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Halifax Power and Sail Squadron

June 2020



Commander's Corner

Catherine Lunn, S, Halifax Squadron
Commander

Hello to all members: As we move through this pandemic in very difficult times, we are adjusting to a new reality. Boating season has arrived and what beautiful weather we have been enjoying. I know many of you are getting your boats in the water and ready for the season, a welcome relief from what I refer to as "isolation fatigue", albeit under different rules and protocols for Covid-19, at the yacht clubs and marinas. With the lockdown restrictions, unfortunately we had to cancel some of our winter semester boating courses. At this time our Squadron will not be scheduling any further boating courses until further notice. As restrictions are loosened, you can check out our website(www.cpshalifax.ca and the national website (www.cps-ecp.ca) for any updates. Our Annual General Meeting will take place this year by a virtual meeting on June 16th, with recognition to our grads. (watch for an eblast with the details). In closing, have an enjoyable summer on the water- please stay safe and well, both on the water and on land!



Notice of Meeting – the AGM

TO: THE MEMBERS, HALIFAX POWER AND
SAIL SQUADRON

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of Halifax Power and Sail Squadron ("Squadron") will be held virtually

by a GO TO meeting, on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 1900 (7 pm) hours for the purpose of:

- receiving and approving the reports of the officers of the Squadron;
- receiving and approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2020;
- electing the officers of the Squadron; and
- 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. 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 25th day of May 2020

Rozanne Raine, Secretary
Halifax Power and Sail Squadron ☺



The fury of Hurricane Earl, rocky coast, west of Mars Rock, September 2010.



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Details of the Virtual AGM

Halifax Squadron AGM

Tue, Jun 16, 2020 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (AST)

Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://www.gotomeet.me/GarySteeves/halifax-agm>

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REPORT OF THE HALIFAX POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

May 25, 2020

1. The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as Squadron officers for 2020-21:

Commander – *Catherine Lunn*, S
Executive Officer – *Sarah-Jane Raine*, S
Secretary – vacant
Financial Officer – *Emanuel Laufer*, N
Educational Officer – *Adriana McCrea*, AP
Asst. Educ. Officer – *Darryl Skeard*, AP
PR Officer – *Deepak Prasad*
Membership Officer – *Sarah-Jane Raine*, S
Newsletter Editors – *Howard Donohoe*, AP and *Catherine Lunn*, AP
Supply Officer – vacant
Communications Officer – *Dave Hackett*
Social Officer – *Howard Donohoe*, AP

2. The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

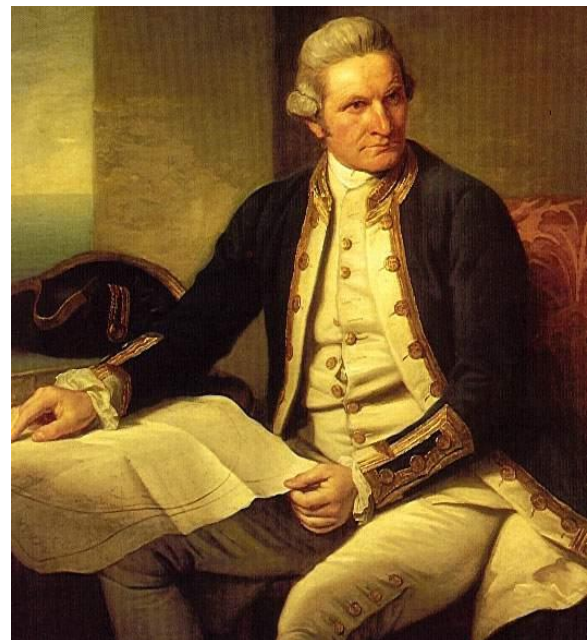
(a) The following member will serve on the Squadron Executive Committee by virtue of her position as Immediate Past Commander and does not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Sarah-Jane Raine.

