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**Breaking News**

Little Whale Cay, Bahamas

Kristyn - calm, scarcely a breeze, dark dark star-glittered sky

I can jump up on the boom, again. It is my favourite place on the boat. The sail under its cover makes a fine cushion and its gentle angle up the mast could put even the softest chaise lounge to shame. When underway straight into the wind, I straddle the boom as some great steed, rocking far forward and back as we slice through waves. Calm nights at anchor, I am content to lay facing

astern and watch thousands stars through-stantions and halyards that slack and tighten, slack and tighten as the boat rolls and the boom sways a split second behind its motion. Never have I come close to falling off-knock on wood.

Now, imagine my dismay at being grounded from my steed with a broken bone. I had been oh-so-longingly eyeing my perch since I first stepped aboard in Miami, but couldn't figure out a safe way up. It wasn't until one

December  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

December

9th - Commanders Levee - HMCS Prevost  
11th - Bridge Meeting - HMCS Prevost

January

8th - Bridge Meeting - HMCS Prevost  
15th - Early Entry Photo Contest Submissions due

February

8th - Great Lakes Family Cruising HMCS Prevost

March

12th - Bridge Meeting  
16th - Late entry Photo Contest Submission due

April

9th - Bridge Meeting  
19th - 21st Western Ontario District Annual Meeting - Best Western Lamplighter

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## from the helm      Commander John Manvell



“Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat” as the old saying goes. Yes ! Christmas is around the corner with the giving of gifts and Turkey dinner plus all the dressing that goes with it.

Gifts – Brenda and John have a good selection of merchandise for sale. { order early }. Also as a gift, we have gift vouchers for courses, part price or full price are available, See Steve Waite for vouchers.

We had an excellent social evening on November 9th 2012. At HMCS. Speakers were from the O.P.P. and the Aux: Coast Guard, Over 50 people were present, with lots of questions and information. Light Snacks were provided.

Our next presentation will be on February 8th 2012 {Friday } at HMCS Prevost at 1900. Subject will be “Family Cruising”. Also a Photo Contest is coming up.

Thinking of Boats – by now most have been winterised and put to bed ready for the winter. AH ! What does one do on the long winter days and nights:- catch up on domestic chores and repairs, also upgrade our boating skills and knowledge.

This is also your invitation to come out to the Annual Year End Commanders Levee. Come and enjoy some festive beverages and snacks and catch up with good friends at this year’s Commanders Levee. When: December 09, 2012 Where: HMCS Prevost Ward Room Time: 1300 hrs - 1530 hrs

TO ALL a VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON.  
Commander John Manvell

## Winter 2013 Course Lineup

**COURSE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[WWW.POWERANDSAIL.CA](http://WWW.POWERANDSAIL.CA)**

### Our Winter 2013 Course Lineup includes:

- Maritime Radio**, Tues Jan 08, CCH Room 101 7pm
- Fundamentals of Weather**, Tues. Jan 08, CCH Room 100 7pm
- Pleasure Craft Operating Card (PCOC)**, Thur Jan10 HMCS Prevost 2nd floor 7pm
- Sail**, Thursday Jan10, HMCS Prevost 2nd floor 7pm
- Boating Essentials**, Thur Feb 07 HMCS Prevost 2nd floor 7pm
- Maritime Radio**, Tues April 23 CCH Room 101 7pm
- Radar for Pleasurecraft**, Tues April 23 CCH Room 100 7 pm
- Pleasure Craft Operating Card (PCOC)**, Thur May 09, HMCS Pre-

cool night in Chub Cay Marina, as I walked around the metal bar in front of the mast like a tight-wire, that I realized I could pop up the same way I mount my horse bareback, from the starboard side-no left hand required. In a moment of pure confidence, I took a handful of sail cover in my right hand and wrapped my left leg around the boom. Success! I clamped my legs tight once astride.

