

Refinery Man Active

In Power Squadron

PORT CREDIT—C. T. "Traff" Taylor supervises the loading and unloading of more than 250 big lake-going ships a season in his job as superintendent of pumping and shipping at the Clarkson refinery.

That's enough boats for most men. But not for Traff.

Off work, he spends as much time as possible with the 160-member Port Credit Power Squadron, an affiliate of the 6,000-member plus Canadian Power Squadron. Commander of the Port Credit group in 1963, he is now on the three-man nominating committee and helps stage the Squadron's seamanship and piloting courses.

Weekends, he loves outings in his power cruiser, which is moored in Orillia.

Traff comments that, contrary to popular belief, there is not a running feud between the power boat buffs and the yachting and sailing en-



On or off the job, C. T. "Traff" Taylor, former Commander of the Port Credit Power Squadron and pumping and shipping superintendent at the Clarkson refinery, can generally be found where the boats are — in this case, the Port Credit Harbor.

thusiasts. Both groups belong to the Power Squadron and "both have a common interest in teaching people the proper handling of boats," he says.

The Squadron teaches seamanship, navigation

and electronic aids to navigation to roughly 60 people a year. Another course in piloting, which handles roughly 30 people a year, teaches chart reading, elementary sailing and the "rules of the road," to potential Squadron members. A pass in the piloting course is a pre-requisite to Squadron membership.

New members can try out their newly-acquired skills at search and rescue competitions held regularly throughout the season by the Squadron.

Traff traces his love of boats back to his days of the land-locked Prairies. He is a one-time president of the Moose Jaw Aquatic Club, whose members canoed, rowed and swam in the Moose Jaw River.

It was while he was with the club that he obtained his Royal Life Saving Society Silver Medal. He now holds the Society's Instructors Certificate for Teaching.

At Moose Jaw, he worked at the B-A refinery. His subsequent transfer to Clarkson was a welcome one as far as his boating and marine interest was concerned.