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Commander's Corner

Our winter is over and signs of spring are here. There is much activity in the various boat yards with everyone busy getting that boat ready for launch and the season ahead.

At the Squadron we are looking back over a successful winter of training. We have offered courses with good attendance. We have had students in the following: Boating, Advance Piloting, Piloting, Marine Maintenance and Celestial Navigation. Our short courses consisted of Boat Pro, Marine Radio, Navigating with GPS, Electronic Charting and Radar for Pleasure Craft. With the number of people who have taken the courses we are meeting our mandate to provide courses to promote safe boating on the water. The Training Department is now planning for the next season so please watch the website starting in September for the winter courses and for the various short courses which they will be offering. We have many dedicated instructors who present the courses along with the training committee and our thanks goes to them for their many hours given to CPS.

On Saturday, June 7 we are holding our AGM along with the Graduation of the successful students of the various courses. Please make an effort to attend. There is a separate notice in this publication.

Also check the website as our Social Officer plans a couple of raft ups for the members once the boating season gets started. All members are welcome.

I want to thank the Bridge Officers for their work of this past year. Everyone puts in many hours towards the operation of the Halifax Squadron.

Sarah-Jane Raine, Commander

Upcoming Events!

Halifax Squadron Annual General Meeting and Graduation

Place: Armdale Yacht Club, Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax, NS

Time: Saturday, June 7, 2008
Cash Bar 18:00-19:00
Buffet Dinner 19:00 – 20:30
Presentations 20:30
Followed by Cash Bar

Price is \$25.00 per person. **MUST** RSVP by June 2 to reserve your place to Sarah-Jane Raine at 477-4106 or rosali@ns.sympatico.ca

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 improve to help improve the safe boating of all on the water.

The Buffet will consist of roast beef, turkey, roast potatoes, veggies, salads, dessert and tea/coffee.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Remember to watch the Squadron website for announcements of social events during the summer months that are being planned by Dave Hickey, our Social Coordinator.

“Those Winter Covers”

Now is the most happiest of times for most boat owners, Spring. After a very long, long, and cold winter, we are finally getting the covers off. If you are one of the boat owners who have wisely chosen to use a re-usable canvas type cover, proper care and storage of the cover will insure many years of reliable use. Depending upon the fabric type, the process is basically the same. First, clean the cover with a power-washer (carefully) to remove any environmental dirt & debris. Hang the cover up on a line in the yard and dry it completely. Once the cover is clean it is ready for any repairs that may be necessary. Get these done now as the fall is usually busy time for canvas shops (making new winter covers for those smart boaters) If the cover is a treated canvas, you can waterproof it with a product called “Canvax”. This is a product designed for natural canvas and should not be used for synthetic materials. It is fairly reasonable cost and easy to use following instructions on the can. This product is available from most canvas shops. After the cover is dry, fold it up and store in a dry place till the sad time (Fall) arrives again. If the fabric is a synthetic, there several types of waterproofing products that you can use. For this information, you should contact a canvas shop and see which product to use to waterproof your cover. The newer covers are made from these light weight fabrics which have many good qualities and are much easier to install. The same applies to these covers, clean well, dry well and store in a dry location. Remember, water is the enemy here (only here) and if you do not clean and dry the covers completely, mold will rot your cover in a surprisingly fast amount of time. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to more **canvas chat** in future issues of “The Fog Horn”

Yours Aye,
Dave Hickey, MFC
D.R.H.Canavs & Marine Limited
Award winning member of Marine Fabricators Association

Check out this exciting new web site:
www.marinecanvas.com

Route Halifax Saint-Pierre 2008

It is time again for the Route Halifax Saint Pierre Ocean Race – this 360-nautical mile race from Halifax to the French island of Saint Pierre is a delight for adventure enthusiasts and pleasure – seekers alike. The first class leaves Halifax on July 13th and the yachts are expected to arrive in Saint-Pierre on July 16-17. For more information refer to the race website: www.route-hsp.com

Pretty much everyone retires, sooner or later. There are the odd few that labour on ‘till the final trumpet but they are far from the norm. Most of us look forward to the day that they can call it quits on the daily grind and can cast off the lines that tie them to the nine to five and move on to preferable things.

We, that’s Mike and Barb Turney, from NELLEKE, Armdale Yacht Club A-Dock, a Moody 42’ pilot house ketch, the one with the yellow kayak on the cabin roof (for those of you who might not know us) are no exception to that rule. Barb’s choice was made for her as the firm that she had been working for over the last 10 years downsized as her project migrated to India, and without a project, what use is a Project Manager? Mike has been dreading the moment (Barb doesn’t believe that, really), but as the time draws closer there is the dawning realization that the time has come; better to retire on a positive note and leave space for junior Canadian Forces staff to move upward than to hang on like grim death and become one of those Col. Bogie caricatures that you see in the cartoons sometimes.

NELLEKE is undergoing preparations for our retirement. We have made many upgrades and additions to the boat and her electronics since we bought her in 2001 – the Binnacle folks have been invaluable with their suggestions, sound advice, and quick delivery (the Waeco freezer is a godsend); MarineNav in PEI have provided a Leviathan computer; Dave Hickey has made us a bimini that we are forever thankful for in sun and storm; Mike has rewired her pretty much from stem to stern and this year installed the last few pieces of gear including a watermaker and a new GPS. Over the years we have consumed as many CPS courses as we could squeeze in so we are as well prepared as we can be for all eventualities. Weather permitting, we intend to leave Armdale on the 29th of August with Pat and Lisa Noonan from NOONAN KNIGHT as crew for the first two weeks of the trip. Pat and Lisa will be flying home from New York and then we will be poking our way down the coast of the US stopping wherever the sprit moves us – it will be very strange to not be rushing back home to get back to the office, post-vacation! We expect to be back next spring – you can check out our adventures on our sailblog – www.sailblogs.com/member/nelleke/ So long, for now!

May 2, 2008 - Nelleke Launch – many thanks to the AYC Yard Crew



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 June 7, 2008, at 20:00 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 12th day of May, 2008.
Harry Henteleff
Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

May 12, 2008

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

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 2008-2009 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, Alan Uren
2007-2008 Nominating Committee

Halifax Squadron Bridge 2007-2008

Position	Email Address	Officer's Name
Commander	CPS_Commander@cpshalifax.com	Sarah-Jane Raine
Past Commander	CPS_PastCommander@cpshalifax.com	Dan White
Executive Officer	-	vacant
Secretary	CPS_Secretary@cpshalifax.com	Harry Henteleff
Treasurer	CPS_Treasurer@cpshalifax.com	Dan White
Training Officer	TrainingOfficer@cpshalifax.com	Alan Uren
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Assistant Training Officer	Assistant_TO2@cpshalifax.com	Norman Raine
Youth Officer	Youth_TO@cpshalifax.com	vacant
Membership Officer	CPS_Membership@cpshalifax.com	Carl Kumpic
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