

#### Summer 2025 Squadron Newsletter. 📤



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# **Bluewater**

#### **Summer 2025 Edition**

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# Bluenose





#### Meridian 63 had to be Abandoned!

The following message (with minor editorial changes) was received on April 29th from Captain Marcel Simard and his mate, Rachelle.

They were no longer aboard their Mirage 25 sailing vessel, pictured in this photo!



Ahoy from Grand Turk

At about 19:30 yesterday Meridian 63 once again broke her new 6 month old rudder at the water line....

We were about 80 nm NW of Luperon (Dominican Republic) sailing on a close reach in 15 to 20 knots of wind in relatively calm 3-4 ft seas with 2 reefs in our mainsail as a precaution for overnight sailing.

We once again tried steering with our outboard motor, but even in the 3 or 4 ft seas the propeller kept being raised out of the water.

We activated our VHF distress feature and hoisted our US electronic distress signal at 2030 and we were picked up at 0200 by a small freighter/ mail boat. SV Meridian 63 was cast adrift: (. By the way, we had lost Starlink coverage earlier with the limitations of the roaming service package.

We arrived in Grand Turk at 0800 this morning and we went over to police, customs and immigration for the clearance-in procedure.

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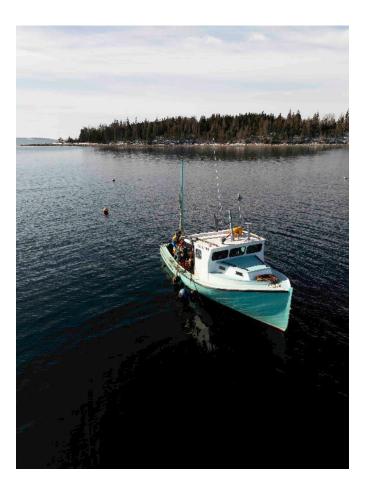
Editors Note: Rachelle and Marcel are now safely back at home after their exciting adventure...or is that a misadventure?!

# **Blue Lantern Shellfish are Requesting Comments**

This company is proposing to farm scallops in Mahone Bay. You can see what they are about and provide your comments to

them at: Blue Lantern

Here is the response that one of our Members received to comments that he made to Blue Lantern: Click HERE



\*\*Attention All Local Boaters\*\*

Marine Flare Disposal

July 5th. Mahone Bay Civic Marina

#### 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



credits: National Safe Boating Council and Boating Industry News

#### **Marine Flare Disposal**

Flares manufactured in 2021 will expire this year.

To dispose of expired flares, do not light them, throw them overboard, or add them to household garbage.

Flares present a serious threat to safety due to their potential explosion and fire hazards when placed in regular trash. For the same reasons they are not accepted at household hazardous waste facilities.

Lighting them in non-distress situations is illegal.

Marine flares contain toxic chemicals, which can pollute waterways and drinking water sources. It is illegal and irresponsible to throw them overboard.

Bluenose is hosting a Safety Equipment Education and Flare Disposal Day to collect expired marine flares for neutralization and safe disposal. This is at no charge to boaters in our area.

Canadian boaters can support this initiative and take advantage of other fantastic services by enrolling in a CanBoat / NautiSavoir membership for 2025. Not only does this support the critical flare disposal program, but it also gives access to CanBoat's suite of boating resources, such as in-depth courses on navigation, safety, vessel handling, PCOC courses, membership discounts with industry leaders, and much more.

Join CanBoat / NautiSavoir and support safer Canadian boating today!

Learn more at: Flare Disposal Events

Important: These events are for MARINE flares only





#### 2025

Thirteen Bluenose members and guests attended our AGM at the Port Pub & Bistro in Port Williams on the evening of May 15th this year. The Squadron paid for a selection of appetizers for attendees. The appetizers provided were quite unique (not on the menu) and were delicious. The required business items were dealt with quickly and efficiently which then created plenty of time to order and eat some tasty meal offerings and to talk about boating plans for the summer.

In the photo some of those in attendance are about to chow down on their meal selections. Clockwise are Jani, Leesa, Dan, Bruce and Jim P.



#### Here is a link to the AGM Minutes for 2025.

Note that, with the exception of our Commander's report, the following reports are only included as links for each committee:

The following reports form a part of the AGM 2025 record:

#### Commander

In May of 2024, just one year ago, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons officially rebranded as CanBoat/NautiSavoir. Even though I believe in the adage, "Change equals resistance", I am

pleased to say that the new name and logo seem to have been accepted well.

When sharing our new name with the public I still mention the old name when I think the person may have a history with the organization; it is long and rich after all.

Our Bluenose executive have embraced the gorgeous new logo - a red maple leaf on a blue wave. We have each bought some good quality Anchor Gear clothing which sports this new logo.

Members of our executive have participated in improving courses that reflect the need of the new boater. Some of our team have been working on the first lines of change at the national level. We have dedicated instructors. We have planned some worthwhile event for the coming summer season. A notable one that takes significant planning is the flare disposal program.

