



Foghorn



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CPS-ECP 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.

Commander's Corner

Winter greetings to all our new and ongoing members:

A brand new year is under way and our Bridge has been very busy as we head into 2016. I want to give a special thank you to all of our Bridge members and our Instructors, Proctors who work so very hard to make it all happen.

Our Course instructors have been busy teaching courses. For the fall semester, we put on Boating 1,2,3; Boat Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical. For the courses we are offering this winter semester, please check out our website, www.cps Halifax.ca. There is a good selection of courses from



which to choose. Our weather and electronic navigation courses continue to be very popular, commencing Feb 25 and Mar 17, respectively.

We have a number of events coming up:

Our Social Officer plans a social event each month during the winter. You will be notified by an e-blast of each event. Hope to see you there.

Halifax International Boat Show at Exhibition Park, Feb 18 – 21. Note these dates and plan on attending the show. This year we will return with the popular simulator at our booth where you can stop by and practice your skills at docking a boat and other maneuvers;

Our AGM (annual graduation for students and meeting) TBA

All the best to our Squadron members in 2016.

Catherine Lunn, Commander

Meet the Instructor - Dennis F. Mansour



Employed in the Hospitality Industry, (Hotel/Convention Centre) most of my adult life. Now retired.

Have three grown children of which one is studying for his Master Mariner Ticket for Tall Ships.

Took my CPS Boating Course in 2001 and have often referenced the material.

Have sailed for 20 years, mostly along the South Shores of Nova Scotia as well as two successful sailing trips to Maine in my 34Ft. Hunter. Sail out of Shining Waters Marine. Intend to sail South some year and visit NS in the Summer.

Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit –
Brooks Atkinson



Congratulations

Norman Raine received the Instructor of Year Award for Quebec and Atlantic Provinces at the CPS-ECP AGM in Niagara Falls.

Norman is an instructor for the Boat and Engine Maintenance Course and the National Course Director had the following to say about Norman's instruction of this course.

"The strongest area by far for BEM continues to be Halifax Squadron, 153 students have taken the BEM

course there since 2001. I want to personally thank Norman Raine for his outstanding record teaching BEM."

More Seminars of Interest to Squadron Members

The lead for this winter's seminar series was Dan White's rendition of *Travels with Dan* on 27 Jan 2016. Thirty-five people listened to him, sometimes on the edge of their seats. We have more to come. I am lining up a talk by a SAR technician, another talk on maintaining your motor and boat and lastly a story of wandering along the north shore of Quebec in search of 'Le Grand Seduction.'

These seminars are held in cooperation with Armdale Yacht club in the Upper Wardroom. We start at 1930 and usually end about 2045. The bar is open at 1900 and munchies are spread around. It's a nice time to see old friends, have a drink and talk about boating.

In the past several years we have heard talks by the Rescue Coordination Centre, the RCMP on-the-water crime prevention, how to use apps for i-phones and apps for android phones, and chartering in the Caribbean. Two people talked about sailing adventures: one 'ran off to sea' with his cashed RRSP and sailed on a tall ship, while the other crossed the Pond in unusual circumstances.

You never know for sure what these seminars will have and what the audience response will be. That's why they are always fun with good beer and drinks and time to chat. What could be better on cold, damp nights in Halifax?

Come join AYC – CPS-ECP for the next several seminars on Wednesday nights: 17 Feb 2015, 30 March 2016 and 27 April 2016. All will start at 1930 with the bar open at 1900. You'll receive news flashes in advance of the event.

Howard Donohoe, P.Geo., AP, Squadron Social Officer

The New Weather Course is officially launched!

The Halifax Squadron is pleased to be offering "Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boaters"

Starts February 25th, 2016

Instructor: Richard Zurawski

Cost: \$165 (CPS members: \$140)

10 Weeks every Thursday (ending on April 28, 2016)

Maximum number of students: 15



Winds, waves, fog, lightning, hail, tornadoes ... hurricanes! The wise boater respects and anticipates mother nature's many moods.

