



**Tillsonburg Squadron Bridge**

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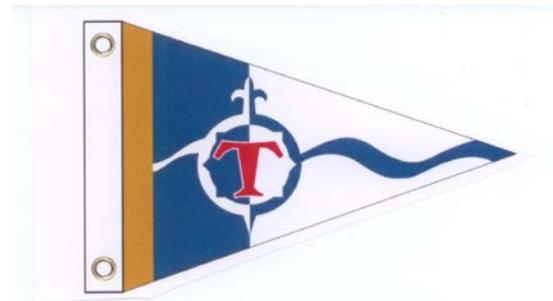
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Call Larry at 519-842-5618 if you are interested in taking any classes to upgrade your skills. Especially for your Pleasure Craft Operator Card or Maritime Radio Operators Certificate.

Tillsonburg Squadron Annual Poker Run and Corn Roast, to be held at the Port Rowan Pavillion on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. Great Prizes and Good Food, come join us for a Day of Fun. See flyer in this newsletter for details. Also on that day we will be collecting expired flares for disposal to Orion. We will be accepting expired flares at Marina Shores.

See Peter Barbour or Doug Robinson to have your boat checked in an RVCC, Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check, this is a free service of Tillsonburg Squadron and could save you a fine if you don't have the proper equipment on board.

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Our Squadron is now 50 years old and we are able to add a gold stripe on our burgee. They are available from Joan at 519-842-5618. These are \$25.00 each and are a great addition to your vessel. We will have Burgees and Power Squadron Flags at the corn roast.

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For all the required equipment that you need on your boat, go to the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide on the web. You will find all the safety equipment that you need for your length of vessel.



## EMERGENCIES DO OCCUR

Does everyone on board know how to call for help?

The Marine Radio Course provides you with training on emergency radio procedures along with everyday operating techniques.

Secure your family's lifeline. Be sure that you and your crew are certified to use your VHF radio.

Boaters who already have their certificate may upgrade to include the new DSC endorsement.



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**Call Larry for your Restricted Operator Certificate Maritime. It's the law.**



Well, we are well underway into the boating season and it looks like we are finally getting some nice weather, hopefully this trend keeps on going. We had our AGM back in April and kept most of the same bridge members. We are currently in need of a membership officer if anyone knows of someone or would like to volunteer and join us on the bridge we would welcome them with open arms.

Once again our Squadron participated in Camp Day in June and prepared hot dogs at one of the local Tim Hortons in Tillsonburg. Thanks you to all who helped that morning, job well done even though the weather was terrible.

A couple of weeks ago the Rendezvous was held in Sarnia once again with Sarnia hosting this

year. Tillsonburg has built a reputation of cooking a mean breakfast and were called upon to do so once again on the Sunday of the Rendezvous. Thanks to Joan and Larry Hicks, Brent and Jacqui Hicks, Howard and Iris Wilhelm and my wife Crystal for being there and doing a wonderful job as always, Sausages, Pancakes, Peameal Bacon, Eggs the way you like them, Toast and Coffee were on the menu for the hungry boaters.

Next is our Annual Poker Run and Corn Roast being held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Port Rowan Lions Pavillion. Details are attached in the newsletter about this event, come out and have some fun with us, some nice prizes to be had, good food and company. Also that day if you have any Expired Flares that you're needing to dispose of, we are doing that as well, bring them along when you register at one of the registration points and give them to us. We are all set up with boxes to send them back to C.I.L Orion to be disposed of in the proper way. Transport Canada has set this up and we are one of the Squadrons in our District to be able to offer this to members and anyone who wants to get rid of Expired Flares. So tell your friends about it and mark the date on your calendar, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Hope to see everyone at this event and have yourself a great summer of boating and keep safe please.

Respectfully Submitted, Eric Hatzembuhler,  
Commander of Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron.

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Don't forget used flare drop off at Marina Shores during the Poker Run on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. Someone will be there to help with your flares. See you there and at the Poker Run and Corn Roast. This is a free service by Orion and Transport Canada so get rid of those used flares.



# FAMILY POKER RUN



HOSTED BY: THE TILLSONBURG POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

Saturday August 10, 2019

Prizes and BBQ at Port Rowan Pavilion 1600 (4pm)

Join us for fun, food & fellowship entry fee \$10.00 per hand

Register at Marina Shores or Booths Harbour From 1000 til 1300 (1pm)

Card pickups at Marina Shores, Fin & Feather, Old Cut Marina,  
Booths Harbour & the Pavilion at Port Rowan

EVERYONE WELCOME, YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A POWER SQUADRON  
MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE

## PRIZES

1st Prize \$100, 2nd Prize \$50, 3rd Prize \$25

Door prizes, free corn on the cob & hotdogs



## Lake Erie Mayflies

Sometime around the middle of May and lasting through June and into July, there is a plague of insects that strikes the cities, towns and villages along Lake Erie's shoreline. This plague is outdone only by those described in the Bible (or so it seems that way to townfolk) of great hordes of insects invading the land and laying it to waste. Fortunately, this insect is totally harmless unless you are sliding on them in your car. They are drawn to any light source – coating the sides of buildings and telephone poles. They are actually a handsome bug, windswept transparent wings, two long graceful tails no thicker than a hair, streamlined body-the main problem- they stink like dead fish, What am I talking about, you ask – the now famous Lake Erie Mayflies. Mayflies usually live for 24 – 72 hours. Don't forget that they've already spent 1-2 years on the bottom of the lake as a nymph borrowed in the mud. Within that three days, though, they manage to get into about everything you can imagine. You will find dead mayflies lying around on the sidewalks, in spider webs, on window ledges etc. they'll go anywhere where there's light at night. Wear a white shirt outside at night and you'll see.

