



Foghorn



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CPS-ECP is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing boating enjoyment and safety through education. The Foghorn is the newsletter of the Halifax Squadron, a unit of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

A Cheery Hello to all Members:

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer of 2015 in our beautiful Nova Scotia. Another sailing season is coming to a close and we have had some beautiful days out there to enjoy being on the water. Fall is here now, on the East Coast; so take advantage of any sailing days left out there.

This is our last Foghorn issue of the year and it has been a very busy year on the Bridge. In addition we have had some changes to the Officers of the Bridge. Our Past Commander, Sarah-Jane Raine, has stepped down, after many devoted years at the head of our helm, to become our Executive Officer and Membership Officer. As your new Commander, I was sworn in on May 30, 2015, succeeding from my former positions of Executive Officer and Membership Officer. I wish to give a warm welcome to Joshua Bearden, our new Assistant Education Officer.



Our Squadron participated in a number of events this year: **National Life Jacket Day** (May 14) we set up an "outdoor kiosk" in Parade Square, gave out brochures and educational material and participated in the festivities at Noon day in

the Square, hosted by the Mayor of HRM.

Flair Disposal Day (June 6) at the Yacht Shop, Halifax. This was the second year we participated in the national program and carried it out in conjunction with Alderney Squadron; all in all, it was a very successful day- we started to run out of boxes to put the disposed flares in! **Shining Waters Marina** day (June 13) amongst other exhibitors, we set up a table and gave out information about CPS-ECP and educational materials on safe boating.

As the time approaches to "pull" or "bubble" our boats and winterize them, it is a great time to check out our course schedule and sign up for one or more of the courses we are offering this fall, winter and spring of 2016. Just go to www.cps Halifax.ca, click on the "Courses" Tab and follow the "Register" link to enroll on- line. And remember, if you are operating a marine radio, you need certification; we will be

offering VHF courses, TBA at a later date. Safe boating is a concern for all and we have a variety of excellent courses at different levels to offer, taught by knowledgeable instructors. Don't hesitate to tell your friends about our courses, as well, for those who may be interested in continuing their boating education or beginners in boating.

For social events this year, we again will be holding the monthly Wednesday night socials (October through Apr/May) which continue to be popular, with a good turn-out. Come out to socialize and meet new people; enjoy a few munchies, cash bar, and learn about an interesting topic! Armdale Yacht Club has been kind enough to offer their clubhouse to us for these events. Our Bridge is working to organize some interesting presentations for these events, to be announced through e-blasts. Please ensure you have your current email address on your CPS-ECP membership profile and advise our Membership Officer of any changes/updates, so that you will receive any notices, information we send out electronically.

In closing I want to acknowledge and give the Bridge Officers a tremendous thank-you for all of the work and hours they volunteer all through the year, quietly behind the scenes, to make it all happen and to make our Squadron one to be proud of. Special mention goes to Jan Cook, who tirelessly dedicates her time and effort to put out 3-4 publications of our Foghorn, each year.

In closing, Catch the Wind in Your Sails



Kind Regards, Catherine Lunn, Commander

Boating Information Seminars and a Social Evening

For the past several years the Halifax Squadron of CPS-ECP has joined with Armdale Yacht Club to host a variety of seminars on nautical topics. In the past we've heard about the RCMP's work on the water, the operation of search and rescue and how some people have gone to sea with no experience and enjoyed it.



During the late fall and through the winter, AYC and CPS-ECP will once again host these popular seminars. Each seminar begins at 1930 in the Upper Wardroom and usually lasts 60 minutes. The bar

is open and there are snacks and munchies. The half hour before the talk begins is a great time to meet your friends and catch up on the boating scene.

Here is the schedule with dates and topics:

November 18 – chartering in the Caribbean

January 27 – a sailing adventure

February 17 – staying put or moving: anchoring and fog

March 30 – great places to go in Nova Scotia and Maine

April (Date TBA) – engine maintenance

I suggest putting these dates onto your calendar. The seminars are a way of keeping tuned to current ideas, strategies and advice. You'll find them entertaining and helpful. Besides, you get a chance to socialize with other boaters.

Howard Donohoe AP

Social Officer and PR Officer, Halifax Squadron CPS-ECP

Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining – Anne Lamott

2015 Merit Mark Awards

Any member who volunteers a minimum of 20 hours a year to CPS-ECP receives a merit mark. Upon receiving 20 merit marks the member then becomes a Life member of CPS-ECP and no longer is required to pay the yearly dues. We extend our congratulations and thank you to the following members:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Merit Mark</u>
Brian Blakeney	1
Catherine Lunn	3
Terence Carter	3
Luke Porter (Senior level)	5
Adriana McCrea	6
Brian Perry	6
Janice Cook	7
Dave Hackett	8
Harry Henteleff	9
Angus MacPherson	11
Rozanne Raine	11
Sarah-Jane Raine	12
Howard Donohoe	16
Emanuel Laufer	18
Norman Raine	19
Ron Hoffman	21
Dan White	25
Louise White	31



Janice, Foghorn editor, receiving merit award from past Squadron Commander Sarah-Jane Raine

From the Education Department

Listed below are the courses we will be offering this year. An early bird discount is available for most courses; also a 2nd family member discount and a refresher option are offered for select courses. Note that core CPS-ECP courses have been rebranded as Boating, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. See www.cps Halifax.ca for full course details, registration and updates.

