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Wakes and Bow Waves

WE ARE GETTING to that time when each winter wave that passes under our bow doesn't seem so bad because it moves us closer to the comforting thoughts of a new boating season. There was no better way to speed that sensation along than the Power Squadron's Jan. 21st trip to the **Toronto Boat Show**. We had coffee, donuts, heated bus, newspapers, water, bingo games and great camaraderie, tickets to the show, and a short 45 second walk from the bus to the show entrance. Having left our coats and scarves on the bus, we had just another 45 second walk to the bus for an on time departure at 4:15 to the Mandarin restaurant where we sampled everything from roast beef to egg rolls! No parking or waiting in line: just thoughts of a smooth quick ride home to the Prevost parking lot at 9:10 pm, 7 minutes before the movie ended.

I am not merely trying to fill up space in this issue for the editor. It would simply not do to just say that Sandy McCaw did a fantastic job in organizing this event. Not only did all the attendees enjoy the details I have listed, but Sandy managed the \$3,380 budget without a whiff of scandal. You don't read about that happening in many news items.

The boat show was as usual excellent. I particularly enjoyed the three seminar sessions that I attended. The presentation by the famous America's cup skipper, Dennis Conner shoed the knowledge and confidence that makes him a champion. I took in Derek Hatfield's presentation again. His story of courage and preparation is always exhilarating. I learned a great deal from Karen Jantz's presentation of their "Great Loop Cruise" though the Great Lakes down the Mississippi, around Florida and back up the Inter Coastal waterway to Ontario. It fits right into my dream. An added bonus was the number of Trawler Style boats on display. I maybe on the right track after all.

Plan to share in the upcoming good times:

Sat. April 8 Beers of the World

Tickets are \$25.00 and there is a selection of eight beers to be sampled. This is a popular event and sells out quickly so call Alan for tickets @433-2736

March 25 Murder Mystery Evening

This is a joint evening again with HMCS Prevost. There will be a fine meal to go with the murder. Tickets are 40.00 per person.

The **Wine and Cheese** event for April is still in the planning but call Alan at 433-2736 to indicate your interest and suggestions.

Alan Sargant

Earth's magnetic poles moving

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Earth's north magnetic pole is rapidly drifting away from Canada and toward Siberia, scientists said Thursday.

Despite accelerated movement over the last century, the possibility Earth's modestly fading magnetic field will collapse is remote. The magnetic poles are part of the magnetic field generated by liquid iron in Earth's core and are different from the geographic poles, the surface points marking the axis of the planet's rotation.

Scientists have long known magnetic poles migrate and in rare cases, swap places. Exactly why this happens is a mystery. "This may be part of a normal oscillation and it will eventually migrate back toward Canada," Joseph Stoner, a paleomagnetist at Oregon State University, said Thursday at an American Geophysical Union meeting.

Previous studies have shown the strength of the Earth's magnetic shield has decreased by 10 per cent over the last 150 years. During the same period, the north magnetic pole wandered about 1,100 kilometres out into the Arctic, said a new analysis by Stoner.

The rate of the magnetic pole's movement has increased in the last century compared with fairly steady movement in the previous four centuries, the Oregon researchers said. At the current rate, the north magnetic pole could

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CALENDAR

All events start or take place at HMCS Prevost, 19 Becher Street, London, unless noted otherwise.

March

14th Bridge Meeting – 1845

18th HMCS Prevost

Murder Mystery Evening

April

4th London Squadron AGM

8th HMCS Prevost Annual

Beers of The World Night

11th Bridge Meeting – 1845

12th Submissions Deadline for May London Line

15th **Wine and Cheese**

May

9th Bridge Meeting – 1845

25th **Commander's**

Graduation Dinner

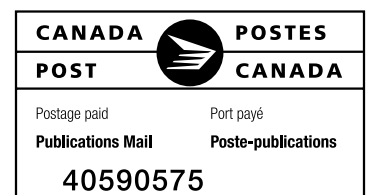
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Lt Steve Baldock681-9758

IT HAS BEEN a great honour to have served as your Commander over the past year. I have had an exemplary and well organized Bridge who made everything in the Squadron work exceptionally smoothly and I am very pleased that many of these fine volunteers are continuing to serve.

We have had approximately 45 students elect to take the Boating Course this year with more students attending the September class and fewer in the January class. While these numbers may be lower than in other years we are pleased to see that 45 individuals have opted to learn about boating in depth and to become members of this worthwhile organization.

