

Commander's Graduation Dinner

Past Commander Paul Neve passes the flag to Commander Mark Hunsberger.

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Wakes and Bow Waves

NHIS YEAR'S District Rendezvous event was hosted jointly by the Goderich and Stratford Power and Sail Squadrons June 23-25th at Bayfield Harbour Lights Marina. All reports indicate it was a first class event on a perfect weather weekend. Our Commander and all round top notch individual, Mark Hunsberger finished in 3rd place in the grueling annual Commander Trophy Challenge. This was a safety, rescue oriented event staged in the pool.

Next year, the District Rendezvous will be hosted by your very own London Power and Sail Squadron on the weekend of June 22, 23, 24 at the Sarnia Bay Marina. More updates and request for volunteers for the various committees later.

July 1st Fireworks and Ice Cream: Two nights of delicious ice cream and one night of spectacular fireworks is a great way to celebrate Canada Day. This was the first time in the 17 years that the event was weather cancelled. The fellowship and hospitality at Prevost and the Ice Cream treats went ahead as planned on Saturday evening, July 1 st. The wind delayed date on Sunday evening was perfect for the fireworks display and a second evening in a row of ice cream was a bonus.

Our annual Graduation Dinner at HMCS Prevost on May 25th was a full house, wonderful evening. This even brought together an equal turn out of new graduates and veteran members. It was a great evening for getting a sense of the value of our squadron's social, training and educational roles.

James Dunlop spoke on behalf of one of the graduating classes to thank all those who contributed to make the courses such a valuable experience. You could tell he was serious about his comments because after winning the evening 50/50 draw he donated his portion back to help the squadron.

This is the time of year for everyone to enjoy their own Wakes and Bow Waves. Have a great safe summer! 1st Lt Alan Sargant, Events Officer



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August

8th- Bridge Meeting - 1845 18th- Submissions Deadline for September London Line

September

7th- Courses Start

12th-Bridge Meeting - 1845 15th- Submissions Deadline for October London Line 20th- District Meeting- Wardsville -Time TBD

October

10th-Bridge Meeting - 1845

November

1st- Submissions Deadline for December London Line 4th- Officer Orientation Course. Time TBD 14th-Bridge Meeting - 1845

19th- District Meeting- Time TBD

December

12th-Bridge Meeting - 1845

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9th- Bridge Meeting - 1845

February

9th- Submissions Deadline for March London Line 10th- Instructor Development & Registered Examiner Courses-Time & Location TBD

12th- Bridge Meeting - 1845

24th- Instructor Development & Registered Examiner Courses-Time & Location TBD



London Power & Sail Squadron 2006-2007 Bridge

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TOW! HERE IT IS AUGUST ALREADY. I am hoping that all of you are enjoying the summer boating season and no one has run aground, hit any rocks or God forbid, run out of fuel. If you know of anyone who may fall into one of these categories, now would be the time to approach that friend or acquaintance and inform them of the fall course schedule that is included in this issue. Our best and cheapest form of advertising is "word of mouth" and that is where all of you come in. If you know of someone that would benefit from spending some time either gaining or updating their boating knowledge, in any one of our excellent courses, talk with them. Let them know the knowledge that you gained. Also consider taking one of our elective courses with that person. Our elective courses



are open to anyone wishing to gain the knowledge. No membership is required to take the course, but discounts will continue to be just one of the benefits of being a member of CPS. I would urge all of you to visit our web site for up to date course information and any changes to our course schedule. There are some new courses in the works for this training year and as they become available, we will be posting this information on our web site. We are also hard at work attempting to secure an auxiliary training venue to enable us to offer an enhanced elective course offering, on evenings other than Thursday. Our home and base for our training will always remain here at HMCS Prevost and we will continue to offer our Primary courses of Boating through Advanced Piloting out of this facility.

