

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 Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

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**SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK
 MAY 19-25**

For more information, go to: <http://www.csbc.ca/>

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Upcoming Event!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GRADUATION

Friday, June 1, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. AGM & Graduation; cost is \$25 per person. The Saraguay Club, 360 Purcell's Cove Road. RSVP by May 25th to Cdr. Dan White at (902) 472-2102 or e-mail dewhite@eastlink.ca

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Come one, come all!

This is your invitation to come out and help us celebrate another year of delivering Canada's best boating education! The AGM is your opportunity to hear how your squadron has done over the past year, and the graduation ceremony honours those students from our 2006-2007 training year who have successfully completed various CPS courses.

We are returning to yet another favourite AGM/Graduation venue of years past: the beautiful **Saraguay Club**, on the Northwest Arm just north of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. In fact, the Saraguay Club is now owned and operated by the RNSYS. **Reserve soon, as space is limited.**

It is that time of year again...

You should have recently received your CPS membership renewal information by mail. If you have not renewed, do so now! There are several easy ways to renew, including going to the national website and renewing online, instantly:

<https://www.cps-ecp.ca/members/>

Not sure if you want to renew? Check out all the benefits of continued membership in CPS:

<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/english/benefits.html>



FLARE DEMO A SOARING HIT!

The 9th annual CPS Halifax Flare Demo took place the evening of May 2, 2007, aboard the vessel New Dawn III, chartered from New Dawn Charters, which is owned and operated by CPS member and instructor, Andrea MacDonald.

The flare demo went very, very well! Everyone aboard really enjoyed themselves and they learned a lot about distress signaling. Brian Elson and Keily Samson of the Office of Boating Safety, who conducted the demo, commented that it was more like a real distress situation, being on a boat that was rocking, close quarters, etc. They were very impressed with the entire event and how well it went off (no pun intended!).

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Flare Demo, continued -

The weather was perfect for us as well...we couldn't have ordered a better night if we tried. Seas were calm, winds were light and there was a big full moon out when we were steaming back in.

In addition to the flare demo, boating students spent the steaming time looking at buoys and trying to figure out the correct paths to take. They listened to New Dawn's radio transmissions, checked out the radar and how things look on it, the plotter, and the depth sounder.

They also got to see the effects of the city lights when trying to visually pick out the buoys in the darkness, and were able to experience going through a mooring field in the dark and coming alongside a wharf in the dark. It's all very well to discuss navigating at night or in reduced visibility while sitting in a classroom, but there's nothing like seeing it for yourself in order to fully understand what the teacher is talking about.

There were 25 people on board, including Office of Boating Safety facilitators Brian Elson and Keily Samson, Captain Andrea MacDonald, crew Brittany Briggs and 21 enthusiastic flare demo participants.

The whole trip was a great success. In fact, so much so that we'll do it again, Wednesday, May 30, rain date, Wednesday June 6. See below for how to register. We'll need at least 10 people to run the event, with a maximum of 20. Register ASAP to avoid disappointment! Don't wait until you need a flare to learn how to use one! Like anchoring, it looks simple, but there's more to it than meets the eye.

Emanuel (Mannie) Laufer

DISTRESS FLARE DEMO – SECOND CHANCE!

When: Wednesday, May 30, 1900h departure
(Rain date – June 6)

Where: New Dawn Charters, Purcell's Cove

Cost: \$35 (\$30 for current CPS members)

To Register: e-mail Mannie Laufer at
eelaufer@eastlink.ca or call 477-8770.

**BOAT LEAVES DOCK AT 7 p.m. SHARP!
DON'T BE LATE!**

“MY FAVOURITE WEBSITE”

This month's pick is a solo sailor's webpage that details his recent purchase and complete refurbishment of a 28' sailboat. Fred Bickum is now somewhere near Australia, on the way to completing a planned circumnavigation. His website is fairly well organized and gives some nice photos and descriptions of various projects he undertook, some of them quite major - such as the fabrication of a completely new rudder design to facilitate self-steering gear that he built himself.

There is also an interesting autobiographical area that outlines his first exposure to sailing, along with various interesting experiences throughout his life.



Fred even makes reference to something I remember from my childhood: an offer from an American tobacco company to sell a small sailboat for \$88 plus a number of end flaps from Kool cigarette cartons. Although none of my family were smokers, my mom worked at the military Base Exchange at the time and had ample access to cigarette carton end flaps, so I ended up buying one of the Kool sailboats!