Boating 1: PCOC Seminar – a one-day seminar is scheduled for October 24

Boating 2: Beyond the PCOC – 5 weeks, ending Nov 4, this short course introduces novices to aspects of boat handling and manoeuvring, anchoring, lines, etc.

Boating 3: Introduction to Navigation – 5 weeks, ending Dec 16

A special price is available for signing up for any of 2 introductory Boating packages: Boating 1, 2 and 3 Package; or Boating 2 and 3 Combo.

Boating 4: Seamanship: for graduates of an introductory navigation course. Learn how to cope with unexpected situations such as medical emergencies, adverse weather, and much more. Navigational skills will be enhanced as the use of relative bearings in plotting is covered, as well as knots and spicing; 13 weeks, starting Jan 12.

Boating 5: Advanced Piloting: AP expands on knowledge gained from the earlier Boating courses by using a variety of electronic devices to chart and plan your course under tidal, current and windy conditions. Learn more about dead reckoning, fixes and running fixes; and gain a higher degree of proficiency in navigating through coastal waters; 12 weeks, starting Feb 2.

Boat and Engine Maintenance: Learn basic maintenance and how to diagnose more serious issues with your boat and its power components. 12 weeks; starts Oct 26.

New: Marine Electrical Maintenance: Learn how to maintain electrical systems in your boat properly and safely. 10 weeks. (Sorry; this course is full)

The Sail Course: an absolute must for those devoted to boating under sail and exploring all aspects of rigging and sailing techniques. 12 weeks; starts Jan 11.

New: Weather for Recreational Boaters: This 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. 10 weeks; starts Feb 25.

Electronic Navigation: learn about hand-held and built-in GPS and chart plotter instruments and become familiar with the many features and capabilities of these devices. Electronic programs like Maptech, OZI, FUGAWI and Nobeltec are also covered. 7 weeks; starts Feb 25.

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. 5 weeks; starts Apr 14.

If you like eating better than sailing, you should stay home and have a barbeque in the back yard – L. Francis Herreshoff

The new Squadron commander, Catherine Lunn, is sworn in.



CPS-ECP Halifax Squadron Bridge Members 2015-2016

Position	Email Address	Officer's Name
Commander	CPS_Commander@cpshalifax.ca	Catherine Lunn
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From left to right: Janice Cook, Norman Raine, Adriana McCrea, Harry Henteleff, Catherine Lunn, Sarah-Jane Raine, John Greenhaigh, Dave Hackett, Dan White, Howard Donohoe
Missing from picture - Rozanne Raine, Joshua Bearden



Halifax Power and Sail Squadron

For further information and registration, please go to
[the Squadron's 2015-16 Course Calendar](#)

FALL SCHEDULE

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Boating 2: Beyond the PCOC**	Wed, Oct 7 th 2015	5 weeks	Terry Carter	\$150**
Boating 1: PCOC seminar**	Sat, Oct 24 th 2015	1-day (9-5pm)	Terry Carter	\$90
Boating 3: Intro to Navigation**	Wed, Nov 18 th 2015	5 weeks	Terry Carter	\$170**
Boat & Engine Maintenance	Mon, Oct 26 th 2015	11 weeks	Norman Raine	\$140 member/ \$165 non-member
Marine Electrical ^{*see note}	Thurs, Nov 5(12) th 2015	10 weeks	Dan Steinwender	\$140 member/ \$165 non-member

* Note: The Marine Electrical Course is full!

WINTER SCHEDULE

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
The Sail Course	Mon, Jan 11 th 2016	12 weeks	Luke Porter	\$140 member/ \$165 non-member
Seamanship	Tues, Jan 12 th 2016	13 weeks	Angus Macpherson	\$170 member/ \$195 non-member
Advanced Piloting	Tues, Feb 2 nd 2016	12 weeks	Howard Donohoe	\$170 member/ \$195 non-member
Boating 2: Beyond the PCOC**	Wed, Feb 10 th 2016	5 weeks	TBA	\$150**
Boating 3: Intro to Navigation**	Wed, Mar 16 th 2016	5 weeks	TBA	\$170**
Electronic Navigation	Thurs, Feb 25 th 2016	7 weeks	Paul Light	\$115 member/ \$135 non-member
Intro to Weather for Recreational Boaters	Thurs, Feb 25 th 2016	10 weeks	Richard Zurawski	\$140 member/ \$165 non-member
RADAR	Thurs, Apr 14 th 2016	5 weeks	Paul Light	\$110 member/ \$120 non-member

A second Boating 1 (PCOC) seminar will be offered in Feb 2016

** Discounted price when registering for Boating 2 and 3 combo

** Discounted price when registering for Boating 1, 2 and 3 package

ROC(M) courses are currently being scheduled; for details check our website

All classes are held at the [Cpt. Wm. Spry Centre](#)



Click on the picture to see all CPS-ECP courses, together with Table on Contents for each...