Any of you that may have missed our annual District Rendezvous, held in Bayfield, let me tell you that you missed a wonderful weekend. The building of friendships, the events, the food and the good times were all there for the taking. If you did miss this premiere event this year, remember to mark down the weekend of June 22 - 24 2007, when London Squadron will be hosting this annual event, to be held at the Sarnia Bay Marina.

To all of you, enjoy the rest of the summer. Stay safe out there and remember that my line is always open to anyone for information, comments, suggestions, or just a chin wag.

See you in the classroom;

Cdr Mark Hunsberger

From your Editor

UST A SHORT NOTE to say hello and to let you know that I am available if you need to reach me at the phone number listed in the flagstaff or at the London Line e-mail address.

The London Line is your publication and as such it is important for you to read it and be informed, but also to submit stories about your experiences, and places you visited as this informs the rest of us about both the situations we may encounter and the locations that are the hidden jewels or dives. Articles don't have to be long and wordy, or sound like Shakespeare wrote them. So submit your story, you may be surprised at how many people will enjoy it!

Please be advised that due to Rogers' association with Yahoo, the e-mail address for the London Line has changed to *londonline05@rogers.com* Bookmark it and be sure to use this new address!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and boat safe.

1st Lt. Charles Metcalf, Editor, London Line

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Buoyohboy

NHIS STORY REALLY HAPPENED last summer. An American visitor came on the air on an amateur radio frequency, one rainy day, asking for Customs clearance regulations,

numbers to call and so on. I answered as well as possible and chatted with him as he sailed on, having cleared by telephone. Suddenly there was a dull thud whose meaning was all too evident.

"Whoops" he said, "That was a rock!" I asked where he was and got a vague answer about being between a big island and the mainland.

"That means you left the channel", I answered. "You are probably between Isle de la Grosse Pointe and the mainland. There is no passage there."

"Yes", he said, "But I don't have a chart. All I have is a road map of the area and I could see lots of water."

"Right, but having a chart is pretty much essential, you know. You should NEVER set out without a chart...

That was only the beginning of the story. I guided him from that point to the lift bridge at Valleyfield and we continued to chat. Fifteen minutes later there was another thud. "What now", I asked

"Another hit, I'm afraid. Does that buoy with the two black hats mean anything? It was yellow and black, or black and yellow."

"Yes, it does mean something. If both black hats are pointing upwards and it is black on top and yellow on the bottom that is a north cardinal buoy. You are supposed to stay to the north of it. I bet you went to the south of it."

"Yeah, I did."

"Gee, that's bad; you should really take the Boating Course from CPS. There you would learn about those things. It could be very important to you one day."

> "I did. I took their Boating Course." He answered. "But that was quite a few years ago. I guess maybe I should look over my notes."

How about you? How long has it been since you looked over what you learned? Can you answer these questions?

1. You see a pointed, red buoy, with a broad green band in the middle. What is it

2. How do you handle this aid?

3. A light is described as FIR (2+1) 10s. What does this mean?

4. Ahead of you and in the distance, you see three quick, white flashes of light, and then ten seconds later, the flashes repeat themselves. What is it?

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Submitted by Jim Dawson. IN



THIS YEAR, we will have registration in late August, at HMCS Prevost. You will be able to register for all courses offered on that date and the benefit will be to have all your course material ahead of time, to allow you to look it all over, prior to course commencement.

All courses will be instructed out of HMCS Prevost, located at 19 Becher Street, in London. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, commencing at 1900 and will run to 2130, unless otherwise notified.

For further information on any of these courses and registration date, please call 1stLt. John Manvell @ 519-455-3627,

Boating Course

Our premiere course widely complemented as the number one course to get you out on the water and safely back again. Successful completion of this course gains you membership into the CPS organization, numerous discounts, including insurance rates, along with the privilege to take further advanced courses and discounts for some of our other elective courses.

Course Start Dates: Thursday, September 07, 2006

Length of Course: 15 weeks

Cost: \$195.00 and \$185.00 for further family members

Piloting

Prerequisite for this course is the Boating course. This course builds on the Boating course and enhances your positioning, plotting and navigational skills by teaching higher levels with regards to navigational and plotting skills, seamanship skills along with boat and hull capabilities. Course content includes bearings and fixes, dead reckoning and the log, marlinspike, distance of an object by two relative bearings, tides and tidal current, seamanship skills for adverse weather change and many more.

