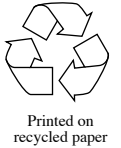




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## An interview with a Life Member

# Lea Marsh

Lea Marsh is on the right. He is receiving his 28th Merit Mark at the 2003 AGM from District Commander John Pegg (on the left). Incoming Commander Dick DesRosiers is in the background.



**P**/Cdr Lea Marsh, JN has 30 Merit Marks. One Merit Mark is earned by volunteering at least 20 hours of time a year for CPS. He became a Life Member of CPS in 1995 after volunteering for 20 years with the London Squadron.

Lea was born and raised in London near Dundas St. and Ontario St.

Lea started his training in Navigation during the war when he became a pilot. He joined the Signal Core and learned Morse code. In December 1941 he went to Air School in Hamilton and in 1942 joined the military. In June 1943 he was sent to Liverpool England and from there to the Advanced Flying Unit. In Oct 1943 he became a flying instructor in Cheltenham England. Lea piloted Avro Ansons and the Oxford. He also flew the DC3 in 1945, transporting supplies, wounded men and prisoners of war. He went home in 1945.

Lea got into sailing in 1972 with his sister and brother-in-law in Port Stanley on their 32' Golden Hind sloop. Shortly after, he got his first boat and trailer. It was a 15' day sailor which he learned to sail on Fanshawe Lake.

One day while sailing on Lake Huron at Red Bay he saw a heavy gray-brown cloud on the horizon. Lea noted his compass course and started motoring back to the dock half a mile away.

A minute later the fog came in and he could only see the front of his boat. 2pm the next day the fog had lifted. Six other boats out that day never got in.

In 1973 P/Cdr Gerry Kirkland talked Lea into taking the CPS boating course. David Parke was his instructor, Doris Hall was his proctor and Bob Parke was the Training Officer. Lea enjoyed the course and now has been involved with the London Squadron for 35 years. During that time he was the Commander in 1982-1983, Assistant Supply Officer and Historian. He has also instructed and proctor courses and presided over exams including boating and marine radio.

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## Murder Mystery Night

HMCS Prevost is again hosting a Murder mystery dinner. They have brought back the same professional acting troupe as the first mystery night two years ago. The cost for the evening is 35.00 for mess members and 40.00 for non mess members, (not to be confused with London Squadron members). In addition to the full dinner there will be prizes for best costume and for solving the mystery. 45 attendees to make this event a reality so invite your friends and get involved in a murder. RSVP to Bev as soon as possible.

## CALENDAR

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

### April

**25-26 District AGM**, Quality Inn, Woodstock, ON

### May

**10 Murder Mystery Night**  
HMCS Prevost. RSVP s soon as possible. Bev 670-4123. See article on this page.

**29 Graduation Dinner**  
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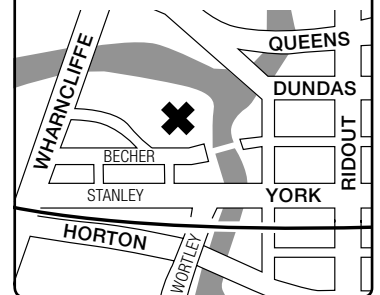
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## .....a few parting thoughts

By the time this edition of the London Line reaches you, our members, the date of the Annual General Meeting of London Squadron will have come and gone. A new Bridge, or Executive Committee, will have been elected to carry on the valuable work of your Squadron and they will face their challenges with the enthusiasm we have come to expect of these hard-working volunteers.

The many successes of the past year are due to the dedication and skill of the 2007-08 Officers and their willingness to 'go the extra mile' (kilometer?) to ensure that our many students achieved success. They deserve our sincere thanks for their significant contribution of time and effort.

I urge all members to consider becoming involved as a volunteer in our organization. Whether you are interested in making a major or a minor commitment, your time will be appreciated and you are sure to take away something valuable from the experience. If you wish to discuss the opportunities that await you as a CPS Volunteer, I invite you to call or email me [larry.monger@gmail.com](mailto:larry.monger@gmail.com) at your convenience.

As I leave the position of Commander of the Squadron, I need to express my sincere appreciation to all of the 2007-08 Officers for their support. It has been a fulfilling year for me – lots of challenges and a great opportunity to meet, learn and serve with some very dedicated people.

