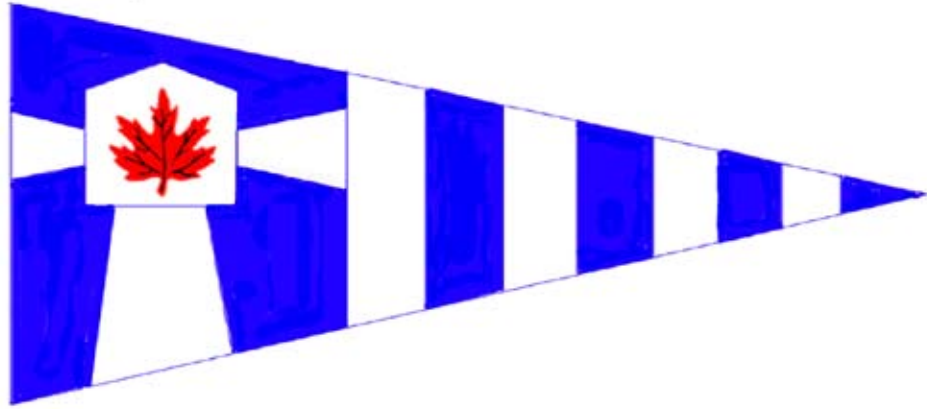


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SQUADRON EVENT CALENDAR

- Student Cruise, Gabriola Passage, False Narrows, Dodd Narrows, Ruxton Pass, and home, November 18
- Christmas party, potluck and carol singing, Sat, Dec 2. 1800 for 1900
- District AGM at the Haven, June 1 - 3, 2007

Someone listened..

Further to the article in the last edition of Scuttlebutt about the new regulations governing discharge of sewage overboard, some well thought out letters were submitted to the Advisory Council. And some things did change. The Canadian Marine Advisory Council did recognize it would be nearly impossible to comply with the new regulations if there were no pump-out stations ("on-shore reception facilities") reasonably accessible. What is being recommended for the regulations now, is that there be a 5-year period before the full set of regulations are established to allow for development of "on-shore reception facilities". However there will be limitations on where a boat may discharge sewage during this period:

- No discharges within 3 nautical miles of shellfish growing areas, drinking water intakes, or designated sewage areas (Note: A future prohibition may be required for areas under the Species at Risk Act and endangered species);
- No discharges within areas where on-shore reception facilities are available; and
- Outside of designated sewage areas and where facilities are not available discharges would be permitted under the following conditions:
 - Discharges passed through an approved MSD (fecal coliform count of 250/100 mL); or
 - Discharges 3 nautical miles from shore; or
 - Where geography limits the distance from shore to less than 3 nautical miles, the discharge would be at the farthest point into the deepest waters into currents moving away from shore.
 - Any discharge should be while the boat is underway, at fastest practical speed to promote dispersion.

There will still be a requirement to keep a record of any discharge.

For more information please contact Tom Morris (613-991-3170, morrist@tc.gc.ca).

Adventure with Ian and Paddy Waymark

Well, it wasn't exactly an epic voyage on the water, but it was a fascinating over land trip to "Tuk" and back (please don't make me spell the whole name - though I think I can say it correctly). At the Haven, on the evening of October 12, a corporal's guard of Squadron and other guests were treated to a fascinating photo and narrative account of Ian and Paddy's motor trip to the north. We witnessed what mud and dust on a land vehicle really looks like. Somehow we all captured the spirit of the real north. What an informative evening, illustrated with beautiful pictures! Thanks Ian and Paddy!



A Sobering Thought..

Drinking and Boating

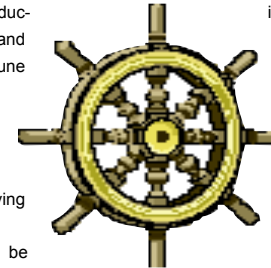
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Toronto, June 24, 2006: When Collingwood lawyer Ken Compton lost his 27-year-old son, Pete, in an accident caused by a drunken boater on Lake Joseph in Ontario's cottage country, it set him on a three-year odyssey of lobbying government to institute severe penalties for those who drink and boat.

