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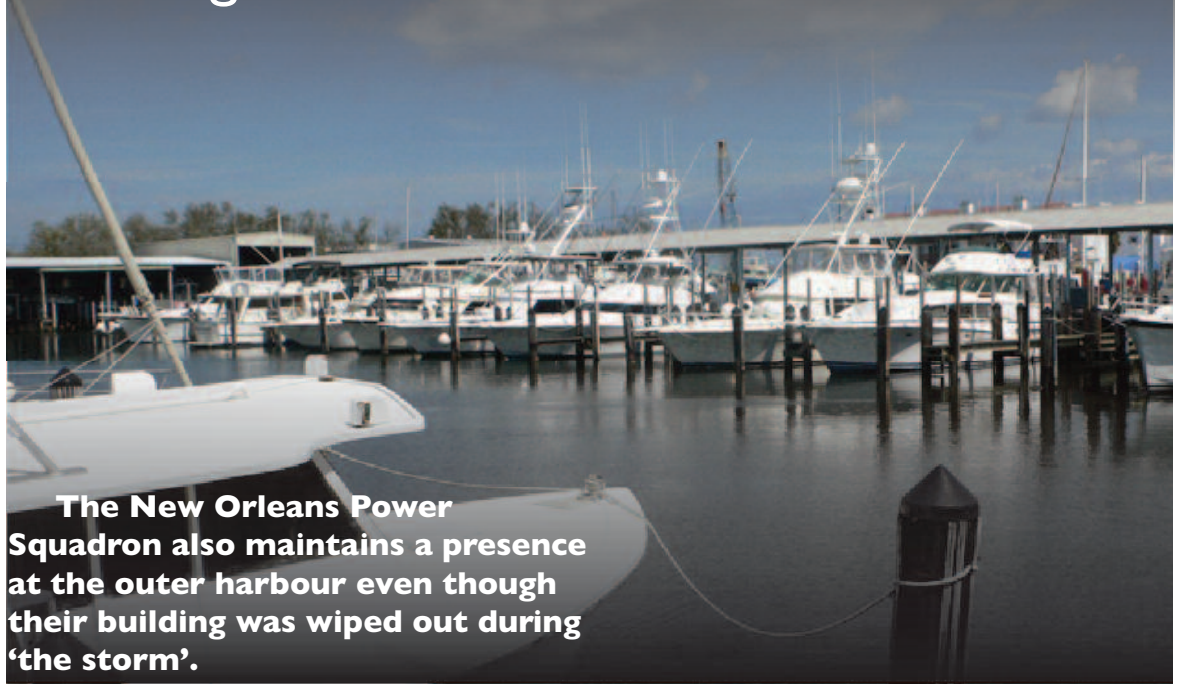


New hope
for Old Rope!
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NEWS & VIEWS OF THE
LONDON POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Post Katrina Part 2: Boating in New Orleans



The New Orleans Power Squadron also maintains a presence at the outer harbour even though their building was wiped out during 'the storm'.

'We got hit by a tornado,' notes P/C Charles Chapman Jr. The Squadron has set up temporary operations in a trailer on site and they continue to host their safety and boating classes. 'Our basic boating class right now is too big for the trailer,' notes Charles, who was on his way to teach a class, 'but we're using a local church.' Interest in Power Squadron education is still

strong!

Orleans Marina, located in the inner harbour basin, has just completed the renovations of their landed facilities which were required as a result of damage from Katrina. However, Charles Dixon, marina manager explains "We didn't lose any boats to the storm!"