Knees and elbows firmly gripping my mount, cheek resting easily on the sail cover, I must have stayed there ten minutes or more in the cool evening air. It wasn't until after the chill seeped into my bones and I received at least the third odd glance from occupants of pretentiously immaculate fishing vessels (I suppose I can't pull this off the way I could when I was a kid. Ditto to licking clean ice cream bowls, jumping in mud puddles, and riding on shopping carts) that I realized I had no idea how to get down.

Long story short, I dismounted in as many pieces as I'd gone up with. Since that moment, I've spent hours contentedly back on my perch. All is well, truly.

Morgans Bluff was something else-the real Bahamas! Palm trees? No way. On our way into the anchorage we passed great vessels once tied to the freighter dock: Challenger, Lady Cathryne, which now stood proudly atop the ocean floor. We could just view their rusty tips poking proudly above the ocean's surface. On Christmas Eve, Santa came in on a freight tanker with huge, loud pumps to gather water for Nassau (the freshwater lakes near Morgans Bluff supply 50% of their needs). How magical!

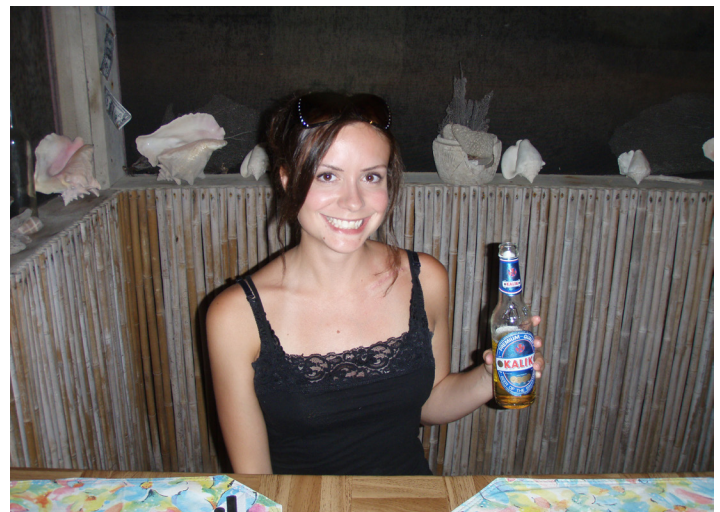
Willie's Water Bar was another attraction, featuring ear-drum-ripping old Christmas music on a stereo of quality rivalling some of the AM stations we used to pick up with our '80s work trucks in the provincial park at which I used to work. On the patio was a piece of coral that the place had obviously been built around, drunkenly spray-painted in bright reds and blues (see photo). What atmosphere!

Sadly, we have moved on-as of this afternoon we are anchored off Little Whale Cay, a small island kingdom of the ultra-rich. My mother was busy baking bread and cookies on the way over (as if our luxurious Christmas dinner weren't enough!), which we very much enjoyed for lunch. Afterward, she excitedly donned her snorkel gear to dive for shells (Morgans Bluff offered a few tires and sheets of rusty metal, but sadly few real treasures). She came up with a thick, hard to find sand dollar, which promptly broke in two the second she left it unattended.

With our new friends from Cygnus we took a dinghy excursion to Cockroach Cay (a descriptor of the island's shape rather than its inhabitants, I was sure to

have clarified before approaching), the nearest piece of land that was apparently not privately owned. A particularly wet ride over was certainly worth the view: Cockroach yielded a beautiful paradise of sheer rock and shrubs, complete with (you guessed it) construction equipment signalling a new ultra-rich-contrived-paradise-fantasy in the making. How inspiring!

Ahh, but paradise is not all well and good: we are chased, wherever we sail, by pirates. Yes, pirates! They call themselves the No-See-Ums. These tiny black dots put mosquitoes to shame in their tireless quest for our blood. They leave behind tens of itchy red spots. The boat's bug screens, trusty mosquito barriers, are to these monsters like welcoming doorways. Will the Englert family survive this pillaging? Stay tuned!



