



Foghorn



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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.

Inside this Issue you will discover a wealth of information that will keep you active, safe and entertained. Enjoy!

Upcoming Event

HALIFAX SQUADRON

Annual General Meeting and Graduation

- When:** Saturday, May 23rd, 2009
- Time:** Cash bar 18:00 – 19:00
Buffet Dinner 19:00 – 20:30
Presentations 20:30
Cash bar following
- Location:** Armdale Yacht Club
40 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax,
Nova Scotia
- Tickets:** \$35 a person (includes Buffet dinner, taxes and gratuities)
- RSVP:** by May 18th

Register early to confirm your seat:

- 📧 Online at <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/public.asp?WCE=C=56|K=231675|CAL=225480>
- 📧 Email CPS_Commander@cps Halifax.com
- 📞 or Call Sarah-Jane Raine at 1-888-277-2381

We encourage you to come out for an enjoyable evening at a great location. This gives us an opportunity to recognize the great efforts of our facilitators, volunteers, and the many people who work so hard throughout the year to help to improve the safe boating of all on the water.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteers Needed

The Halifax Squadron is in need of a few volunteers to help out on our Bridge. We are always looking for interested people to help with various positions or jobs to be done.

At the present time we need someone to help with our social activities and also to assist the Training Officer with the administration of the various training courses we put on over the winter months.

If you feel you would like to find out more or can give some time as a volunteer please contact the Commander, Sarah-Jane Raine, 1-888-277-2381



PCOC deadline is approaching...

Are you and your family members ready?

The PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operators Card) is the boating operator competency certificate that all Canadian operators of a motorized pleasure craft will need.

All operators of motorized vessels and all operators need a PCOC; the deadline is **September 15, 2009**.

The CPS PCOC is valid in Canada and the US.

After successfully writing the test, you will receive a one year complimentary CPS Associate Membership.

Halifax Squadron Bridge 2008-2009

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Commander's Corner

As I write this note it is a warm sunny day in late April so maybe spring is coming. At the various boat yards we are seeing the winter covers come off and lots of activity is starting. Here's hoping for a better summer this year than we had in 2008.

At the Squadron we have had another successful year in our training courses. We have had students in Boating, Seamanship (Piloting), Fundamentals of Weather and Marine Maintenance. We were fortunate to beta test the new Seamanship Sail course, which replaced the SeaSail. The 15 students who attended the class were very constructive and favourable in their comments on this new course. We also ran short courses for BoatPro, Marine Radio (VHF), Navigating with GPS, Electronic Charting and Radar for Pleasure Craft. With the number of students we had over the winter we are certainly reaching out in the boating community by providing their needs with our various courses. The Training Department is now planning for next season so watch our website, www.cps Halifax.com starting in early September for the winter courses and the various short courses.

We have many dedicated instructors who present the courses along with the training committee and we say a big THANK YOU to each of them for the many hours given to CPS.

On Saturday, May 23 we will be holding our AGM and Graduation and we hope that many will make an effort to attend this year. There is a separate notice in this publication.

At this time I want to thank the Bridge Members for all their work this past year. Each and every one of them put in hours towards the operation of the Squadron and without them there would be no Halifax Squadron.

I am sure our next season will be as successful.

Sarah-Jane Raine, Commander

Renew your CPS membership online at <https://www.cps-ecp.ca/public/?WCE=C=Wizard/K=221~0> ; it is highly secure, immediate and simpler this year.

Do We Have Your Correct Email Address?

Over the past six months, we have delivered a number of email notifications on upcoming training courses. Surprisingly, quite a few emails are returned with an error message "incorrect email address" or "address unknown".

The majority of our communication to members on upcoming training courses and social events is through email notifications along with notifications provided on our website.

Stay current to receive timely information on upcoming training courses, social events, and the Foghorn.

To help control printing, handling and mailing costs, we encourage all members to ensure we have a correct, up to date, email address.

Please go online and verify we have your email address and that it is correct. Alternatively, you may contact our Membership Officer at cps_membership@cpshalifax.com and ask to verify your coordinates.

2009 CPS Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week

The annual North American Safe Boating Awareness Week, as presented by Canadian Safe Boating Council, is generally held in May of each year. The timing was felt to be a little early and conflicted in areas where boats were just being put in the water during that same time.

Therefore, the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons will be launching a CPS Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week, to be held from Coast to Coast to Coast, from **June 6th to 14th, 2009**. This is a *NEW* initiative for CPS and is not part of the North American Safe Boating Awareness Week campaign.

The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that all Canadians who head out on the waters in canoes, kayaks, sailboards, sailboats, fishing boats, personal watercraft, power boats, cruisers and houseboats are equipped with the knowledge required to have a safe day on the water. CPS has a long history of providing the best education for the boating public.

Your Squadron will be participating by delivering nearly 500 promotional packages to boats at the various yacht

clubs, along with the National "Wear it Canada" campaign to make everyone aware to always wear their Lifejacket while on the water and on their boat.