The squadron is in good financial condition through the prudence of the Bridge and through the continuing support for our organization that we receive from HMCS Prevost and Dave Fitzsimmons from the HMCS Prevost Wardroom.

In advance I would like to congratulate heartily our new incoming Commander Mark Hunsberger, AP. Mark's dedication to the London Power and Sail Squadron is outstanding in all regards and we can all look forward to another productive year with Mark at the helm. I congratulate all of the continuing Bridge members, Instructors and Proctors who devote their time and energy to our Squadron.

It is my hope that some of the new graduates will find a place to volunteer in our organization. As members, you will have the opportunity to attend any of the social events that are offered throughout the season. The London Power and Sail Squadron has been in existence for over 55 years teaching safe boating to thousands of boaters. Consider being involved in continuing this tradition..

Looking forward to another great year of Boating,
Respectfully Submitted, Cmdr. Paul Neve



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continued from page 1 swing out of northern Canada into Siberia. The north magnetic pole was first discovered in 1831 and when it was revisited in 1904, explorers found the pole had moved 50 kilometres.

For centuries, navigators using compasses had to learn to deal with the difference between magnetic and geographic north. A compass needle points to the north magnetic pole, not the geographic North Pole. For example, a compass reading of north in Oregon is about 17 degrees east of geographic north.

In the study, Stoner examined the sediment record from several Arctic lakes. Since the sediments record the Earth's magnetic field at the time, scientists used carbon dating to track changes in the magnetic field. They found the north magnetic field shifted significantly in the last 1,000 years. It generally migrated between northern Canada and Siberia but it sometimes moved in other directions, too.

(Rogers Yahoo News) Submitted by Lt Steve Baldock, AP

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To: Members of the London Power and Sail Squadron
Notice of Annual General Meeting and Merit Mark Ceremony

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the London Power and Sail Squadron will be held:

Place: **HMCS Prevost Wardroom, 19 Becher St. London, Ontario**

Date and Time: **Tuesday April 4, 2006 1900 hours**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

1. Receiving and , if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers;
2. Receiving the Auditors Report on the financial position of the Squadron
3. Electing to office thoses members whose names and address appear in the report of the Squadron Nominating Committee as annexed and forming part of the notice;
4. Appointing an Auditor for the Squadron Year 2006-2007.
5. Considering such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting:

Members eligible for election as Squadron Officers areas set out in Article 12 of the Squadron Regulations. Section 12.1 reads as follows:

“No member of this Squadron shall be eligible for election as provided in Section 11.6.1 of these regulations at any Annual General Meeting unless nominated by the Squadron Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five members of the Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination. All such nominations...by petition shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place.”

Paul Neve, Commander, London Power and Sail Squadron

London Power and Sail Squadron Nominating Committee Report

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2006/2007

Commander	Mark Hunsberger, <u>AP</u>	272 Short Ave., London N5W 1W2	453-4714
Executive Officer	Larry Monger	40-163 Pine Valley Dr., London N6J 4R4	685-4159
Training Officer	Wayne Shorrock, <u>AP</u>	2 Victoria St., St.Thomas N5R 2E1	663-6993
Bursar	John Manvel, <u>P</u>	15 Madeira Dr., London N5V 2M3	455-3627
Secretary	Judy Finch	63 Classic Cres., London N5W 5T7	455-9975
Treasurer	Ralph Smith, <u>AP</u>	41 Nottinghill Cres., London N6K 1P9	472-0453
Membership Officer	Byron Miller, <u>AP</u>	128 Albert Street, Lucan N6B 2J0	227-0636
ATO Boating	John Manvell, <u>P</u>	15 Madeira Dr., London N5V 2M3	455-3627
ATO PCOC	Craig Pitchell, <u>AP</u>	70 Tynedale Ave., London N6H 5P6	474-7886
ATO VHF	Steve Waite, <u>AP</u>	103 Chesham Ave., London N6G 3V1	473-0517
ATO	Deb Hughes	590 Dufferin Ave., London N6B 2A4	667-0749
Training Supply Officer	Brian Jeffrey	5 Naomee Pl., London N6H 3T7	471-4834
Public Relations Officer	Rob Secco	206 Tecumseh Ave., London N6C 1S6	434-0222
Events Officer	Alan Sargant	142 Ridout St., London N6C 3X6	433-2736
Environmental Officer	P/Cdr R. DesRosiers, <u>AP</u>	68-50 Northumberland Rd., London N6H 5J2	472-2056
Community Liaison Officer	Bill Mitchell S.	15 Annadale Dr., London N6G 2B5	434-7666
London Line Editor	Charles Metcalf, <u>AP</u>	1201-300 N.Centre Rd., London N6G 5H2	870-4634
London Line Business Mgr	Frank Tchorek	R.R. #1 Arva NOM 1C0	666-0311
Regalia Officer	Lorna Jeffrey	5 Naomee Pl., London N6H 3T7	471-4834
Welfare & Assets Officer	Bev Miatello	310 Dundas St., London N6B 3R2	670-4123
Coast Guard Liaison Officer	P/Cdr J. Findley, <u>AP</u>	8742 Switzer Rd., Mt.Brydges NOL 1W0	264-1705

