



# Newsletter

of The Canadian Safe Boating Council

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## Newsletter

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# Safe Boating Week Launch

**O**n May 15 the sun sparkled on the Otonabee River at Little Lake in Peterborough for the launch of North American Safe Boating Week 2003. Moving the ceremonies and demonstrations to the heart of the

Kawartha Lakes and the Trent/Severn Waterway paid off with smiles and the kind of day that makes everyone think eagerly of the boating season ahead. With an eye to cottagers and the hunting and fishing demographic of those who go about in boats, the Canadian Safe Boating Council conveyed the 3 message of: wearing PFD's, avoiding alcohol on the water and taking a boating course as preparation for obtaining the Pleasure Craft Operators Card, to the assembled audience and invited media.

Local public school classes also participated in the event, offering a challenge to the presentation and entertainment skills of CSBC Chair John Gullick, and celebrity guest Luba Goy (of CBC's Royal Canadian Air Farce). Of the invited dignitaries (including the Mayor and the Peterborough area MP and MPP) it was Daniel Haché, Manager of the Office of Boating Safety who had the greatest success communicating with the young audience down in front of the pontoon boat stage by speaking to them from ground level. He focused on the 3 themes of the day and encouraged the students to help

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influence their parents into good safety practices on the water.

The launch day was held in partnership with the CSBC with funding from the Coast Guard and the assistance of many cooperating sponsors, many of whom had booths at the event and organized demonstration and participating activities for the audience.

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## CMAC - Ottawa, May 5-8

Several members of the CSBC Board of Directors (including executive members Chair John Gullick and Vice Chair Barb Byers) attended the Recreational Boating Standing Committee meeting of the Canadian Marine Advisory Council. The CMAC meetings are held twice yearly and are an opportunity for stakeholders in the marine community and representatives of the government ministries of Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans to share information and comment on current and forthcoming regulatory processes. The Recreational Boating section is organized and chaired by the Coast Guard Office of

Safe Boating. Participants heard presentation on Operator Competency Program improvements, amendments to construction standards, the Compliance Label Program, guidelines for Environmental BRR's, text for illustrating the types of actions that would fall under Section 43 of Small Vessel Regulations regarding Careless Operation. and issues surrounding techniques for decibel noise checks.

Attendees, in addition to being able to ask questions and express concerns, were also able to gain a better appreciation of the range of responsibilities the small Office of Boating Safety has to cover and the limited resources and manpower available to it.

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### Members - Can You Bring a Friend?

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Membership retention and bringing new members to the Council was the subject of important discussion at the CSBC Board of Directors meeting held in Peterborough May 14th. While member surveys have shown that most members are generally happy with the value of their participation in The Council, it was also felt that the CSBC would benefit from the financial support an expanded membership base would bring. Perhaps more importantly, new members from organized groups and unorganized demographics can help spread safety messages and form partnerships for projects and educational activities. The Directors agreed to make more effort to bring additional groups and individuals to membership in the Council and participation in the annual Symposium. The Board also hopes that current members will also encourage new membership within their network of contacts.



## Message from the Chair

# Many thanks!!!

**W**ell here we are having just finished National Safe Boating Week and from what I have heard there was a great deal of activity which started with an excellent launch event that was held in Peterborough Ontario on Thursday May 15.

I would like to thank Inside Edge and Triad Communications for the great job they did in producing the event and our partner and sponsors who made the event possible:

### Partner:

The Canadian Coast Guard  
Office of Boating Safety

### Sponsors:

The Cook Rees Fund for Water Search and Safety  
Mustang Survival  
Paris Marine  
The Ontario Marine Operators Association  
Protexion Products  
Salus Marine Wear  
Ashen White  
Canadian Hydrographic Services  
Canadian Red Cross and  
The Labatt Waterwise team  
CHEX TV, The Wolf 101.5  
and 980 Kruz

It was a great sunny day and our special guests included Luba Goy, guest host and star of the Canadian Air Farce, MP Peter Adams who spoke on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the local MPP, the Peterborough County Reeve and the Mayor of Peterborough who all brought greetings. The Acting Deputy Commissioner for the Ontario Provincial Police presented an OPP Commissioner's Citation to Loreena McKennitt for the Cook-Rees Funds substantial support.

Demonstrations by the CCG Office of Boating Safety, The Labatt Waterwise Team, Waterski Canada and the Toronto Police Marine Unit with the local detachment of the OPP and the Peterborough Fire Department were enjoyed and appreciated by all present. Special thanks to the grade 4 and 5 students from Keith Whiteman School who attended the event with their teachers.

If it sounds like a lot of work went into this event you are right. Not to take away from the event itself which was by all accounts superb, but it seems that no matter how hard we try it will take the participation by a

Federal Government Minister to garner national media attention.

My sincere thanks to all who made the launch of National Safe Boating Week the success it was.

In closing I would like to invite everyone to join us at this years CSBC Annual Symposium which will take place in Montreal in September (complete details in this newsletter).

