



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.

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Commander's Corner



What a summer for boating and I am sure we all have done lots of it. Most of the weekends were lovely so all the working folk got their chance to enjoy a great boating season as well. The weather people tell us that we are going to have a great fall season with good temperatures as well, so we can extend putting the boat away and enjoy.

Our 50th Anniversary dinner on April 28 in conjunction with the Atlantic District's 50th went well. We had a wonderful dinner party at Chocolate Lake Best Western with both groups which included our own, Alan Uren, giving a super talk on his and Heather's trip south and in particular the part while going from Newport to Bermuda in a storm.

Our Squadron Training Officer, Adriana McCrea, and her committee have been working to put together courses for this year's training season. In particular, the new **Boating Essentials** course which is open to any person holding a PCOC regardless where it has been obtained. As long as you have a PCOC card or know of someone who does and they want to continue their boating education this is the course to take. Check out our website www.cps Halifax.ca for all courses and why not register for one over the fall and winter months. Our Social Officer, Alan Uren, is planning a series of talks over the winter months. This was started last year and we got some

of our members out to these sessions and everyone was able to meet and a good time was held by all as well as well as obtaining some good information. The Armdale Yacht Club is again allowing us to host these evenings at the club, so why not check this out and come out for a social evening as well as a little learning.

The Bridge still needs the service of a Public Relations Officer. Do you have some time you might like to volunteer to the Squadron? See the note in this issue of the Foghorn.

Safe Boating is Everyone's Concern – Take a Course to Improve Your Skills and Knowledge

Sarah-Jane Raine, Commander



Alan Uren receiving Senior Navigator from Richard Bee, Chief Commander

Halifax Squadron Public Relations Officer

The Halifax Squadron requires a PR Officer for our Bridge. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from September to May each year. This position does require some work particularly when we are starting our courses in the fall and January/February. You would be required to work closely with the Squadron Training Officer and the Social Officer. Past PR Officer's advise that you can spend about one hour a week on this position and some weeks none. Listed below is a brief outline of requirements:

- Sending information to Yacht Clubs, Yacht Brokers and various other yachting stores and keeping information up-to-date.
- Promotion of courses to the public and members via news media, Kijiji, and e-communications.
- Promote and organize CPS Safe Boating Week in late May or early June.
- Prepare public service announcements as required.
- Co-ordinate with Alderney Squadron for the Halifax Boat Show booth in February each year. Attendance would be required and arranged with the Commander when working at the booth.
- In April/May each year prepare the National Volunteer Awards for submission to National Head Office. Other members of the Bridge would be of assistance.

If you would be interest in joining the Bridge of Halifax Squadron in this position please contact the Commander, Sarah-Jane Raine, rosali@ns.sympatico.ca or 902-477-4106.

Not as expected - sail in St Margaret's Bay

June 11, 2012: First solo sail on the new Hunter 33. Plan: leave the dock at Shining Waters Marine, make it to Shut-In Island before returning; practice tacks with these sails. Take-off and landing likely to be the trickiest part, but focus will be all. Seas choppy; winds 10-15kn....

Take-off good, lines and fenders removed and stowed; mainsail nicely unfurled without much effort. Soon past Clam on first leg under sail out into the Bay. Onward toward Potato before making first tack and releasing the jib. Hmm: a faint sound. Strange. Seagull? Children frolicking on Strawberry? Is it "Help me"? Hard to be sure. Wait, it really seems to be a call for help. Report to Halifax Coast Guard Radio and inform the dispatcher that will head towards the sound. There! Someone is bobbing in the water! Report to CGR: there's a man in the water; am sailing towards him and will try to get him on board; am alone and

could do with some assistance - like right now! Pan-pan-pan issued by the dispatcher....

