



## Halifax Squadron

*CPS is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing boating enjoyment and safety through training. The Foghorn is the newsletter of the Halifax Squadron, a unit of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. Halifax Squadron serves Halifax, Bedford and St. Margaret's Bay.*

### Upcoming Events

#### Winter Courses Registration

January 3 & 4, 2007 (7-9pm)

Captain William Spry Community Centre

Just off Sussex Street in Spryfield

Contact Squadron Training Officer (STO)

Alan Uren at [training@cpshalifax.com](mailto:training@cpshalifax.com)

See our extensive list of course offerings on page 4!

**TELL A FRIEND TODAY ABOUT CPS COURSES!**

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### **Commander's Corner**

Seasons Greetings everyone! As the presents get put away, the wrap discarded, and the kids get ready to head back to school, boating enthusiasts can turn their attention back to learning something new in the nautical area. Why not take a course this winter? Whether a regular course meeting one night a week, or a short seminar of two or three sessions, you can gather with other interested boaters and pursue your passion for boating. It's a great way to spend some cold winter nights!

Dan White, Commander

### **"My favourite website"**

Before we get to this issue's recommended link, don't forget to visit CPS Halifax Squadron's own website at [www.cps Halifax.com](http://www.cps Halifax.com). Getting the latest details on upcoming courses, and even registering for them, is a common reason to visit the site. However, don't forget to check out the photo gallery, links, wind and waves section, or even read past issues of the Foghorn. As always, we are happy to receive suggestions for improving the site! You will also find a link on our site to CPS' national website, where one can keep up with the latest news of national interest and stay informed of members' benefits.

Now let's get on to this month's web "pick"...

<http://boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/safetips.htm>

While part of the U.S.-based BoatSafe organization, this particular page on their site has a wide array of nautical "know-how" to improve your boating knowledge, most of which applies to Canadian boaters. From anchoring tips to trailering, this site is an excellent source of information. It is also has a good search feature for articles on the site. I entered "Distance off" just to test it, and got excellent results.

I especially enjoy the mnemonics page (misspelled in places on the site). Mnemonics are memory aids; in this case, short rhymes that help you remember things such as rules of the road and light characteristics of other ships. "Red over green, sailing machine" and "Red over white, fishing at night" are two good examples. There is also an excellent area near the bottom of the page directed to children. Be sure to also check out the stories and humour area that makes for some great winter reading. Enjoy!

## Halifax International Boat Show February 15-18, 2007

Yes, folks, it will soon be that time again! We will again be asking CPS members to volunteer some of their time to set up, staff, and take down the CPS booth. We will put a link on the CPS Halifax website in the near future, so check back later to sign up if you can help out.

### WORTH THE TRIP

#### “Salty finds for your enjoyment”

(ed. note: This month’s suggestion has little “saltiness” to it, but not having made any excursions of the correct sort lately, the editor is making this entry in lieu of one with a strong nautical link.)



## Amigos

### Home Emporium

102 Gerrish Street, Windsor, NS  
(902) 798-2736

Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 a.m.– 4p.m.

Amigos is an interesting place with a big heart. Part coffee shop, part furniture store, part craft shop, part used clothing store—it is hard to describe, but easy to enjoy. Besides the great Just Us! Coffee served (if you don’t know about Just Us! Coffee, check out <http://www.justuscoffee.com/>), you can browse through the store to find interesting and attractive works of art, crafts, furniture, and other items. Most of the crafts and furniture have been produced by a local non-profit organization, New Boundaries, that assists special needs adults in developing work, social, and daily living skills which help them reach their full potential.

The coffee is reasonable at \$1.25 a cup and you can also buy a delicious homemade cookie, but you will

need to consider another nearby location if you wish to have a full meal. There are just two tables, but the shop is rarely crowded. Local musicians have been known to show up with a guitar, and don’t be surprised if one of the staff sits down with you to strike up a delightful conversation.

In a recent visit, we spotted beautiful punched tin jelly cupboards, a gorgeous table featuring an in-laid mosaic tile schooner, assorted wooden wall shelves, and numerous other appealing items. Conveniently, all prices include tax, so what you see is what you pay. You can also buy packages of Just Us! Coffee to take home; there is usually a good assortment at \$8.49/pkg.



You will be welcomed with enthusiasm and appreciated for your visit; moreover, you will enjoy an enriching experience, and you just might pick up an excellent work of art or craftsmanship at a great price!