Many mayflies stack up on the streets below street light, this is where they land after they get tired of flying around the light for hours on end. Once on the street, they are usually run over by cars and make this “snapping” sound and it's all over. If it's dry, they turn into a dust after several hours of traffic. If it's raining, they turn into a thick soup that smells something awful.

Mayflies only flourish in water that is not polluted, so thanks to the zebra mussel, Lake Erie Water is the clearest its been in many years so a good habitat for mayflies. The only advise I can give is to wash them off your boat or home with a hose and be careful when driving, the road will be very slippery when mayflies are present. Your vehicle will hydroplane just as if you were on a highway covered with water.

Most of this article taken from  
The Mayflies of Lake Erie – Official Site

## Seagoing Superstitions

Boating is a centuries- old activity wrought with superstitions, including the following:

- Pouring wine on the deck will bring good luck on a long voyage (a libation to the gods, while being good for the soul).
- Women aboard a ship make the sea angry, but a naked woman onboard will calm the sea. (this is the reason for naked figureheads).
- A stolen piece of wood mortised into the keel will make the ship sail faster.
- A silver coin placed under the masthead ensures a successful voyage.

A few boating superstitions involve bananas. In the early 1700s during the height of Spain's South Atlantic and Caribbean trading empire, nearly every ship that disappeared at sea was carrying a cargo of bananas, giving rise to the belief that hauling bananas was a dangerous prospect. This superstition has other purported origins as well:

- Banana boats were believed to be so fast that fishermen never caught anything while trolling from them.
- Another theory holds that bananas aboard slave ships fermented, giving off methane gas that would get trapped below decks. Anyone in the hold would succumb to the gas and anyone who climbed into the hold to help would fall prey to the dangerous gas as well.
- A better known danger of bananas at sea is a species of spider with a lethal bite that likes to hide in bunches of bananas. Crew members suddenly dying of spider bites after bananas are brought aboard certainly would be considered a bad omen, resulting in the cargo being tossed into the sea.

The above article taken from the USPS Ensign



We are having an expired flare collection day on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Marina Shores. Members of the Tillsonburg Squadron will be on hand to gather up your expired flares for disposal. It is very hard to dispose of your expired flares as you can't shoot them off unless you have an emergency. You cannot put them in your household garbage, the police and fire department will not take them, so what do we do with them? Bring them to Marina Shores on Saturday morning August 10, 2019 and we will have a member on sight to collect them. They will then be shipped back to C.I.L.Orion and disposed of properly. This collection is done through Orion and Transport Canada and your Tillsonburg Power and Sail Squadron. The following pages will tell some of the kinds of flares that we can collect but anything that are expired we will collect them.



Your flares are good for four years from date of manufacture and this date is stamped on the outside of your flares. After four years these flares are expired and will not be OK if you are checked by the Coast Guard or other agency. You will need to buy new ones to keep you current on your safety equipment.

We will be able to talk to you about your flares and what you need to keep you current on your safety equipment. We can tell you how and when you can set off your flares. They are for emergencies and that is the only time they can be set off. You can check with the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide as to the number and kind of flares needed by your length of vessel. If you have any other questions about safety equipment ask a Power Squadron Member.

When purchasing new flares be sure to buy them in Canada as the United States have a different stamping on their flares and they will work but you are not in compliance with Canadian Laws.

So see you are our Poker Run and Flare Disposal Day on August 10, 2019.

# Acceptable Flares

FLARES ARE APPROVED FOR FOUR YEARS FROM THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE, WHICH IS MARKED ON EACH DEVICE.

MANUFACTURE: CIL/ORION: HAND HELD RED FLARES, POCKET ROCKET AERIAL SIGNALS, SKYBLAZER ALERT SIGNALS, SIGNALS, HANDHELD ORANGE SMOKE, PARACHUTE SIGNAL ROCKET. SKYBLAZER II SELF CONTAINED AERIAL SIGNALS, 12 GAUGE HP RED AERIAL FLARES, 25 MM HIGH PERFORMANCE AERIAL



<b>MANUFACTURE:</b>	<b>PAINS WESSEX</b>							
LIFESMOKE MK9,	LIFESMOKE MK8,	LINETHROWER	250	ROCKET,	RED	HANDFLARE		
DAY AND NIGHT	ROCKET MK8A,							
ROCKET MK8,	COMPACT	PERSONAL	DISTRESS	SIGNALS,	PARACHUTE	ILLUMINATING		
SMOKE MK8		DISTRESS	SIGNAL,	WHITE	HANDFLARE	MK8, HAND		



## Not Acceptable Flares

<b>MANUFACTURE:</b>	<b>PAINS WESSEX</b>	and	<b>CIL/ORION</b>	<b>DAY AND NIGHT.</b>
<b>MANUFACTURE:</b>	<b>PAINS WESSEX</b>	and	<b>COMET</b>	<b>LINE THROWING ROCKET.</b>

