



# DRY ROT

Did you, your family or your boating friends miss the November course “Beyond the PCOC”? Don’t panic, there is another one coming in January.

[See the next page for all the details.](#)

## Advertised courses for 2019

Introduction to Marine Navigation (lots of chart work)

March 7, 2019 to April 4, 2019

Maritime Radio Course (a must for everyone on board)

April 18, 2019 and April 25, 2019

Watch the next few Dry Rots for place and times

Please, encourage your family and boating friends to upgrade their boating knowledge.

# Improve YOUR Safe Boating Skills



## Register Now

### Beyond the Pleasure Craft Operator Card

Navigation, Charts, Lat-Long

Anchors, Anchoring

Ropes, Lines & Knots

Docking, Undocking

Towing, trailering

Compasses and much more

**COURSE TUITION \$120.00** CASH OR CHEQUE

## MACASSA BAY YACHT CLUB

80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton

January 10, 2019 to February 7, 2019

REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 3RD

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. THURSDAY NIGHTS

To Register Contact: Roger Pimm 905-308-0060

OR [rogerpimm70@gmail.com](mailto:rogerpimm70@gmail.com)

Register online at [boatingcourses.ca/cities/Hamilton](http://boatingcourses.ca/cities/Hamilton)



**BoatingCourses.ca**

Don't Wait – Register Today!

Courses Starting Soon

Next VHF Marine Radio Course April 18, 2019 & April 25, 2019



**TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW**  
**JANUARY 18 – 27, 2019**  
**ENERCARE CENTRE, EXHIBITION PLACE**

### **REGALIA SALES**

**Christmas** is coming sooner than you think.

Do you need a new CPS flag?



Contact Marney Warby @ 905-389-5719

The latest amendments to the Small Vessel Regulations can be found at the following link:

<http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2018/2018-05-30/html/sor-dors102-eng.html>

There were 3 amendments pertaining to pleasure craft - one change with pleasure craft licensing, one change with SUP's (stand up paddleboards) and changes to pyrotechnic requirements.

The amendments allow pleasure craft more than six metres in length to reduce the number of pyrotechnic distress signals of each type currently required to be carried, by sections 205 and 210 of the Regulations, by a maximum of 50%, provided the number of smoke signals does not exceed 50% of the permitted number of smoke signals in those sections, if the vessel is equipped with an electronic communication device, including

1. a means of two-way radio communication (e.g. cell phones, satellite phones or other satellite communication devices, VHF radios with digital select calling);
2. a 406 MHz personal locator beacon, which is a personal safety device designed to alert search and rescue services and allow them to quickly locate a person in the event of an emergency; or
3. a 406 MHz emergency position-indicating radio beacon, which is used to alert search and rescue services in the event of an emergency via a satellite.

Carrying a cell phone only enables you to be able to reduce the number of pyrotechnics you carry. We do not advocate the use of cell phones over VHF radio.

The Safe Boating Guide offers this safety information on cell phones:

#### Use of a Cell Phone

While you may be able to get search and rescue assistance from the nearest Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) centre by dialing \*16 or #16 on a cell phone, it is NOT a good substitute for a marine radio and this is NOT the best way to issue distress call.

Why not?

Cell phones can lose reception or get wet and damaged.

Calling from your cell phone does not alert nearby vessels that you are in distress – they could be the ones to help you if they could hear you.

Some cell phone signals cannot be followed back to your location by rescuers.

Not all cell providers offer the \*16 or #16 service.

# ?? DID YOU KNOW ??

The first lighthouse at the Burlington Canal was built in 1838.

After the first lighthouse burnt in 1856 the existing stone lighthouse was built in 1858 which makes it 160 years old. Deactivated in 1961, the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group wants to take possession as part of a marine museum.

Power Boat Television is aired on Global at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning?

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