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The Starboard News

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

The 2016 boating season has been one of the best in recent years and for many of us filled with great memories. Winter, however, has returned and its time to place our boats in storage and prepare for the winter months. For some of you this means making plans to travel south to warmer climates while others will be thinking snow tires and winter clothing. I will be amongst the latter.

There is still much we can do to feed our boating habits this winter. There will be boat shows, upgrades to consider to our boats, boating articles to read, dinners with friends to talk of past seasons and future boating adventures. For many of us this will be the time to schedule volunteer time or to take a boating course to hone our skills. Lifelong learning has always been part of my personal growth. My journey with CPS started in 1996 when I signed up for the Boating course. Now after 20 years I find that I have completed the full roster of courses offered by CPS. Fortunately, CPS does revise, rewrite and on occasion will offer a new course. How will I feed my boating habit and desire to continue life long learning while waiting for that new course? For me the answer is to continue to volunteer as an instructor and examiner. It's a great way to review course material and to refresh some of the boating skills I have learned over the years. When was the last time you plotted a passage on a paper chart using distance time and speed? We rely heavily on our electronic devices often to the point that if we had an electronic failure on board we might find ourselves in an uncomfortable position. In the new year, I plan to clean the dust off my parallel rulers and review my piloting and conning skills. I've done this in the past for other boating courses and find that I get a great amount of satisfaction reviewing these hard-earned skills.

Barrie Squadron once again took part in the city's Annual Santa Claus Parade. Blue Moon Marina provided the boat and Randy Jones from Bay Auto Parts offered up his garage space to decorate the boat. Our volunteers decorated the boat with Christmas lights and CPS banners. The parade organizers opted for a Caribbean theme this year so we added two blow up palm trees. Frosty the snow man was back again riding a paddle board. There was some rain to endure for the last half hour on the boat and the volunteers endured without complaint. There was a good turn out on the boat this year with five kids, four adults.

All in all, our squadron has had a very active and productive year. The credit goes to you the volunteers for taking the time to offer your skills and experience to promote safe boating.

I wish for each of you a Merry Christmas, good health and happiness in the New Year.

Thomas (Tom) Long SN
Squadron Commander



Public Relations Activities

As mentioned in the May newsletter, our main theme this year was to publicize the milestone of our 60th Anniversary of providing safe boating education to the residents of Barrie and surrounding areas. Thanks to the graphic design talents of Pamella Branch, our Assistant Public Relations Officer, who put together a striking design, we had both a commemorative flag and a new street banner made up. The flag flew at City Hall during Safe Boating Week in May, while the banner had several appearances scheduled over Dunlop Street and Essa Road. We have also used the design to dress up our e-mail signatures and it appears on our squadron web site.



Flying our 60th Anniversary flag at City Hall, Safe Boating Week, May 2016

Our Anniversary was further recognized by a photo and article in the Barrie Examiner during the second week of June. Here is a link to the article:

<http://www.simcoe.com/news-story/6720825-barrie-sail-squadron-celebrates-60-years-of-safe-boating/>

The following photo shows our booth, anniversary flag and beach flag set up at the Barrie Marina in conjunction with the Barrie Waterfront Festival in June. We used the occasion to conduct Courtesy Checks for marina members and other boaters using the nearby launch ramp.



During June, we also returned to Lefroy Harbour for another day of courtesy checks and flare disposal. This year, Educational Officer, Hans Etzel, also gave a two hour seminar on anchoring. Miriam King of the Innisfil Examiner was on hand to watch the proceedings and produced an article that appeared in the paper's print edition and also on their web site. Here is the link:

http://eedition.innisfil Examiner.ca/doc/Innisfil-Examiner/innisfil_examiner-0617/2016061701/1.html#8.

Our final PR event of the year was our appearance in Barrie's Santa Claus Parade on November 19th. We were once again able to borrow a boat and trailer from Blue Moon Marine and Bag Fluto Parts graciously allowed us use of their warehouse so we could decorate the boat out of the (once again) damp weather. This year's parade theme was "Christmas Around the World" and we chose the Caribbean area as the theme for our float. We put a blow-up 8 foot tall Frosty on a surfboard on the bow and added two inflatable palm trees to the aft cockpit. Christmas tunes played by a steel band were broadcast to the crowd to add to the flavour. Special thanks go out to all who helped make this happen and in particular to the three generations of the Long family who helped decorate and also acted as crew during the parade.

