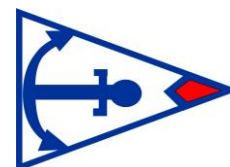




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From the Bridge...

I trust your summer has gone well and you found time to engage in your favourite boating activities. For some of us 'back to school' marks the end of summer. However I have discovered that September and early October can provide some of the most enjoyable days on the water – clear sunny days and cool evenings, great fishing, less crowded anchorages, and spectacular fall colours. There is still time for more outings before we have to haul our boats for the winter season.

2013 marks the 75th anniversary of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons in Canada. CPS-ECP 75th Anniversary Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Eaton Chelsea hotel in downtown Toronto October 23-26. The conference organizers have an interesting and exciting agenda planned including several sightseeing trips, entertainment with 'Hollywood North' as the theme on Friday, a gala dinner on Saturday, door prizes, and much more. I would like to invite all members of Newmarket Squadron to participate in the 75th Anniversary celebrations at the conference and to attend the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 26th. If you are not able to attend the full conference you can register for one or more days. For further information and to register visit the CPS-ECP website www.cps-ecp.ca and follow the link to CPS National conference.

Our fall courses begin on September 17th at Dr. Denison Secondary School, Newmarket. We are offering Boating Basics leading to the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC) and Boating Essentials with training on charting and more. If you have a family member or friend who is new to boating or would like to upgrade his/her boating knowledge please encourage them to take one of these courses. More details are contained in this issue of the Bitter End.

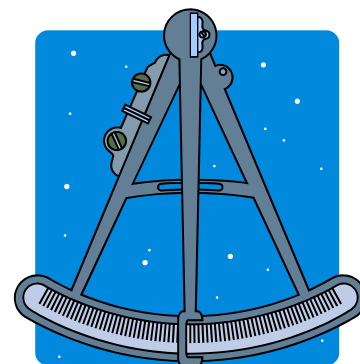
Earlier this year the Bridge of Newmarket Squadron brought back Toonie Nights offering activities and presentations that we hope will be of interest to our members. We are currently arranging a demonstration on the use of fire extinguishers and a presentation by a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please stay tuned for further information on these two evening presentations.

On behalf of the Bridge:

David Puttock, AP
Squadron Commander

Course Offerings for Novice and Experienced Boaters

This year we are offering a variety of courses that we hope will interest boaters of all abilities. For first time boaters there is Boating Basics through which you can receive your Pleasure Craft Operator's Certificate (PCOC). The next step is Boating Essentials which expands on the Basics program and introduces charting, the use of marine charts for navigation. Marine Electronics will be offered beginning in January. Seamanship, one of our advanced courses, will be run in the winter and VHF Radio will be offered in May. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about boating, check out our website and enroll in the program that meets your needs. All of our courses are run at Dr. Denison High School, 135 Bristol Rd, Newmarket.



Starting September 17, 2013:

- Boating Basics

Starting October 22, 2013:

- Boating Essentials

For information about these and other courses, costs, and registration, contact Peter Heard, Training Officer at npsinfo@mailonly.ca or refer to our website www.cps-ecp.ca/newmarket



Toonie Night:

We have organized an opportunity for NPS members to learn/practice fire safety procedures. These skills are valuable both on the water and in the home. The Fire Safety Officer of York Central Fire Department will present an evening program to a class of members of the squadron (first 20 registered will be accommodated) in late September or early October. Details will follow when the arrangements are finalized. To get in on this exciting opportunity, register at npsinfo@mailonly.ca.

The Bridge of the Newmarket Power and Sail Squadron meets at 8:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month (September through June) at the Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, in downtown Newmarket. All members are welcome to attend.

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CPS Conference Volunteers Needed

CPS-ECP 75th Anniversary Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Eaton Chelsea hotel in downtown Toronto October 23-26. Marilyn Ellison is in charge of registration and is looking for volunteers to assist with the process. See page 4 for details.

What do we do with outdated flares?

As most boaters are aware, flares are required equipment that cannot be older than 4 years from their date of manufacture. That means when you have been boating for some time, you will have flares that are past their best by date. Should you be boarded by the Coast Guard or Marine Police, you must carry the correct number of flares for your boat but you can have as many older flares as you like. The problem develops, however, when you have more old flares than you can store. What do we do with outdated flares?



In 2009, the OPP collected old flares for a one week period. In that time, 15,000 old flares were submitted for disposal. Unfortunately, they have not seen fit to do this again and many boaters have boxes of old flares gathering dust in their boats and homes. Old flares deteriorate and are less likely to fire properly; however, they can also become dangerous as the chemicals in them can also become unstable.

Transport Canada suggests the following of outdated flares:

- *seek advice from fire departments and police stations. In certain areas they are receiving expired flares.*
- *ask the retailer to accept expired flares when a new purchase is made; and,*
- *if in good condition, retain the flares as supplements to approved flares.*



We recently approached the OPP Marine Unit asking for direction on disposing of the flares. They suggested the local community Hazardous Waste Facilities. But, when we checked with Barrie Hazardous Waste, it was clear that they did not want to collect explosive devices. Newmarket and York Region Hazardous Waste also refuses to take old flares. Residents of Orillia can take their flares to their hazardous waste facility, however. Newmarket Fire Department has also refused to accept these flares. Transport Canada is discussing the possibility of requiring manufacturers to collect the old flares but the manufacturers (CIL/Orion) currently charge a fee for this function. Individual boater could be charged \$50 to \$70 to dispose of a few flares. Until something better comes up, it makes more sense for several boaters or even a marina, association, or club to get together and split the cost of shipping expired flares back to CIL/Orion.

If any member of the Squadron has found a location where old flares can be taken for disposal, please contact *The Bitter End* at nps@mailonly.ca. We would like to share that information with our members.

Dear reader:

If you have comments or suggestions for *The Bitter End* we would love to hear from you. Share your comments by sending them to *The Bitter End* at npsinfo@mailonly.ca.

CPS Celebrates 75 Years



CPS is celebrating 75 years of “Safe Boating Education” this year. Our National Conference is being held at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel at 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Dates of the Conference are Oct. 23 – 27, 2013.

Newmarket Squadron is responsible to greet and register CPS members from across Canada.

Your help would be greatly appreciated in this endeavour!

The registration desk will be open:

Wed. Oct. 23 from	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 24 from	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 25 from	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 26 from	7:30 am – 12:00 noon

Please consider volunteering your time to help us!

I have set up the schedule in 2 hour time slots but if you can stay longer, that is great! For those of you that work downtown, a few hours after work, miss the rush hour(s)?

Book your time early!

You can email me at:

info@borealisglass.com or call me at: 289-466-1001

Thanks!

Marilyn Ellison

Registration Chair

75th National Conference