



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.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Foghorn. Please take special note of the course offerings on the last page.

Commander's Corner



Where has the summer gone? With a late start it has just flown by. Hope everyone got some great boating in. Our falls get better each year and with no hurricanes in the forecast we will still continue to boat.

When the time comes to put our boats away for the winter why not take the time to check out our course schedule and sign up for one. 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 **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. We have an updated Electronic Navigation course being given this fall, check it out. Go to our website www.cps Halifax.ca for all courses for both an October start and January/February start. Remember if operating a marine radio you need your license to do so, again check the website to see when 2 day courses will be given.

We are planning several Social times which will be a series of talks over the winter months. We have done this for the past couple of winters with being able to meet your fellow boaters and also 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 needs a Social Officer. Do you have some time you might like to volunteer to the Squadron? See the note in this issue of the Foghorn.

This year CPS-ECP is celebrating their 75th Anniversary. They have two special anniversary flags, one going west and one going east from Windsor, ON, for each squadron to fly when it reaches them:



We are working with Alderney Squadron to fly the flag in various places when it is in Halifax/Dartmouth. We also will have some dignitaries involved with the flying of the flag. The flag will go from here to St. John's, NL where it will be dipped in the Atlantic Ocean before being returned to Toronto for the AGM in October.

Safe Boating is Everyone's Concern – Take a Course to Improve Your Skills and Knowledge. You can always encourage a friend to join you.

Sarah-Jane Raine, Commander



Halifax Squadron Bridge Members

From Left to Right: Dave Hackett, Janice Cook, Norman Raine, Harry Henteleff, Sarah-Jane Raine, Rozanne Raine, Dan White, Catherine Lunn, Adriana McCrea, Howard Donohoe

The Training Programme for 2013-14 begins the week of October 14, 2013. For listings, dates, cost and venue, see [the Squadron's Course Calendar](#). Register for the course of your choice by clicking on its title in the Calendar. Early registration is strongly encouraged, allowing us to order adequate quantities of course materials and reserve rooms of appropriate size.

INTRODUCTORY BOATING AND NAVIGATION COURSES:

- **Boating Essentials:** PCOC gets you out on the water, BE teaches you how to get back! In Boating Essentials you will learn how to read and interpret marine charts and your GPS, as well as learn how to drop and weigh anchor, and much more. Early-bird discount and 2nd-family member rates are offered. Course runs on Wednesdays, beginning October 16th.

ADVANCED NAVIGATION COURSES:

- **Seamanship:** Do you know what to do if a boat on fire calls you for help? Can you deal with emergencies on your own boat? Build your confidence on the water, and make your boating a safe and fun experience: You will learn how to cope with these situations, as well as many other aspects of boating, such as relative bearings, knots and spicing, medical emergencies, coping with adverse weather, and much more. A 2nd-family member rate is available. Course runs Wednesdays, starting October 23rd.

- **Advanced Piloting:** Newly revised (2013) for graduates of Seamanship; expand that knowledge by using a variety of electronic devices to chart your course and enable you to plan your course under tidal, current and windy conditions. By learning more about dead reckoning, fixes and running fixes you will have attained a high degree of proficiency in navigating through coastal waters. The AP Course covers GPS, Chart Plotters, Radar, SONAR, Autopilots and more. Tuesdays, beginning October 22nd.

- **Junior Navigator (JN):** introduction to off-shore sailing and celestial navigation. When the GPS ceases to work, be guided by the sun. Learn to use a marine sextant to derive lines of position and a

running fix from sights on the sun. Be confident when no aids to navigation or land objects are in sight. Mondays, starting October 21st.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

- **Electronic Navigation:** a newly revised and updated course combining what was formerly Navigating with GPS and Electronic Charting. Navigate safely knowing your exact location at all times. Course material includes a CD containing a number of charts and a full scale simulator of a chart plotter to help you learn by doing. Tuesdays, beginning October 22nd. Refresher option available.

- **Boat & Engine Maintenance:** learn basic maintenance and how to diagnose more serious issues with your boat and its power components. Mondays, starting February 24th.

