



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.

Please enjoy this issue of your Foghorn and take special note of the upcoming Social Scene and course offerings

Commander's Corner



It is hard to remember our past boating season with the winter we have had to date. It almost seems like two years ago. Some lucky ones have already been south and some more to go I hear via the grapevine. When we start to get some warm weather I am sure we all will be ready to get at the boats!

The Halifax International Boat Show will be February 20-23 so that will help give us a boost. So note these dates so you can visit the show to see old friends and pick up some of those items you cannot do without for your boat. Remember to drop by and see us at the CPS-ECP Booth.

We have been successful in having several of our courses completed in the fall. We have courses starting in January, February & March, check out the website at www.cps Halifax.ca to see if there is a course that would be of interest. Did you know that you have to have a radio operator's license in order to operate your VHF marine radio, you can take this two day course by checking dates on our website and signing up.

We plan on having a couple of interesting talks at the Armdale Yacht Club so watch your email for notice of these. Everyone is welcome.

Commander Sarah-Jane Raine S



Show Hours are:

Thursday, Feb 20	12 noon to 9:00 pm
Friday, Feb 21	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday, Feb 22	9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 23	10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location Exhibition Park: Halifax

There is no such thing as bad weather only bad clothes –
Old Norwegian Adage

75th Flag Relay

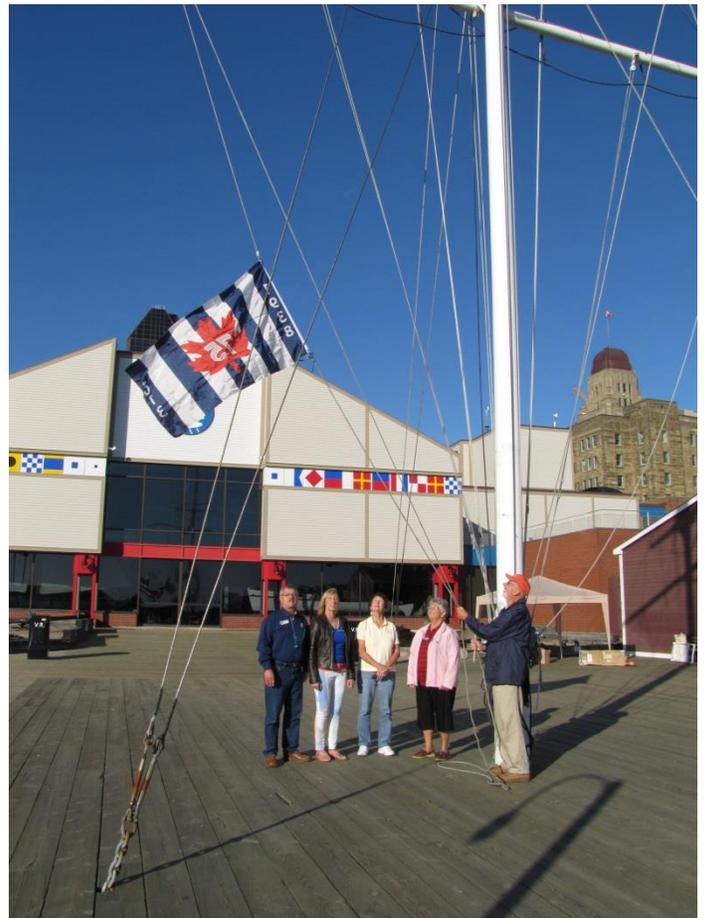


Our **Halifax** Flag Relay event for the 75th anniversary of CPS, hosted by CPS Halifax and Alderney Squadrons took place on Friday, **October 4, 2013**, on the Halifax waterfront, at the jetty outside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The 75th Anniversary Flag was raised and flown throughout the day in commemoration of the event, with the presence of the regular CPS Flag, and the Canadian Flag. A booth was set up for the day, with Anniversary cake and bottled water given out to the many visitors to our booth where CPS information and boating literature was displayed. A visitors' book was also displayed at our booth where many of the visitors to the booth wrote their names and made entries in the book. Ballots were drawn for a Salus PFD, given away as a door prize. Members of both bridges volunteered many hours in putting together the event and staffing the booth to chat and interact with visitors as they came by. It was a perfect fall day; the Maritime weather cooperating in bringing sunshine and dry conditions.

