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Seasons Greetings 2024 Edition

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BRUCE KELLEY is a Bluenose Member our Marketing Officer. He is also the National Volunteer Chair of CanBoat Marketing. He was recognized at the recent National CanBoat Conference:



Bruce Kelley, the Leadership 2024 Award is presented to you in recognition of the excellent work you have done for the organization in organizing and leading the search for a new brand name and coordinating the input of the French and English teams. As a logical continuation in this complex dossier, you are now at the heart of coordinating the marketing plan, with the aim not only of making this new name shine in the boating community but also of promoting the pleasure of being on the water safely, through the excellent training we offer. So, as it says on the trophy, you are the lighthouse that helps us find our way.



You can Mark Your Calendars: Halifax Boat Show. February 6-9th.

Halifax Exhibition Centre

The three Nova Scotia CanBoat Squadrons are, as always, taking part with a booth at the Boat Show. Bluenose Members have likely been contacted already by our volunteer scheduler for the Show, Jim McMillan. There is a plan to provide a **complementary CanBoat shirt** to those that volunteer for a shift or two at the Show. Contact Jim anytime to volunteer and be sure to give him your shirt size and mens' or womens' style preference! His email: jamesivormcmillan@gmail.com

To see a copy of Jim's letter to Members as of December 4th, please click [HERE](#).



Update: Rachelle & Marcel

With family medical conditions stabilized for the time being, our former Environment & RVCC Officer, Marcel Simard and partner, Rachelle, are continuing their journey south to warm waters in their sailing vessel *Meridian 63*. They report the following:

Meridian 63 Sailing Adventure Resumes

As you may recall from the [December 2023 Bluenose newsletter](#) as well as the "Pan Pan" article in the [Feb 2024 edition of Canadian Yachting](#), Rachelle and I (Marcel) left South Shore Marine for the clear blue waters of the Florida Keys onboard *Meridian 63*, our 1984

Mirage 25 sailboat. [READ MORE](#)

Squadron members and other boaters who receive this newsletter can follow them on:

Polarsteps:

<https://www.polarsteps.com/SVMeridian63/13001844-sv-meridian-63-sailing-adventures-2024>

and they have created a FB page as well:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567249313645>

From an article in Marine Business World



[Atlas 190 DLX Pro Sensor Life Jacket named TIME Best Invention of 2024](#)

The Atlas 190 DLX Pro Sensor Life Jacket, created by Canadian company Mustang Survival, has been awarded the prestigious TIME Best Invention of 2024 in the Outdoor category. Developed for offshore sailing, cruising, and boating, the Atlas 190 DLX combines unparalleled comfort with cutting edge safety features, including a re-engineered bladder for superior turning performance... [Read More](#)



Commander's Corner



Keeping in touch while on an adventure.

We've come a long way since the days of postcards sent from distant ports of call. Was the traveller home before the postcard? Maybe not. Travel took longer then, too.

What I am proposing is a method to send and receive news of loved ones that is easy and inclusive. If you like sending personal emails to all and sundry or are well versed with blogging or Facebook then you are already set. I don't have Facebook but still love to hear about the travels of friends and family. My answer is *Polarsteps*.

I have this App on my iPad. It is easy to use. The joys of it for the traveller are two-fold. By putting in a few photos and key sentences everyone you care about can get a glimpse into where you are, shown on a world map. They can hear as many or few details as you feel like including. Secondly, at the end of your trips the visual and written records are right there, forever, in one place. One can even have a book made up if that is your style.

Last year I followed a friend who went to a country in which I spent three months. What fun to see some familiar and some new places. Memories renewed. I am currently following a young friend who is teaching in France. She has a ready-made journal of her trip and I get to share some of her experiences. So fun. Our fellow CanBoat member Marcel Simard and his partner Rachelle have been using Polarsteps for a few years. A link to their current trip is right here for your convenience.

<https://www.polarsteps.com/SVMeridian63/13001844-sv-meridian-63-sailing-adventures-2024>

I hope this proves to be an asset to you as armchair traveller or as adventurer.

Laura Webber



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Note: Although not currently part of our Bridge, we highly value our two other knowledgeable instructors namely [Al Bishop](#) and [Dave Puddington](#).

Unleash The Joy of Boating with a CanBoat / NautiSavoir Gift Card!



Surprise your boat-lovin' buds and kin with a gift that screams, "Ahoy, matey!"

With our Digital Gift Cards, they can choose from a bounty of Safe Boating Courses or snag a Membership that comes with a treasure trove of boating discounts.

Plus, you're in the captain's seat – pick the date you want the digital card to sail right into their inbox! Head over to <https://www.cps-ecp.ca/ecommerce/product/gift-card/> to set sail on your gift-giving adventure.