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August
2009

COMING
EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1st - Submission deadline for London Line August Edition
- 11th - Squadron Bridge meeting @ 1900, HMCS Prevost, London
- 20th - Barbeque and Pre-registration at HMCS Prevost, 1730 until 2000 (details pg. 7)

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd - Course week 1 begins
- 8th - Squadron Bridge meeting @ 1900, HMCS Prevost, London
- 30th - National AGM, Sherbrooke, Quebec

OCTOBER

- 1st - Submission deadline for London

Line October Edition

- 12th - Thanksgiving Day
- 13th - Squadron Bridge meeting @ 1900, HMCS Prevost, London

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from the helm



**COMMANDER
DEB HUGHES**

As I write this from the deck of our cottage on Lake Huron - we have just had a front move in from the south west. Storms on the great lakes can blow up so quickly – a major reason to be prepared for the elements when necessary. Many times while racing or cruising our boats we have had to deal with weather as it happens. The more knowledge you have on all aspects of boating, the better prepared we are to deal with the unknown. Canadian Power and Sail courses are great for this.

My mind wanders to those boats on the water for the Mackinac race this week end. What hand has mother nature dealt them this year? I had the opportunity to race the Mackinac years ago, with the dubious honour of the boat for which I was crewing getting the Pickle Flag for last boat on corrected time. Our captain had made decisions based on weather data at the start of the race. It quickly became apparent how the weather can shift in a very short span of time. Our only redeeming grace was that as the "Pickle Flag" boat we were honoured to have breakfast with the winning boat at the Grand Hotel.

Rubbing elbows with the likes of Jessie Jackson – in attendance because the Democratic Convention was being held there - was definitely worth the price of admission. The fact that we had stayed on the water, despite at least three boats being de-masted and several others never reaching the finish line, made the Pickle Flag not such a bad thing.

We have a great roster of courses coming up this season at the London Power and Sail Squadron. The 2009/2010 course offerings range from your basic PCOC card (which, incidentally, is mandatory this year, effective September 15th), to our more comprehensive Boating Course, and the more advanced courses: Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Celestial Navigation, Navigating with GPS, Electronic Charting, Global Weather and Radar. We hope you will take the opportunity to build your skills on the water by taking one of our course offerings this year. This year the London Power and Sail Squadron is honoured to be celebrating our 60th Anniversary! More details are on the first page of this issue in Coming Events. All boating enthusiasts are welcome!

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The marina currently hosts 326 boats according to Dixon and that number has stayed consistent over the past several years, including the time before and after Katrina. Buzzy pointed out that the inner harbour is much more sheltered than the outer harbour which is located right on the lake.

Although there is much evidence of the re-building process in the area, visiting boaters should be aware that many conveniences are not available. According to a local cab driver working for United Cab, there used to be several restaurants in the area, but they were wiped out by the storm. Still, the company is used to picking boaters up at the harbour area and, for a \$22.00 cab ride, can be let off right in the middle of New Orleans' famous French Quarter with its numerous historic restaurants, bars, night-life and first-class hotels. A less expensive option is to ask the

cab driver to take you to the northern terminal of the Canal Street streetcar line for about \$12.00. There, for an additional \$1.25 per person (exact change required) you can enjoy the romance of a historic ride into the downtown area on one of New Orleans' famed street cars. Enjoy some boiled crawfish, grilled or fresh oysters, shrimp etouffée, a famous moufalleta sandwich, or slip into the world famous Café Du Monde for a chicory coffee and some beignets!

It's recommended when traveling around the city to stick to main, well patrolled roads and inside the French Quarter. 'Sadly, in N'awlins, we loose one ah two tourists a year' notes a long time resident with a typical southern drawl, '... usually due to them bein' where they shouldn't outta be.' You should also note that in a city where a large proportion of the population depends on the service sector to make a living, tipping is quietly expected. 'It is said that while 80 percent of the population of New Orleans is Catholic, 100 percent of the population practices Voodoo,' notes chef George Thomas. It's probably best not to mess with them.

As for intrepid boaters, Dixon agrees. 'It'll take a lot more than a little hurricane now and then to keep boaters from boating.' Coupled with the fact that the New Orleans area offers some of the best sailing opportunities anywhere along the Gulf coast, and a virtually guaranteed nine months of clement weather, boating in N'awlins is alive and well!



The Outer Harbour

Ralph Lembcke

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Meet The Members

... is an occasional column profiling members of the London Power and Sail Squadron. If you'd like to submit a member or yourself to be profiled, respond to the same questions you see below with a suitable photo and send them to the editor by email. This month's candidate is the London Line Membership Officer, Bernie Weis.