*Editor's note - This is an excerpt from Kristyn Englerts blog when she was cruising in the Bahamas with her family on Event Horizon II. Kristyn is now 27, and works freelance training horses and teaching equestrian lessons. She is also attending Western University for Health Sciences and will be applying for a Masters in Physiotherapy next fall. She enjoys making music, running, mountain-biking, and sailing on Lake Huron with friends and family.*



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# LONDON POWER AND SAIL RENDEZVOUS “YOUR BOAT AND THE LAW”

Story by Peter Hammond Photo by Drew Climie



Friday, November 9th of this year saw an exciting event at HMCS Prevost. Members from at least three squadrons as well as members of the public met to increase their knowledge of boating and, subsequently, their safety on the water. We were very pleased to see the wardroom filled and happy to provide the extra chairs which were needed to accommodate all of the people in attendance.

The event was titled, “Your Boat and the Law” and saw presentations from three individuals who have varying roles in boating safety.

Jan Barnewell represented the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and explained their role in boating safety and the organization of the CCGA across Canada. Merrit Edy from London Power and Sail Squadron told us about the Voluntary Safety Compliance Check he offers in the Bayfield area. Finally, Constable Troy Carlson from the OPP Marine Unit told us about the OPP’s role in enforcement and safety on the water. All of the presenters were informative and well received by the audience.

Formal presentations were followed by a question and answer period which saw an enthusiastic response from those present. Most of the questions were directed to Constable Carlson and focussed on what is expected when we are pulled over by the police. I think that most people would agree that they were relieved to find that the police will generally be reasonable in their expectations

and that they really are only looking out for our safety. Constable Carlson told a rather humorous anecdote about one boat that had a coleman stove and a portapotty on a raft attached to the boat and expected that to serve as a residence for purposes of being able to consume alcohol at anchor. For those in doubt, it does not meet the requirements.

The evening ended at about 2130 after refreshments and renewal of acquaintances (I met up with someone I haven't seen in about 40 years or so). Judging from the comments that I heard, the evening was well received and people are quite happy to see the return of this type of event to London Power Squadron.

Co-events officers Penelope VanderHeide and Peter Hammond are working on another three events for this year ending in June of 2013. Penelope has developed the plans for a photo contest focussed on boating. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this issue of London Line for details. The next formal presentation is tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2013 based on availability of the wardroom at HMCS Prevost. It is titled "Cruising with a Family" and will feature a presentation from a family of four and their dog who set out on a trip through the Great Lakes in their 36' catamaran. I saw them when they returned to Goderich at the end of their voyage and they were all in good shape and still speaking to each other. This would be an interesting presentation to attend in its own right but especially for people who are contemplating setting out with a young family. It will feature an oral presentation with pictures followed by a question and answer period. Watch for the e-blast coming your way later in January.

Our thanks to the LPS Bridge for their support of this endeavour and especially to Cam Stevens for his help in publicizing the event.

If you have any suggestions for upcoming events, please forward them to either Penelope or Peter at [events.lps@gmail.com](mailto:events.lps@gmail.com)

## Toronto Boat Show

This year regrettably London won't be arranging a bus to the Boat show. However our neighbouring Squadrons will be. This being Sarnia & Tillsonburg Power Squadrons.

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## London Power and Sail Squadron's Photo Contest

The London Power and Sail Squadron is launching its first Photo Contest themed "Why I Love Boating!"

Send in your photos that best describe why you love boating to win one of four prizes.

Start emailing your submissions immediately to [events.lps@gmail.com](mailto:events.lps@gmail.com). Be sure to include your name, address and CPS membership number.

Submission due dates:

- January 15, 2013 for the early entry prize.
- March 16, 2013 for all remaining prizes.

The awarding of prizes:

- An early entry prize will be announced at the Great Lakes Family Cruising event on Friday, February 8, 2013 at the HCMS Prevost.
- First, second and third prizes will be announced at the next Friday night event coming in March or April of 2013.

