

Fredericton Power and Sail Squadron

Report to Atlantic District Meeting

Moncton, NB

April 11 & 12, 2008

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The Fredericton Power and Sail Squadron (FPSS) is pleased to report a good term. The Fall courses continued into the winter months with additional Winter Courses which ran during the months of January to the first week of April. Enrollment was good for most of the courses we offered this year.

This report outlines the basic activities of the Fredericton Power and Sail Squadron during the period from November 2007 to April 2008.

COURSES

The FPSS had two registration nights in the Fall, October 1st & 2nd, 2007 and the evening of January 7th, 2008 for the winter courses. Courses were well attended.

Here are the courses with the number of participants.

Boating:	9	Navigation with GPS	11
Piloting	3	Electronic Charting	17
Advanced Piloting	5	Depth Sounding	6
Extended Cruising	5	Radar	15
Marine First Aid	8	Diesel (April 8 & 9)	18
Maritime Radio 1	6	Out Board Motors (April 15)	11
Maritime Radio 2	15		

On March 1st, 2008 a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC) Training Session took place at the SCAC with 17 people in attendance.

As part of the ***Community School Initiative***, a pilot project was organized by Dave Nickerson and Mary Grant to teach the Boat Pro Course to two groups. There was a maximum of fifteen students per group from Grade 6 to 8, students from the Devon Middle School.

D. Nickerson and M. Grant teamed up to teach a first group in January 2008 and another group to start during the Spring Term.

The Squadron plans to run the one day Boat Pro Course every month this summer. The first course took place on March 29 with 7 participants with the second one planned for April 20th. All courses are taught at the Small Craft Aquatic Centre (SCAC) starting at 8:45 am. To reserve your seat, registration can be done on-line.

MEMBERSHIP

At the time of writing this report, the Members were in the process of renewing their Membership. The Membership Officer reported that out of the potential number of members 83 had renewed their membership to date.

PUBLICATIONS

The name of our publication is the Binnacle which is mailed out to the Membership. Issues were printed: November 2007 and February 2008 with the next one to come out in late April or early May 2008.

A few copies of our latest Binnacle are included with this report. Copies of the Binnacle can be found on the FPSS Website. Our Squadron is quite fortunate to have the expertise of a great Publications Officer!

TREASURER

I am pleased to report that the Fredericton Power and Sail Squadron is operating in the black and is healthy financially and otherwise.

The Squadron also made a donation to the CPS Foundation's Honour Roll last Fall and will receive it's 14th Honour Roll Certificate at the 2008 National Annual General Meeting.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

The Squadron's Annual Christmas Party took place at the Centre Communautaire Ste -Anne on December 6, 2007. Again this year, the weather cooperated and the Party was very well attended. Santa found all of his sailors in good form.

David Estey was our guest speaker and he entertained us with a presentation accompanied by great pictures about his sailing adventure last Spring in British Columbia.

The Commander hosted a reception, on Friday, January 25th, 2008 at her residence, for Bridge members and their spouses. Those attending had a great time and everyone had a chance to share boating experiences during the evening.

Another activity is a ***Breakfast on Board*** scheduled to take place April 19, 2008 at 900 h at Sobey's on Regent Street. In the past, a ***"Cooking on Board Evening"*** was a way to attract people to come together and socialize.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginette Ouellette

Commander

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