Watch for our campaign, have fun, and *Safe Boating!*

What CPS training courses would you like to see offered?

We have been pleased with the number of people who have taken CPS training this past fall, winter and spring, with many courses completely filled. After all, that's what CPS is about ... enhancing boating enjoyment and safety through training.

And now, the summer approaches and we are all getting ready to enjoy our boats ... after all, that's what we are about!

Our Training Officer works diligently over the summer however, to develop a lineup of CPS courses for the fall, winter, and spring to be delivered to us.

Please let us know what CPS courses may be of interest to you. Drop the Training Officer a note at TrainingOfficer@cpshalifax.com. We will keep track of your requests and be sure to organize a class as soon as the minimum requirements can be met.



Garmin GPS Info from a fellow CPS Member

I have used a Garmin GPS 152 on Starry Night (our CS36) for 5 years with no problems. Then, on the last trip of our summer season, the screen went blank with a single blue line. I could not power it off with the switch. I had to unplug the battery connector and then it would restart but fail again. After many tries and several hours, it operated normally for the rest of the day.

I was a little apprehensive but carried on because I had a handheld Garmin eTrex Vista as a backup. And besides, I thought I could get to Wreck Cove and back without GPS. We did not sail any more last season so I did not have a chance to determine if the problem would persist.

I use my eTrex Vista as a backup GPS on the boat and for hiking. Shortly after the problem with my GPS 152, the eTrex started to do the same thing, a blank screen with a blue line and I have to remove the batteries to power it off. It sometimes runs ok for an hour, sometimes not.

Yesterday, I hiked with a friend who had a Garmin GPS 72 handheld. He never had problems before but yesterday he did the same thing. He removed the batteries and it restarted.

I sent an email to Garmin technical support but have not yet had a response. Then I decided to browse the web and found the problem was common. It seems some of the new WAAS satellites are causing a software problem which shuts down Garmin receivers. The solution is to upgrade the software.

I downloaded the new software for my eTrex and did the upgrade. I went for a hike today and it worked perfectly. I will download the upgrade for the GPS 152 as soon as the trap comes off in the spring.

I would suggest that anyone who has a Garmin GPS should log onto www.garmin.com and go to Support | Upgrades and Downloads | Additional Software and then search for your model number. Download the upgrade and review the instructions for doing the upgrade.

I have not heard if GPS receivers from other manufactures have similar problems.

The next day.... Garmin responded to my question and said to either do the upgrade or, in an emergency, turn off the WAAS option. This latter solution will degrade the accuracy a little but get you home. I reproached them for not making the problem and its solution more evident on their website but they did not respond to that.

Gourmet Galley



WHAT YOU NEED!

4 small boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 lb./450 g)
1/4 cup KRAFT SIGNATURE Sundried Tomato and Oregano Dressing, divided
1 tomato, finely chopped
1/2 cup KRAFT 4 CHEESE ITALIANO Shredded Cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or 1 tsp. dried basil leaves

PLACE large sheet of heavy-duty foil over half of barbecue grate; heat barbecue to medium heat. Meanwhile, place chicken in resealable plastic bag. Add 2 Tbsp. dressing; seal bag. Turn bag over several times to evenly coat chicken with dressing. Refrigerate 10 min. Remove chicken from bag discard bag and dressing.

GRILL chicken on uncovered side of barbecue 6 min. Meanwhile, combine remaining dressing, tomatoes, cheese and basil.

TURN chicken over; place, cooked-side up, on foil on barbecue. Top with tomato mixture. Close lid. Grill 8 min. or until chicken is done (170°F).

Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Email the editors at NewsEditor@cpshalifax.com

There is nothing better than a small boat to teach you orderliness and tidy habits – Maurice Griffiths

Keeping Things Clean



Cleaning

any boat - even a small one - can dirty a lot of water. Many cleaning products contain phosphates and other chemicals that are toxic to aquatic ecosystems. When you use these products, you get your boat clean, but you leave the grunge and pollutants behind in the marine environment. All soaps persist throughout the water column and are extremely harmful to aquatic life forms. The easiest way to keep phosphates and other toxic cleansers out of the water is to leave them at home.

Adding detergents to washing water produces grey water. Phosphates cause excessive algae growth in fresh water. When algae decompose, they rob water of oxygen and cause damage to fish and wildlife. Avoid discharging grey water into the environment.

- Do less washing.
- Don't discharge wash water.
- Never let dishes dry dirty. Soak them. If they are greasy, wipe them with a cloth first. Wash with a minimum of soapy water. Use a few drops of a mild detergent.
- Do your dishes on shore.
- Skip the shower and have a "bird bath".
- Do your cleaning at home or at your marina. Anything that is not appropriate to do there is not appropriate elsewhere either.
- Wax your boat. A good coat of wax prevents surface dirt from becoming engrained. This will reduce the need for detergents when you wash your boat. Pollen, dust, spores, or salt occur naturally and will do no harm when they are washed into the water.
- Avoid using harsh cleaners, soaps or detergents. They destroy protective wax

coatings, damage the environment, and reduce water quality.