Choose from: \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150 or \$200.

Purchase from our online store at: <https://www.cps-ecp.ca/ecommerce/product/gift-card/>

[Three Tips for Cold Weather Boating](#)

Taken from the October 24th issue of Canadian Boating and BoatUS

- [PFD or Lifejacket for the Season](#)
- [More than Just a Hat](#)
- [A Word about Batteries](#)



CanBoat Courses

as explained by Education Officer, Bob Rutherford

CanBoat has many courses, way more than one can see on the [Course Calendar](#) on the website. My objective here is to give you a glimpse of that full picture.

There are several categories in which the courses can be grouped. First, there are the **Certification Courses** which are government mandated, and get you your [PCOC](#) and your [ROC\(M\)](#) certificates. These two courses are constantly available to be taken as self-study or in classes. They serve to legally get you out on the water and to operate a VHF radio.

Next, we have our main-stream series of courses covering **navigation and safe boating practices** on the water. They start with the Basic Navigation and Boat Handling course, a brand new online course which can be taken in whole or in either of its two component parts. Then comes our old friend, the Boating 4 Online course, covering near-shore activity at the first of two levels. This will be the fifth year we have run this course through the winter; it is tried and true. Finally, we have two brand new offshore courses, one covering passage planning and execution using modern electronic devices and software programs, and the other covers the theory and practice of celestial navigation.

We have several **General Interest Courses** which unfortunately we have been unable to offer due to a lack of instructors. These courses cover topics such as maintenance and operation of specific equipment, sailing and cruising, and the weather. If any of these topics hit a responsive chord with our readers, I encourage them to offer their services to teach a subject or two. My contact information is included below.

Last, but by no means least, we have many **Seminar Courses**, four of which are available for online self study, and several more for which a small pamphlet can be supplied for a person to read. At present the topics include AIS, Celestial Nav, Chart Reading, GPS, Rules of the Road (Collision Regs), Paddling, Environment, Tides & Currents and Weather both local and tropical. There is also an intention to unpackage some topics from our longer courses into bite-sized seminars which today's time-challenged boaters would find easier to fit into their busy schedules.

As soon as the Halifax Boat Show is in our wake, we will be launching our winter courses. Check the [Course Calendar](#) and look for Lunenburg – Bluenose as the provider.

Bob Rutherford, Squadron Educational Officer

Responsible Boating—Training and *Up-skilling* in the Off-season.



Seeking advice from local boaters can help you familiarize yourself with new waterways.

Nov 7, 2024

By Mathew Channer

Growing up by the sea and then spending my adult life working on it, many of my favorite memories were formed on the water, from childhood fishing trips to trans-Pacific crossings. Boating, whatever your flavor, is a joyful activity that for many of us will be some of the best times of our lives. It certainly has for me.

And yet, in both my professional and recreational boating life, I have also witnessed or been involved in many marine incidents, some of them near-misses, others that turned into catastrophic disasters.

The core of this is not that boating is unsafe. Boating is an inherently safe and fun activity that, like many activities, comes with risks that must be managed to make it safer and even more enjoyable. Most of the serious events I have seen in my career could have been avoided had the people involved appropriately managed the risk. Running aground can be prevented by understanding charts, conditions, currents and tides. Collisions would almost never occur if every vessel kept an effective lookout, maintained safe speed, and knew the rules of the road. [READ MORE](#)



Social Functions this Winter & Beyond

A Pub-Social is being planned this winter. Standby for details in the weeks ahead.

AGM 2025 will be in May in the Valley...likely at one of the pubs. Details later. Always a great time to talk boats!

Planning Ahead! Big Tancook Island Next Summer:

Bluenose Member, Mark Perkin, lives on Big Tancook and advises the following for planning purposes.

July 26/27 2025 are good dates. Weather will be warm and hopefully dry. We have lots of room for tents if people want to camp out. We also have 3 spare bedrooms if needed and if people are arriving on the ferry instead of by their own boat it would be preferable to offer the rooms to those first.

I can certainly make pizza in the wood oven on the deck and can spark up the charcoal bbq for supper.

We have two island vehicles one is a small pickup that used to be a fire truck in Japan so we can take people on island tours and explain the history.

The rec centre will be open for lunches and I strongly recommend anyone coming to have lunch there and support the island. We would let the rec centre and the island know boaters will be visiting so preparations can be made to ensure enough staff is on hand to handle extra numbers.

The south east cove beach has a massive fire pit and picnic tables where we can have a beach fire at night and of course wobbly pops

as well. Again our vehicles can transfer people as necessary.