- **Sail:** an absolute must for those devoted to boating under sail; explore all aspects of rigging and sailing techniques. Both a 2nd-family member discount and a refresher option offered. Mondays; February 24th start date.

- **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. Thursdays; April 17th start date.



CPS members enjoy a raft-up Snow's Cove in Rogues Roost

Moonlight Maid, Heather and Alan Uren
Skelly II, Kelly Skelhorn and Brian Perry
Rosali, Sarah-Jane and Norman Raine

The only way to get a good crew is to marry one – Eric Hiscock

75th Anniversary Flag Relay

May 5 - October 26, 2013

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) are recognized as the largest organization of its kind in the world, the foremost educational boating authority in Canada. Graduates of the CPS Boating Courses fly the CPS Flag on their vessels in recognition of their achievement and membership

The Journey

CPS had its beginning with Windsor Power and Sail Squadron in 1938. Three members of the Windsor Yacht Club (WYC) took the Junior Piloting Course at the Detroit Yacht Club with the Detroit Power Squadron in 1937 (WYC Founded in 1937) and instructed the first course in Windsor at the WYC in 1938. In honour of this 75th milestone in our history, two specially designed CPS anniversary flags arrived by boat from the US depicting where we grew from

These were delivered by USPS Chief Commander John Alter and received by CPS Chief Commander Richard Bee on May 5th at WYC, blessed by Fr. Stan Fraser and they have now begun their journey: one West to Vancouver Island, BC and one East to Avalon, Nfld. Stopping in each CPS District and most Squadrons during their journey, the flags will return to the CPS Annual General meeting in Toronto on October 26th where we will be culminating our 75th anniversary celebrations. One flag will be retained by CPS and the other will travel to the United States Power Squadron (USPS) 100th anniversary celebration in January 2014 to symbolize the importance of the role that USPS had in our beginning and our growth, eventually coast to coast.

Please join us as we celebrate 75 years as a vital organization in boating safety, education and fellowship.

Our Halifax Flag Relay event for the 75th anniversary of CPS will take place on **October 4, 2013**, on the waterfront, at the jetty outside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (1675 Lower Water Street Halifax). CPS Halifax and Alderney Squadrons will have a booth set up for the day.

Come join us in the celebration of the flying of the 75th Anniversary Flag and drop by for a piece of Anniversary cake, to mark this milestone of 75 years of boaters taking responsibility for safe boating across Canada.



CPS Halifax Squadron Pennant can be purchased for \$20 from the Supply Officer. Please call 477-1280 to get yours today

Instructor BIO -Alan Uren



In 1974 Alan and a friend managed to capsize a rented Hobie Cat while on vacation in Florida. He's been hooked on sailing ever since. Alan and his wife, Heather, have been enjoying their 1980 Shannon 38 ketch, 'Moonlight Maid' since 2004. In 2009 they sailed off into the sunset traveling to Bermuda, the Caribbean and the Bahamas. They returned to Halifax in 2011 with over 6000 nm under the keel.

In 1983 Alan left the Canadian Forces as a naval officer and established a corporate training and development company, specializing in time and priority management. After becoming a 25 year 'over-night' success, he was able to retire in 2007.

Back in 2004 Alan became involved in the Halifax Power & Sail Squadron. Over the years he's been an active member on the Bridge as well as an instructor for many CPS courses. In 2012 he received his Senior Navigator designation. Alan is teaching the new Electronic Navigation course which begins in October.

HALIFAX SQUADRON NEEDS A "SOCIAL OFFICER"

Do you have a couple of hours a month you would be prepared to give helping the Halifax Squadron? The Social Officer position is a great introductory way to learn more about your local Squadron.

You would be required to attend a Bridge Meeting once a month for two hours from September to May. The meeting would give you an introduction to the operations of the Squadron Bridge, while interacting with other members of the Bridge.

In addition, as the Social Officer you would be required to set up educational and networking events 5 or 6 times a year. Each event would require no more than 4 hours of your time during the month – approximately 2 hours for organization, which generally consists of phone calls, emails, and promotion of the event, and then 2 hours to attend during the evening.