Many thanks go to all members for having afforded me this exciting opportunity and best wishes to all for a safe and pleasurable boating season.

*Larry Monger, Past Commander*

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## Lea Marsh *Continued from page 1*

Lea took the Seamanship Sail course in 1975, Advanced Piloting in 1976 and Junior Navigator in 1977. In 1985 he took the Marine Weather course after which he became the instructor for it. He taught me Marine Weather in 1987.

Lea has owned 4 boats. A 15' and 19' day sailor and an 18' Chrysler. His last boat was a 23' Paceship named DON QUIJOTE which he sailed with his wife Gerda. They kept their boat in the Marina in Thornbury on Georgian Bay which first charged \$45 a year. It's now over \$150 a year.

Other hobbies Lea has are archery and golf. The first hole of the Highland Country Club was just off his back door when he lived on Upper Queen St.

Four years ago Lea sold his boat to his daughter after 31 years of sailing. In June of this year Lea Marsh will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*John Hamilton*

## Euchre Night

A small but enthusiastic crowd of would be euchre players came out to HMCS Prevost Sat. March 1. Most people hadn't played in the last year, so were all skeptical on their skills. However after the first hand was played out, it all came back to everyone... The London Bridge also wants to apologize for not giving more notice in the "London Line". This could not be helped because of the nominating committees AGM's Notice. For those of you who may have been interested, we're thinking of doing it again next year, so look for it in the "Line" again.

Past Commander Larry Monger cordially invites Squadron Members and Graduates of all 2007-08 classes, their families and special guests to:

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• *How long have you been boating, and could you share a fondly remembered moment?*

Since I was 4, so more years than I will tell. I started canoeing and dinghy sailing at the cottage. When my mother let my father buy a boat it was power for the first summer, motor sailor for the next summer, then a Tahiti ketch sailboat for the next 29 years (it's in our logo). When I was finished school for the summer, my father would drop us off in Midland and we didn't come back until school started again. Sailing out to the Islands, anchoring and exploring the Island, I was very lucky growing up! My first boat was a 30' schooner and I took it in the 1984 Tall Ship Rendezvous...that was fun!

• *Being a busy business-person, do you still get much of a chance to go boating?*

Not as much as I would like, but I do squeeze some time in. I go back and forth between power and sail and am going to launch my new tugboat that I have been building later this spring. I always make sure I have a boat around, I need my fix!

• *What advice would you share with girls/women who want to become sailors/boaters?*

Just Do It! Learn about it, become comfortable with practice, and the wisest words my father told me was don't go out if the weather is bad. If you get caught somewhere and don't want to come back to your homeport, take the bus!!! Get the boat later! It's nice to have options and stay safe!

• *What are your favourite areas for boating?*

Georgian Bay North Channel and the British Virgin Islands, its great for chartering.

• *How has the P.C.O.C. requirement affected your business, either in terms of sales of safety equipment or questions about safe boating in general?*

I am a safety fanatic; I had a bad experience delivering a boat south, so since then I push safety. The PCOC has helped bring safety to the for front, and now people are listening and reacting. You see people on their boats wearing their PFD's and knowing a lot more about safety equipment. HURRAY!

• *What role would you say that organizations like CPS play in the overall safety of boating?*

I believe that CPS plays a huge roll in educating boaters. All of the courses are helpful in developing people's knowledge and comfort levels. We always recommend to our customers that they take a course and brush up or that new boaters start the learning process. It also brings people together with like-minded people, so it's fun!

• *How would you rate the average boaters' concern about environmental issues like water health?*

We still need to work on that. I am putting together a list on things that boaters Can Do to help, like environmentally safe cleaners, fuel overflow catchers and more. We are also again having an Environmental Day June 7<sup>th</sup> between World Environmental Day June 5<sup>th</sup> and Ocean Day June 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more on this subject on our web site, we still need to do a lot more!

• *Here's the big one; Where do you see Mason's 30 years from now?*

Well, hopefully we will still be pushing the topics like safety, and environmental, still be helping to educate through seminars for product knowledge. I hope we can pod cast someday, so more people can benefit.

