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Training: Well what can I report? CPS-ECP has given us the green light to hold face to face meetings and courses. Unfortunately, the fourth wave has kept our training facility closed until further notice. Macassa Bay Yacht Club is working hard to open their facility in compliance with Ontario Health Regulations but I do not know yet how that will affect our use of their downstairs room that we use for our training classes. I will keep you informed as the fall progresses.

In the mean time, CPS-ECP offers, for those that are interested, on-line courses using something they call Moodle. These courses range from the basic Pleasure Craft Operator Card, Boating 2, Boating 3, right up to Boating 7. These can be accessed by logging into cps-ecp.ca and search. I know Burlington, Port Dover, Guelph, and maybe Grand River Squadrons are participating in these courses. As they are virtual, you may take these courses from any squadron across Canada.

Hamilton Squadron does not have any instructors to do virtual courses. We are, however, offering the Self-Study ROC (M), Restricted Operator Certificate (Marine) better known as the VHF Radio course. With this course you study on your own time and have 60 days to do the exam virtually with one of our VHF Radio instructors. There are no books, every thing is on-line and it only costs \$100.00. You can access this course by logging into cps-ecp.ca and on the left side highlight courses and seminars, then search.

We do have one course, Boating 3 that was started back in March of 2020 but was suspended because of Covid-19. When we can safely start classes again this will be high priority to restart and complete this very interesting course.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald S. Warby
Education Officer

Instructor Pat Faux The New VHF On-Line Zoom Test

Vaughan Osborne and I have been conducting VHF tests via Zoom since January. The Burlington Squadron had been holding the Zoom test long before us and were very helpful in getting us started.

We have met boaters from Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron and one from Quebec as there are no zone restrictions for students when registering. The students have been about 50/50 power and sail. We have had 76 boaters register with us but to-date, only 60% have followed up and taken the test. This is unfortunate as the passing rate is 100% with most marks in the 90% range. We find the on-line students are better prepared than the in-class students we used to have.

On average the Zoom VHF test takes about 40 minutes to cover the 60 questions and the 3 oral questions. The fastest test I ran was 28 minutes and the student got 100%.

I still hear boaters using channel 16 for radio checks instead of calling the coastguard directly on channel 24 or 26. The most popular response to a call is still “pick a channel” instead of finding an open channel and telling the caller where to go when replying. I try not to complain because at least they have their radio on in case a local May Day or Pan/Pan should arise.

Cheers.

Commander Murray Thompson

We have now survived the summer with COVID not behind us yet. It was an extremely active summer with boat sales at their highest in recent history. There is hardly an empty slip to be found on Hamilton Harbour.

This would indicate to our organization, that there is a good opportunity to increase attendance in our Boating Classes this fall. We are however not in a position to have in class training yet. The good news is that Boating and VHF classes are available on-line.

If you are speaking with new boaters and there is many of them now, let them know that on-line learning is available this fall. Check our Website, “cps-ecp.ca/hamilton”, follow the links to available classes.

Membership Peter Boothroyd

Is your membership up for renewal? Members are the back bone of any organization. If you need help renewing contact me. pboothroyd18@gmail.com

REGALIA SALES

Christmas is coming sooner than you think.

Do you need a new CPS flag?



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Vaccination Mandate

Macassa Bay Yacht Club is our choice as a training facility. If you plan on taking a class before this pandemic is deemed over, please read the following.

Effective September 22, 2021 Macassa Bay Yacht Club will require proof of vaccination (or certificate of medical exemption) for anyone using our indoor facilities. This policy will be required every time you enter the facilities for indoor use. We will not be keeping record of who is and is not vaccinated unless authorized by that individual to respect your privacy. The executive also believes in being proactive in protecting our fellow members and guests, therefore, we will be requiring all staff members to be fully vaccinated effective September 22, 2021.



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