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Meet the Instructors

Terry Carter



I was born in the UK, in Middlesbrough, on the N.E Coast of England. I learned to sail racing Enterprise, Albacores and Fireballs off the Yorkshire Coast in the North Sea. This gave me my first taste of sailing.

I graduated from Teesside University, UK, in '73 with an Engineering Degree and left the UK with a very pregnant wife, Gail, to join an American Controls Company in Germany. For the next 27 Years the Company transferred us, as a Family, around the World, living in Germany, Spain, Mexico, USA, Australia and Canada. We settled in Canada and, in 1987, became Canadian Citizens. Daughter Heidi gave up on the nomadic existence and settled in Mexico. She is married and we now have two multinational Granddaughters.

All the travel did not allow enough time in one place to invest in a Boat. We did, however, tow a laser around with us and in Spain we owned an Optimist. We settled in Halifax 6 Years ago and, within 4 weeks of arriving, had acquired 'Auriga', a 1981 C&C 25. We sailed an entire Season prior to discovering CPS and we still have the bruises to prove it! I have completed the CPS Courses up

to, and including, Advanced Piloting. Gail and I have been sailing 'Auriga' primarily in the St. Margaret's Bay and Mahone Bay areas with occasional trips further along the Coast.

In 2010 we realised that we had pushed 'Auriga' to its limit and needed a larger and better equipped Boat. We now have a C&C 33, 'Silver Charm'.

Sailing has taken over our lives. Over the last 6Years, we have learned a tremendous amount and, to a great extent, this has been thanks to CPS.

As a Volunteer, I would like to transfer the enthusiasm that I have acquired for sailing, to help others experience the same enjoyment, safely, and with confidence.

SAVE \$10

Did you clip your coupon from CPS Canadian Safe Boating Awareness week?

Coupons must be presented to redeem at course registration for \$10 off any course!

Offer expires April 2011.

Terry Kelly

Terry has a wealth of experience both training and coaching in the field of Canadian Amateur Sports, including both skiing and women's hockey.

Over the last 29 years, Terry has been a trainer for Canadian Professional Alpine Skiing organization, working directly with club and elite level athletes across Canada. As well as being a professional coach himself, he has delivered numerous courses on coaching skills through the Canadian Ski Coaching Federation.

Terry has practical sailing experience under his belt and is in the final phase of the CPS course offering. So we are fortunate to have someone to lead the Seamanship Course who has a strong teaching background and a good working knowledge (and passion!) for the sport of sailing.

Richard Zurawski

Richard is a meteorologist, documentary film producer, TV host, writer, public speaker, media expert and personality. For the past five years he has been the on-air meteorologist for Rogers Maritime Radio in Halifax, Moncton and Saint John as well as being the co-host of the Wednesday 'Science Files' and the 'Friday Science of Sport' for FAN590 in Toronto. Richard has worked in all media - print, radio, television and the internet, trying to bring science into the public sphere through the media.

Richard has a Bachelor degree in mathematics and physics, his Masters of Arts degree in Research and is he currently working on his PhD. His master's thesis and his doctorate studies examine the strange and tenuous links between the media and science. He is also the author of 'Richard Zurawski's Book of Maritime Weather' and 'The Maritime Book of Climate Change', and a fervent anti Global Warming debunker. His latest book, to be published and released by Fernwood Publications early in 2011, is 'Media Mediocrity - Waging War Against Science - How Television Makes Us Stupid!'

Richard lives in Halifax with his wife Susan and two Border Collies, Patch and Tasha.

Toot Toot!

This year, CPS-ECP announced a new National Marketing Award - **The Evolution of Change.**

This Award was to recognize Regional and Local excellence in promoting an energized organization that reflects the current demographics of the Canadian recreational boating market. The award recipients were to be considered "Best Practices" that could be implemented by other Squadrons & Districts and to encourage participation and consistency with the National Branding Program.

The Halifax Squadron submitted our Safe Boating week program as an entry for the Award. We are extremely pleased to let you know that our groups' efforts were recognized as one of three award recipients at the National conference in Nanaimo!

Watch for our new customized pull-up banner that we will be sure to display at every opportunity.

PCOC vs the BOATING Course

During October 2010, I had the pleasure of attending the National AGM in Nanaimo, BC.

One of the guest speakers at the AGM was from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Search and Rescue and he told us about one particular evening when Search and Rescue received a call that four people and their vessel were missing. It was a stormy night. The next morning, they were found. It was a family of four; the father and son were found dead and only the mother and daughter were found alive.

