



Foghorn



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CPS-ECP is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing boating enjoyment and safety through education. The Foghorn is the newsletter of the Halifax Squadron, a unit of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Another boating season is approaching, YES!

The Executive Committee members have been very busy over the past year and a very big thank you goes to each and every one of them, for their time and dedication to CPS-ECP and our Halifax Squadron. It has been a pleasure working with our Committee throughout the year.

Our Educational officers have been busy over the winter months working with our instructors to provide boating courses. We have had good participation in the courses offered this year, with approximately 140 registrations to date. A big thank you also goes to our excellent Instructors who make it possible and put many hours into delivering and teaching the courses we offer to boaters in the Halifax area.

This year's 55th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Graduation will be held on June 2nd (announcement to come). And, for the fourth consecutive year, we will be participating in the CPS-ECP flare disposal program, along with CIL Orion on Saturday, June 9th. Halifax and Alderney Squadrons will be jointly holding Flare Disposal Day at North Sails Yacht Shop in Halifax, 8:30 am - 3 pm. This is a great way to dispose of expired flares; drop in and see us at the Yacht Shop on June 9th.

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM and Graduation in June.

Have a wonderful safe summer on the water!



Catherine Lunn, Commander

The Squadron is pleased to welcome a new instructor, FRANCOIS SEGARD (AP):



From 2012 until this year, François was involved with the CPS Montreal Squadron, as a member of the Bridge for the educational section, as well as fulfilling tasks as course administrator and instructor. He has taught mostly the ROCM courses, but also the Boating 1 and the Instructor course.

François has completed the CPS course series up to Advance Piloting (AP); he is also a qualified PCOC Recognized provider (RP), ROCM Recognized examiner (RE) and a Recognised instructor (RI). Recently he was the chairperson responsible for the St-Lawrence District restructure into a "Super Squadron".

François and his wife Kathy decided to retire in Hubbards, NS, in 2017. They sail in the St-Margaret's Bay area.

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Education and courses: the 2017-18 year in review

Members of Boating 4: Near Shore Marine Navigation Pt. 1

Instructor (and photographer): Angus Macpherson



Figure 1 Clockwise from front left: Doug Crossman, Glenn Doucette, Craig Miller, Craig Evans. Missing, Joshua Bearden

Members of the Sail Course (January-April 2018): “inaction” at their last class 😊

Instructor: Luke Porter (3rd from right)



Figure 2 The Sail course members are holding up the bar only momentarily, in posing for the pic: since the Spry Centre was closed for Easter Monday, the class went to the AYC for their last meeting prior to the exam

The Education programme for 2017-18 is winding down. We offered courses ranging from introductory and advanced navigation courses, to the ever popular Sail, Boat and Engine Maintenance, and Marine Electronic Navigation, with the new Radar for Boaters course still to come, starting April 18th. The new open-book exam policy for all non-government accredited courses is a plus for students!

Meanwhile, the National Educational team, consisting of members from throughout the country including our Atlantic district, is working hard to develop new courses to attract potential CPS-ECP consumers in the changing demographics of the country; and also to update current courses to meet the needs of current members. Among the new initiatives, 2 are perhaps of most interest to both new boaters and our current membership: short seminars – ranging from a 2-hour session to a full-day – and courses offered via “blended learning”. Among the

seminars nearing readiness: AIS for Recreational Boaters; Collisions Regulations for Recreational Boaters; Paddling and Boarding Smart; and Celestial [navigation] in a Nutshell.

“Blended Learning” combines traditional and new methods of instruction. Lectures are available to students on-line 24/7; as well, students meet on-line once a week with instructors via GoToMeeting; and there are a number of in-person sessions with a local tutor/mentor for hands-on portions of the course, such as chart work, knots, etc., and for the exam. So far, introductory and advanced navigation courses have been implemented, and we hope to co-operate with other squadrons throughout our district to offer these courses in the coming season.

Your educational department welcomes your feedback/ thoughts on these exciting developments. [Click here to let us know...](#)

The Social Scene:

Talks and seminars take place at the Armdale Yacht Club periodically throughout the winter, a joint effort of AYC and the Halifax Squadron of CPS-ECP

If you missed them, here is a summary:

-Wednesday, 29 November, 2017:

A Nova Scotia Girl Goes to Antarctica (?)

Judy Robertson has taught in the public-school system in Halifax, cruised extensively, mapped lava caves and helped many people with sailing and cruising. She is a member of the Cruising Club of America and flies its burgee with pride. Judy kept us spell-bound with the story of cruising to Antarctica. She began her journey in the Southern hemisphere summer and traveled through Patagonia (aka Tierra del Fuego) to Cape Horn, following in the footsteps of other famous mariners who cruised this region: Bernard Moitessier of *Joshua* and Nova Scotia's Capt. Joshua Slocum on board *Spray*. Judy and the crew experienced the same stark landscape and perils that Joshua Slocum did. They did not need carpet tacks on the deck. And then they were off to Antarctica to the Ukrainian science station for the holidays. This was an evening of amazing history, seamanship and scenery.

-Wednesday, 31 January, 2018:

Some of Halifax Harbour's marine inhabitants

Dr. Hal Whitehead, a noted Canadian marine mammal expert, spoke about marine mammals that populate our waters. Hal has worked on whales and dolphins, their feeding habits, make-up of groups and social behaviour. Some of his research has led to the conclusion that older females in killer whale pods mentor the young males. He spoke about the exciting work he has done and what we as boaters can expect to see in the Harbour and Approaches. And he is a sailor. He uses a Valiant 40 as his research vessel.