How and when were you introduced to boating?

There are very few perfect moments in life but some of those that I have experienced have occurred while on the water. Picture a sunny day on a crystal clear lake. I was almost out of sight of land and the water was like glass with not a ripple as far as the eye could see. But there was just enough wind to move the sailboat silently and effortlessly to nowhere in particular. Occasionally, I could hear voices from people talking in other boats over a mile away. In that moment, the stillness was surreal and I was grounded through the water to the entire planet. That's what boating means to me. All the preparation and work involved in getting to that point makes it worthwhile.

How and when did you get involved with the Power and Sail Squadron?

I started boating when I was a teenager and even a small canoe gave me a sense of freedom and the satisfaction of being in control of my own destiny. I paddled my canoe from Tobermory to Flowerpot Island, from Honey Harbour to Beausoleil Island and down the Thames River from St. Mary's to London during the spring runoff before they banned that activity. On a particularly warm day in January one year, I recall making the voyage down the South branch of the Thames from Dorchester to London. By late afternoon as we pulled into London, it was chilling down rapidly we had to bang the paddles on the side of the canoe to break off the ice.

What are your present boating activities and future plans?

Not sure how I got hooked on sailing. I suppose it just appeared to be a more environmentally friendly way of moving over the water and I particularly liked the silence and peacefulness of each voyage. Eventually, I acquired a Hughes 27 sailboat and travelled the shores of Lake Huron for a 10 year period. Fortunately, there is more sand than rock in the Port Franks area shoreline as I developed my sailing skills mostly by trial and error. While I don't make the time to do much sailing at the present due to other commitments, I plan to change that in the near future when I retire. This is why I joined the Power Squadron organization... to give me the skills I need to realize my dream of cruising around the Caribbean in a catamaran during our increasingly hostile Canadian winters. As I work in the IT field, I somehow ended up as the Membership Officer for the London chapter of CPSS and spend a few hours a month maintaining the mailing list. As Mark Twain said: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Hoping that your most memorable boating experiences are yet to come.



“You Are Boating In Our Drinking Water”



... is the message the Municipality of Central Elgin, the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) want boaters to remember while you enjoy one of this region’s wondrous recreational pastimes.

“When the sun is out and the water is glistening, boaters might be too preoccupied to think about how their actions are affecting our drinking water,” says Betsy McClure, KCCA’s stewardship coordinator. “We really want people to realize that activities and actions in the lake and in the Kettle Creek watershed have an impact on our drinking water supply.”

Lake Erie is the source of drinking water for approximately 100,000 people in the communities of Elgin

County and the City of London. The water is extracted from Lake Erie at the intake located 1200 meters offshore and piped to the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant, located just east of Port Stanley and where Kettle Creek outlets to the lake.

The area immediately surrounding the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant intake pipe is known as an intake protection zone (IPZ). This area is determined by a variety of factors such as the amount of time it would take any material spilled in the lake to reach the water intake and subsequently the water treatment plant. Under the Clean Water Act, 2006 the province has required that several intake protection zones be identified: one for the area immediately surrounding the intake; one for the broader area where a spill could potentially reach the intake before the plant operator can appropriately deal with it; and a third that includes a larger part of the watershed.

In the case of the intake pipe near Port Stanley, the first IPZ immediately surrounds the intake and is a 1,000 meter radius that never touches land. Protecting this immediate area ensures a healthy supply of water now and in the future. The second IPZ extends as far west as Port Stanley and Port Stanley harbour, encompassing an area about 7 kilometers wide and 3 kilometers off shore. “Boaters may not live near the intake protection zone, or even in the Kettle Creek watershed,” says McClure, “but what they do on their vacation or weekend get away can affect local water quality.”

The Municipality of Central Elgin, the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority will be conducting a public awareness/education campaign regarding the intake protection zone throughout the summer months. . . . continued on Pg. 6

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