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## DRY ROT

Well, it's been a few months since the last Dry Rot and maybe that's because I have been recuperating from hip replacement surgery. Ok, maybe not completely, but that's the excuse I'm sticking to.

Back in April, CPS forbid us to have face to face classes because of liability insurance related to Covid-19. That decision virtually put a stop to all classes accross the country.

In the months that followed, CPS has finalized a number of online courses such as: Boating 2, Boating 3, Boating 2&3 Combined, Boating 4, Boating 6, and a Maritime Radio Course-Self Study.

All these courses are virtual, put on by a few different squadrons across Canada. You or someone you know can access these courses through the CPS web site <u>www.cps-ecp.ca</u> and click on the Boating Courses and Seminar Calendar, click #7 for online courses or click #9 for the Maritme Radio Self-Sudy course to see which squadrons are offering these virtual courses.

Hamilton is one of eight squadrons in Niagara District. We will be teaming up with other squadrons in the district to offer online virtual courses over the next six to eight months. As of this news letter, Port Dover squadron is talking about a Boating 2 course starting January 2021 and a Boating 3 course in February. You or a friend can check it out at <u>www.portdovercps.org/courses</u> and click on the calendar.

## BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS

Thanks to Pat Faux, one of Hamilton's instructors, Hamilton Power and Sail Squadron is now offering the online Maritime Radio Self-Study course. Go to <u>www.cps-ecp.ca</u> and highlight Courses and Seminars Calendar and click on Maritime Radio Self-Study. Scroll down to Hamilton.

Tell your friends and family!

## USER FEES FOR CANADIAN BOATERS

Transport Canada wants to require a pleasure craft licence for any vessel over six metres, regardless of engine size. Check out the link.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/canadian-boaters-userlicense-1.5805494

Modernizing the PCOC, <a href="https://letstalktransportation.ca/pcoc">https://letstalktransportation.ca/pcoc</a>

Licensing

https://letstalktransportation.ca/pcl



I have a blind date tonight. She asked me what vehicle I drive.

My reply,two door Mercedes. She said give me more time to dress up.

I think it's going to be a great date.

Courtesy of Cdr Murray Thompson, AP



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