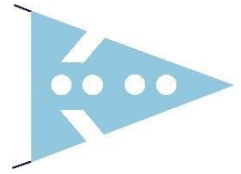




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GPSS COMMANDER
2024 AGM REPORT
April 28, 2024

Our amazing Goderich Squadron has come together over the past couple of years, in full force introducing ZOOM courses and seminars. In so, we have been able to grab some students across Canada and facilitate to what boaters are asking for. With great successes with the Maritime Radio Course, PCOC, and Sailing Course.

SEMINARS

We hosted a HYBRID seminar called “Turned Left – Sailing from Bayfield, ON to Newfoundland. Weather was an issue, so our speakers were at home instead of in person, and we still had 15 at the club house in Bayfield and 14 online. Such a success, Goderich Yacht Club asked them to speak at their club house in Goderich in March. GPSS attended to provide info, memberships, courses, etc. Following up from that seminar, we were able to renew past members as well as gain 2 new and collected a new instructor for our GPSS team.

Our team is working on a list of seminars for the spring, fall and winter 2024/2025. Stay tuned!

- Marine Surveys
- Cruising the Bahamas
- Personal Watercraft Touring

COURSES

- Fall 2023 ROC(M) course with 12 students, all passed with an average of 94%!!
- Just finishing up the Sailing Course, with 6 students registered and in the process of completing and scheduling exams. Dave MacLaren, Dean Nisbett and David Bannister are doing a fantastic job. Boasting our team, what CPS-ECP is about, what we are up to and how to join if they aren't members already. Carolyn has been joining in on evenings as another hand for inquiries for follow up. Carolyn organizes and provides ALL information to the students prior to and after our courses. A+++
- PCOC course in May – (London). Duplicating courses in our district has been helpful to display our Squadrons and our local Squadron friends are teaching all year round and are active.
- We have Carolyn Wood, Pam Stewart, Dean Nisbett, David Bannister on as Recognized Examiners now.
- David Bannister is now instructing!
- ROC(M) scheduled for October 10, 22, & 29, 2024
- Sailing Course scheduled for February 2025.

EVENT DAYS

- Return and Safety Awareness Day – Application submitted, pending Transport Canada approval – we're ready and so is Bayfield Marine.
- Social on May 5th at Bayfield Landing – private room rented for members, new and old to meet up, visit, and meet the team of GPSS. Sign up sheets and survey provided for feedback of what they would like to see.

MEMBERSHIP

- Our membership has increased by 4 members and there are some more in the works to be signed up. There is a sign in Bayfield Marine now with info for Members to sign up or check out our courses online.
- David Bannister is keen to promote the tag line and logo when rolled out.
- We are working with Goderich Yacht Club, Bayfield Yacht Club, CTOW to focus on Safety on the Water to recruit members and bridge team.

FINANCIAL

- GPSS is financially stable.
- We were able to donate \$10 per member this past year vs \$1 per member to the CPS Foundation!!

Merit Marks have been submitted for our Team.

Bayfield Marine is installing a "book library" outside the store in honour of Dave Bieman. Helen has some books to donate, there will also be a plaque with his name on in memoriam.

I am staying on as "interim Commander" until next year. A proposal for our team is to have a rotation of our group report and attend the Western Ontario District meetings and report and chair our own bridge meetings.

I thank our supreme Volunteers of our Goderich Power & Sail Squadron! Continuously planning throughout the year for what is going to be another stellar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Reder
Commander GPSS