**IF YOU GO:** From Halifax, take Hwy. 101 West to Windsor. Use Exit 6, turn right at the stop sign to enter town on Water Street. Second left is Gerrish Street; Amigos is on the right about ½ way up the block, right next to the Imperial Theatre.

**NOTE:** The store is being operated on a provisional basis, so be sure to call before you go: 798-2736.

### Prefer an electronic version of this newsletter?

If you would be just as happy receiving an electronic version (PDF file) of the *Foghorn*, then just let our Electronic Communications Officer, Philip Harris, know. He can be reached through a link at the website or by sending an e-mail to [webskipper@cps Halifax.com](mailto:webskipper@cps Halifax.com). This will save your squadron money on printing and postage costs and it will help the environment, too!

## INSTRUCTOR PROFILE



Emanuel "Mannie" Laufer

Mannie Laufer is currently our Assistant Training Officer, but has just finished a three year stint as Squadron Training Officer. This was preceded by several years as Assistant Training Officer before that, but more importantly, he has been an active instructor for CPS Halifax Squadron since the mid 1990's.

He has a Ph.D. in Physics and taught Metallurgical Engineering at the Technical University of Nova Scotia for a quarter century, following a 16 year career with Energy, Mines and Resources in Ottawa. He holds an old 40-ton certificate and has taken most CPS courses. At one time or another, he has taught Boating, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Celestial Navigation, among others. He is also a graduate of both the old and new Instructor Training/Instructor Development courses.

He and his wife Janice are the proud owners of a well-traveled C & C 34, *Ceol Mor*, in which they have sailed from St. Pierre in the north to Martinique in the south, and many ports in between during the past 16 years. They typically sail to Bemuda every couple of years, and have made this trip perhaps 8 times; Mannie says he is beginning to lose count! Other noteworthy trips include several visits to Sable Island, one of which included a delivery of scientific monitoring devices.



Mannie will be teaching the CPS Celestial Navigation Course starting April 12, 2007. This year, the course will be broken into two parts, with a break during the summer which will allow students the chance to get out in comfortable weather to take their sights before returning to complete the course in the fall. CPS members holding the Advanced Piloting prerequisite should contact Mannie for information on joining the upcoming CN course. He can be reached via e-mail at [assist@cpshalifax.com](mailto:assist@cpshalifax.com).

## A few nifty mnemonics



*"Red, White, Red, Restricted Ability Ahead"*



*"Red over Red, The Captain Is Dead"  
(Vessel not under command)*



*"Three Reds in a Row -No Room Below"  
Constrained by draft - (International only)*



*"Red Over White - Fishing at night"*



*"White Over Red - Pilot Ahead"*



*"Green Over White - Trawling at Night"*

**Do you know some others? Send to:  
[commander@cpshalifax.com](mailto:commander@cpshalifax.com)**

**REGISTER NOW FOR WINTER/SPRING COURSES!**



Register online at: [www.cps Halifax.com](http://www.cps Halifax.com).

For information contact the Squadron Training Officer at:

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**CPS Winter/Spring Schedule 2007**

Course	Location	Day	Time	Instructor	Fee*	Start	Length**
Boating (Winter term)	WSC	Wed	7pm-9pm	Tim Tregunno	\$200	10-Jan	15 weeks
Boating (Spring term)	WSC	Mon	7pm-9pm	Andrea MacDonald	\$200	26-Feb	15 weeks
Piloting	WSC	Tue	7pm-9pm	Luke Porter	\$125	09-Jan	15 weeks
Advanced Piloting	WSC	Mon	7pm-9pm	Howard Donohoe	\$125	22-Jan	15 weeks
Celestial Navigation (Part 1)	WSC	Thu	7pm-9pm	Mannie Laufer	\$250	12-Apr	6+8 weeks
Marine Maintenance	WSC	Tue	7pm-9pm	Norman Raine	\$125 (\$150)	11-Jan	13 weeks
Fundamentals of Weather	BIO	Mon	7pm-9pm	Dick Nelis	\$100 (\$125)	15-Jan	8 weeks
Global Weather	RNSYS	Wed	7pm-9pm	Dick Nelis	\$100 (\$125)	21-Mar	8 weeks

WSC – William Spry Centre (Spryfield) BIO – Bedford Institute of Oceanography RNSYS – Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Sq.

\*Course fees in parentheses are for non-CPS members taking elective courses. \*\*All course lengths listed are approximate.

**NOTE: Maritime Radio (VHF), GPS, and similar seminars will be offered this term; check website regularly for details.**

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