(b) Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1 the following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2020-21 by virtue of their position and do not require election or appointment:

P/Cdr Sarah-Jane Raine, Chairman
Cdr Catherine Lunn

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah-Jane Raine, Catherine Lunn
Squadron Nominating Committee 2020-21
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Capt James Cook, RN, charted Halifax Harbour. The plaque near the Halifax Explosion bells on Fort Needham hill commemorates Cook's work along this coast.



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Halifax Squadron Graduation 2020

Adriana McCrae, AP, Squadron Education Officer

In the past, the squadron has always hosted an in-person Graduation in conjunction with the annual AGM. Alas, this being May-June 2020, we are dealing with the Coronavirus epidemic and consequent restrictions on gatherings and meetings. This year, then, with no event, we will not be producing a program that outlines the schedule of this meeting and lists the graduates.

But here is the substitute, in which we want to acknowledge the students in the courses that were completed by the end of February, while also tipping our hats to students who signed up and attended courses in the Spring season but had classes suspended in March due to the closure of the class venues. Our instructors are committed to completing those courses once restrictions are lifted: Spring Boating 2 and 3 (Instructor, Dennis Mansour), Boating 5 (Instructor, Howard Donohoe), and Marine Electronic Navigation (Instructor, Paul Light). We still hope to offer Boating 6: Off-shore Navigation level 1, with instructor, Mannie Laufer at some point in the summer.

Note that all graduates receive a congratulatory letter, along with a course “sticker” to place in their CPS-ECP courses “passport”. This year, the production of these has been delayed: not only because of the health emergency which has closed the National Office (though the staff is working from home), but also because of IT issues that have yet to be overcome. Be assured, your certificates will be coming, and will be sent out in due course. Also, students whose names are followed by an asterisk below will also be receiving their new membership packages, which includes the passport and a CPS-ECP flag to fly on their boats!

Congratulations to our course graduates and attendees who completed these courses (and thanks to each Instructor):

Boating 2: Beyond Boating Basics (Terry Carter)

*Andrew Barnard**
Mark Bowerman
*William Gallacher**
*James Johnson**
*Laurel MacInnis**
Kimberley Saunders

Boating 3: Intro to Navigation (Terry Carter)

*David Bardsley**
Andrew Barnard
Mark Bowerman
William Gallacher
James Johnson
Laurel MacInnis
Kimberley Saunders

Boating 4: Near-Shore Marine Navigation Level 1 (Angus Macpherson)

Marie-Lise Dagenais
Lisa Farrell
James Gaw
Bruce Kelley
Victoria Marcil
Scott McRiner
James Robar

Boat and Engine Maintenance (Norman Raine)

Anne Aylmer
Stephanie Davis
Glen Doucette
Olivia Ferguson
Michael Gardner
David Nauss
Danny Nieforth
Michael Oldfield
Derek Purcell
KarriAnn Zinck

Marine Electrical Maintenance (Dennis Harding)

Brian Fry
Darren Loane
David Nauss
Danny Nieforth
Andrew Watts 🌀



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Education Department Report

Adriana McCrae, AP, Squadron Education Officer

In this strangest of years, Halifax Boating classes, in unison with much of the country and world, went into lockdown in March. Normally, CPS-ECP courses run from Fall to late Spring/early Summer. What had begun with some promise last October came grinding to a halt mid-season....

It is the habit of the Halifax Squadron to try to offer the full gamut of CPS-ECP courses and this educational year, we did, scheduling introductory navigation classes in both the fall and the spring; only the fall sessions, with 7 students, were completed, while the spring sessions, with 8 students, were caught by the closure in mid-March and were suspended. Advanced navigational classes were planned for the year, with only Boating 4 (formerly Seamanship), with 10 students, successfully completed, while Boating 5 (old Advanced Piloting), which started in February with 4 students, was halted 4 weeks into a 12 week program. Boating 6 (Junior Navigator, the first of the offshore navigation courses, was planned to begin at the end of March: it did not get off the ground.