We have the facility to convene these events, and with the assistance and support of the Squadron Bridge, you would be required to find speakers for each session.

If you would like to find out more about this position, contact Sarah-JaneRaine, Commander at rosali@ns.sympatico.ca, or call 477-4106.

My Boating Experiences in India

This past July I had the good fortune to return to northern India for the third time, and this time boats were involved!

My Indian boating adventure occurred in Srinigar, in the state of Jammu-Kashmir located in north western India. It started with our accommodation, which was on a houseboat. These houseboats were like nothing I had ever seen before. Permanently moored along the edge of a lake, ours had five bedrooms, a dining room, drawing room and small deck at the lake end with stairs leading down to the lake's surface, and a rooftop sundeck. The woodwork was exquisite, with intricate carvings on the walls, ceiling and furniture. Every houseboat has a name. Ours was India Palace, and I amused to see one named Buckingham Palace! Our meals were prepared on board by a cook, and consisted of mutton, goat, a variety of rice, yoghurt, and gourds cooked in wonderful sauces. All very good!



India Palace, our floating home



Our drawing (living) room

One morning before dawn, we were taken in shikaras to a floating market, where farmers barter their vegetables with each other. The shikaras are long canoes with colourful canopies. We sat side by side, two to a boat, on comfy cushions with our legs stretched out in front of us feeling like kings and queens, while our paddler sat behind us in the stern and propelled us through the waterways to the market. All these vegetables are grown in the water and command a premium at the public markets. A farmer with a boatload of cauliflower will barter some of his veggies for a load of eggplant, onions, etc. so that he has a variety of vegetables to sell at his stall in town. The action is all over by 7am! We saw many types of water lilies and birds along the way. It was hard to believe that this tranquil area was a war zone as late as the 1990's, though the military presence is still very evident.



Shikaras waiting for us



Farmers at the market

One thing that was fun on the houseboat was shopping from the vendors who appeared in their canoes at the foot of the stairs, selling flowers, spices, Kashmiri artwork and jewelry. They would paddle around in the early evening and if they saw any evidence that someone was home, would stop and do their best to come on board and show us their wares. Of course we couldn't resist!



"Mr. Marvellous, the Flower Man"



Kashmiri lilies

One evening, we were taken around the lake on a larger canoe –like boat while a four-piece band entertained us. They sang their hearts out, and played a variety instruments. One resembled an accordion which lay on the floor while the musician pushed it in and out with one hand while playing the keys with the other.



The drummer takes a break. His “drum” looks like a Christmas ornament!!

This area of India is lush and green, with a number of lakes and small mountains. I saw very few powerboats, and no boats with sails, everyone rows or paddles.



Tranquility

Many thanks to CPS member, Louise White, for sharing this experience with us

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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 14, 2013

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Boating Essentials	Wed, Oct 16 th , 2013	9 weeks	Angus Macpherson	\$215 (Early Bird discount and 2 nd family member price available) Includes 1-yr membership
Junior Navigator	Mon, Oct 21 st , 2013	14 weeks	Mannie Laufer	\$165 member \$190 non-member
Advanced Piloting (New course!)	Tues, Oct 22 nd , 2013	12 weeks	Howard Donohoe	\$165 member \$190 non-member
Electronic Navigation (New course!)	Tues, Oct 22 nd , 2013	7 weeks	Alan Uren	\$115 member \$135 non-member Refresher rate available
Seamanship	Wed, Oct 23 rd , 2013	15 weeks	Terry Carter	\$165 member \$190 non-member 2 nd family member price available

WINTER SCHEDULE - Classes begin week of February 24, 2014

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee
Boat & Engine Maintenance	Mon, Feb 24 th , 2014	10 weeks	Norman Raine	\$140 member \$165 non-member Refresher rate available
Sail	Mon, Feb 24 th , 2014	10 weeks	Luke Porter	\$140 member \$165 non-member 2 nd family member & Refresher rates 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
RADAR	Thurs, Apr 17 th , 2014	5 weeks	Dave Hackett	\$80 member \$90 non-member Refresher rate available

ROC(M) courses are currently being scheduled, beginning January, 2014.

Check our web site for updates

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



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