2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the Members as Auditor for the Squadron:

P/V/C Tony Pritchard, SN11 Ravenglass Crescent, London N6G 4K1 432-9446

3. The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

a) The following member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as Immediate Past Commander and will not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Paul Neve 221 Timber Dr., London N6K 4B6 473-0296

b) The following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2006/2007 by virtue of their positions and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Paul Neve (Chair), P/Cdr John Findley, AP Cdr Mark Hunsberger AP.

Respectfully Submitted

P/Cdr John Findley, AP P/Cdr Dick DesRosier AP Cdr Paul Neve

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12 metre racers

EVER WONDER what happened to those 12 metre racers True North and Canada II? Each November my wife, Irene and I go to St. Maarten in the Netherland Antilles and from our balcony, watch the tourists from the cruise boats compete for whatever they have been promised in return for their money. Two "Twelves" flying the Canadian flag and two Americans "compete" with each other while a boat with a Kodak logo snaps pictures that are available when you get back to the dock. For some years, I never saw these boats without a reef in their main but this year, they were flying everything they had as apparently, the winds had decreased.

You can't imagine the feeling this little farm boy from Brownsville, Ontario had when we captained our first bare boat charter in the Carib, standing on the deck of a 37 footer, looking at the lights on the hills surrounding us in the harbour of St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

I never would have thought that I would experience such satisfaction, a command of my own, but with the courses from the London Power & Sail Squadron I had confidence that I would get my crew home safe and sound - we always did!

The most memorable cruise we had was sailing from Rodney Bay, St. Lucia, to the Grenadines. We awoke to a heavily overcast, misty morning in Soufriere. Bear in mind that we had four sailors and three that we needed their money to help rent the boat, big bucks!! I laid on a course, allowing for currents, wind, deviation and everything else I could think of and wanted to cast off at first light. First, we had to pry the fingers of the novices off the palm trees and then, after having to pay some local body builder to untie our stem line, we were off. (This guy was really intimidating)

So, away we went, on the course I had set. Though I kept taking hand held angles on St. Lucia until we lost sight of that island in the mist, we sailed away like into a fantasy movie - into a foggy unknown! The novices wanted to turn back but to where - if you don't like my course, what makes you think that the reciprocal will get you anywhere but open sea? Finally, though I must admit, I was starting to question my own navigation, there was St. Vincent, ten miles wide and 4000 feet high! Of course, I never let anyone think I had any misgivings but surely did privately thank the CPS "AP" course for getting us where we wanted to go. If you haven't been to Bequia and the Grenadines, you should try to get there! Absolutely beautiful!!

Ralph L. Smith, *AP*

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Hard water = ice

AS THE COLD WEATHER CONTINUES most of the water in lakes and rivers will gradually get hard. But that isn't enough. The only safe way to stay safe is NOT to venture on any ice surface unless it's in a building with nets.

However, we all recognize that winter activities are a big part of the Great Lakes heritage, so the Coast Guard recommends that folks going on the ice should consider the following measurements as the minimum thickness required to support a person or vehicle.

- The average person – At least two inches of ice (5 cm)
- Two average persons – At least four inches of ice (10 cm)
- One snowmobile – At least five inches of ice (13 cm)
- One average car – At least eight inches of ice (20 cm)
- One light truck – At least twelve inches of ice (31 cm)

For those of us venturing onto ice-covered lakes or rivers the Coast Guard also suggests that you consider the following safety tips:

1. Take along a VHF-FM radio or cell phone.
2. Some floating line.
3. A whistle, i.e. a fox 40
4. A waterproof flashlight.
5. A good compass.
6. Some flares.
7. Dress in layers and wear bright colours.
8. Wear a personal floatation device, life jacket or float coat.
9. A dry-suit is the best.

