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#### **RCAF Trenton Power & Sail Squadron**

# HELMSMAN

#### Words from the Upper Deck

The boats are now out of the water and it is time to start thinking of what we have to do during the long winter months ahead to prepare for the next boating season. One of those things might be to take a boating course, provided by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. Another might be to attend some boating seminars provided by RCAF Trenton Squadron, known as Twooney Tuesdays.

Our "Twooney" Tuesdays begin this year on **November 29**, 2016 with a presentation about a member of CFB Trenton Yacht Club (you may know him as Greg Tanner) who "emigrated" to the Nova Scotia south shore during the summer, having converted from a power boater to a sailor. Three CFB Trenton Yacht Club members will discuss their time on board as crew members with Captain Greg for the journey from Trenton to St. Margaret's Bay area via The St. Lawrence River. Greg may even have a word or two from afar for us!

On **January 24, 2017** we anticipate having a recently retired member from the JRCC (Joint Rescue and Coordination Centre) located at CFB Trenton speaks to us about how this unit works clear across Canada to respond to distress and other calls.

On **March 14, 2017** we anticipate having a CFB Trenton Yacht Club member, Dennis Fletcher, talk about Quinte Salability—a very unique group of people devoted to teaching the disabled how to sail.

On May 2, 2017 we anticipate having Rob McLeod, current Cobourg Yacht Club Commodore and Director of their "Learn to Sail Program".

Our fall and winter training program began on Monday evening September 19<sup>th</sup> with the Boating 1 course, affectionately referred as the PCOC course. Following this is the Boating 2 course beginning on Wednesday evening October 5<sup>th</sup>. Boating 3 will commence in the spring. Those interested in our boating courses can refer to boatingcourses.ca for more information and where courses are held at various CPS squadrons in the area.

Naturally we would like you to attend our courses but your busy work and family schedules may not always allow you to attend. In that case, please look at boatingcourses.ca to find the course nearest you.

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## **RCAF** Trenton Power & Sail Squadron

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Basic Boating (PCOC) Beyond PCOC Introduction to Navigation Marine Radio Electronic Navigation Boat & Engine Maintenance Weather

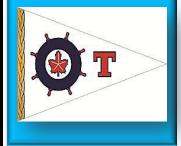
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### **OUR BOATING COURSES HELP WITH**

What you need to know: Boating 1: PCOC (3 nights) VHF Maritime Radio (2-3 nights)

#### What you should know:

**Boating 2: Beyond The PCOC (6-7 weeks) Boating 3: Intro to Navigation (6-7 weeks)** 

#### What you want to know:

**Boat and Engine Maintenance (12 weeks) Fundamentals of Weather (7-8 weeks)** 

#### What you might like to know:

Boating 4: Seamanship (12 weeks) Boating 5: Advanced Piloting (12 weeks)

Boating courses 1-5 should be taken in the order of their number. One is a prerequisite for the next.





#### Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons RCAF Trenton Squadron



#### Boating Courses 2016/17 Sail and Power

#### • PCOC-Boating 1 - starts Monday September 19, & covers:

- your boat & equipment & maintenance
- marine rules of the road, buoys & lights
- getting under way, docking & anchoring
- safety, towing & weather tips

Course focus is on basic seamanship skills and qualifies for PCOC card.

Cost is \$65 for 4 classes plus exam. Includes manual, CD, & card.

- Beyond the PCOC-Boating 2 starts Wednesday October 5, & covers:
  - Introduction to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots
  - navigation & conning exercises along with electronic charting
  - handling a boat under power
  - Tides, currents, canals and locks
  - Collision regulations

Cost is \$115 non-member/\$110 member for 13 classes. Includes manuals, CD, training chart & plotter.

#### Introduction To Navigation----Boating 3 - Spring 2017

- Learn more about how to use paper & electronic charts
- What the skipper should be doing before setting out and when under way,
- Handling a boat under sail
- Environmental responsibilities, electrical hazards, towing, tailoring

Cost is \$105.00 non-member/\$100.00 member for 8 classes. Includes manuals, CD, training chart & plotter.



