



The *High and Dry*

Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron

June, 2011

From the Helm

by R. Glenn Shugg, Commander

The 2011 – 2012 Bridge was elected April 27, 2011, at our AGM, to run the affairs of the squadron until the next AGM a year hence. The new Bridge held its inaugural meeting on May 10th with Niagara District Commander Bill Allan and Past Squadron Commander Janice Fleischmann in attendance as invited guests. Members of the new bridge with contact information are listed on page 4

During our term in office we will strive to increase membership participation in the squadron activities be it scholastic, administrative or social. In the recent past there seemed to be a general apathy or reluctance of the members to participate in or contribute to these activities except for a dedicated few. There are many possible reasons for this but we are issuing to you a challenge to provide us with your positive input as to what we can do to stir your interest and participation. Tell us what additional courses you would like to take, what activities you would like us to consider, what you would feel comfortable offering to do as a volunteer whether it be general assistance, a particular expertise, serving on a phone committee, helping to plan a function, selling advertising for the High & Dry, searching for donors of door prizes for any of our events or anything else of interest to you. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes, and many heads can provide multi ideas. My contact data is listed below and I look forward to receiving your suggestions.

My membership in the Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron started in 1991 when I took the Boating Course and after taking many others I volunteered, about 1997-98, to help in the training operations and joined the Bridge shortly thereafter as an Assistant Training Officer. I volunteered to help the squadron because it was a way I could repay the time and effort other volunteers had expended for me to be able to take the courses that made me a better and more knowledgeable boater. I find this activity rewarding and suggest you may experience this also. Along the way I have met many new friends and would like the opportunity to meet you. I invite you to attend a social function, take another course or attend a Bridge meeting where the squadron business is conducted in an organized format but in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet at 1900 on the second Tuesday of every month, except July and August – gone boating, at the Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home, Family Center, 621 King St W, Kitchener. Please advise if you plan to attend so we may arrange seating. Glenn Shugg: rgs@gto.net, 519-894-5335 or Guy Lazure: guylazure@projectit.ca, 519-894-2927.

The July 22-24, 2011 Rendezvous is a great opportunity to get together with fellow members, make new friends and enjoy boating camaraderie. Look for the Rendezvous program elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another event to which “you can’t afford not to go” is the upcoming 50th Anniversary Gala celebrating 50 YEARS of successfully teaching Safe Boating by your Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron. Join us on October 29, 2011 at the Delta Hotel in Kitchener to socialize with fellow members, enjoy dinner with a choice of three entrees and entertainment. We have tickets for 250 people and currently have 500 members so act early to not be disappointed. More information is available in this newsletter.

On behalf of the Bridge have a safe summer and we wish you fair seas and if you also fish, tight lines.

You're invited

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO POWER & SAIL
SQUADRON**



50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Delta Hotel Kitchener-Waterloo

105 King Street East, Kitchener

Reception 1800 (cash bar) Dinner 1900

Tickets: \$25.00

**PRICE INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES, THREE COURSE DINNER, WINE ON
THE TABLE, ENTERTAINMENT & MORE**

**THIS IS ONE SQUADRON EVENT YOU CANNOT
AFFORD TO MISS**

To order tickets or for more information, please call

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Reserve your tickets now so you don't miss out - this gala will be an event to remember!

*Friday evening
Wine and cheese
Welcome reception!
Complimentary
wine!*

*Guided, interactive
tour of Discovery
Harbour!
Transportation
included!*

***You're invited**
to attend*

Rendezvous 2011

*A "Caribbean
Adventures"
multimedia
travelogue on
Sunday morning!*

*Fun activities for
all ages on
Saturday
afternoon! All
meals included!*

*at the
Wye Heritage Marina, Midland
(formerly Doral Marine Resort)*

*on
July 22-24, 2011*

*Hosted by the **K-W Power and Sail
Squadron***

*"Fiddles and Squares", an interactive square dance event
for all ages! Plan to attend and enjoy the weekend with
us! Invite your boating friends to join you. Complete your
reservation form now (see enclosed) and submit it no
later than Friday, July 8, 2011!*

From the Training Desk

by Rick Brenneman, Training Officer

We had a very successful training session this past year with a large number of students successfully completing a variety of boating courses including Boating, Seamanship, GPS, VHF, and Boat Pro. It was encouraging to see an increase in the number of participants in our training programme. Hopefully, we'll be able to continue to enjoy increased participating in the coming year.

On Wednesday, May 25th we had the privilege to recognize the achievements of our successful graduates at a Graduation Ceremony held at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall. During the evening we also had the opportunity to recognize the dedicated contribution of our volunteer instructors who willingly offer many hours of time to make our training programme successful.

Even though the summer boating season is just getting underway, it's time to begin thinking about registering for fall and winter courses for the 2011-2012 training season. We are hoping to offer a greater number of course selections this year including—

Boating

Seamanship

Advanced Piloting

Weather

Marine Maintenance

Navigation with GPS

Maritime Radio (VHF)

Radar for Pleasure Craft

Boating Basics (formerly Boat Pro)

Please consult the squadron website frequently at www.kwboating.ca for scheduling details and registration procedures. You may also indicate your intent to register by using the on-line registration form that is available on the website. Remember, however, that all course offerings are subject to sufficient enrolment and the availability of instructors.

If you have questions about any of these proposed courses please feel free to email me at rickardys@hotmail.com or call me at 226-220-6076.

Time for Action!

by Ardys Brenneman, Environmental Officer

In a previous issue of the High and Dry members were challenged to organize an environmental project in their community or marina to qualify for an environmental award that was generously donated by Bill and Diane Allan. Unfortunately we did not have any participants at that time so the trophy remains unclaimed.

Now is the time for action! You are invited to become involved in taking a stand. The environment needs you! This summer, organize an environmental action plan in your community or marina and become involved in doing something concrete to protect the fragile, endangered environment that is so frequently neglected and abused.

Organize a group of friends to do something concrete to protect the environment in your locality. Perhaps it will involve a shoreline, neighbourhood park, or roadside cleanup. Maybe you could organize a swap day where unwanted and no longer needed items are put out for the taking rather than dumped into the landfill. Someone's junk may be another's treasure! Perhaps a collection of recyclable cans, bottles or other articles could be collected and turned in for cash to support a local charity or environmental project. Maybe you want to raise community awareness by inviting an environmental agency to make a presentation on some local issue in your community.

Whatever you choose, get involved! Become an environmental envoy and take concrete steps to protect our planet. Every little step counts. Plan your project, solicit friends to help you, submit a report of what you did, and be eligible to receive the Environmental Envoy award which will be awarded next year at the annual K-W Squadron AGM in April.

No project is insignificant! Put your creative ideas into action and organize your team. When you have completed your project submit your report via e-mail to Ardys Brenneman, Environmental Officer, at rickardys@hotmail.com. Pictures are welcomed and submitted projects will be highlighted in the High and Dry. It's time to take action and **claim that trophy!**

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