

# Where to float your boat

The following is the second of a four-part series on boating. This week's article deals with choosing a summer home for your boat — once again, a family decision. Next week: adding a little power to your boating life.

For instant family boating fun, just add water. But where?

Perhaps the choice is simple. If you own a summer cottage on a lake, or plan to rent one for the season, then the logical place for your runabout or cruiser is right at your own dock.

You may not choose to park it anywhere other than on its own trailer in your driveway, and that

has many advantages also. It gives you the ability to range far and wide on trailabout cruises, exploring new lakes and waterways every time out. But if this is your plan, pay special attention to the trailer. Keep wheel bearings packed with fresh grease and carry a spare wheel and a trailer jack. Also invest in a pair of guide poles, the kind that bolt onto the rear corners of your trailer to help you direct your boat aboard in a wind or current. You can also move your taillights onto them, well clear of the water.

There is a remarkable number of boating waters within a few

hours drive of most Canadians. Provincial governments, or certainly most of them, provide listings of launching ramps, docks and marinas. You can also obtain charts of just about every navigable lake or river in Canada. Planning a trailabout cruise can be great fun, a fine family pastime even during the winter months.

For the majority of Canadians who opt for an on-the-water berth for their boat, there are a great many good marinas to choose from.

First decide where you want to spend your summer, what waters you will be able to cruise conveniently, what communities are nearby for shopping and eating out, also how far it is from home and on what kind of roads.

Check out the type of slips provided, and what services are included (fresh water, hydro, garbage disposal and such), and what the seasonal cost will be.

Find out if they accept children and pets, and make sure that there is no conflict here. Also

what shore facilities are provided for the younger set in the way of playgrounds, barbecues or perhaps a clubhouse. Ask about a swimming pool. If there is none, what about a sandy swimming beach on the shore?

But most important, meet some of the people who keep their boats there. Introduce yourself and ask them about the advantages and disadvantages of making this their

summer home. Check around for kids and teenagers of the same ages as your own, for this is most important to your summer-long peace of mind.

There is a community spirit at many marinas, with every weekend offering some activity or special event. Cruises are organized, camping trips and picnics are often on the agenda. Some conduct water ski classes, others set up scuba instruction,

still others sailboard or small sailboat sessions.

Finally, check out the service shop at the marina and talk to the resident mechanic. Is he familiar with your brand of engine? Has he been to the motor company's service school? A well-qualified mechanic on hand can save you both down time and money.

Marinas are made up of families, your kind of families. This is what boating is all about.

## Squadron executive named

The Midland Power Squadron held its Annual General Meeting April 21 at the Bavarian House. The meeting featured year-end reports from 1981-82's Bridge and the induction of the 1982-83 Bridge.

The new commander, Bill Gibson, received control of the helm from past commander Paul LaChappelle. The new bridge will consist of Richard Cooper, Executive Officer; Herb Henderson, Administrative Officer; Al Jago, Secretary; Paul Twigg, Treasurer; Jan Grieve,

Public Relations Officer; John Holgate, Training Officer; Ron Rowe, Training Aids Officer; Margaret Cooper, Liason Officer; Marg Thompson, MAREP Office; Hans Steinacker, Quatermaster; Ernie Mink, Safety Officer; Inge Steinacker, Communications Officer; Lionel Hamner, Regalia Officer; Dr. John Corcoran, Historian Officer; Bev Boyd, Director at Large.

This year's annual Graduation, for the Basic Boating students will be held June 5 at the Delawana.

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