Our mooring in front of our house has 10,000 pounds on the sea floor and two bridles so we should be able to raft up some boats, the amount of boats would of course depend on size and length. Lots of room to also anchor in the northwest cove in front of our house. The fishermen's wharf and two docks in the cove are off limits and private. We have a beach in front of our house at low tide so easy to get ashore and access to come ashore at the boat launch beside the wharf.

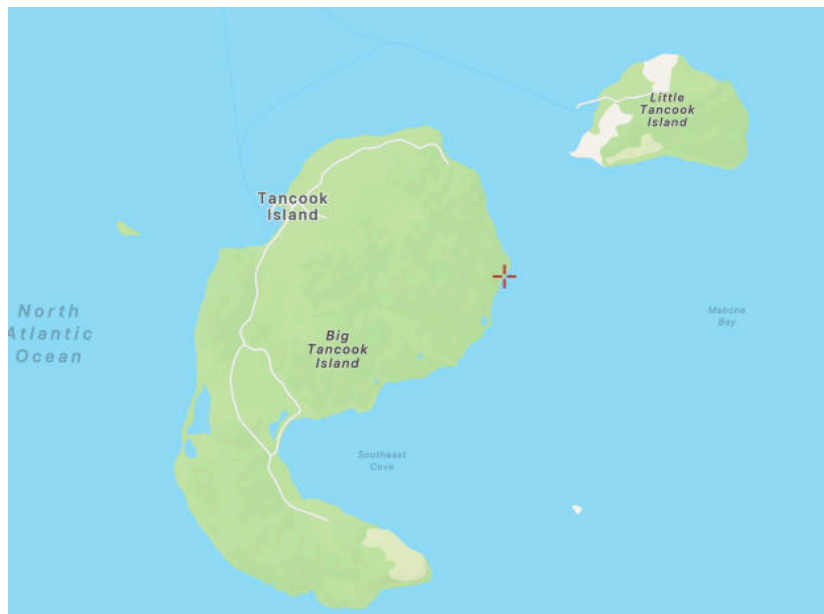
There are also some sailors living on the island that would most likely join us for the beach fire.

It would be an interesting day/weekend for anyone attending. The island is full of history, unique homes, stories, eclectic people from all walks of life. I explain Tancook island to people that it is a mix of every Jimmy Buffet song sixes in a blender with every episode on the tv show Northern exposure. lol

We can offer a fun and unique experience for all wanting to come out and see the island.

I will forward photos of the northwest cove and our property for you to review and offer up in emails to anyone wanting to attend

Kind Regards, Mark



Canada's Safe Boating Guide:





Wishing you all the peace and goodwill that the Christmas Season can offer!

NOTMARS

A Selection of Recent NOTMARS affecting our area

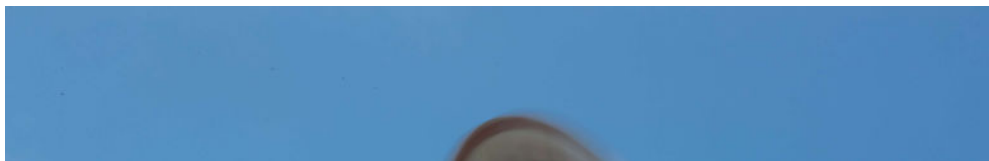
*1004/24 St. Margaret's Bay - the following unlit buoys have been permanently discontinued. Reference Chart 4386:
West Dover buoys AT68, AT72 and AT73

Chart 4240 *1022(P)/24 Liverpool Harbour to Lockeport Harbour - **Proposed** that Fog Horn be discontinued. The name of the Aid is *Western Head* and it is located at 43 59 20.8N and 064 39 44.5W. Comment submission deadline is January 30, 2025 to:

DFO.CCGATLAidstoNavDiscont-AidesalanavSupprATLGCC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Sailing Directions Updated
Gulf of Maine & Bay of Fundy

<https://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/library-bibliotheque/chs-shc-ATL106-eng-202409-41260004.pdf>





BUYS BALLOT'S LAW vs HIP POCKET RULE

Buys Ballot stated that when you **turn your back to the wind**, the lower pressure will be on your left and the higher to the right. Although Buys Ballot was an accomplished meteorologist in the 1800's, I always thought it would be more accurate to determine the direction of the wind by facing it rather than turning your back to it. The Hip Pocket Rule states it that way. Face the wind and the center of low pressure is to your right and a little behind (about your hip pocket area.) Perhaps it was William Ferrel, a fellow who was raised on a farm in Bedford County, Pennsylvania who discovered that facing the wind was a better way of judging the directions. It is believed he was the first to discover this phenomenon, but Buys Ballot took the credit for it.

