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## Halifax Power and Sail Squadron

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#### Commander's Corner

Winter greetings to all our new and ongoing members:

2020 is already starting out as a very busy year for Executive Committee. Of particular note is the new software system for our National database. Please visit the national website

(<https://www.cps-ecp.ca/>) and check it out for yourself. Have you registered yet? All CPS-ECP members across the country must register (see "register" button on the top right corner of the Home web page) to be recognized in the system and for you to access your profile and info.



I want to give a special thank you to all our volunteers, i.e. Executive Committee members, Course Instructors, Proctors and all other volunteers that assist with events who work so very hard to make it all happen throughout the year.

Please check out our website, [www.cps-halifax.ca](http://www.cps-halifax.ca), for the details and start dates for the boating education courses we are putting on this semester.

The next event coming up is the Halifax International Boat Show at Exhibition Park at Exhibition Park (Feb 6- 9). Note these dates and plan on attending. **Please drop by our booth at the boat show; this year at our booth we will be conducting PCOC testing for your operator's card, gathering memberships, and running a contest for a prize of a life jacket!**

All the best to our Squadron members, let's make 2020 a memorable year.

*Catherine Lunn, Commander*

#### Positions available with Squadron.

For 57 years the Halifax Power and Sail Squadron has provided boating courses to its members and the general public in the Halifax area. In order to continue this service, we require an Executive Committee who administers the operation of the squadron. Without members who are prepared to volunteer for these positions, the Halifax Squadron may not be able to continue to offer these courses. In the coming year we have members who have served for many years who have advised that they are not able to continue. We also have a few positions that have been vacant for several years, again with others doing two and three positions. The Squadron Executive Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 19:00-21:00, except for December, July, and August.

Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions which **must** be filled for the Squadron to continue.

##### 1. Secretary:

This position requires that the monthly agenda is forwarded to the Executive Committee prior the monthly meeting working with the Commander to produce the agenda.

- Attending the monthly meeting to take the minutes.



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- Producing the minutes and emailing to the Executive Committee.
- Producing the AGM Notice of Meeting and making sure all reports are done by the Executive Committee members for the AGM.
- Assisting the Commander as necessary.

#### 2. Supply Officer:

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 and if a student registers late or has not paid for the course, collect the fee before handing out material.
- 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.

#### 3. Public Relations Officer:

This position is the liaison between the Squadron Education Officer and the Squadron members and the public. The person in this position advertises courses and makes sure that our educational offerings are well known.

- Works directly with the Squadron Educational Officer to advertise the courses being offered each year.
- Needs to get together the information and disseminate to various locations and yacht clubs for public to be aware of the courses being offered.
- Make sure our pamphlets are in the various locations for the public.
- Assist with the yearly Halifax International Boat Show booth.

We need your help. Now might be the time to help your Squadron by volunteering. If you are interested or would like to talk more about a position, please contact the Executive Officer – Sarah-Jane Raine, at [rosali@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:rosali@ns.sympatico.ca) or 902-477-4106.

*Sarah-Jane Raine, S*

### **The Annual Meeting and AGM of CPS-ECP, 17 to 19 October 2019 in Victoria, BC**

Victoria was a nice location to hold the Annual General Meeting of CPS-ECP. The city is right on the water with the legislative assembly building facing the inlet. Looking out of the windows from the Empress Hotel, the meeting headquarters, we could see water taxis, whale watchers, a fishing boat, and multitudes of pleasure craft. The scene reminded me of a previous trip to Victoria to see friends. During that March trip, my friends and I went sailing in cloudy, cool, and drizzly conditions. If easterners wanted to know more about westerners and their environment,



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all they had to do is look out the window. The weather was cool with alternating sunshine, clouds, and thick drizzle. It appeared to be classic west coast winter weather.

Inside the hotel, the atmosphere was warm and up-beat, as the events of the AGM progressed with the guidance of Janet Fraser and her AGM organizing committee. Janet is also the Chair of the Boating 5 (AKA Advanced Piloting) course committee. Four members of the Squadron attended: Catherine Lunn, Sarah-Jane Raine, Norman Raine, and Howard Donohoe.

Most of the time of the AGM is directed toward a host of meetings. Some of these are for groups such as Squadron Commanders, District Commanders, national education committee, Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. Many sessions are open for all. These include the reports and comments from the national education committee and the environment committee on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon, the IT committee made its report and we heard a fascinating talk about marine mammals and whales by a member of the Environment Committee. On Saturday afternoon members of the national education committee were joined by other interested members to discuss some of the initiatives to be taken by CPS-ECP in education.

