



# The Foghorn

Halifax Squadron, CPS-ECP, Spring 2019



## Commander's Corner Halifax Squadron Commander Catherine Lunn

Another boating season is finally here to enjoy.  
We just need some warm weather!



The Executive Committee members have had yet another very busy year and a very big thank of appreciation goes out to every member of our executive committee, for their time and dedication to CPS-ECP and our Halifax Squadron.

Our Educational Officer, Adriana McCrea, along with Assistant Educational Officer Darryl Skeard, have been very busy all year working with our instructors to provide courses understanding navigation, being on the water and safety.

A big thank you also goes to our excellent instructors who make it possible and put many hours into teaching the courses we offer to boaters in the Halifax area. Need help in finding out the details of the courses we provide?

Check out: [www.cps Halifax.ca](http://www.cps Halifax.ca) and [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca) . Also look for our pamphlets placed at local yacht clubs and yacht shops in the Halifax/Bedford area.

This year's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Graduation will be held on **Thursday, June 6, 2019**; see the formal Invite in this edition of the Foghorn. We are hoping for a good turnout and what a great way for members, both old and new, to meet, get together and share experiences. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful and safe summer on the water this season.

**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 at the Armdale Yacht Club, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, June 6 at 18:30 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, 2019
- c) electing the officers of the 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. 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.

Rozanne Raine, Acting Secretary  
Halifax Squadron, CPS-ECP  
Dated: 8 May 2019

**Any fool can carry on, but a wise man  
knows how [and when] to shorten sail.**

**Joseph Conrad**



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## REPORT OF THE HALIFAX POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

May 8, 2019

The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as Squadron officers for 2019-20:

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Commander                 | Catherine Lunn                    |
| Executive Officer         | Sarah-Jane Raine                  |
| Secretary                 | Rozanne Raine                     |
| Financial Officer         | Emanuel Laufer                    |
| Educational Officer       | Adriana McCrea                    |
| Asst. Educational Officer | Darryl Skeard                     |
| PR Officer                | Joshua Beardsend                  |
| Membership Officer        | Sarah-Jane Raine                  |
| Newsletter Editors        | Howard Donohoe,<br>Catherine Lunn |
| Supply Officer            | Rozanne Raine                     |
| Communications Officer    | Dave Hackett                      |
| Social Officer            | Howard Donohoe                    |

The Squadron Nominating Committee also advises that:

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: Sarah-Jane Raine;

Pursuant to Squadron Regulation 9.14.1 the following members will serve on the Squadron Nominating Committee for 2019-20 by virtue of their position and do not require election or appointment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Raine, Catherine Lunn  
Halifax Squadron CPS-ECP  
Nominating Committee

## Educational Department, 2018-19 Year in Review

Andriana McCrae, AP, Squadron Education Officer

The Educational Department consists of the Squadron Education Officer (Adriana McCrae), Darryl Skeard, Assistant Education Officer, and Rozanne Raine, Supply Officer. Rozanne takes care of ordering and dispensing course materials. We also lean heavily on Joshua Bearden, who looks after PR. The biggest part of the Team, and those who carry the heaviest load, are our valued instructors. They donate a lot of their time to delivering courses and sharing their expertise with their students. Our squadron was fortunate this year to be able to offer most courses in the CPS-ECP catalogue, including the core navigation courses, as well as most elective ones.

The Intro Courses:

**Boating 1, Boating Basics (PCOC):**

*Norman Raine and Dave Hackett*

**Boating 2, Beyond Boating Basics, and Boating 3, Intro to Marine Navigation:**

*Terry Carter (Fall) and: Dennis Mansour (Spring).*



*Boating 3 students in the Spring class. The instructor, Dennis Mansour, is at the right. (Mansour photo)*



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Advanced Navigation Courses:

**Boating 4, Near Shore Marine Navigation**

**Level 1** (was Seamanship): *Angus Macpherson*

*Macpherson*

**Boating 5, Near Shore Marine Navigation**

**Level 2** (was Advanced Piloting): *Howard Donohoe*

*Donohoe*

**Boating 7, Off Shore Marine Navigation**

**Level 2:** *Mannie Laufer*



*Boating 5 (Advanced Piloting) Class. Students are discussing the practice cruise questions. The instructor, Howard Donohoe, is on the left.*

Elective Courses:

**Boat and Engine Maintenance:** *Norman Raine*

**Electronic Marine Navigation:** *Paul Light*

**Marine Electrical Maintenance:** *Dennis Harding*

**Sailing:** *Luke Porter*

**Radar for Boaters:** *Dave Hackett*

**ROC-M:** *François Segard* (Nov & Feb);

*Dan White* (Jan & Mar); *Andrea*

*MacDonald*

The Atlantic District also hosted a **Boating 2 on-line course**, with our own *Terry Carter* occupying the lead as students signed in by computer; 14 signed up from across the country!

The squadron shows its appreciation to all our instructors through an annual dinner, usually hosted on the HMCS Sackville, which, alas, is unavailable this year, so we

will pay tribute at the Armdale Yacht Club this year.

We also honour our instructors by sending in nominations for the National Instructor of the Year awards. Nominations from all squadrons in the Atlantic District are combined with those from Quebec and selected by the National Awards committee. It is always a delight for us at the Educational Department to select and advance nominations, which are based on many factors including student course feedback. Many of the Halifax instructors have won awards over the years. And this year, we were very happy to see Angus and Paul selected for the 2018 awards.



*Angus Macpherson receiving his National Instructor of the Year Award, flanked by Commander Catherine Lunn and Executive Officer Sarah-Jane Raine.*



*Paul Light won the National Award for Electronic Instructor of the year.*



## Sunny Climes, Cape Horn, The *Bounty* and RADAR Reflectors—all in Four Months

Howard Donohoe, AP, Social Officer

Five years ago, the Halifax Squadron of CPS-EPC partnered with Armdale Yacht Club to host entertaining and educational talks about safety at sea, cruising, and the sea. Last year we heard about marine mammals, sailing to Antarctica, cold water immersion lessons and the operations of the Coast Guard in NS. Our speakers regale us with stories about their adventures, the lessons they have learned, and how these stories and insights might apply to the ‘ordinary’ boat owners.

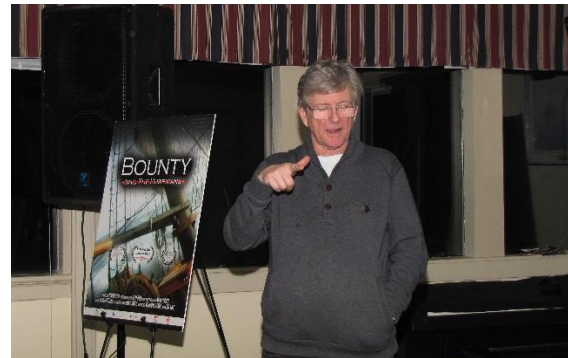
In 2018-2019 we hosted four speakers during the winter season. Dan Cloutier and Judy Thomson lead off with a talk about the sunny climes of the Caribbean. As seasoned cruisers they guided



*Dan Cloutier and Judy Thomson discuss their travels in the Caribbean.*

us with personal anecdotes about cruising in comfort and safety, food and drink, and great locations. For anyone interested in the warmth below the Tropic of Capricorn, Dan and Judy provided observations and advice.

In January, Geoff Deon brought us a tale of a great beginning and tragic end for the *SV Bounty*. She was built in Lunenburg in 1962 as the ship for the movie *Mutiny on the Bounty* and succumbed to the sea when she crossed paths with Hurricane Sandy near



*Geoff Deon tells us about his historical research for the *Bounty* and separating myth from reality.*

Cape Hatteras in October 2012. The *Bounty* was the second ship of that name. The original *Bounty* was similar to HMS *Endeavour*, blunt bowed and strongly built, purchased and commissioned by the Admiralty to transport Captain Cooke on many voyages. Likewise the *Bounty* was purchased and commissioned by the Admiralty as HMAV *Bounty*. As an ‘armed vessel’ she did not have the status of ‘HMS’ nor was the captain, William Bligh, promoted to the rank of captain. These interesting historical facts and many other observations made Geoff’s talk quite fascinating.