Boat and Engine Maintenance started in October with 11 students, and concluded successfully, as did the Marine Electrical course with 5 students. Alas, the Marine Electronic Navigation class, which started mid-February with a class of 9, only made it half-way through the scheduled 8 classes. We were able to run 3 Maritime Radio classes in November, January and February, which had a total of 39 students. A planned class for March with 14 students enrolled, had to be cancelled.

While caution remains the watchword as we await restrictions loosening, the National Education Department has rapidly developed an online Radio program and has recommended holding classes and meetings remotely, via video. In the main, students affected by the course suspensions, have opted to wait, and resume classes when the opportunity presents itself. Instructors Dennis Mansour (Intro Nav., Boating 2 and 3) and Paul Light (Marine Electronic) are committed to completing the courses.

Here I must emphasize how indebted we are to all our instructors. Besides Dennis and Paul, mentioned above, our pool of instructors this year consisted of Terry Carter (fall Intro Nav.), Howard Donohoe (Boating 5), Dennis Harding (Marine Electrical), Paul Light (Electronic Navigation), Angus Macpherson (Boating 4), Norman Raine (Boat and Engine Maintenance), and Andrea MacDonald and Dan White (Maritime Radio). Notably, most of the instructors showed added commitment to their tasks by attending a 1-day workshop in November to explore new methodologies in teaching.

I must also salute my colleagues on the Educational Team: Darryl Skeard, Assistant Educational Officer, Rozanne Raine, Supply Officer and proctor (on your leaving the Executive: je suis désolé!), and Sarah-Jane Raine, our Membership Officer who also proctors many of our exams. Fair winds, readers! ☺



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THE SQUADRON NEEDS TWO VOLUNTEERS TO CONTINUE OFFERING BOATING COURSES

P/Cdr Sarah-Jane Raine, S, Chair,
Nominating Committee

The Halifax Power and Sail Squadron has provided boating courses for 58 years to its members and the general public in the Halifax area.

The squadron has an Executive Committee which is required to look after the operation. For the Executive **to continue** we require two volunteers to fill the positions listed below. It is essential that these positions be filled to continue the training.

The Squadron meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, except for December, July & August from 19:00-21:00.

Secretary:

- Requires about 2 to 4 hours per month.
- The Secretary helps prepare and send-out the Executive Committee Meeting agenda.
- Attending the monthly meeting to take the minutes.
- Producing the AGM Notice of Meeting and making sure all reports are done by the Executive Committee members for the AGM.

Editorial Group

Howard Donohoe, AP, Editor

Catherine Lunn, S, Editorial Board

Send your ideas and contributions to

hvdonohoe@bellaliant.net

- Producing the minutes and emailing to the Executive Committee.
- Assisting the Commander, as necessary.

Supply Officer:

- Requires about 4 to 6 hours per month depending on when courses start.
- You would work directly with the Squadron Educational Officer to determine which courses and number of course kits need to be ordered from the National Office.
- Responsible to have the course material available in time for each course.
- Attend first class of each course to hand out the material. Collect course fees as necessary.
- Responsible to get the course fees to the Treasurer.
- Keep a full inventory list of what has been ordered, handed out and in stock.
- Needs to have a place to store material (small storage cabinet available).
- Attends the Executive Committee meetings and AGM.

If you have an interest in helping the Squadron, please contact Executive Officer – Sarah-Jane Raine, rosali@ns.sympatico.ca or 902-477-4106☎



*Join the Halifax Squadron Team. We need you.
June 2019 swearing-in ceremony of the Executive Committee.*



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COVID-19 and Your Boat Insurance **(Reprinted from the *CPS-ECP News*)** Cowan Insurance Group

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on virtually every aspect of our lives. As the situation continues to evolve, all of us are dealing with the on-going uncertainty created by these unprecedented events. With the arrival of spring, we have started to receive many questions from our clients regarding boat insurance. As an essential service, we remain open and dedicated to supporting our clients. Our employees are working from home and ready to provide the expert advice, guidance, and excellent service you have come to expect from Cowan.



