailors, but most will be applicable for power boaters.

The two sites I prefer in Canada are Binnacle out of Halifax (<http://ca.binnacle.com/online/>) and Boulet Lemelin Yacht / BL Yachts (<http://www.blyachting.com/>) out of Montreal. BL Yachts has the advantage of online Yacht brokerage (Just browsing, dear...). I will say that I have made purchases from both these online stores. Both have excellent customer service departments, both before and after sales. I check out two sites because I compare pricing and delivery charges before ordering.

You should be aware that marine stores have end of season sales, so don't pass them up completely. Case in point, I asked Binnacle about chartplotters and interfacing with GPS devices and was ready to purchase a chartplotter until I found one at Central Marine in Midland at a considerable discount.

Of course there are other sites that do mail order as well as have catalogs online. Holland Marine Products in Toronto have their catalog in PDF format and it can be a good reference manual.

(<http://www.hollandmarine.com/>). The Rigging Shoppe, also in Toronto, does mail order but only has the manufacturer's web sites as clickable icons. (<http://www.riggingshoppe.com/>). Mason's Chandlery (or The Store) in Port Credit has a minimal online store. They say they want to be known more as information resource more than an online store. (??)

(<http://www.thestoremasons.com/start.html>). Ocean Marine in Toronto has a good web site with lots of parts but hasn't updated their catalog since 2003.

(<http://www.oceanmarine.on.ca/index.html>). If you have a favorite site contact me at jamiemiller@rogers.com.

Next time... Online brokerages.

Featured Product of the Month! CPS Tote Bag!



Great for carrying your books to class!

Great for carrying gear to your boat!

Great for just about anything!

Made from heavy canvas with colourful CPS Logo!

Now only \$10 incl tax!

Look for our display on registration nights in September!

For all your CPS Accessories and Regalia please call

John at 884-8061 or john.gough@rogers.com.

Fall Boating Courses

by Jackie Bizjak, Training Officer

It's that time of year again! Summer is coming to a close, school is beginning, and registration for fall boating courses is on the horizon.

This year, we will be offering the ***Boating Course, Piloting, Weather, Marine Electronics and Seamanship Sail***, subject to sufficient registration numbers.

Registration nights are

Monday, September 13 and
Thursday, September 16.

In addition to these courses, ***VHF, Boat Pro*** and ***GPS*** will be offered periodically throughout the teaching year. Registration for these courses will be at a later date.

Enjoy the rest of boating season, and I look forward to seeing you on registration nights!

Pat's Insurance Question and Answer Corner by Pat Wells, Cowan Insurance Brokers

Question: What is "Personal Effects" coverage on my insurance policy and how much should I have?

Answer: Personal Effects are items that you would bring on board, but are not normally used for the operation of the vessel. These would include such things as jackets, shoes, sunglasses, binoculars, fishing tackle, water skis, etc. These items can sometimes be overlooked, so be certain that your policy has adequate coverage.

Question: What is the difference between an Agreed Value and an Actual Cash Value insurance policy?

Answer: The main difference is how a claim is settled in the event of a loss. Agreed value policies mean you and the insurance company have agreed on the value of your vessel and in the event of a loss you will be paid that amount. Actual cash value policies pay for Replacement Cost less depreciation at the time of the loss. The difference between the two methods of claims settlements can be significant.

If you have any insurance-related questions or concerns, email Pat at pwells@cowaninsurancebrokers.com.

Bits and Pieces

Welcome to our new Port Captain Jamie Miller and Admin Officer John Gough! Each of you is a welcome addition to our Bridge!

Wanted - Metal sextants for use by our Celestial Navigation students. Call Robert Bakker at 519-623-1945 or email celestialnav@kwpowerandsail.ca

Needed - Volunteers to help on our telephone committee. Please email specialevents@kwpowerandsail.ca

Executive Meeting - August 24th, 2004 – Ratz-Bechtel Center 1900

Squadron Meeting - Sept 14, 2004 - Ratz-Bechtel Family Center 1900

District Meeting - Sept 15, 2004 - CCIW Burlington 2000 hours

National Convention - Oct 21-24, 2004 - Airport Marriott Hotel Toronto

Carbon Monoxide Hazards

by Margaret Trafford, Environmental Officer

In the past two years, the US Coast Guard has sited several apparent drowning as actually being a result of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning. One such incident involved the apparent drowning of a boy that was later determined as carbon monoxide poisoning. Unknowingly, the boy had been inhaling CO fumes while sitting in the rear seat of the family runabout. After the cruise, the boy apparently jumped off the back of the boat to have a swim and subsequently did not surface. The boy's oxygen levels in the blood stream had been severely compromised. Many suspected deaths by drowning are now being reconsidered as possible CO poisoning. It certainly warrants a review of CO and the hazards associated with it.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odorless and tasteless gas produced when any carbon based fuel is burned and incomplete combustion occurs. The potential for carbon monoxide emission exists when any gasoline, propane, natural gas engine or appliance is operating. Poorly tuned engines and poor functioning appliances will produce carbon monoxide.

Exhaust leaks can allow gas fumes to migrate in and around a boat, including open well vented areas. CO is the same weight as air therefore it mixes and distributes throughout the available air space. Examples where carbon monoxide can collect include but not limited to:

- Swim platforms
- Confined Engine space
- Downwind from fume producing appliances and

engines

- Lack of wind or air flow through out and around the boat

Carbon Monoxide can accumulate anywhere in and around the boat. Vessel shape, location of hatches, windows and door openings, canvas awnings and covers, dodgers, wind direction and mechanical condition of the boat and appliances all can have an affect.

CO is a cumulative poison in which, even in low concentrations, will accumulate in the blood over a period of time, often having fatal effects. As a person breaths in the CO it is absorbed by the lungs. Once in the lungs, the CO attaches to the Red blood cells, similar to how oxygen acts. But, CO bonds to the blood cells 200 times faster than oxygen. CO is absorbed more rapidly then oxygen, hence counter productive to the act of breathing and blocks the bloods ability to carry oxygen.

Exposure to CO is similar to the symptoms of seasickness. Most often drowsiness and headaches start, followed by dizziness, confusion and nausea. Continued exposure to CO will produce convulsions, coma, brain damage and death.

If you suspect CO poisoning, evacuate from the space or area. Remove all persons to an area of fresh air. Administer first aid (CPR if necessary). Ventilate the affected space. Investigate and fix the engine/appliance that is producing the CO. Install a CO detector in more than one location on the boat. Keep all engines equipment cleaned and well tuned. Keep all fuel burning appliances cleaned and properly vented when operating. Do not run any engine or appliance while sleeping on your boat. Ensure all engine fittings are tight and seal off engine compartment from living areas of the boat.

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