Contest Rules:

1. Entries will be judged based upon the following criteria: How well the photo communicates the theme; weighted equally - originality and creativity
2. There is no limit on the number of photographs that can be submitted per person
3. The entrant must be the owner/photographer of the photo
4. Only digital entries will be accepted (no print entries)
5. Digital files should be JPEG or JPG format
6. Submission files sizes must be a minimum of 1 MB and a maximum 5 MB (1500 x 1000 pixel minimum).
7. Colour correction, tonal cast changes, and minimal cropping are acceptable
8. Submissions with compositional changes and the addition of watermarks or signatures will not be accepted.
9. Bridge Officers and their families are ineligible.

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# Meet the Members -

## Peter Hammond



### **How and when were you introduced to boating?**

I have loved the water for as long as I can remember. I was a Navy League Cadet and a Sea Cadet here at HMCS Prevost when I was in my early teens. We had a minesweeper called the MV Rhea based in Port Stanley. After a couple of trips across the lake to Conneaut and Ashtabula, I found that I really enjoyed bouncing around on the lake.

When I finished High School at the ripe old age of seventeen, I joined the Navy and spent the next few years as a communicator on HMCS Columbia, a destroyer which is currently on permanent duty as a reef off the coast of Vancouver Island. My enjoyment of bouncing around on the lake turned into a love of bouncing around on the ocean. I even found that the rougher it was, the better I liked it. Leaving the Navy and moving back to London was a bittersweet experience. I was back home again but London isn't exactly a maritime capital and I missed the water.

I got my first sailboat about 30 years ago. It was a 17 foot wet sailer called an Arrow. It was a lot of fun but I couldn't take anybody in my family on it. Although I loved it, I ended up getting rid of it after a few years and spent the next several years watching longingly from the shore.

Fast forward to four years ago and I was finally able to get back on the water. A couple of weeks after I retired my wife said to me, "We should get you a boat." I thought that she meant something like my previous boat but she wanted something she could sit back and enjoy while I did all of the running around. We started looking and bought a 26' Mirage which we kept in Maitland Valley Marina In Goderich. We spent the next few years learning how to sail and getting comfortable on the water. It didn't work out that well for Pat, though, she does a fair bit of the running around too.

This year we moved up to a 34' O'Day. We got it at the beginning of the season and we are getting used to a much bigger boat. Docking has not been pretty but people are no longer running away screaming when the see Belle Amie entering Harbour. We are feeling more comfortable every time we leave the dock and, to date, we have sailed almost as much this year as we did all of last season.

### **How and when did you get involved with education with the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron?**

When I got the Mirage, I realized that there was an awful lot that I didn't know about boating. Asking around, I found out that CPS courses were the way to go. I signed up for the Fall session of the Boating course. I enjoyed the course tremendously. The material was exactly what I was looking for and the people I met in the course were great. A few courses later and I was asked to take on the role of Assistant Training Officer/Bursar. My duties include assisting in planning course offerings, looking after registrations and helping out with testing. I have enjoyed meeting the people and look forward to those I will meet in the future.

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## What are your present boating activities?

I am working on learning how to sail (and more importantly, dock) the larger boat. Electronics and systems are another learning experience but I am getting a lot of help from everyone in the Marina. I am already getting nervous about properly winterizing the boat this fall.

Moving from a park model trailer to staying on the boat has been a bit of a learning experience as well. Where does everything go, how do you sleep in a bed that is 6' wide at one end and 20" at the other? We learn something every time we go up but we are getting better and it is really quite cozy.

## What are your future boating plans or dreams?

I am looking forward to doing more than simply sailing out a few miles and sailing back. First step is to make a couple of overnight trips to Kincardine or Bayfield. We have only anchored once so we need a lot of practice anchoring. Once we have those steps in place, we can start planning longer trips.

This year, I would like to make a trip up to the North Channel if I can find an experienced "North Channeler" to tag along with. Ultimately I would like to take a trip around the Bruce Peninsula and spend a summer or two touring around Georgian Bay.

## What are your present non-boating activities?

I spend most of my non-sailing time playing my guitar and reading. I volunteer with Community Living London and Byron Optimists. The big excitement in my life, though, is the upcoming birth of our first grandchild.

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