Peter Theroux showed us a picture of Cape Horn in sunlight and seas less than one metre during his talk in February. Not since Judy Robertson’s talk in January 2018 had we seen calm, sunny seas around Cape Horn. Peter described his Voyage of more than 5200 NM aboard the sail training vessel



*SV Tenacious*. What sets the *Tenacious* apart from other sail training vessels is her accommodation for persons with disabilities. In a tribute to her name, many of the crew had various disabilities, ranging from partial blindness to wheel-chair enabled, which they overcame with pluck and a tenacious spirit. Peter enjoyed the challenges of a



*Peter Theroux (centre) asked two people to read excerpts from journals during his talk. Dan White is reading a journal entry on the left.*

sailing vessel and felt at home aboard. His voyage on the *Tenacious* was unusual for its length from Auckland, NZ to the Falkland Islands. Most voyages are days or a week or two. Several members of the audience read from journals about the voyage and the conditions. Not many people have the opportunity to sail this far nor to do it in the company of people with disabilities.

In a fitting topic just prior to commencing the boating season, Emanuel Laufer spoke to us about RADAR reflectors. These large and small devices reflect RADAR beams back to other vessels, making your vessel 'visible' to the others. The more angles for reflection, the better your vessel's 'visibility.' So angles count! And Manny went further. He explored with us the details of what makes a good RADAR reflector. The classic slim diameter

RADAR reflector that takes very little space or windage on the spreader or mast-



*Mannie Laufer offers advice about RADAR reflectors after his talk.*

head halyard proved to be less than satisfactory in its reflecting ability. Other inexpensive reflectors were better. Around the room you could hear the 'buzz' of surprise. This talk about RADAR reflectors and last year's talk about cold water immersion are part of a series of talks about Safety at Sea that will continue.

During the 2019-2020 winter season, look for talks on cruising the Med, geology of the Caribbean, building a wooden boat, storm tactics or anchoring, and harbour tugboats. The hospitality of the club and the food and beverages make this a warm happy atmosphere in the Upper Wardroom.

I would like to thank the speakers, Leanna Marryatt (AYC Office Administrator), Mary Keddy (AYC E-news Editor), Horizons Catering at AYC, Dave Hackett (Squadron Communications), the Alderney and Bluenose squadrons, and area yacht clubs. All have contributed to make these talks successful.



## Instructors' Dinner

Howard Donohoe, AP, Course Instructor

Each spring the Halifax Squadron of CPS-ECP thanks and honours its instructors with a dinner. Most years, this dinner is held onboard the HMCS *Sackville*, the second oldest commissioned vessel in the Royal Canadian Navy. The dinner is a chance to say “Thanks” to the many instructors who contribute their time for teaching and mentoring. The *raison d'être* of our Squadron and CPS-ECP in general is to help boaters learn about navigation, operations, and safety. Our instructors are at the forefront of this focus. I have attached photos from past dinners.



*Aboard the HMCS Sackville for the Instructors Dinner, May 2011.*



*Cocktail and socializing time on board prior to dinner, 2015.*



*The Sackville flies the CPS-ECP flag.*



*Halifax Squadron donates to the Sackville Trust. Squadron Commander Catherine Lunn (R) and Kem\_\_\_ from the Sackville Trust.*



*HMCS Sackville at night in the dockyard.*

The editorial team of Howard Donohoe and Catherine Lunn welcome ideas, stories and photos. Please send them to [hvdonohoe@bellaliant.net](mailto:hvdonohoe@bellaliant.net).



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*Locking through at St. Peters Canal.*



*Rogues Roost.*