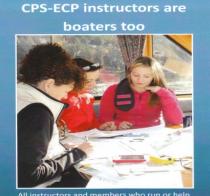
• Maritime Radio (for the VHF Operator's Card). Starts Monday Feb 27 2017 and cost is \$100/\$80

We offer more courses on demand e.g. Weather, Seamanship, and Boat & Engine Maintenance etc.

Come to Registration Night Monday September 12th 2016 at 7:00 pm

at the CFB Trenton Yacht Club on Baker Island, Trenton... ...or call John Brewster at 613-970-0309 ...or e-mail us at: RCAFTrentonCPS@gmail.com

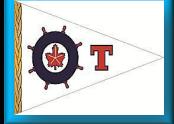
Descriptions of all our courses are posted on our website at: www.cps-ecp.ca/RCAFTrenton or boatingcourses.ca



in local Squadrons and Districts, are boaters and volunteers who take their responsibility seriously. Instructors in your community help recreational boaters improve their boating safety knowledge and operational skills. We help people with boats become boaters.



Would you bet \$200? That's the cost of a fine for not having the required safety equipment in good working order on your boat. Let CPS-ECP volunteers help you beat the odds. We will check your boat for free... and if you have everything you need, you'll get a Safety inspection Sticker\*. If you don't have everything... we will explain exactly what you should have on board so you can be sure to win that bet.







#### Get 'in the know' with Phyllis...

#### RECREATIONAL VESSEL COURTESY CHECK REPORT 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 28 APRIL 2016 RCAF TRENTON SQUADRON, CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

RVCC Fall 2016 report For the Helmsman newsletter

It seems like it was just spring of 2016, and I talked about the plans for RVCC events that RCAF Trenton squadron would carry out in the area around us. And now, its fall of 2016 and they're all done!

So what did we do and what results did we get? The good news is that we did all the RVCC events we were planning to do: Trenton Fishing Derby, CFB Trenton Yacht Club, Trent Port Marina, Cobourg Marina. The period from the beginning of June to mid-July was busy! We've been asked to come back to Trent Port Marina next year, as well as Cobourg Marina and the base yacht club. The not-so-good news is that while we got all that done, our RVCC numbers dropped a bit.

We're going to be revisiting each of the events, analyzing what happened, trying to figure out what we might need to do differently in 2017, to contact more boaters, do more RVCC's to make sure that boaters out there are safe. We know one thing for sure: we need more RVCC specialists, so we can do more events, talk to more boaters, and make sure there are more safe boaters out there enjoying boating.

As the squadron's RVCC Coordinator, I would like to thank the RVCC specialists who worked hard to make this year successful: John Brewster, John Fear, John Dodson Frank Sheedy, and our roving RVCC specialist, Shea Robson. You guys rock!

Please consider joining us as an RVCC specialist for the 2017 season. It is really easy. Watch the RVCC video on the CPS website (<u>http://www.smartboater.ca/rvcc</u>), fill out the declaration form and return it to CPS, let me or John Brewster know you've done that, and then join us for hands-on training at the first events next year. It's my responsibility to order all the brochures, pamphlets, RVCC golf shirts (let me know what size you need – men's' and women's' sizes available).

See you on the water in 2017, and at the squadron's 'Tooney Tuesday' presentations this winter. Check out the line-up of speakers. There's something for everyone.

Phyllis Durnford Coordinator, Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks, RCAF Trenton Power Squadron







# FLARE SAFTEY and DEMOSTRATION DAY

On Saturday September 17th, CFB Trenton Yacht Club and CFB Trenton provided a safe venue for boaters to live fire their outdated flares (referred to as our Flair Ex). It was a very very successful event where boaters learned what they could never learn otherwise. It was a GREAT hands on training event. All enjoyed being able to actually live fire their outdated flares. It was the first time that most, if not all, had ever seen what the effects of the flares looked like: to see the difference between the various type of flares and to see why it is taught to hold type C flares well over the gunwale of the boat, for example (the hot drips!). Some had never seen a SOLAS flare and asked whether they were legal to use as there was no Transport Canada approvals. There was even a pistol whose barrel caught on fire. There were old flares that did not ignite; whose stars did not go very high. Some did not realize the noise that flares can make. These were all things that would make an actual flare deployment a very safe exercise when you know what to expect and how to deploy them quickly. Some did not know how to use their flares---imagine time taken to read in an emergency situation and then when you have no idea what they sound like. These things cannot be contemplated unless you actually have the chance to live fire. Thus the value in what was offered in this boating safety event.