MPP David Zimmer took up the cause by introducing a Private Member's Bill (Bill 209), a procedure that rarely sees results but which, in this case, received all party and government bills in Canada, was proclaimed on June 22, 2006, amending the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario. The new law takes effect immediately.

Under the amendment, anyone found guilty of alcohol impairment while in command of a power vessel will lose their driver's licence for a least a year. As such a vessel for a least three months.

There is another change: marine police will now be able to render Breathalyzer tests and issue on-the-spot licence suspensions to anyone with readings of .05 and above.



ing a Private Member's Bill (Bill 209), a procedure that rarely sees committee support. Royal Assent, the final stage in approval of 22, 2006, amending the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario. The new

alcohol impairment while in command of a power vessel will previously enacted, anyone with a blood alcohol reading of .08

able to render Breathalyzer tests and issue on-the-spot licence

Conviction of an alcohol-related driving offence can result in sky-high insurance premiums (if indeed coverage can be found).

I know it's a long way from here, but awareness of security and potential danger issues is not a bad idea. Not doubt this will be something boaters will need to be aware of.

The following information is sent on behalf of P/C/C Doreen Hinksman, jhinksman@aol.com. and P/R/C Tony Cook. S.

Safety Zones US Coast Guard Water Training Areas temporary suspended

October 17, 2006: According to the Globe and Mail, the US Coast Guard has suspended live gunnery training on the Great Lakes until November, following deputations by the Canadian government and others.

Please check the following link for more detail: <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/english/news.html>

R/C Lawrence Sze-Ying Lau SN
Chair CPS Communications Committee

Hot News!!

Revision of wind warnings

Just heard that the forecast revisions are going to be March or April, postponed from October.

There will be an outlook for winds for 5 days included, which we will believe implicitly, won't we?

Special Feature Article by Russ Pearce

The Gas Tank Saga

1. The Safety Part

Preparing to depart for the SBYC mystery cruise in August, we topped up the gas tank to 400 L +-, and went through the routine procedures. Fume sensor – normal, no explosive gases- nose down in engine and gas tank compartment (aft), no trace. Blower. Into the cabin forward. Elaine smells gasoline at eye level. No gas smell down low on the sole. Again, no smell aft in the engine/ gas tank compartment. OK, shut this trip down. We were running the mystery cruise to Chemainus so we drove.

2. Observation

Close Scrutiny.

One large steel gas tank for two engines (go figure, with all other systems redundant) had rusted through to the extent that only a full tank would provide enough static pressure for some gas seepage. A less full tank was not leaking.

The leak was not visible, it was all the way aft, at the bottom on the starboard side.

The bilge of this boat in the cabin area forward is slightly deeper than the area aft in the engine / gas tank area, explaining fumes being detected in the cabin and not aft IN THE ENGINE/ GAS TANK AREA. Note smell at eye level, but not down low.

3. Solution

What to do?

Picture a 6' wide steel tank stuffed into the hull in manufacture all the way aft against the transom, and then the deck being placed over it.

Two choices:

A. Haul the boat, remove both engines, water heater, and all associated mechanical appurtinences, and MAYBE the gas tank could be rotated and removed. Cutting the tank was not an option.

B. Cut the fiberglass deck, yikes! Remove the water heater, slide the tank forward slightly, and hoist out at the dock.

I chose the latter.

4. Outcome.

Pump out all 400 L of gas into jerry cans. If you need slightly used gas cans, we can make a deal.

Cutting the deck required cutting through stringers and ultimately bridging them structurally.

I decided to make the removed/ replaced deck semi- permanent temporary removable by the use of hardwood cleats below, oakum low in the joints, and Sikaflex high in the joints .Lots of ss fh screws.