The organizing committee had several interesting trips. One was whale watching, in which our Commander, Catherine Lunn reported seeing some whales and a lot of beautiful scenery. A contingent of members visited the Canadian Coast Guard's marine communications and traffic services centre. This is equivalent to "Halifax Traffic," which is the CCG's MCTS centre in Halifax. A ghost walk at night and a trip to the world famous Butchart Gardens rounded out the out-trips. Butchart Gardens is a marvellous example of what can be done to remediate a former surface mine that was a large hole in the ground. The former mine supplied limestone for lower Vancouver Island and other areas in the region.



*CPS-ECP members attending the cocktail party prior to the Awards Dinner, Friday night at the Empress Hotel.*



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Friday night was the awards night where many people were feted for their ability and their service to CPS-ECP. Two people from our Squadron were given awards: the Chief



*Howard Donohoe receives the timepiece donated by Weems and Plath from Chief Commander Chuck Beall for being the recipient of the G. William Bowman National Instructor of the Year. Don Butt photo.*

Commander's Award for exceptional service to Adriana McCrea and the G. William Bowman Instructor of the Year Award to Howard Donohoe (*National and Atlantic and Quebec*).

Saturday night was the formal celebration of 'change of command.' Peter Bolton, SN, was installed as Commander in Chief of CPS-ECP succeeding Chuck Beall, AP, outgoing chief commander. Our Squadron was recognized for its lengthy support of the CPS-ECP Foundation and for some of our members achieving life membership (20 merit marks). Merit marks are awarded by a squadron to a member for 20 or more hours of volunteer work during a year.

The AGM was a success—how could it not be? The stately old Empress, one of the few grand old

hotels in Canada, the fascinating waterfront, and the vibrant city of Victoria were all



*The burgees of (L to R) Halifax, Bluenose, and Alderney squadrons hanging in the dining room on Friday and Saturday.*

major draws. For many CPS-ECP members, it was a homecoming for seeing so many friends, associates, and colleagues; and for others like me, it was a time of meeting new colleagues in CPS-ECP.

*Howard Donohoe, AP*

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We welcome your ideas for articles, your photographs, and written submissions. We value your first-hand accounts of seamanship, safety at sea, or simple good times. [hvdonohoe@gmail.com](mailto:hvdonohoe@gmail.com)



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*Mary Ridgewell (L), Commander Alderney Squadron and Catherine Lunn (C), Commander Halifax Squadron speaking with a member of the national executive.*



*Safe and fun boating is our goal: practice confident, enjoyable boating through education.  
Enroll in an upcoming CPS-ECP Boating Course delivered by the Halifax Power and Sail Squadron*

### **2020 WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE**

(Classes are held at the [Cpt. Wm. Spry Centre](#) or at St James Anglican Church - off the Armdale Roundabout); the electronic classes take place at the [Canada Games Centre](#)



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Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee Member (non-member)
Sailing	Mon, Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> 2020	12 weeks	Norman Raine	\$162 (\$180)
Boating 1: Boating Basics (PCOC) seminar*	Fri Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> and Sun Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	8 hours total	Terry Carter	\$115.20 (\$128)*
Boating 2 Beyond Boating Basics **	Thurs Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> 2020	6 weeks	Dennis Mansour	\$190 (\$171)* (2 <sup>nd</sup> -family member rate also available)
Boating 3: Intro to Marine Navigation**	Thurs, Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> 2020	6 weeks	Dennis Mansour	\$198 (\$220)* (2 <sup>nd</sup> -family member rate also available)
Boating 5: Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 2 (Advanced Piloting)	Tues, Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 2020	12 weeks	Howard Donohoe	\$198 (\$220)
Boating 6: Off Shore Marine Navigation Level 1 (JN)	Sat, Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> 2020	9 weeks	Mannie Laufer	\$198 (\$220)
Electronic Marine Navigation	Thurs, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> 2020	8 weeks	Paul Light	\$144 (\$160)
Radar for Boaters	Wed, Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2020	5 weeks	Dave Hackett	\$137.70 (\$153)

\* Discounted price when registering for complete [Intro Boating package: Boating 1, 2 and 3](#)

\*\* Discounted price when registering for [Boating 2 and 3 Combined](#)

Maritime Radio	Feb 22 and 23, 2020	Approx. 8 hours	Andrea MacDonald	\$112 (\$140)
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**Registration for all the above classes is open!**  
**In Course Catalogue, be sure to scroll to Halifax listing**