Be sure that you notify a responsible person where you will launch, where you are going, who is with you, when you expect to return and your cell phone number if you have one.

Take along some type of, "ice awls" and have them attached to your body. They can be used as spikes to pull yourself up on the ice if you fall through.

Know what you are standing on. Test and be aware of the ice conditions and thickness. You never know when you are standing on a soft spot.

Be weather wise. Be aware of the temperature and wind direction for the few days before you venture out, as well as the day's forecast. A strong wind in any direction breaks up the ice. Beware of GREEN ice.

The Do's and Don'ts

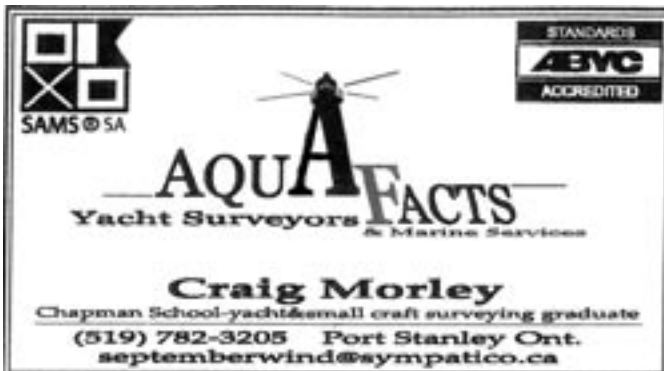
- Do not go out on the ice alone. If you do, stay in the vicinity of other people.
- Do not cross a pressure crack or open water, you could end up on an ice floe.
- Avoid walking side by side; you increase your weight in a small area and both of you could break through.
- Clear ice is stronger than cloudy ice.
- Use the buddy system. Never go out alone.
- Know whom to call if an emergency develops.

Be safe not foolish.

P/Cdr Dick DesRosiers AP, Environmental Officer.



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CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

January 22 2006

Notice of the District Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Conference of Western Ontario District – a unit of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons - Les Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance will be held at:

**Ramada Inn
292 Wellington Ave, St Thomas, Ontario
Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 1400**

For the purpose of

1. Considering and, if thought fit, approving the Resolution set forth in Schedule "A" of this Notice.
2. Receiving a report from the Officers and Committees of this District.
3. Receiving the Audited Report of the District Treasurer on the financial position of this District.
4. Electing to office those members whose names and addresses appear in the report of the District Nominating Committee annexed to and forming part of this Notice of Meeting.
5. Appointing an Auditor for the District Year 2006-2007.
6. Considering such other business as may be properly brought before the Annual District Conference

D/Lt Peter Fuhry, N
Secretary, Western Ontario District.

Schedule "A"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Western Ontario District Regulation 11.3.2 is to be repealed and the following is to be enacted:

11.3.2 Notice of such Conference shall be validly given if published in the official publication of this District, or by publication in the Squadron News Letter, one copy of which is to be mailed to the District Secretary.

Rationale:

This will provide for greater efficiency in publication of the Annual Conference and General Meeting and at a real cost savings to the District and Squadrons overall. The regulation being repealed is actually built into the new regulation, but enhanced to include distribution through the Squadrons.

Note: Members eligible for election as District Officers are set out in Article 12 of the District Regulations, Section 12.1 which reads as follows:

"No member of this District shall be eligible for election as provided in Section 11.6.1 of these Regulations at any Annual District Conference unless nominated by the District Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five members of this District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination. All such nominations:

- a) by the District Nominating Committee shall be filed with the District Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place:*
- b) by petition shall be filed with the District Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place. "*

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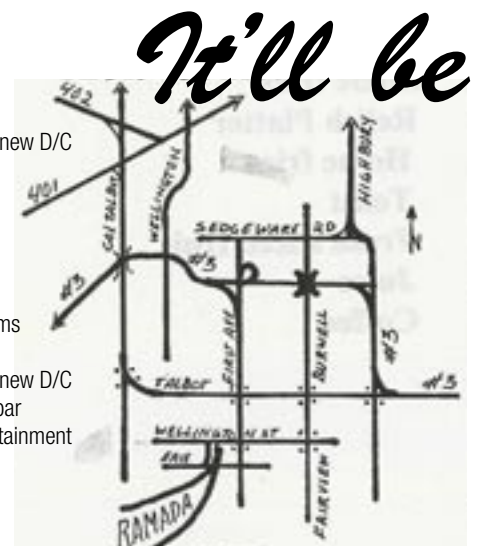
1600-2000 Registration
Dinner - on own
1600-2400 Hospitality with new D/C

SATURDAY

0730-0800 Cont. Breakfast
0800-1000 Registration
0900-1200 Seminars
Lunch - on own
0900-1600 Spousal Programs
1400-1700 AGM
1700-1800 Hospitality with new D/C
1800-1900 Cocktails cash bar
1900-2300 Dinner & Entertainment

SUNDAY

1030 Breakfast
Bon voyage



CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS – WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

To the Members of Western Ontario District:

Report of the District Nominating Committee January 2006

The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2006/2007.