At the end of the event and after packing everything up, the 75th Anniversary Flag was couriered to St. John's, Newfoundland, to continue its journey across Canada to the last city of commemoration of the Flag Relay and to be dipped in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

All in all it was a very successful celebration of marking this milestone of 75 years of boaters taking responsibility for safe boating across Canada.

The Squadrons of Alderney and Halifax thank all of the volunteers for their time and dedication to making this event a success.



The cure for anything is saltwater – sweat, tears, or the sea
–Isak Dinesen

Courses and people, Fall 2013

Snapshots of the Fall Boating Essentials (BE) course, Instructor Angus Macpherson; of the Electronic Navigation (EN) course, Instructor, Alan Uren, and, of Advanced Piloting (AP), Instructor Howard Donohoe.



BE: Ed and Margaret, Patricia, Nigel and Stephen, John (missing: Sandra)



EN: Dave, Stephen and John (missing: Greg, Liam Erin, Curtis, Donna, Ed and John A)



AP: Darryl, Dalton, Alfred, Howard (instructor) and Fred (missing: Trevor)

Congratulations



Commander Sarah-Jane presenting Alan Uren the G. William Bowman Instructor of the Year Award for Atlantic Provinces and Quebec.



The Fortress Anchor Officer of the Year Award for Atlantic Canada was presented to Sarah-Jane Raine by Richard Bee - Past Chief Commander

Sarah-Jane was also awarded the Chief Commanders' Citation

TRAINING SCHEDULE, Winter/Spring, 2014

PCOC: Boating Basics Seminar - Get ready for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam by taking the BB seminar. 2nd-family member and refresher rates are available. Dates: Feb. 28 (6-9pm) and Sunday Mar. 2 (1-5pm). See also "Boating Essentials including Boating Basics (PCOC)" listing below. Visit the CPS booth at the Halifax Boat Show (Feb 20-23) for a chance to qualify to take the BB seminar for free (full refund to the lucky pre-registered winner)!

Boating Essentials: a course for holders of the PCOC who want to expand their boating knowledge and navigation skills. Boating Essentials takes you beyond the basics to be able to begin cruising with confidence. Learn how to read and interpret marine charts and your GPS; get to know how to drop and weigh anchor, and much more. Plus, you will earn a year's membership in CPS with all the benefits it confers! 2nd-family member rates are available. Course runs on Wednesdays, for 10 weeks starting February 26th.

Boating Essentials including Boating Basics Seminar (PCOC): Get your PCOC card **and** learn about plotting and navigation. See both listings above: start on Wednesday February 26 (BE) and on Feb 28 and March 2 take the BB seminar; then continue with BE. This combo was formerly known as The Boating Course. Early-bird discount and 2nd-family member rates are available.

Sailing: an absolute must for those devoted to boating under sail and exploring all aspects of rigging and sailing techniques. Both a 2nd-family member discount and a refresher option offered. Course runs Mondays for 10 weeks, beginning February 24th.

Boat & Engine Maintenance: learn basic maintenance and how to diagnose more serious issues with your boat and its power components. A refresher rate is available for graduates of the older Marine Maintenance programme. The course runs on Mondays for 12 weeks, beginning March 3rd.

Weather for Recreational Boaters: This new CPS Weather Course provides boaters with the tools to find and accurately interpret weather reports and forecasts, and to develop keen judgments in "reading" the sky and sea for optimum boating safety. Newly developed for adult learners, this course will measure learning success not by closed-book, memory-work exams, but by practical, open-book applications of learned concepts to actual boating situations. The course starts Feb 27, 2014, at 6:30pm, and runs for 7-8 weeks.