Beyond "red sky in the morning", this course provides boaters with the tools to find and accurately interpret weather reports and forecasts, and to develop keen judgments in "reading" the sky and sea for optimum boating safety in and around Canadian waters.

Topics:

1. The Atmosphere, Temperature, Heat
2. Wind, Pressure, Waves
3. Water, Humidity, Fog, Precipitation
4. Stability, Clouds
5. Thunderstorms and Tornadoes
6. Mid-Latitude Weather and Storms
7. Overview of Special Topics: e.g. hurricanes

Newly developed for adult learners, this course will measure learning success not by closed-book, memory-work exams, but by practical, open-book applications of learned concepts to actual boating situations.

There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather – John Ruskin

Travels with Dan

Wednesday, January 28 saw about thirty and forty people show up for a talk by Dan White at Armdale Yacht Club. Dan related some of his experiences—and lessons learned—over his 47 years of sailing, from Biloxi, Mississippi to Saint John's, Newfoundland.



In his talk, Dan presented his “Three Rules of Sailing”:

1. Keep the boat afloat!
2. Keep the boat moving.
3. Keep the boat comfortable.

In keeping the boat afloat, Dan explained that this is about safety, and includes items such as knowing the boat from stem to stern, knowing where all the through-hull openings are, maintaining them, and having emergency plugs ready, plus having all other essential emergency gear in order. He went on to explain that keeping the boat safe also means following proper rules of seamanship and navigation, encouraging those present to take the CPS Seamanship Course if they haven't already done so.

Keeping the boat moving means maintaining good sail trim and choosing the best course for a given leg or journey. VMG (Velocity Made Good) is important to observe and easy to determine using GPS. Dan also advised that fatigue becomes an issue, as a tired sailor will not have the energy and alertness to maintain good sail trim and therefore good forward motion. Sitting in one place for a long time opens one up to adverse changes in weather and should be avoided.

Keeping the boat comfortable means creating and maintaining all the conditions which make for a comfortable voyage. This includes keeping the crew warm, dry, fed, and hydrated. Dan also emphasized the importance of “heaving to” when necessary to provide a break from heavy weather. He also related the experience of being in very choppy, uncomfortable seas off Cape Hatteras, NC in 1986. While conversing by radio with a nearby commercial fishing boat, the captain of the fishing boat suggested Dan move a half mile farther South to get off a bank where rip currents were creating the rough conditions...sometimes being a short distance away can make all the difference in “ride comfort”.

Dan went on to discuss many of his boating tips, including the things he does when going aboard for the first time. He also related a number of his stories—and lessons learned—while delivering or crewing on various boats.



Dan describes his first boat—a 12 ft Snark. He didn't try to sail it to Lewes, DE

Photos by Howard Donohoe



Dan closed his talk by showing a collection of photos from his many travels and relating the lessons or experiences connected to each.

A large advertisement for the Halifax International Boat Show. The text reads "HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW" in large blue letters. To the right, it says "FEBRUARY 18-21 2016". Below the main title, it says "NEW IMPROVED VENUE-HEC (formerly Exhibition Park)" and "AMTA ATLANTIC MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION". The background of the ad shows a woman and a child on a boat, with a dog on the deck.

Please be sure to stop by the CPS-ECP booth at the boat show.

Show hours:

Thursday, Feb 18 12 noon to 8:00 pm
Friday, Feb 19 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday, Feb 20 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 21 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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From left to right: Janice Cook, Norman Raine, Adriana McCrea, Harry Henteleff, Catherine Lunn, Sarah-Jane Raine, John Greenhaigh, Dave Hackett, Dan White, Howard Donohoe
 Missing from picture - Rozanne Raine, Joshua Bearden

More from the Education Department

The fall season courses have all concluded. We had a full class for the newly introduced “Marine Electrical Systems” course, wonderfully taught by our new instructor Dan Steinwender. We hope to offer it again next year. “Boat & Engine Maintenance”, and the fall sessions of Boating 1, 2 and 3 have also successfully completed. (Recall that the core CPS-ECP courses have been rebranded as Boating, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.). Currently underway (begun in January and now closed for registration) are the Sail Course, Boating 4: Seamanship, and Boating 5: Advanced Piloting....