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS	SQUADRON	PHONE
Commander	D/C Karen Connor, <u>AP</u>	46304 Ron McNeil Line, RR#8, St.Thomas, N5P 3T3	St. Thomas	631-7652
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Joan Hicks, <u>AP</u>	R.R. # 3, Tillsonburg, N4G 4G8	Tillsonburg	842-5618
Training Officer	D/Lt/C Mike Smith, P	7010 Matchette Rd., La Salle, N9J 2R9	Windsor	734-7031
Administration Officer	D/Lt/C James Jeffery, JN	1801– 380 King Street, London, N6B 3L6	London	438-0400

DISTRICT LIEUTENANTS:

Secretary	D/Lt. Mary Ellen Thatcher, S	17 Eugene Street, Bayfield, N0M 1G0	Goderich	565-5902
Treasurer	D/Lt. Chris Schooley, P	1041 Michigan Avenue, Sarnia, N7S 2B3	Sarnia	542-4555
Assistant Training Officer	D/Lt. Jeff Ferris	2 Highview Drive. St. Thomas, N5R 5E9	St. Thomas	633-9857
Membership Officer	D/Lt. Harry Harris, S	29 Silverdale Crescent, London, N5Z 4A5	London	681-8259
Public Relations Officer	D/Lt. Neale Cofell	461 East River Road, Wallaceburg, N8A 4L2	Wallaceburg	627-8829
Boat Show Officer	D/Lt. Alice Baratta, JN	1629 Mardell Street, London, N5V 1X3	London	453-2172
VHF Officer	D/Lt. Jeff Ferris	2 Highview Drive, St. Thomas, N5R 5E9	St. Thomas	633-9857
Communications Officer	D/Lt. Peter Fuhry, N	22 Jasper Crescent, London, N5W 1K2	London	451-1727
MAREP, Hydrographic	D/Lt. Joe Haslinger, <u>AP</u>	21 Allen Street, Tillsonburg, N4G 4V6	Tillsonburg	842-8708
Environment Officer	D/Lt. Mark P. Stock, S	6410 6 th Concession N., RR 1, Amherstburg N9V 2Y9	Windsor	791-2345
Youth Officer	D/Lt. Tracie Berekoff, P	313 Martin Lane, LaSalle, N9J 2M4	Windsor	978-3071
USPS Liaison Officer	D/Lt. Nick Baratta, JN	1629 Mardell Street, London, N5V 1X3	London	453-2172
District Port Captain	D/Lt. Chris Attridge, P	25 Wilson Street, Wallaceburg, N8A 5A5	Chatham	627-3014

The District Nominating Committee also nominates the following for appointment by the members as Auditor of the District.

P/V/C Tony Pritchard, N	11 Ravenglass Crescent, London N6G 4K1	London	432-9446
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The following member will serve on the district Executive Committee and the district Council by virtue of his position as Immediate Past District Commander

P/D/C Alan Hinge, <u>AP</u>	50-14 Cadeau Terrace, London N6K 4X5	London	657-9262
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Staff Lieutenants to be appointed by the District Commander:

Pursuant to District Regulation 9.15.1, the following members will serve on the District Nominating Committee for 2006/2007 by virtue of their positions, and do not require election or appointment:

Chair	P/D/C John Pegg, S	Upper- 187 Dundas St. London, N6A 1G4	London	850-3398
	R/C Joe Gatfield, <u>AP</u>	1318 Bruce Ave., Windsor, N8X 1X3	Windsor	971-8072
	P/D/C Alan Hinge, <u>AP</u>	50-14 Cadeau Terrace, London N6K 4X5	London	657-9262

All in accordance with District Regulation 9.15 and 11.6 and Operations Manual 18.0

Respectfully Submitted

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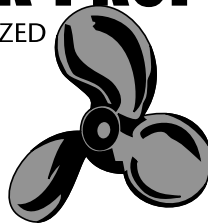
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