-Wednesday, 21 February 2018:

Beyond feeling cold— HOW TO SURVIVE COLD WATER

Dan White and Howard Donohoe, CPS-ECP members, addressed the question: "How can

you stay out of trouble with cold water?" Using videos, slides and some interactive methods, their presentation focused attention on preventative measures and strategies. We all motor or sail in the cold coastal waters of Nova Scotia. The same cold waters are found around New Brunswick, PEI and Maine. Cold water is not necessarily +5 C; it can also be +15 C. Cold water takes warmth away from the body core and hastens a chill that leads to hypothermia. If you are accidentally off the boat and into the water without a PFD, then you have a higher risk of trouble. Simply put, a PFD dramatically increases your chances of being rescued because you do not have to move your arms and legs to stay afloat and lose heat.

-Wednesday, 4 April, 2018:

The work of the Canadian Coastguard

Members of the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) give an insight into the scope of their work: assisting in charting our coasts, helping the RCMP, border security and immigration, and other law-enforcement agencies. Their icebreakers open channels for marine navigation, help port authorities and rescue ice-bound ships. Often, the lonely CCG ship becomes the eyes and ears for various situations and crises. Several members from various sections of the CCG present an illustrated, offering many perspectives on how the Coast Guard does its mandated operations and what equipment is used. In the process, they will help us build a better understanding of the CCG's operations and importance

Ti.Po.Ta means literally “nothing”

My daughters helped me name this Tanzer 22 after a musical project by Manu Chao and Klelia Renesi. Their single “Moonlight Avenue” catches the tone and mood of our sailing aspirations. Check it out.



I first noticed the boat on Kijiji and was attracted by its price as well as the fact that it was already happily at home in the Northwest Arm. Ti.Po.Ta will be my first keel boat and I was not eager to become acquainted with cranes and cradles before I’d had the pleasure of sailing. The seller on kijiji allowed that he might be willing to loan me the use of his mooring situation for at least the next season. I drove down to Horseshoe Island a few times to view the boat afloat and imagine myself rowing out to start some new adventure.

However I was temporarily distracted by a different boat for a time. After a several weeks I came back around and decided to make an offer.

Unfortunately by that time the ad was expired on Kijiji and I had no idea how to find the seller again. I went back down to the Arm and took many camera phone pictures and zoomed in to try to read the phone number on the “for sale” sign... no luck.



One day on a whim in October I convinced my family to make a canoe expedition out to the little boat and copy down the phone number close up. Success!

Within a week we closed the deal, and I was the proud owner of a boat which had clearly seen and survived many great adventures.





“So tell me again” asked my six year old, as we drove down to visit the boat for her first time, “why did someone give you a boat?”

“He didn’t GIVE it to me, I paid for it. I bought it”.

She didn’t seem particularly convinced at the time. And a few minutes later after rowing out to Ti.Po.Ta and exploring inside and out, looking critically at a handful of merely cosmetic issues (mostly cosmetic).

“Dad, this is falling apart. I think I know why he gave you his boat!”



That said she and her little sister have been unfailingly enthusiastic supporters of Ti.Po.Ta’s restoration project. In the snowy blizzards the younger one asks: “Does Pettipa like the snow? I hope she’s okay”.

I’ve already relied on them in many pumping, snow-shovelling, and ice-breaking endeavours. I look forward to their help in whipping this little yacht back into shape before summer. And I plan on sharing our further adventures with other CPS-ECP members through the Foghorn.



To be continued...



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KEEP OUT OF
REACH OF
CHILDREN
Gardez hors de la
portée des enfants

FOR EMERGENCY
USE ONLY
Seulement pour
Urgence

CAUTION
Hold above head,
away from face
Tenir au dessus de
la tête, loin de la
figure

Do you have expired flares?

You **can't** light them, throw them in the water or in your household garbage

Alderney and Halifax Squadrons and **The Yacht Shop** are hosting a **Safety**

Equipment Education and Flare Disposal Day

Learn about required safety equipment, the care and maintenance of that equipment and how to safely and effectively use flares when needed.

DATE: June 9TH, 2018

PLACE: The Yacht Shop, 3514 Joseph Howe

Drive, Halifax TIME: 0830 to 1500

In accordance with Transport Canada requirements, flares are approved for four years from the date of manufacture. If they have expired during the boating season, you must replace them... it's the law!

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Your squadron needs you!



We need your talents/expertise/presence!!

CPS-ECP is an organization that is based - and thrives - on volunteers. Volunteers fill a Squadron's Executive Committee (formerly known as Bridge). And all CPS-ECP instructors are also volunteers: boaters, who have come aboard to pass on knowledge they have gained through courses and experience, to help people with boats become "boaters".

We urge those of our members with a few hours to spare to consider sharing your knowledge via the classroom – or on the water. Instructor manuals are available for all courses, and all instructors complete a short program on pedagogy, with a focus on learning techniques and communication. While we are in need of VHF instructors, who must be proficient in this area, all offers in all areas will be enthusiastically received. An [e-mail to the Educational Officer](#) will get the ball rolling...

The Halifax ExComm has openings, too. In particular, we are in need of a Secretary whose main tasks are: attending the monthly meetings, and taking and producing the minutes. For more details (or, heck, to apply) please contact the [Halifax Squadron Commander](#)

We also invite you to share your stories or insights with others via the Foghorn. A tale of your experience - or a video link showing the live thing - would be most welcome. Don't be shy! Please send your submissions to [the Foghorn editor](#)

And last but not least: mark your calendars and reserve Saturday June 2nd for attending the AGM!

Hope to see you there!