He said that afterwards, while he was completing his incident report that he thought "if only these people had taken a power squadron course". He said too often, recreational boaters look at the current weather, but they do not take into consideration what's ahead. Members of this family may still have been alive if they had.

Transport Canada reports statistics year after year that recreational boating continues to be the largest fatalities.

Over 100 Canadians die annually while boating in Canada. The Canadian Coast Guard reports that of the approximate 6000 marine incidents that occur annually in federally mandated waters, and require the engagement of federal air and marine Search and Rescue (SAR) resources, 65% of these incidents involve recreational boaters. (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-contrib-prgm-menu-2273.htm>)

Governed by Transport Canada, all operators of pleasure craft fitted with any type of motor, and used for recreational purposes, must carry proof of competency on board their vessel. Proof of competency indicates the boater has a basic level of boating safety knowledge required for safe recreational boating. You need to pass the accredited boating safety test in order to be issued a Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

While the CPS "Boating" course also encompasses the accredited exam which allows the student to receive their Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), it also provides **in depth** boat operation and safety training. If someone has already taken the PCOC exam separately, either through the CPS BoatPro course or with another provider, wouldn't it be worth the slight duplication, (or refresh!) to learn in depth knowledge and training and save your family or a life?

Taking your PCOC exam alone, gets you the card and out on the water.

Taking the CPS Boating course, gets you home again!

Kellie Skelhorn, S
CPS Halifax Squadron

Gourmet Galley



Steak Marinade Yields 1 1/3 cups

Ingredients:

1/3 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup olive oil
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
3 tablespoons dried basil
1 1/2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
1 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (optional)
1 teaspoon dried minced garlic

Place the soy sauce, olive oil, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, basil, parsley, and pepper in a blender. Add hot pepper sauce and garlic, if desired. Blend on high speed for 30 seconds until thoroughly mixed.

Pour marinade over desired type of meat. Cover, and refrigerate for up to 8 hours. Cook meat as desired.

Cooking Afloat Gang



NEW ADVANCED COURSES: JUNIOR NAVIGATOR AND NAVIGATOR

We are pleased and excited to offer two new advanced CPS courses. Starting in **February 2011** we will offer a 15 week Junior Navigator Course and next year the ultimate sequel: Navigator!

Junior Navigator is the first of a two-part program of study in offshore (open coast) navigation. It is designed as a practical, how-to course using GPS for offshore navigation with sun sight taking using a sextant as a backup technique. The more advanced techniques for other celestial bodies and sights are for study in the subsequent Navigation Course.

JN subject matter includes: basic concepts of celestial navigation; how to use the mariner's sextant to take sights of the sun; the importance and techniques of accurate time determination; use of the Nautical Almanac: how to reduce sights to establish lines of position (LOPs); and the use of GPS, special charts, plotting sheets and other navigational data for offshore positioning and passage planning.

Navigator is the second part of the study of offshore navigation. It further develops the student's skills and understanding of celestial theory. The student is introduced to additional sight reduction techniques for bodies other than the sun. The student develops greater skill and precision in sight taking, positioning and the orderly methods of carrying on the day's work of a navigator at sea.

Of particular interest and importance is the included navigation software that is explained and used for planning and navigating in the offshore environment. Offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat, is also covered.



Commander's Corner

As I start to write this note for the Foghorn we are experiencing a snow storm so not much like boating weather. We have had an open winter and I actually had a great boat trip on the NW Arm and Harbour on New Year's Day with no snow or ice.

The Halifax International Boat Show is early this year due to Canada Winter Games. So note that the dates are February 3-6, 2011. What better way to start to think of boating than to visit the boat show, see old friends and of course, drop "boat dollars" on items we cannot do without.

Our winter courses are starting and the Training Department have set out several of the CPS courses which, can be taken over the winter to improve our boating knowledge. Why not go on line and sign up for one! This is a great way to spend a night during the week, learning new things and meeting new people who are also interested in boating.

An item of interest is that the National CPS Conference will be held in Halifax at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel October 19-22, 2011. We will have CPS members from across Canada visit our city at that time. There is a committee working very hard to put together a great conference. Volunteers are required at that time and if you would be interested please contact me at 477-4106.

Watch your e-blasts which will advise you of the social events we may be putting together over the winter months.

Sarah-Jane Raine S

Commander

Online Registration: Do's & Don'ts

On-line registration for courses and events is courtesy of National HQ. The process is rather straightforward. However, on occasion someone gets an error and becomes completely confused. But don't tear your hair out: here are the fundamental do's and don'ts...