With boating season just beginning in many areas of the country, the Canadian boating community is

feeling the impact of the pandemic. It is still too early to understand if or when owners will be able to launch their boats this year. Many marinas are closed and will either open later in the season or may not open at all. We continue to monitor the situation and evaluate the impact it may have on our clients.

We are working closely with our insurance carrier partners to find options for premium relief for boat owners who may be delayed or unable to get their boats in the water. The majority of your total boat insurance premium covers the hull and equipment of your vessel year-round, whether it is in the water or on land.

Each situation is considered on a case-by-case basis. Any adjustments to your premium will be based on the risk exposures associated with boats in storage and boats not operating on the water.

Special COVID-19 coverage considerations for boat owners

In some provinces, marinas and other marine services are not considered essential services, which impacts the ability of our marine surveyors to complete inspections. At this time, we are asking you to send us photos of your boat, if possible, until surveyors can resume inspections.

This year, boat owners spending their winters in warmer climates such as Florida, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean had to return to Canada early, possibly without their boat. If this situation applies to you, please contact us. We are currently exploring options for our clients to extend coverage past June 1, when named storm season begins, subject to a named storm deductible being applied to your policy. In order to apply this coverage to your policy, we will require details on where the boat is currently moored or in storage, and any actions taken to mitigate damage from wind and named storms.

At Cowan, we understand the current climate is uncertain and leaving a lot unknown. We have created a dedicated page on our website at cowangroup.ca/covid19, where you will find up-to-date information and resources.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss your coverage, please contact us at personal.marine@cowangroup.ca. ☎

Ed Note: Cowan Insurance is a supporter of CPS-ECP.



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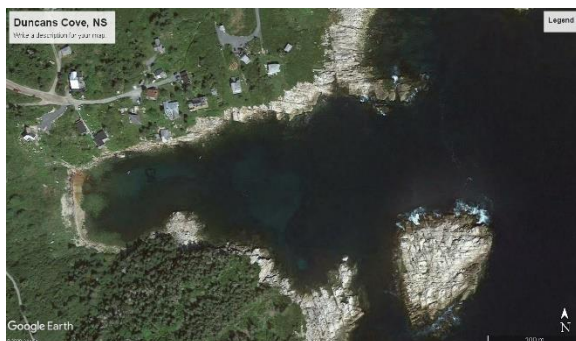
One or Two Night Stands—Boating Locations Close to Halifax

Howard Donohoe, AP

Ed Note: Here begins a new series about locations to visit within 2 to 7 hours of Halifax. Before going, review charts.

Location 1 – Duncan’s Cove

Located 0.6 NM south of Chebucto Head, Duncan’s Cove offers shelter and a charming community of artists and musicians. The Cove is 0.3 NM long in a roughly E-W orientation. It is about 0.1 NM wide. A large island at the entrance on the south side pushes into the Cove. Aim for the beach at the bottom of the Cove on course of about 265° T. The deepest part of the Cove is near the entrance with 6 m of water. The water clarity is generally exceptional, and you can see the bottom. With a narrow cove, most boats will find little room to swing at anchor. Capacity is limited. I have used fore and aft anchors for a one-night stand and a short scope lunch hook for a couple of hours. Be wary of easterly quadrant winds—they blow right into the Cove. Westerly quadrant winds may funnel through the cove. A nice hiking trail on the south side of the Cove gives you an enjoyable vista of headlands and the ocean.



Duncans Cove, south of Halifax. Google Earth.

Duncans Reef green light buoy (H1) is located a little south of the Cove about 0.7 NM offshore. The buoy was first laid in 1973 and has had a Q G light since then.

