



The *High and Dry*



Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron

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From the Helm – by Cdr. Adrian Dwyer

Welcome back to the real world. The squadron has received several requests for a printed copy of the High and Dry from people who felt they were losing touch with the squadron, or they had lost the website address, or they just didn't have time to download etc. So we will go back printing and mailing the newsletter on a regular basis. By the way, our web site is www.kwpowerandsail.ca which is now being looked after by Fred Hicks.

This is going to be a small issue because we have several inserts to be included in this mailing and it would be too much for the envelope. One of the inserts will be a flyer for our upcoming "Boating Exposition". It will be a one-sided 8.5x11 sheet and it would be appreciated if you could post it for all to see as this event is open to the general public.

Our Winter Courses are underway with a better turnout than we had for the fall. We did more advertising, using 570AM Radio, two weeks in the Boat Bike and RV Trader as well as a guest spot on 98.5 community radio.

We will be holding our Boating Exposition again on the 28th of March, so please mark it on your calendar of things to do.

I attended the National AGM in St John New Brunswick and found it very interesting, informative, challenging and frustrating. There are several issues on the table which seem to be moving very slowly. However, our squadron hopes to be moving ahead with some new training aids in the form of a computer, projector and Power Point presentation in the near future. The good news is that we have the money in the bank to pay for it.

Now that we will be printing the High and Dry again, please forward your articles, recipes and items of interest to our editor Richard Breneman at rbren@golden.net

We also encourage all members to attend our AGM on April 28 to meet the new Bridge and catch up on what is new with Squadron.

Respectfully Your
Adrian Dwyer

Telephone Committee

We would like to establish a telephone committee of volunteers to help get information out to the members when there is a special event taking place in the near future. Our hope is to have enough people involved to contact all the members and also act as a sounding board with the members on squadron issues.

Diane Allan who is one of our ATO's has volunteered to get this started, so if you would like to help please give her a call at 576 0749, or by email at ballan@gto.net

News From Headquarters

A new Executive Director has taken from Brian Burch who has retired after many years of service at headquarters in Toronto. The new Executive Director is Alain Briere who lives in Ajax and is a senior engineering and information system security specialist by profession, working with computer systems and telecommunications. He is also bilingual, married and has two daughters.

For more information check out the CPS web site. www.cps-ecp.ca

Classifieds

For Sale:

Zodiac dinghy,
Cadet 250 model, 8.5' long
In like-new condition with oars and
carrying bag.
Purchased 4 years ago, used 3 times.
Asking \$750.00
Call Bill or Diane at 576-0749 or email
ballan@gto.net

NOTE:

Advertising in our newsletter is free to
members and should be marine items
only. Please include phone and email on
your ad.

Coming Events

March 28 – Fourth Annual Boating Exposition
and Flea Market at Knights of Columbus, 110
Manitou Drive, Kitchener from 1300-1700 hrs.

April 1 and 8 – Boat Pro Course at
Resurrection High School

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Registration Nights at Resurrection High
School at 1900 hrs.

April 24 – Niagara District Annual General
Meeting at Fort Erie Race Track. 230 Catherine
Street. Fort Erie at 1330 hours.

April 28 – K-W Squadron Annual General
Meeting at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus.
Bar opens at 1830 hrs and the AGM begins at
1900 hrs.

May 26 , 2004 – Graduation at Waterloo
Knights of Columbus

Dual Media

Please feel free to comment on the following
article, Re: the individual squadron having the
chance to work with their local Canadian Tire
Store as proctors. This article was forwarded by
our District Commander, Les Armstrong.

Hi All

*Today I received this message from the Chief.
Could you please send me back an answer Yes or
No to the idea of Dual Media meeting with the
district council.*

Folks,

*There seems to be an overwhelming opinion that
we should not accept the Dual Media proposal for
proctoring through Canadian Tire of the On
Board Course.*

*Some of you, however, look favourably on Ted's
proposal with the over-riding issue boiling down
to the fact that this might be an opportunity to
meet and greet more would-be boaters at the
Squadron level that we're presently missing. For
what it's worth this clearly is a potential Squadron
initiative. The reality is that over 100,000
customers bought On Board from a Canadian Tire
Store in its first year of sales and if we had been
able to attract just 10% of that number into our
Boating Course would we be better off today?*

*So, at the risk of sucking up more of your time on
the issue, but in order to get closure on the
proposal, would you favour Dual Media making a
tour cross-Canada and making a pitch directly to
your District? Please understand that I am not
"pushing" for this proposal. Ted Rankine has not
always acted in the best interests of CPS and for
him this is strictly a commercial venture. But
let's leave no rock unturned. Feel free to
elaborate further on this alternative, or simply
check the following:*

*My District would be receptive to hearing directly
from Dual Media with an opportunity to ask
questions: Yes [] No []*

Les