Another neat treat is the ability to click on a link that shows, via satellite uplink, Fred's current position. The technology that we now have available to the average boater at modest cost is quite amazing.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the website is Fred's video log. You can click on links to view short video clips of various legs of the voyage. A recent one in late April shows a beautiful Pacific sunrise at sea.

FeNIX website: <http://www.sbastro.com/FeNIX/>

ShipTrak website: <http://www.shiptrak.org/>

HEY PARENTS! HERE'S SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS!

Our Youth Officer, Susan Cargill, will be putting on a **BOATWISE** course, targeted at children between the ages of 6 and 10 years.

This is a fun, activity-oriented course that will teach your children key elements of boating safety. Sign up now to guarantee a spot, as space is very limited!

When: June 16th, 2007 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Sobey's Community Room, Herring Cove Road, Spryfield.

To register: call Susan at 431-3070.

Cost: \$10 for each child.

TO: The Members, CPS Halifax Squadron

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Halifax Squadron will be held at the Saraguay Club, Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 1, 2007, at 2000 hrs for the purpose of:

- receiving and, if thought fit, approving the reports of the officers of the Squadron.
- receiving and, if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2007.
- electing the officers of the Squadron.
- considering such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is below. Under Squadron Regulation 12.1, any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of this squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Commander not less than 2 days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2007.



Nominating Committee Chair
Past Squadron Commander

P/R/C Carl Kumpic, AP

To: The Members, Halifax Squadron.

REPORT OF SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

May 12, 2007

The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as Squadron officers for 2007-2008:

Commander	Sarah-Jane Raine	477-4106
Executive Officer	Vacant	
Training Officer	Andrea MacDonald	868-1864
Ass't Training Officer	Norman Raine	477-4106
Secretary	Harry Henteleff	473-5685
Treasurer	Dan White	472-2102
Public Relations Officer	Vacant	477-6575
Membership Officer	Carl Kumpic	860-0072
Newsletter Editor	Vacant	
Supply Officer	Rozanne Raine	477-1280
Webskipper (Electronic Communications Officer)	David Hackett	835-3894
Social Coordinator	Dave Hickey	479-2738
Youth Officer	Susan Cargill	431-3070

The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

- a. The following member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of his position as immediate Past Commander, and does not require election or appointment:

Past Commander (P/Cdr) Dan White 472-2102

- b. Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Dan White, Chairman

XO Vacant

Cdr Sarah-Jane Raine

THANK YOU! Bridge members for 2006-2007:

Position	Name	Address
Commander	Cdr Dan White	commander@cpshalifax.com
Past Commander	P/Cdr Carl Kumpic	pastcommander@cpshalifax.com
Executive Officer	Vacant	
Training Officer	Lt/C Emanuel Laufer	training@cpshalifax.com
Assistant Training Officer	1 st Lt Alan Uren	assist@cpshalifax.com
Social Officer	Vacant	
Membership Officer	1 st Lt Sarah-Jane Raine	membership@cpshalifax.com
Youth Officer	Lt Susan Cargill	youth@cpshalifax.com
Treasurer	1 st Lt Ken Ingram	treasurer@cpshalifax.com
Public Relations Officer	1 st Lt Richard Perry	pr@cpshalifax.com
Secretary	Vacant	
Supply Officer	1 st Lt Rozanne Raine	supplies@cpshalifax.com
Newsletter Editor	Vacant	
Web skipper	Lt Philip Harris	webskipper@cpshalifax.com

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS!

CPS has launched its all-new website!

To access various member services (such as the online membership renewal service), you will have to register (it's easy!) and select a new password. Check it out today! www.cps-ecp.ca

TRUE VS. MAGNETIC

A motion was made at a recent Curriculum Committee meeting; they are to discuss the consequences of labelling course lines with Magnetic headings rather than True as most boaters need a Magnetic heading to steer their boat. The committee is to bring their recommendation to the October 2007 Training meeting. The discussion went on to say True bearings can still be used for exam, chartwork and study work but when actually used on one's boat, they recommend plotting course lines be marked Magnetic. This is safer as once plotted, headings can be read right off the chart without the need to do any calculation from True to Magnetic.

NEW COURTESY CHECK PROGRAMME COMING!

A Memorandum of Understanding has been reached with the Office of Boating Safety. It has now been announced that a few sites in Atlantic Canada (including Halifax) will be the first to engage in a new "courtesy check" programme. This is similar to Coast Guard Auxiliary courtesy inspections of the past, but

now CPS will be playing a key role in this new programme. The courtesy check programme will provide training for CPS members who wish to perform this service for the boating community. Look for details on our website this summer, and contact Dan White at dewhite@eastlink.ca if you are interested.