Location 2 – Ketch Harbour

Approximately 1.7 NM south of Duncans Cove sits the green Ketch Harbour light buoy (HE19) Fl G. The Harbour trends approximately 345° T and is about 0.8 NM long to the wharf and about 0.1 NM wide at the narrowest part. Water depth is about 5 m at the entrance and 2 to 2.5 m inside. The harbour is used by a few fishing vessels. I anchored on the east side of the harbour near the shoal. The Harbour opens to the SE so large storm swells roll in. With a swell running outside, the Harbour can be bumpy.

Ketch Harbour green light buoy Fl G (HE19) was laid in 1961 about 0.5 NM seaward. The buoy marks the approaches to a fishing place called “Nemagakunuk.” Early settlers called it Catch Harbour. The name first appeared on the 1766 chart of Capt James Cook, RN.



Ketch Harbour looking out to sea. Photo by Earl Hickey (©).

Both locations are safe for good weather. Ketch Harbour has many houses on both sides of the harbour and the road to Sambro at the north end. Duncans Cove is quieter except on Sunday morning with instrument rehearsals. Holding ground is good in both locations. Duncans Cove is fine sand/silt and Ketch Harbour is muddy. I enjoyed both locations for their uniqueness. ☯



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News from Atlantic District and National Office of CPS-ECP

Sarah-Jane Raine, S

District News. The Halifax Power and Sail Squadron is one of nine squadrons comprising the Atlantic District. The District includes all of NB, NS, PEI, and NL.

The District held its AGM on Thursday, 4 June, and a 'town hall' meeting with Mimma Spagnolo, Executive Director of CPS-ECP. The District Executive Committee members are:

- District Commander - Gary Steeves - Kennebecasis Squadron
- District Financial Officer - Graham Allen - Fredericton Squadron
- District Secretary - Debbie Churchill - Avalon Squadron
- District Membership Officer - Sarah-Jane Raine - Halifax Squadron
- District Education Officer - Adriana McCrea - Halifax Squadron

These Officers work with the officers of squadrons in the Atlantic District to bring information from National and to take information and problems from the Squadrons back to National. With their breadth of experience and understanding of national office procedures, these District officers can help and guide squadrons.

National News. The new IT system is getting the kinks worked out and information is up on the website for members to access as needed. With the new IT system, all members must 'reclaim' their accounts from the old system and place them in the new system. It's not difficult

and most members have reclaimed their accounts with National by using their e-mail address and their personal password. We still have some members who have not done this. It is a requirement so that members can pay their renewal dues on the website. The on-line payment works well. Any problems you can get in touch with our SMO-Sarah-Jane Raine

With the pandemic National office has told all Squadrons to stop face-to-face courses. Our CPS-ECP insurance company added a Covid-19 endorsement, which suspended the insurance coverage until the departments of health of various provinces allow gatherings again.

Bylaws of national CPS-ECP require all squadrons and districts to have their AGMs by the end of June. This has meant that a Squadrons and Districts have been holding their AGM's by virtual means. **Ours will be held on Tuesday, 16 June starting at 1900.** See the highlighted box on page 2.

The National Office has been shut down since mid-March and the staff have been working from home and have been accessible to all by email or phone.

CPS-ECP has a new National Executive Director, Mimma Spagnolo. She comes with experience in nonprofit organizations as well as expertise in computers. She has been putting out brief notices on a regular basis to all members. She is keeping the District and Squadron Executive Committee members up to date on the activities of the National Office. ☺



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Free Webinars from CPS-ECP

From the CPS-ECP website

Here are some free webinars from the national office of CPS-ECP courtesy of the National Education Department. People should register early; once registered they will be reminded to sign in before the start. All of these will increase your situational awareness when on the water.

Paddling and Board Smart. Kayaking, Canoeing, and Paddle Boarding have become a tremendously popular water recreations, but there are a number of water safety issues that paddlers have to be aware of. This seminar covers how to select the proper craft for you, safe boarding procedures, the correct safety equipment to carry and the care of that equipment, and an excellent section on safety and weather, plus some basics on navigation and charts.