The following photo was submitted to Canadian Yachting's online version and has been accepted as the Photo of the Week. Watch for it in your Inbox the week of December 5th.



[Free Lockage for 2017 on Waterways](#)

May 24, 2016



Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday with free admission to Parks Canada places in 2017

It's Canada's birthday gift to you: As part of Budget 2016, the Government of Canada announced free admission for all Canadian and international visitors to national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas operated by Parks Canada and free lockage for recreational boaters on historic canals and waterways in 2017 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

For more information on Parks Canada's places and experiences across the country and to download the Visitor Guide for the region you'll be exploring, visit parkscanada.gc.ca/visit.

What you need to know

What is free for me and my family in 2017?

Admission to national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas operated by Parks Canada

Lockage fees for Parks Canada's historic canals and waterways.

FROM THE CLASSROOM



Boating 1 – Boating Basics/PCOC Course was completed on October 13th with 5 students successful in obtaining their Pleasure Craft Operator Card. The Maritime Radio Course remains in greatest demand: eight employees from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources successfully obtained the Restricted Operator's Card (Maritime) on the 26th of September while another eight candidates completed the scheduled October VHF Course successfully. The Boat and Engine Maintenance Course was concluded on November 15th with 4 students successfully completing the exam. Currently eight students are attending the Boating 2 – Beyond the PCOC Course and five are on the Electronic Navigation Course with the respective exams being challenged this week. The Sail Course scheduled to start in November has been changed to a mentored, self-study programme as only two sailors registered. The first half of 2017 will see further courses underway as shown below.

Boating 4 - Seamanship Course (\$165 CPS Members/\$205 Non-Members) 09 February – 20 April 2017

	<p>The Seamanship Course builds on techniques introduced in the Boating Course. Seamanship uses traditional navigation, GPS fixes, Way Points, along with the introduction of Deviation, in the three home-work cruises, and the examination take home cruises. This course offers: interpretation of charts, the DR plot, bearings, fixes, running fixes, Collision Regulations, and plotting and labeling in True and Magnetic. Seamanship explains the hazards of weather, wind, waves, tides, and tidal currents and how to deal with them. When unforeseen circumstances arise such as man-overboard or medical emergencies, the seamanship course helps the student to acquire the skills to deal with life-threatening situations. Suggested prerequisite: Boating Essentials Course.</p>
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VHF ROC(M) & DSC (\$100/\$140 for 2 family mbrs) 14 and 21 February 2017

	<p>This complete package with CD, and the Digital Selective Calling element, will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam. To operate a maritime radio, you need the certificate. It's the law! The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures, and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS). All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form "automatic" radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course.</p>
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Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boaters (\$150 CPS Mbrs/\$190 Non-Mbrs) 28 February – 25 April 2017

	<p>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. 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.</p>
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Boating 3: Introduction to Navigation (\$195 CPS Members / \$235 Non-Members) 08 Mar – 10 May 2017

	<p>The third course in our series explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting out and when under way, handling a boat under sail as well as your environmental responsibilities and electrical hazards,. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include tides and currents, canals and locks, and collision</p>
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Pass the word on our courses – lots of space available!



Celebrations



Past Commander Martin Hederich celebrated his birthday with family, friends and CPS members, in fall 2016.

A BBQ social was held at his residence and a grand time was had by all.

RECREATIONAL VESSEL COURTESY CHECKS

RVCCs were again conducted during the summer at Lefroy Harbour and Barrie Marina with close to 80 checks offered although not everyone accepted the free check of Transport Canada mandated safety requirements. A special thanks to all the volunteers involved – Reg Shortt, Maurice Dimonte, and Tom McPherson. If you are interested in completing RVCCs at your marina, please contact Hans at 705-722-0060 or training@barriecps.org. You will be given the training as well as kit that goes with the appointment.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Hans Etzel
Squadron Educational Officer
RVCC Officer



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