I think that if we continue to work hard for our customers, that they will continue to support us. To us its always a two way street and we will do our part in the Industry and come up with new ideas all the time! My parents started The Store when Dad turned 50 as a retirement project, and here we are 30 years later. So one never really knows what tomorrow will bring, but I am looking forward to it!

Thanks, Lori Mason



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The boom swung violently across the boat and caught my skull just behind the ear. No time to check for blood, I had my hands full with the mainsheet and the rudder. I had managed to lock the rudder down only moments before and the effect it had on steering the 15 foot Albacore sailing dinghy was really quite remarkable! The urgent vocalizations of my companion at the jibsheets brought everything into sharp focus. I immediately let go of the mainsheet to which I had been clinging with a sort of vengeance and the responsive vessel stopped heeling as we began our slow tack over to the docks on the far shore away from the dam, which had been our previous heading.

The blustery day chosen for our inaugural launching had quickly proven to be somewhat of a miscalculation on our part. Once safe at the dock, we took a breather. Humility, a character trait with which I was



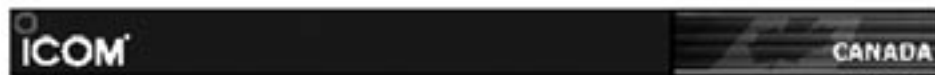
# I guess that's why they call it the Boom!

to become increasingly familiar with, sat there with us as a silent presence. I had, after all, read several books on the subject of sailing in addition to watching videos over the winter months following the "rescue" of the Albacore from behind a garage.

How hard could it be? I had asked myself that question and now found the answer in the rapidly swelling "goose egg" that I now gingerly inspected. After what seemed like an eternity (although in reality probably about 20 minutes), we were once again back where we had launched. As I strapped the boat back on it's trailer, I resolved to call the Fanshawe Yacht Club when I got home to inquire about lessons. It is usually said that the best way to learn the art of sailing is to do it. As a caveat, I would add that the best way to learn the art of sailing is to do it with someone who knows what they are doing!



Mark Anderson



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# TECH TIP Spring tune up

Courtesy of Ships Ahoy Marine Ltd.  
Author, Brian Burleigh

It is the time to prepare ourselves to perform the all important TUNE UP. Tune up means different things to different people. This tip is directed at inboard engines although a number of steps and procedures are common with outboard motors. I will share with you some of the more common items overlooked by do it yourselfers and sometimes by trained technicians.

We all know that when someone says tune up we think spark plugs, and if our boat is more than a few years old, maybe points and condenser would be figured in, and most likely a rotor, and possibly even a distributor cap. Don't forget those fuel filters (some engines have as many as three).

Once we have our basic parts on hand, it is time to begin.

- First step is to be sure our batteries are fully charged. Be aware that many of the newer electronic ignition systems with onboard computers require batteries in top condition to function well.
- Install that fully charged battery making sure that the connections are clean, dry & free of oil or grease & tight. Poor electrical connections can cause a long list of problems. It is also important that your batteries are secure.
- If your engine is ready to run, it is a good idea to warm it up some, and perform a compression test. (tuning an engine with poor compression is money not well spent). Compression readings should

be within specifications set by the manufacturer and should not vary highest to lowest reading by more than 20%.

- Your tune up parts can be installed paying attention to settings for spark plug gap, point gap ( or dwell ).
- That "thing" on top of your carburetor?; an air filter it is not; but it is very important that it is clean. That "thing" is a flame arrester and its primary function is to squelch any back fire flames that may occur in the intake manifold or carburetor. A dirty flame arrester will rob your engine of the air it needs to breath properly.
- Your tune up should also include a thorough inspection of all belts and hoses. A loose or worn belt may cause the charging system to not charge your battery leading to an engine that will not run. A leaky hose can dump water into the bilge and can also cause engine overheat leading to engine failure.
- Now is time to finish your engine set up including timing and carburetor. Check, Check & Check again as your final step, for fuel leaks and to ensure all of your parts & pieces are secure.

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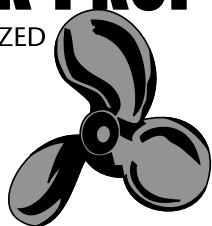
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