Please register for Paddling and Board Smart on Jun 10, 2020 8:00 PM EDT at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1895675001386631183>

Weather for Boaters. There's nothing can quickly ruin a pleasant cruise on a sunny afternoon than getting caught in a sudden, unexpected storm. This show of Mother Nature's powers can be frightening at the very least, and fatal in its worst form. Weather For Boaters presents many of the basic meteorological principles that create our weather and is an excellent primer for the more advanced Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons course, Introduction to Weather For Recreational Boaters.

Please register for Weather For Boaters on Jul 8, 2020 8:00 PM EDT at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7342877706737983759>

Chart Reading for Beginners. There is an excellent teaser for the boater who has his/her PCOC but would like to learn more navigation and seamanship skills and would like to get a glimpse of what sort of information and courses are available. Subjects cover the latitude/longitude system navigators use to locate points on earth's surface, basic navigation chart reading, the magnetic compass, tides and currents, and buoyage systems.

Please register for Chart Reading For Beginners on Aug 12, 2020 8:00 PM EDT at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3101972297964317199>

AIS For Recreational Boaters. AIS or Automatic Identification System, is a wonderful collision avoidance aid for those who do their boating in areas with a moderate to high volume of heavy shipping traffic. The intent of the seminar is to help the prospective buyer decide which is the best unit for his/her needs. There is enough easy-to-understand technical and operational information, including a comparison chart, to make it easy to decide.

Please register for AIS For Recreational Boaters on Sep 9, 2020 8:00 PM EDT at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4013728021646597135>

Celestial Navigation in a Nutshell. This seminar on this traditional and reliable offshore navigation method, was written by a skilled navigator, for the boater who wants to do some serious offshore cruising, maybe even challenge a transoceanic crossing, and needs a Plan B to back up his electronic navigation equipment. While by no means a full celestial navigation course, this is an excellent introduction to the two celestial



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navigation courses offered by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and covers all the basics.

Please register for Celestial Navigation in a Nutshell on Oct 14, 2020 8:00 PM EDT at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1256696017928636687>

Tropical Weather for The Winter Boater. Many boaters like to spend all or part of their winters sailing in tropical waters, and no doubt wonder what sort of weather they might encounter. The meteorology behind winter weather in the Tropical Zone is very much different from that which we experience here in the mid-latitudes. This seminar gives us a quick review of mid-latitude weather, and then explains the differences that we would find in the tropics, and why they are different.

Please register for Tropical Weather for The Winter Boater on Nov 11, 2020 8:00 PM EST at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2008965380978722319>

Tides and Currents. Anyone who does all or most of their boating on our oceans, must have an intimate knowledge of the natural cycles of the tides, and the sometimes dangerous currents they can generate. This seminar cannot cover every detail of tides and currents but is an overview of tidal basics and is an excellent primer for the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons courses, Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 1 and Level 2. Inland waters, such as the Great Lakes do not experience tides, but there is a short section in the seminar dedicated to the “seiche,” a natural, irregular phenomenon, that causes tide-like changes in water levels in these waters.

Please register for Tides and Currents on Dec 9, 2020 8:00 PM EST at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/670555165254500367> ☸

COVID-19 Safety

As I assemble this newsletter this newsletter many Provinces and Territories are modifying their directions for combating COVID-19. Groups congregating together are somewhat larger, still with social distancing. And now most jurisdictions are allowing ‘bubbles’ of people. General agreement between health authorities in Canada suggests that wearing facemasks where social distancing is not possible is still important.

When you are working in the yard, be careful about social distancing and wear the mask. ☸



In this time of turmoil over "black lives matter" and police tactics, I remember when the 25 m topsail schooner The Amistad arrived in Halifax during the summer of 2006. The ship is operated by a not-for-profit foundation in Connecticut and focuses on the history of slavery and how we may learn about ourselves and society from this legacy.