Within 10 feet of him, but wind now hinders getting any closer. Swim here! I can't, he cries. Need to get the sail in. Don't leave me, he wails. Assure him that will be right back. Sail down; motor back to him and throw him the lifeline. Overshoot and miss. (Should have practiced!) Make a sharp circle around him. Relief: the line wraps around him and he hangs on to it. Pull him to the boat. Swimming platform and ladder lowered, but he says he can't climb the ladder, can't feel his legs. Grab the handle at the platform! Now he's able to get a foot on the ladder. Got him under his armpits; on the count of 3 he's to push up. I can't, he says. Do it or else you're gonna die! He finds the use of his foot; now drag him in. No sooner on board than he's ready to jump back off: Where's my buddy? Stay put; we'll find him! Quick radio report about one man rescued; his Buddy missing.... Wait. There's a capsized rowboat, some debris; but no sign of Buddy. Then: another boat, upright and manned, and it looks like someone's hanging on at its transom as it is rowed to shore! On shore, [emergency lights are flashing](#). Call it in. Coastguard contacts the RCMP. Confirmed: Buddy is rescued. End of pan-pan. Back to SWM. Firemen and paramedics await (also [press](#)); an RCMP officer arrives to take a statement; at the end, offers his hand, saying it doesn't often end this way. Then it's over. Call the wife who's not expecting me for another three hours. Am exhausted...

Reflections, two days later:

Slept like a hero, first night, but last night nightmares, seeing things that could have gone wrong and one bad mistake: while dragging my man onto the platform, forgot to turn off the engine. It was in neutral but he could easily get carbon monoxide poisoning from the exhaust. Lucky to get away with this one (the wind helped).

Another issue: he wore a blue life vest, an excellent choice if you really don't want to be seen in the water! His cries for help were downwind from about 0.4nm, but choppy seas meant he could not be spotted until he was less than 30ft away. Not good. Hoping to never encounter a situation like this again. It is nasty and there is little room for mistakes. It only took 15 seconds to furl in the main and that helped when it came to "plucking" him out of the water. Lucky to have a swimming platform, too....

Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Give him a fishing lesson and he'll sit in a boat drinking beer every weekend.....Alex Blackwell

The Training Programme for 2012-13 begins the week of October 22, 2012. For listings, dates, cost and venue, see [the Squadron's 2012-13 Course Calendar](#).

Register for the course of your choice by clicking on its title in the Calendar. **Early registration is strongly encouraged**; this allows us to order adequate quantities of course materials and reserve classrooms of the appropriate size. Refresher rates and 2nd-family member options available for select courses. Below, a brief synopsis of what you will find in greater detail in the Calendar.

INTRODUCTORY BOATING AND NAVIGATION COURSES:

The Boating Course: earn your CPS PCOC card and develop good navigation skills. Early-bird discount and 2nd-family member rates are available.

Boating Essentials: a brand new 10-week course for holders of the PCOC who want to expand their boating knowledge and navigation skills. The PCOC is a pre-requisite, but you can have earned it from any Transport Canada authorized provider. In Boating Essentials you will learn how to read and interpret marine charts and your GPS, as well as learn some essential knots, 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! Early-bird discount and 2nd-family member rates are offered.

ADVANCED NAVIGATION COURSES:

Seamanship: The Seamanship Course extends the navigation and vessel-handling techniques introduced in the Boating Course, and delves further into chart work as well as safety at sea. A 2nd-family member rate is available.

Junior Navigator (JN): introduction to off-shore sailing and celestial navigation; part 1 of the complete Navigation program (despite its name, there is little "junior" in this course! - among other things, you'll be working with a sextant to learn how to get a running fix and locate yourself when you are far from the shore).

ELECTIVE COURSES (no pre-requisite required):

Boat & Engine Maintenance: learn basic maintenance and how to diagnose more serious issues with your boat and its power components. Refresher rates available for grads of the older Marine Maintenance programme.

Sail: 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.

Extended Cruising: Extended Cruising, 2011 edition, focuses on the challenges of blue-water sailing. Both a 2nd-family

member discount and a Refresher option, either including the new text or without it, are offered.

RADAR for Pleasurecraft: Discover the many uses of RADAR, from locating yourself in poor visibility conditions to avoiding collisions to actually navigating and getting fixes by RADAR. Course material includes a cd containing a simulator. Practice using RADAR on your computer before you need to on the water!