A sky-hook was needed to hoist the tank, and half of our 20' extension ladder fore and aft with bridging provided the strong back.

An athwartship slide was needed to move the heavy tank sideways to the dock (the other half of the ladder)

Two cable hoists provided vertical lift.

The old rusty tank was kindly accepted at GIRO after thorough venting.

Not one, but two smaller custom built aluminium tanks are in place and in service in the stern of the old boat now.

They are so pretty, everything else down there looks shabby.

5. Conclusion

I can recommend a source for anyone who needs a tank or tanks. Our tanks are top quality, good price, and delivered 2 days BEFORE agreed date.

Do not assume anything regarding gas fumes. Don't trust that fume sensor, trust your nose, or better yet, your wife's nose.

Russ Pearce, Pv



From the Wheelhouse Leonard Sutherland - Commander

Commanders Report

Everything has turned green again and some of us have already planted our garlic. Hope everyone had a good summer: sailing; RVing; gardening; entertaining guests, etc.

Ian and Paddy Waymark spent sometime on the water this summer and then went R'Ving to Inuvik, with a side trip to Alaska, on their way to Oregon. They shared the record of their trip with us at our Fall Social at the Haven recently. The presentation by Paddy and Ian was fantastic – lots of pictures and a great commentary.

We have eight students involved in the fall boating course. Ralph has people interested in the VHS course, so you will be hearing more on this and other courses later on.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Social on December 2nd. Did you know the VIND AGM is to be held at the Haven on Gabriola in June? Don Butt is the coordinator, so we know it is in good hands.

Ian Waymark is retiring from the position of Treasure for the Squadron. He is going "on the road again". Judy Weenk is taking on the responsibilities of the treasurer. Thanks for a job well done Ian. Thanks Judy.

Cdr. Leonard Sutherland



From the Training Department STO Ralph Hagen, AP

The fall Boating Course is well under way with nine students enrolled. The year, as a preparation for the student cruise, we are devoting part of one class to previewing the cruise with material prepared by Cruisemaster Russ Pearce which should make it of more value to the students for boating knowledge.

We are holding a Radio course November 2 & 9 with exam on November 16. This course is a must for anyone who has a PCOC and is operating a boat. Having the prescribed qualifications is mandatory and the course results in Restricted Operators Certificate (Maritime). The fee is \$70.00. To register call Squadron Training Officer Ralph Hagen at 247 8491.

We are also holding a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) for those who wish to go that way. Although this qualification is inherent in the CPS Boating Course it can be obtained otherwise by writing the exam. This card is required for the operation of a power boat - any boat with a motor. This will be held on Saturday November 18 and to enroll contact Squadron Training Officer Ralph Hagen 247 8491. The fee for this course is \$50.00.

From the Yacht Club Commodore Ralph Hagen, AP

The Silva Bay Yacht Club cruise program is next to have a Guy Fawkes/Halloween cruise to Pirates Cove November 4-5. The format is pot luck aboard on November 4.

The monthly meeting is November 6 at 1930 at the Silva Bay Pub with a picture presentation by Frank & June Shoemaker of their coastal trip in

Norway this past summer. The club's monthly luncheon at the Pub is next on November 8.

Boating Class - Fall 2006



Some of the students pondering the secrets of navigation aids



Some of the dedicated proctors, ensuring the homework is up to scratch.



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Chuckles from Church Bulletins - true!

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other item to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The Christmas Social will be held at the Gabriola Golf Club at 6:00 PM for cocktails (no host bar). Admission is \$5.00/person

We will enjoy our potluck supper at 7:00 and this will be followed by recognition of the students of the current CPS class. Then we will have the pleasure of Jean Sproule on the keyboard and Don Butt to lead us in our holiday sing-along.

For our potluck supper, there will be roast turkey and baked ham with all the trimmings. We will need vegetable dishes, potato dishes, salads, buns/butter, desserts, etc.

Please let Florence Sutherland know what you are bringing so that we won't have an over abundance of one dish and none of another: 247-8301