Course Start Date: Thursday, September 07, 2006

Length of Course: 17 weeks

Cost: \$140.00

Advanced Piloting

Prerequisite for this course is the Piloting course. In this course, the student learns advanced coastal navigation principles so as to be able to determine where the boat is at all times. Methods of determining the vessel's position are covered, using landmarks and government aids to navigation, allowing for current, leeway, tides and tidal currents. Course content includes charts, the compass, steering and timing a course, tides and tidal currents, effect of current and leeway, methods of determining position, running fixes, aids to navigation and electronic navigational aids.

Course Start Date: Thursday September 07, 2006

Length of Course: Up to 22 weeks Cost: \$140.00

2006-2007 London Squadron Upcoming Course Offerings

ELECTIVE COURSES

These courses are available to both members and non-members; however, members will enjoy a reduced fee to enrol.

Navigating with GPS

This seminar includes such topics as chart datum, waypoints, creating a route and hints on how to use the Global Positioning System (GPS) effectively when on the water.

Course Start Date: TBD

Length of Course: 5 weeks

Cost: \$50.00 (members) \$60.00 (non-members)

Fundamentals of Weather

This course enables a boater to anticipate adverse forecasts, by gathering pertinent information and interpreting weather signs. Content includes atmosphere, pressure, wind, temperature and moisture, stability and instability, air masses, frontal weather, clouds, precipitation and fog, wave theory and forecasting the weather.

Course Start Date: TBD

Length of Course: 7 weeks

Cost: \$80.00 (members) \$95.00 (non-members)

Marine Radio Course (VHF Certification)

With the new DSC format due to be up and operational for the Great Lakes area by April of 2006, we are anticipating that many of you will wish to upgrade your present VHF certificate, to include the new DSC portion of the mandatory certification, to allow you the benefits that this new technology will enable you to enjoy. Just imagine, sending a pre-determined fixed, call for assistance, at the push of a button and allowing you the freedom to deal with the emergency at hand. You may choose to take the whole course again, as a refresher, or choose only to upgrade your current certification to include the DSC portion only. For further information on this course, please contact 1stLt.Steve Waite @ 519-473-0517.

Course Dates: TBD

Length of course: 4 weeks for Thursday sessions and 2 weeks for Saturday sessions

Cost of Course:

Full course - \$45.00 (members) \$50.00 (non-members)

DSC upgrade portion only – (to take this portion only, you must show proof of current VHF certification) - \$35.00 (members) \$40.00 (non-members)

Boat Pro Seminar

Boat Pro offers the basics of safe boating rules and practices. It is well worth while for hunters, anglers and cottagers who use their boat primarily for transportation. This course is a good introduction into the Boating course. Boat Pro has been accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard. Successful completion of this course will gain you the Canadian Coast Guard's Pleasure Craft Operator's Certificate (PCOC).

Course Dates: TBD

Length of Course: 4 weeks for Thursday sessions and 2 weeks for Saturday sessions

Cost of Course: Full course - \$60.00 Challenge the test, with manual - \$40.00 Challenge the test, without manual - \$30.00

Note:

Members and the public should be aware that while the London Power and Sail Squadron strives to promote safe boating, and offer safe boating education through our membership, and elective courses, we do require a that certain minimum numbers are met for courses to proceed. If you are interested in any of these courses, or know someone who is interested please contact John Manvell @ 519-455-3627 as soon as possible.







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Buoyohboy - Answers to the four questions

1. A starboard bifurcation buoy 2. Keep it on you starboard side. 3. A red light that flashes twice and after a brief pause, it flashes once more. Every ten seconds, this pattern is repeated. 4. This is an east cardinal buoy. Go to the east of this buoy. There is no choice in this matter.