Below are the courses still to come over the rest of the 2015-16 teaching season. An early bird discount is still available for most courses; also a 2nd family member discount and a refresher option are offered for select courses.

Boating 1: PCOC Seminar – the best of the PCOC seminars available, this highly acclaimed course was one of the first to be accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard and is the only PCOC that is also recognized in the United States. Hrs: Friday Feb 26 (6-9 pm) and Sunday Feb 28 (1-5 pm).

Boating 2: Beyond the PCOC – 5 weeks, beginning Wednesday Feb 10th, this short course introduces novices to aspects of boat handling and manoeuvring, anchoring, lines, etc.

Boating 3: Introduction to Navigation – 5 weeks, beginning Wednesday Mar 16th.

NB: *A special price is available for signing up for any of 2 introductory Boating packages: Boating 1, 2 and 3 Package; or Boating 2 and 3 Combo.*

New: Weather for Recreational Boaters: This course provides boaters with the tools to find and accurately interpret weather reports and forecasts, and to develop keen judgments in “reading” the sky and sea for optimum boating safety. See the accompanying description in this issue of the Foghorn. 10 weeks; starts Thursday Feb 25th.

Electronic Navigation: learn about hand-held and built-in GPS and chart plotter instruments and become familiar with the many features and capabilities of these devices. Electronic programs like Maptech, OZI, FUGAWI and Nobeltec are also covered. 7 weeks; starts Thursday Mar 17th.

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. 5 weeks; starts Thursday Apr 5th.

See www.cps Halifax.ca for full course details and updates. Register for your course of choice at our [2015-16 Course Calendar](#)

The Squadron Education Department is happy to welcome new instructors Dennis Mansour (Boating 2 and 3) and Paul Light (EN and Radar).

The more time you spend in a boatyard, the more fearful you become of the power of the sea – Joe Richards

The greatest mockumentary (n)ever made.

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Coming soon to a theatre near you!



Halifax Power and Sail Squadron

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WINTER SCHEDULE

Course	Start Date	Duration	Instructor	Fee*
The Sail Course	Mon, Jan 11 th 2016	12 weeks	Luke Porter	Course in underway Registration is closed
Seamanship	Tues, Jan 12 th 2016	13 weeks	Angus Macpherson	Course in underway Registration is closed
Advanced Piloting	Tues, Feb 2 nd 2016	12 weeks	Howard Donohoe	Course in underway Registration is closed
Boating 1: PCOC Seminar	Fri, Feb 26, 2016 And Sun, Feb 28 th , 2016	8 hours total	Norman Raine	\$90** Refresher rate available
Boating 2: Beyond the PCOC**	Wed, Feb 10 th 2016	5 weeks	Dennis Mansour	\$150** 2 nd family member rate available
Boating 3: Intro to Navigation**	Wed, Mar 16 th 2016	5 weeks	Dennis Mansour	\$170** 2 nd family member rate available
Intro to Weather for Recreational Boaters	Thurs, Feb 25 th 2016	10 weeks	Richard Zurawski	\$140 member \$165 non-member
Electronic Navigation	Thurs, Mar 17 th 2016	7 weeks	Paul Light	\$115 member \$135 non-member Refresher rate available
RADAR	Thurs, Apr 5 th 2016	5 weeks	Paul Light	\$110 member \$120 non-member Refresher rate available

* Fees: Early-bird rates are currently in effect for most courses

** Discounted price when registering for Boating 1, 2 and 3 package

** Discounted price when registering for Boating 2 and 3 combo

ROC(M) courses are currently being scheduled; details are posted on our web site

All classes are held at the [Cpt. Wm. Spry Centre](#)

To register for any course, please go to [the Squadron's 2015-16 Course Calendar](#)



Click on the picture to see all CPS-ECP courses, together with Table on Contents for each...