RADAR for Pleasure Craft: Discover the many uses of RADAR, from locating yourself in poor visibility conditions to avoiding collisions to actually navigating and getting fixes by RADAR. The course starts Thursday April 17, 2014, and runs for 5 weeks.

Maritime Radio (ROC-M): Are you and your crew certified to use your vessel's marine radio? Anyone operating a marine VHF radio must be certified. It's the law! The VHF Radio Course prepares you: you will learn emergency radio procedures, as well as everyday operating techniques. Topics also include the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). We have courses slotted for February, March, April and May.

Please see www.cps Halifax.ca / last page here for all courses, cost and class location. Go straight to our [Squadron Calendar](#) to register.

Social Scene - Going to Sea

Armdale Yacht Club and the Halifax Squadron of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons invite you to attend a fascinating talk by Murray Wilson on Wednesday, 26 February 2014 about his adventures on a tall ship. He left Halifax in November 2012 and sailed on the *Picton Castle* to the South Pacific visiting such iconic locations as the Galapagos Islands and Pitcairn Island. Listen to his adventures, observations and reflections on going to sea.

Murray Wilson had recently retired as Associate Registrar at Saint Mary's University. He thought his life would settle into a familiar routine. But it didn't. During the time he volunteered for Tall Ships Festival in 2012, he thought about a sign he saw on the *Picton Castle* urging would-be sailors to sign on for a seven month sail training cruise. He did and his life changed. He wanted to live an experience that challenged his senses, skills and abilities. He signed on to the *Picton Castle* and went to sea.

Murray will describe what it is like to go to sea and acquire all of the sailing skills later in life. Many of us will re-live some of those magical moments that Murray witnessed—sunrises, stars, food and camaraderie. He will also share moments of doubt and fear in such things as climbing the ratlines and coping with rising wind and seas.

Enjoy the story of how Murray became transformed from a land-lubber into a tall ship sailor. This is a talk not to be missed. Drinks and conversation start at 1900 in the Upper Wardroom of AYC followed by Murray's talk at 1930.

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Bridge Members from left to right – Dave, Janice, Norman, Harry, Sarah-Jane, Rozanne, Dan, Catherine, Adriana, Howard.

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WINTER SCHEDULE – Classes begin week of February 24, 2014

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Sail	Mon, Feb 24 th 2014	10 weeks	Luke Porter	\$140 member \$165 non-member 2 nd family member & Refresher rate available
Boat & Engine Maintenance	Mon, Mar 3 rd 2014	10-12 weeks	Norman Raine	\$140 member \$165 non-member Refresher rate available
Boating Essentials	Wed, Feb 26 th 2014	10 weeks	Ron Hoffman	\$215 (Early Bird discount and 2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr membership
Boating Essentials with PCOC	Wed, Feb 26 th 2014 (+ see Boating Basics, below)	10 weeks	Ron Hoffman	\$260 (Early Bird discount and 2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr membership
Weather for Recreational Boaters	Thurs, Feb 27 th 2014	7 weeks	Richard Zurawski	\$60 member; \$70 non-member
Boating Basics (PCOC seminar)	Fri, Feb 28 and Sun March 2 nd 2014	8 hours	Angus Macpherson	\$80 (2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr associate membership Refresher rate available
RADAR	Thurs, Apr 17 th 2014	5 weeks	Dave Hackett	\$80 member \$90 non-member Refresher rate available

ROC(M): VHF marine radio courses:

Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Fri, Feb 28 th & Sunday Mar 2 nd	8 hours total	Harry Henteleff	\$70 ((\$60 member rate)
Fri, Mar 28 th & Sunday Mar 30 th	8 hours total	Dan White	\$70 ((\$60 member rate)
Fri, Apr 25 th & Sunday Apr 27 th	8 hours total	Dan White	\$70 ((\$60 member rate)
Fri, May 9 th & Sunday May 11 th	8 hours total	Harry Henteleff	\$70 ((\$60 member rate)

Register on line at the [Halifax Squadron Calendar](#)

Unless otherwise specified, classes are held at the [Cpt. Wm. Spry Centre](#)