Note: In Canada, manufacturers do not have to substantiate such claims as 'non polluting' and 'fully biodegradable.' Remember that all detergents - even those that call themselves "environment friendly" - or "green" - contain polluting phosphates and nitrates. The "Environmental Choice" logo indicates a degree of acceptability.

ALTERNATIVES TO TOXIC CLEANSERS

Toxic Cleansers	Alternatives
Fibreglass	Baking soda and salt
Aluminum	1 Tbsp of cream of tartar in a half litre of hot water
Brass	Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and salt solution
Chrome	Vinegar and salt solution
Copper	Lemon juice and salt solution
Decks	1 part vinegar to 8 parts water
Hair	Baby shampoo (phosphate-free and Ph balanced)
Hands	Baby oil or margarine
Clear Plastic	1 part vinegar to 2 parts water
Mildew	Vinegar and salt solution
Shower	Wet the area, apply baking soda, and wipe
Toilet	Baking soda
Windows	1 part vinegar to 2 parts water
Wood	Polish with olive oil
Chrome/metal	Polish with baby oil
Bleaching	Hydrogen peroxide
Scouring	Baking soda

Information provided by:

Transport Canada - Office of Boating Safety;
Publications: Protecting the Marine Environment - A Boater's Guide
www.tc.gc.ca

5 Things You Can Do To Have a Safe and Enjoyable Boating Season

1. Wear your Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or lifejacket. Regulations require that you carry a properly fitting PFD or lifejacket that is Canadian approved and in good repair for every person on board. They only work when you wear them and usually by the time you need them it is too late to even find them and then struggle to put them on. In over 80% of boating related drowning people were not wearing their PFD.
2. Don't Drink and Boat! Now you could loose your driver's license. Over 40% of all boating fatalities involve alcohol.
3. Soon everyone who operates a powered recreational vessel will require proof of operator competency. Many require it now so don't wait, get proper training, take a course and get your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC).
4. Don't boat in poor weather. Water conditions can change very quickly, especially on large shallow lakes like Rice Lake and Lake Simcoe. Check weather reports before you leave shore and return to shore as soon as good conditions begin to change.
5. Get a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC) and ensure that you have the proper safety equipment on board, it is accessible and it is in good operating condition.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:	Canoes, Kayaks, Row Boats	Personal Water Craft (PWCs)	Powered up to 6 meters in length	Powered over 6 up to 8 meters in length
One Canadian approved PFD or Lifejacket for every person on board	✓	✓	✓	✓
At least 15 meters of buoyant heaving line	✓	✓	✓	✓
A manual propelling device or anchor with at least 15 meters of line		✓	✓	✓
A watertight flashlight or 3 approved flares of type A, B or C		✓	✓	
Plus 6 approved flares of type A,B or C				✓
A sound signalling device	✓	✓	✓	✓
Navigation lights if operated at night or periods of poor visibility	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magnetic compass unless operating in sight of navigation marks			✓	✓
Bailer or manual water pump with sufficient hose to reach overboard	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exempt if everyone is wearing their PFD		✓		
One class 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with an inboard engine, fixed fuel tank or fuel burning appliance		✓	✓	✓
Exempt if everyone is wearing their PFD		✓		
Plus one 5BC fire extinguisher if there is a fuel burning appliance				✓
Re boarding device if climbing distance is over 0.5 meters				✓



This Important Boating Safety Message Is Brought To You by:
 The Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto Police Marine Unit and Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
 Call your local Canadian Power & Sail Squadron for more information about training and Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks
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TO: THE MEMBERS, HALIFAX SQUADRON

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Halifax Squadron will be held at Armdale Yacht Club on May 23, 2009, at 20:30 hours for the purpose of:

- a) receiving and approving the reports of the officers of the Squadron
- b) receiving and approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2008
- c) electing the officers of the Halifax Squadron
- d) considering other business as may properly come before the meeting

The Report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this Notice. 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 Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2009

Harry Henteleff

Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

May 23, 2009

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as squadron officers for 2008-2009.

Commander (Cdr)	Sarah-Jane Raine
Executive Officer (Lt/C)	Marlon Lewis
Training Officer (Lt/C)	Norman Raine
Asst. Training Officer (1 st Lt)	Alek Simonic
Secretary (1 st Lt)	Harry Henteleff
Treasurer (1 st /Lt)	Dan White
PR Officer (1 st /Lt)	Kellie Skelhorn
Membership Officer (1 st /Lt)	Carl Kumpic
Newsletter Editors (1 st /Lt)	Susan Blagdon & Janice Cook
Supply Officer (Lt)	Rozanne Raine
Communications Officer (Lt)	Dave Hackett
Social Coordinator (Lt)	Dave Hickey

2. 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:

Dan White

- b) pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1, the following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2009-2010 by virtue of their position, and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Dan White, Chairman
Cdr Sarah-Jane Raine
Exec. Officer Marlon Lewis

Respectfully submitted,

Dan White, Sarah-Jane Raine, Carl Kumpic

2008-2009 Nominating Committee