**For further information and registration, please send an email to:**

[EducationOfficer@cpshalifax.ca](mailto:EducationOfficer@cpshalifax.ca) - [Halifax Squadron Educational Officer](#)

### **The Boat Show – 6, 7, 8, 9 Feb 2020, Halifax Exhibition Centre**

Each year we get a chance to think about being on the water in February by being at the Boat Show. I love walking around to see what is new on boat styles—both power and sail. Engaging the salespeople is always interesting. Likewise, I always stop at the Canadian Coast Guard and the Canadian Hydrographic Service booths. The officers staffing the booths have a large amount of official news and publications and then some behind the scenes information that is useful. Stopping at various insurance booths helps me appreciate changes that affect coverage. You should stop by the CPS-ECP booth and take a spin on the digital training boat. It is realistic and you can appreciate some of the problems of visibility and night boating. So come to the Boat Show, see what is new and look forward to being on the water. And make sure you stop at the CPS-ECP booth and say “Hello” to members from Alderney, Bluenose, and Halifax squadrons.

*Howard Donohoe, AP*



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### Halifax Power and Sail Squadron Annual General Meeting

Our Squadron held its annual general meeting and graduation exercise on Thursday, 6 June 2019 at Armdale Yacht Club. At this time of year, we review the budget, discuss operation of the Squadron



*Some of the graduates of the Advanced Piloting Course (B5).*

over the past year, and honour all of our course graduates in a ‘graduation exercise.’ Graduates of the boating course (B1, B2, B3) are presented



*Instructors, Education and Supply departments.*

with the burgee of the Halifax Power and Sail Squadron. They then take an oath to practice safety on the water to the best of their ability. After the



*Some of the basic boating course graduates.*

graduates are celebrated, we elect the new Executive Members of the Squadron. Then, in a time honoured tradition in CPS-ECP, a current or former National Executive member ‘swears-in’ the new executive. Enjoy the photos.



*Swearing in the Executive Committee of the Squadron.*

**The 2019-2020 Executive Committee**  
Squadron Commander – Catherine Lunn  
Executive Officer/Past Commander – Sarah-Jane Raine  
Secretary – vacant.  
Treasurer – Emanuel Laufer  
Education Officer – Adriana McCrea  
Ass’t Education Offer – Darryl Skeard  
Supply Officer – Rozanne Raine  
Membership Officer – Sara-Jane Raine  
Social Officer – Howard Donohoe  
Public Relations Officer – vacant.  
Digital Information Officer – Dave Hackett  
Newsletter Editor – Howard Donohoe  
Associate Editor – Catherine Lunn



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#### Social Calendar for 2019-2020

For the seventh year, the Halifax Power and Sail Squadron has linked with Armdale Yacht Club to organize a series of talks of interest to boaters in the region. This year, five talks are scheduled from late November to April.

Dan Cloutier led off the talks in November



*Dan explaining offshore or coastal navigation to the Caribbean.*

with a return to last year's talk about the Caribbean. This year he spoke about getting there: outside the islands or island-hopping. As usual, Dan had a wealth of information from many years of cruising in the Caribbean and elsewhere. His talks



combine his experience with delightful anecdotes about life onboard and life on the islands of the Caribbean.

Two years ago, Judy Robertson took us by way of slides and words to Cape Horn and then south to Antarctica. She showed us the

Horn on a sunny, calm day with a F2 or F3 wind. This year, her January talk took us to the warmth of the Mediterranean Sea. She began her journey with us on the Atlantic



coast of Spain at Rota. This seaport's claim to fame from the 1970s was an accident. The US Air Force accidentally dropped an un-armed atomic weapon into the ocean and spent many months trying to find it. Judy and her crew had no such problems and sailed from Rota to Morocco. The food, architecture, and culture of Morocco were illustrated by some beautiful pictures. Then it was off through the Pillars of Hercules (Strait of Gibraltar) into the Med. She noted



the currents can be treacherous in the straight. Judy regaled us with tales of life on the water, on the hard, and back in the water. Pesky wiring problems dogged her journey, but that became a lesson in determined problem solving. Once again Judy's story telling enthralled the audience.





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One of our squadron instructors, Captain Andrea MacDonald, ‘drives’ a tug in Halifax Harbour. She will be our February speaker on Wednesday, 19 February 2020. Andrea will tell you about the work she does, how she bridged the gender issue, and some notes about safety. I think Andrea will have many tales to tell with a job as interesting as a tugboat captain.