We probably had about 30-40 participants over the period of time with a nice BBQ afterwards for all attendees as well as a continual running disc using the CPS Distress Signaling materials (disc and booklet) and a demonstration table with examples of disaster equipment.





# Don't Forget our "TWOONEY TUESDAY"



**Boaters Helping Boaters RCAF** Trenton Squadron Boating Safety Seminar Series

First Twooney Tuesday Nov 29th There will be a "Toonie" Pot at the door for donations.

# ravelling up the Saint Lawrence.

An account of a voyage from Trenton to Halifax, Nova Scotia in the summer of 2016, presented by Eric Lawlor, John Fear & Marty Mathias of CFB Trenton Yacht Club.

In the summer of 2016 Greg Tanner exchanged his Main ship trawler for a Mirage 30 sailboat, and enlisted a crew from the CFB Trenton Yacht Club to help him sail it to his family home in Whistler's Cove, NS. The story of their voyage will be told in 3 parts:

• Eric will describe the trip from Trenton down the Seaway and through the locks to Quebec City, in glorious summer sunshine.

• John will continue the journey down-river along the frigid North coast of the Gaspe Peninsular with its strong tidal currents, to Shediac, New Brunswick.

• Marty will complete the tale, covering the waters from Confederation Bridge, through the Strait of Canso and out into the foggy Atlantic Ocean, and eventually to safe harbor in Halifax.

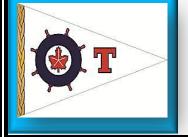
The talk will be illustrated with lots of pictures of the glorious scenery along the mighty St Lawrence River, and we'll tell you about some of our adventures and experiences during 6 weeks on the water.

Down the Drain



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# Safe Boating Tips

(Thanks to the Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron for this article)

#### Every boat is a compromise

Are you interested in power or sail? What do you want to do with your boat - day cruise, short overnight?

Trips, long cruises or fish? What is your budget? Do you want to carry lots of people? Do you want to trailer the boat? Do you want to do your own storage and maintenance? How much water do you have at your dock? Benhing at a marina can be expensive. We all have our needs" and 'wants" list. Ask yourself what you absolutely need; and what you would like to have. This will help you make the choices.

#### What to look for when buying a used boat

\*Inspect the hull carefully for damaged gel coat, osmosis or delamination

\*Have a marine mechanic go over the engine and outdrive - inspect condition of electronic equipment, navigation gear, belts, gimbals, bearings, decks, seals, prop, etc.

\*Be aware that boat repairs can be extremely expensive.

\*Make sure all accessories are functioning properly

\*Check for proper ventilation and backfire flame arrester

\*Verify ownership through looking at the owner's paperwork.

\*Ask to see maintenance records

\*Talk to the marina that stored or maintained the boat

\*insurance companies will likely require a marine survey on larger boats for insuring purposes

\*Ask about the history of the boat - what it was used for; how many hours are on the engine, etc.

This list is not exhaustive and it is suggested that individuals take The Canadian Power & Sail Squadron Boating Course for more detailed information.

In Conclusion

The Power and Sail Squadrons have a long and illustrious history of empowering recreational boaters through knowledge. All squadron instructors have taken CPS courses. We strive, with the student's help, to make the course interesting and fun as well as educational. As an additional benefit, you are very likely to meet new friends who share your interests.

Operating in both official languages, the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, (CPS-ECP) are active in every province of Canada. You're certain to find courses of interest, offered near you!

If you cannot find the course that you want provided by RCAF Trenton Squadron it could be provided by another squadron within your geographical area...