Excerpt from the Columbia Encyclopedia

Christoph Heinrich Diedrich Buys Ballot, (krīs' tōf hīn' rīkh dēd' rīkh bois' bälō'), 1817–90, Dutch meteorologist. Director of the Dutch Royal Meteorological Institute after 1854, he strove to organize and standardize a system for representing meteorological findings and formulated (1857) Buys Ballot's law. This states that, in the Northern Hemisphere, if one stands with his back to the wind, the area of low pressure is to his left. In the Southern Hemisphere the reverse is true. The explanation lies in the deflection, caused by the earth's rotation, in the movement of air from areas of high pressure to areas of lower pressure. A related law had been deduced earlier by the U.S. meteorologist William Ferrel. American meteorologist known for his law of the deflection of air currents on the rotating Earth.





Our Member Roster

*Hello Fellow Bluenose Members
Welcome to December 2024*

We hover around 55-60 active members in the Bluenose Squadron. We all share a passion for our vessels and adore our time on the water. I know you take note of other vessels and often wonder her details. We think it is fun to share details of our vessels with each other. Therefore, for those interested, I continue to compile our vessel details and share them with our fellow Bluenose members. [The current roster of our boats can be viewed at this LINK.](#)

If you prefer not to share any of your vessel details, then simply let me know in a brief e-message.

If you would like to share and be part of this notion, please e-mail the following details about your vessel to me @ jamesivormcmillan@gmail.com:

- Your Name
- Boat Name
- Power, sail, row, paddle, etc.
- Home Port (or close to where she resides during 'the season')
- Type
- Length
- Hull colour
- MMSI number

Also, to make this even more enjoyable (and convenient), please attach a picture of your vessel to your submission. I will compile all this information and share with your fellow Bluenose members. Thank you for being part of Bluenose.

BTW: I have included a picture of my wee vessel above.

Best,
--Jim McMillan
Squadron Membership Officer
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QUIZ





True or False? "The Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC) is a mandatory checkup of boating equipment that can result in a fine if a boat is deficient."

For the answer please find the little ship's wheel near the end of this newsletter.



Share Photos

Did you have an enjoyable boating season 2024? Have photos? Please send any photos and stories that you wish to share to [Secretary Jim](#) if you would allow us to use them in our next newsletter(s)!



Squadron Burgee





Above is our Bluenose Squadron burgee! Looks great, doesn't it?! If you want one please contact Financial Officer, Dan White. The price is currently \$20 which is a tiny bit more than they cost to produce.

[Dan White](#)



CanBoat Swag

Here are examples of some swag/marketing material that we have on hand at this time. We would like to offer some to our members to distribute to their boating friends or clubs. We are in the process of putting together 'new boater' packages which will contain some of these items. Please contact [Secretary Jim](#) to discuss your needs.



CanBoat Shopping

Official Apparel

Make your gifting easy these Holidays and buy our brand new CanBoat / NautiSavoir apparel line of products in partnership with Anchor Gear Co. Elevate your crew's style with goodies for everyone! Dive into a sea of vibrant designs and quality. Take your pick from a range of swag like hoodies, polos, shirts, hats, sport packs and UV protection gear. Click on the photo to read more.



[Anchor Gear](#) is more than just an apparel brand; it's a community. It's about those unspoken connections between boaters, shared stories at the dock, and a collective passion for the water. They aim to bring people together, to explore, create memories, and share the beauty of boating. Their products are inspired by the freedom, adventure, and camaraderie the water offers, paying tribute to the waterways that have been our playground and escape. Their mission is to provide gear that resonates with water enthusiasts and fosters a sense of community. Every piece of apparel from Anchor Gear Co. not only will find a special place in your wardrobe but also remind you of the incredible community you're a part of.

CanBoat/NautiSavoir members will receive a 15% discount on all orders by using Promo Code: CPSAGC2024. Free Canada-wide shipping on orders over \$100.00 Personalized CanBoat/NautiSavoir District or Squadron graphics are available upon request. Welcome to Anchor Gear Co. – let's make waves together.

Hoodies, polos, shirts, hats, sport packs, and UV protection gear. Organize a bulk order with your fellow Squadron members and save 5-10%

Next Newsletters

The next Bluenose Squadron Newsletters being planned for February 2025 (Winter), April 2025 (Spring), June 2025 (Summer), October 2025 (Fall) and December 2025 (Season's Greetings)

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Quiz Answer:

FALSE! The RVCC is just what the title says i.e., a COURTESY check offered by CanBoat volunteers to help boat skippers, crew and passengers enjoy safe time on the water. Volunteers may merely point out any deficiencies in equipment and may even provide some tips on the use of safety equipment. With no deficiencies a sticker will be issued with congratulations.

No identifying information is recorded on the RVCC form or reported to anyone. The form used by volunteers is quite generic.





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