Have you thought about the geology of the Caribbean? White sand beaches and black rocks along with volcanic peaks abound in and around the islands in the Caribbean. In a break from some of the traditional boating-based talks, Howard Donohoe will tell you why the boulders of the Virgin Gorda Baths are black and why the beaches are white. He will describe why Gros Piton and Petite Piton on Saint Lucia are there. How did this beautiful sea form? And why are earthquakes happening? When you next go to the Caribbean, your knowledge will be

### **Recognition for Instructors and Officers of Halifax Power and Sail Squadron, CPS-ECP**

Each year prior to the annual general meeting of CPS-ECP, squadrons and districts are encouraged to nominate instructors and officers for special recognition. The list below shows the instructors and officers nominated by our Squadron or the Atlantic District and recognized by the National Council of CPS-ECP. For the relatively small size of our Squadron (about 235 members) we have many instructors and officers who have been recognized for their excellence and commitment to the principles of safe boating. The Squadron takes pride in the

greatly enhanced with an understanding of the geological history.

The last talk of the season is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 April 2020. During this time several people will talk about anchors and anchoring. This will include some descriptions of ‘favourite’ anchors, importance of chain and rode, and the etiquette of anchoring. Shortly after this talk some people will be launching, so this will be an important topic not to be missed. All talks are held at AYC, in the Upper Wardroom from 1930 until 2100. Come early, have a drink from the cash bar, enjoy some munchies, and catch-up with your friends on their activities.

If you would like to volunteer to give a talk or have some thoughts on what you would like to hear, please contact me at [hvdonohoe@bellaliant.net](mailto:hvdonohoe@bellaliant.net).  
*Howard Donohoe, AP*

quality of our members as recognized by the National Office of CPS-ECP.

### **G. William Bowman Instructor of the Year Award**

2019 Howard Donohoe, AP, National, Atlantic and Quebec  
2018 Angus MacPherson, AP, Atlantic and Quebec  
2016 Luke Porter, AP, Atlantic and Quebec  
2015 Norman Raine, AP, Atlantic and Quebec  
2014 Terry Carter, AP, Atlantic and Quebec  
2012 Mannie Laufer, SN, Atlantic and Quebec



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#### Electronic Course Instructor Award

- 2018 Paul Light, AP
- 2017 Harry Henteleff, S
- 2016 Dan White, AP
- 2013 Alan Uren, SN
- 2011 Dave Hackett, P

- 2016 Adriana McCrea, AP
- 2013 Sarah-Jane Raine, AP
- 2014 Ron Hoffman SN
- 2012 Kellie Skelhorn, S
- 2011 Rozanne Raine, S
- 2009 Kellie Skelhorn, S

#### Ref Reid Award Boat and Engine Maintenance Instructor of the Year

- 2011 Norman Raine, AP
- 2008 Norman Raine, AP

#### Chief Commander's Award

- 2019 Adriana McCrea, AP

#### Officer of the Year

- 2017 Janice Cook, AP

#### Chief Commander's Citation

- 2018 Adriana McCrea AP
- 2016 Sarah-Jane Raine, S
- 2013 Sarah-Jane Raine, S

#### National Education Committee Activities

This important committee under the direction of Jean-Robert Lavergne advises the Board of Directors about the philosophy of approach and direction of CPS-ECP's principle purpose: safety on the water through education. The Education Committee hosted an open meeting at the annual meeting on Thursday evening to a packed room. The speaker, education committee member Eileen Germain from Trois Rivières Squadron, told the audience about strategies and methods of pedagogy that the committee would like to encourage. The committee is encouraging course instructors to lecture less, use more active learning, encourage students to use their prior knowledge, and have students help each other with cooperative learning. Use of on-line learning and blended learning (both in-person and on-line learning) are becoming more important now. She spoke about a new initiative to talk to every Squadron about a new "Instructor's Tool Kit."



*Three squadrons attended the National Educational Committee seminar at NYC. Eileen is on the left standing; Yves is on the right standing.*

On 17 November 2019, Eileen and Yves Dauphinais hosted a full day meeting at Dartmouth Yacht Club for squadron executive members, instructors and proctors from Alderney, Bluenose and Halifax squadrons. We learned about the toolbox and then we practiced several strategies that move students away from passive learners who are just listening to active learners who are participating. More than twenty-two people attended the seminar.

*Howard Donohoe, AP*