This years Symposium should prove very special because we will be presenting the PFD Task Force Report that is being researched and prepared by SmartRisk. The report will attempt to make sense of years of research into PFD wear, look at legal opinions, public opinions and much more to attempt to identify a direction that the CSBC should take as it continues to promote PFD and Lifejacket wear as a means of saving the lives of recreational boaters using Canadian waters.

Remember:

“Mom always told me to put my jacket on. It's your Life - (Zip/Click) - Preserve it.”

Have a safe and fun boating season and keep the faith.

John Gullick



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## **RADISSON HOTEL LONGUEUIL - MONTRÉAL**

### AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

- "PFD" Task Force Overview
- National & Regional C.C.G. Update
  - N.S.B.C. Presentation
- Quebec Safe Boating Council Presentation
  - Enforcement/Security
  - Paddling Security
  - C.S.B.C./A.G.M.
- Operator Competency Card Update

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Boat Tour to Verchères, Boucherville Islands and Old Port of Montreal
- Saturday Night Banquet with Guest Speaker
  - Opportunity to see the Exciting City of Montreal During the Symposium
- Optional: Casino de Montreal Dinner and Show at The Casino de Montreal Front Row Seats

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## REGISTRATION FORM / FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION

Name/Nom \_\_\_\_\_ Company name/Nom de la compagnie \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name (Prénom) Last Name (Nom de Famille)

Address/Adresse \_\_\_\_\_ City/Ville \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code/Code postal \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: Office/Bureau \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date/Date d'arrivée \_\_\_\_\_ Time/Heure \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Accommodation required:/Réservation: \_\_\_\_\_ yes/oui \_\_\_\_\_ no/non \_\_\_\_\_ No. of nights/No. de nuits \_\_\_\_\_

### HOTEL REGISTRATION / RÉSERVATION D'HÔTEL

ACCOMMODATION	NON-SMOKING	SMOKING	SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	NO. OF NIGHTS @ \$119.00
CHAMBRE	NON-FUMEUR	FUMEUR	OCCUPATION SIMPLE OU DOUBLE	NO. DE NUITS

Standard Room \_\_\_\_\_ Shared with/partagée avec \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Limited number of rooms available. Please register early! Rooms not booked by August 15, 2003 will be released.**

**\* Le nombre de chambres disponibles est limité. Inscrivez-vous sans tarder! Les chambres doivent être réservées avant le 15 août.**

Hotel registration acknowledged on receipt. Funds made payable to hotel on departure. Your conference registration must be in by August 15, 2003.

Any hotel reservation request after that date will be accommodated on a space-availability basis.

La réservation est confirmée sur réception. La note d'hôtel devra être acquittée au moment du départ. Votre inscription doit être reçue le ou avant le 15 août 2003. Toute réservation reçue après cette date sera honorée uniquement selon les disponibilités du moment.

If you wish a guaranteed reservation at the hotel, please complete the following:

Si vous désirez une réservation garantie à l'hôtel, veuillez compléter la partie ci-dessous:

VISA  MasterCard  En Route  American Express  Diner's Club

Card Number:/Numéro de la carte \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date/Date d'expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

### SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION / INSCRIPTION AU SYMPOSIUM

#### Full Symposium Registration / L'Inscription du Symposium complète

(Friday & Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Saturday Dinner/Keynote Speaker) No. \_\_\_\_ x 275.00 (member/membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

(Déjeuner du vendredi et du samedi, lunch, souper et conférencier le samedi) No. \_\_\_\_ x 325.00 (non-member/non-membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Friday Only Symposium Registration / Inscription au Symposium vendredi seulement

(Friday Breakfast, Lunch and Full Day Meeting) No. \_\_\_\_ x 125.00 (member/membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

(petit déjeuner le vendredi et réunion journée complète) No. \_\_\_\_ x 150.00 (non-member/non-membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday Only Symposium Registration / Inscription au Symposium

(Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Full Day Meeting) No. \_\_\_\_ x 125.00 (member/membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

(Petit déjeuner du samedi, déjeuner, et réunion journée complète) No. \_\_\_\_ x 150.00 (non-member/non-membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday Dinner and Keynote Speaker / Souper et conférencier le samedi

No. \_\_\_\_ x 60.00 (member/membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_ x 75.00 (non-member/non-membre) = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Friday Casino/Dinner Show (reg. price \$96.50)

No. \_\_\_\_ x 65.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Souper et spectacle-casino le vendredi (prix régulier 96,50\$)

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. Les chèques post-datés ne seront pas acceptés.

Make cheque payable to CSBC Symposium 2003. Prière d'émettre votre chèque à l'ordre de CSBC Symposium 2003.

VISA  MasterCard

Card No/Numéro de la carte \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date/Date d'expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to / postez à: CSBC Symposium 2003, 26 Golden Gate Court, Scarborough, ON M1P 3A5  
Or Fax: 416-293-2445

Deadline for Registration is August 15, 2003 / Date limite le 15 août 2003