Updates to the Calendar will be announced in the News section of the [Squadron web site](#); check in now and then... Questions? Drop a note to the [Training Officer](#)



Paul and Patricia Light receiving Boat and Engine Maintenance from Instructor, Norman Raine



Boating Grads 2012



Swearing in ceremony for Halifax Squadron Bridge members 2012-2013
 Pictured from left to right: Sarah-Jane, Harry, Kellie, Adriana, Catherine, Norman, Janice, Rozanne, Dan and Alan

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2013 Conference Booklet

The 2013 Conference in Toronto will mark the 75th Anniversary of CPS. One way in which the committee is planning to mark the occasion is by developing a booklet containing CPS stories that have been "special" over the past 75 years. They would be tales from the very beginning, from 1938 through to the present day. Stories of all kinds; from a squadron rendezvous, AGM, trips around the world or from closer to home port, from courses and graduations. All submissions should be sent to either Joan Hicks AP, Chair of the Historical Committee at canest@oxford.net or Annie Cook, N - Chair, 2013 Conference Committee annie@searoom.com.



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*are pleased to present the latest in our
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Location:
Armdale Yacht Club
75 Burgee Run
(just off Purcell's Cove Rd.)
Halifax

Time:
6:30pm - Meet & Greet
7:00pm - Speaker begins

~ **FREE Admission** ~
~ **No RSVP required** ~
~ **CASH BAR** ~

Don't miss
Wednesday, **October 17th**
@ Armdale Yacht Club

**"Author, Historian and Scuba
Diver"**
Bob Chaulk

In 25 years of diving, award-winning author Bob Chaulk has been under the waters, wharves, ferries and frigates of our harbour and has amassed a trove of artefacts and stories. In a lively audio visual presentation, Bob will answer the question everybody asks "What's down there anyway?"



To see a full training calendar for CPS courses,
please visit the Halifax Squadron website @
www.cps Halifax.ca



Take a Boating Course - Register Now

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Learn confident, enjoyable boating through education. Enrol in a CPS Boating Course.



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FALL SCHEDULE - Classes begin week of October 22, 2012

| Course | Start Date | Duration | Instructor | Fee |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|------------------|---|
| The Boating Course | Wed, Oct 24 th 2012 | 14 weeks | Angus Macpherson | \$225 (Early Bird discount and 2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr membership |
| Boating Essentials (Brand new course for holders of PCOC) | Thurs, Oct 25 th 2012 | 10 weeks | Terry Carter | \$215 (Early Bird discount and 2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr membership |
| Seamanship | Tues, Oct 23 rd 2012 | 14 weeks | Terry Kelly | \$165 member \$190 non-member 2 nd family member price available |
| Junior Navigator | Mon, Oct 22 nd 2012 | 14 weeks | Mannie Laufer | \$165 member \$190 non-member |
| Boat & Engine Maintenance | Mon, Oct 29 th 2011 | 14 weeks | Norman Raine | \$140 member \$165 non-member Refresher rate available |

WINTER SCHEDULE - Classes begin week of February 25, 2013 (final schedule coming in January)

| Course | Start Date | Duration | Instructor | Fee |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|---|
| Boating Essentials (Brand new course for holders of PCOC) | Wed Feb 27 th 2013 | 10 weeks | Ron Hoffman | \$215 (Early Bird discount and 2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr membership |
| Sail | Wed, Feb 27 th 2013 | 12 weeks | Luke Porter | \$140 member \$165 non-member 2 nd family member & Refresher rates available |
| Extended Cruising | Thurs, Feb 28 th 2013 | 12 weeks | Norman Raine, et al | \$140 member \$165 non-member 2 nd family member & Refresher rates available |
| RADAR | Tues, Mar 19 th 2013 | 5 weeks | Dave Hackett | \$80 member \$90 non-member Refresher rate available |

All courses will be held at Captain William Spry Community Center, Halifax, Nova Scotia



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