Do:

If you are a CPS member, click "Login to access member prices" before clicking the "Register Online" button. Even if there is no price difference, this step is required for members: your record will show in the registration form and you won't have to enter your name/address, etc.; in the event of a change in some of the information, contact National, as directed in the form. A non-member merely has to click on the "Register Online" button to proceed

Choose Yes on the Windows' security alert dialog: you will enter a secure zone to complete the registration (notice that the web address has changed from "http:" to "https:" a secure zone)

Carefully complete the form, being sure to enter the required fields on each page

Always use the Back or Next button in the form, if necessary (see below)

When completed, wait for the message telling you that you have successfully registered. Press "Done" if presented with it. Check your email for confirmation of successful registration

Don't:

Do not use your Browser's Back or Forward buttons when in the secure pages: if you need to review one of the steps you have completed, use the Back button on the form. If you use the Browser arrows you break the integrity of the secure zone. When you return it may at first appear OK but then the cost might show zero or is missing, or you just cannot complete the registration. In such cases, Cancel the registration, exit, and try again later. Allow at least half an hour before trying again - at which point you will follow the do's and don'ts that you have learnt here, right? Note that it's OK to ALT+Tab between applications (e.g., to your mailer and back); *but switching in and out of a secure zone is strictly taboo!*

Do not try to register a third party while including your own personal information in the process. If, e.g., you login as a member but want to register a non-member, the system will produce your member details; if you try to change that

information to fit the non-member, you will get an error: again, the cost might disappear; or you may get a "cannot perform this action" message. In this case, cancel the effort, exit the application, and give the system some time to clear your record (at least half-an hour), and then proceed from scratch

Caveat: As with all web systems in our wired world, there are occasional down-times, system updates and upgrades, etc., that might impede your attempt to register. In such cases, patience is the order of the day: try again later.

And, remember, assistance is never far from hand. As the HQ form says:

If you do not receive your password reminder or First time visitor confirmation e-mail within 15 minutes, or for other questions, please contact us at hqg@cps-ecp.ca or at (416) 293-2438 or 1-888-CPS-BOAT (1-888-277-2628), x2721.

Submitted by the Training Department

IN MEMORY

Halifax Squadron has lost a good crew member, Dave Hickey. Dave passed away on December 25, 2010 after a brief struggle with cancer. He had been a CPS enthusiastic member for many years. Dave supported boating education by teaching CPS Courses and also served on the Bridge several times in different positions. He was a very safe boater and instilled this in his students. He was always there to help anyone in need at any time. He will be greatly missed by the boating community as well as his family and friends.





CPS Halifax Squadron

For further information and registration, please go to our website:

www.cpshalifax.ca

or contact: 1-888-277-2381

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Electronic Navigation* package	Thurs, Feb 10 th , 2011	13 weeks*	Dave Hackett	\$220 member \$250 non-member
*Register for all three electronic navigation courses: GPS, Charting, and RADAR and receive a special package price; or alternatively the courses may be taken individually:				
Navigating with GPS*	Thurs, Feb 10 th , 2011	4 weeks*	Dave Hackett	\$80 member \$90 non-member
Electronic Charting*	Thurs, Mar 10 th , 2011	4 weeks*	Dave Hackett	\$80 member \$90 non-member
RADAR for Pleasure Craft*	Thurs, Apr 7 th , 2011	5 weeks*	Dave Hackett	\$80 member \$90 non-member

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Seamanship	Mon, Feb 7 th , 2011	15 weeks	Terry Kelly	\$155 member \$180 non-member
Sailing	Tues, Feb 8 th , 2011	15 weeks	Luke Porter	\$130 member \$155 non-member
Junior Navigator	Tues, Feb 8 th , 2011	15 weeks	Mannie Laufer	\$155 member \$180 non-member
Boating	Wed, Feb 9 th , 2011	15 weeks	Terry Carter	\$205 or \$200 Early Bird discount *Includes 1 yr membership

Location: All courses will be held at Captain William Spry Community Center, Halifax, Nova Scotia

CPS Halifax Squadron Pennant has been updated!

Our very own Squadron pennant is now available in new vibrant colours made from a heavier fabric. These can be purchased from the Supply Officer for only \$20. Please call 477-1280 to get yours today before the next boating season begins. Call and get yours today!



Please stop by to visit the CPS booth

Show Hours

Thursday February 3	Noon – 9 pm
Friday February 4	10 am – 9 pm
Saturday February 5	10 am – 6 pm
Sunday February 6	10 am – 5 pm

Halifax Squadron Bridge 2010-2011

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