CanBoat Bluenose is aiming to bring in a new era of inclusiveness with education, safety and friendship at the core.

Education

Membership

Marketing

RVCC - no report available/inactive

Financial

Communications



#### Commander's Corner

Times have changed. No question. But I think I'll take a trip down memory lane and even reference some stories that go further back than that. Really. And yes, I'll have a point.

Ghosts. Aside from a niche market on TV, ghosts seem to have been ignored out of existence in the last fifty or so years. When was the last time you sat around sharing tales of the devil showing up at a poker game, banshees wailing or a sighting of the infamous Teaser? Not recently, I'd guess. But having a friend or relative sharing a first hand experience of seeing a deceased person out of the corner of their eye or hearing footsteps on the second floor? That was probably long



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ago, it ever.

When I was growing up, uncles would regale us with scary stories regularly. Of course, I read Helen Creighton's Bluenose Ghosts.

Long ago my friend's rather staid English grandmother saw a ship burning from her bedroom window. I fear it has been a while since that account was shared. However, I do know people, some still alive, who believe they have had encounters with the supernatural. I've heard first hand accounts of mysterious happenings in New Ross and Gold River.

There is another location where strange apparitions have appeared. Where? Tancook Island. Yes, the very place CanBoat Bluenose has chosen for a summer adventure. On July 26th, we welcome you all to join us by ferry, to an afternoon at this natural historic island. You can simply enjoy the trip or take part in the private tour Mark Perkin will provide. And you can also, if you dare, hear about the ghosts still trapped on the island. Maybe you will choose to spend the night. Perhaps you will have an experience of your own.

Whether you approach this subject as good fun, tradition or a possibility, I ask one thing, if you are lucky enough to to spend a calm night on our beautiful waters - quiet your inner self enough to allow the subtle spirits of the past to float on by, reenacting their rich or tragic lives.

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**Note:** Although not currently part of our Bridge, we highly value our two other knowledgeable instructors namely Al Rishon

and Dave Puddington.



We recently introduced **Hidden Gems** and asked you to help us put points of interest on our map. Thanks to those who contributed. So far, we have about 50 locations, most are in Ontario. Great job Ontario, *but come on everyone else*, this **is a Canadian** map.

The Hidden Gems map also represents a great opportunity to engage with your local marinas and yacht clubs. We would like it to

be the go-to map for cruisers this summer- a tool to help boaters plan and record their trip.

The intention of the Hidden Gems Map is to encourage boaters, themselves, to create a collection of incredible boating spots, scenic routes, anchorages, facilities, etc. The community's input will be displayed on the interactive map that can be searched and filtered. This will be a map built by boaters, for boaters. Each destination includes tips, activities, amenities, and how long to stay — so you can plan with confidence.

Members are in a great position to help get the map started. Take the lead and add your favorite destinations and why you love them. Fill out the easy to complete <u>input form</u>, to submit your information. And get your marina or yacht club to add their information as well. The submission form link is also on the <u>CanBoat.ca</u> and <u>NautiSavoir.ca</u> homepage.



#### **CanBoat Courses**

This information included again in this issue of our newsletter for your information.

In the last Newsletter, I spoke about the broad range of courses, covering everything from truck to keel. There was also an observation that we can only put forth those courses if we have the instructors to teach them, and therein lies the rub, as the saying goes. I am still looking for volunteers.

This time around, I want to tell you about our various means of delivering courses, and explain how they work. You may have noticed that when you call up the course calendar, you see a number of mini-windows in rows of three, each of which identifies a different course. At the bottom of each window, you see a blue strip that says "Find a Class". When you click on it, a number of delivery choices come up and that is what I want to talk about. There are basically five different options – Classroom, Virtual, Online, Self-Study and Challenge. Why so many? What's the diff? The method of delivery is the choice of the squadron offering that course, and each one is slightly different.

- Classroom is obvious, just what you might expect.
- **Challenge** is another simple one. If offered it allows you to simply write the exam or take the test, if you already are familiar with the subject.
- Virtual (Classroom) is identical to the traditional classroom, except that the classes are conducted on the internet. It is an
  available alternative for every course and has the obvious advantages of working from home. A relatively new innovation
  is a hybrid combination of simultaneous physical and virtual classroom delivery which has met with some success.
- Online is a term that has been adopted to identify those courses which are offered via the Learning Management System (LMS) called Moodle. This assembles course notes, videos texts, embedded tests and records together for internet delivery. A select number of courses are available in this system, and ideally most of the mainstream courses will be in future.
- Self-Study makes full use of the Moodle system for those less complicated courses which lend themselves that way. The
  Certification courses, which get you your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and the Restricted Operator Certificate
  (Maritime) (ROC-M) for your VHF radio, are most often offered in this manner.

Each of these delivery methods, even Self-Study, involves an instructor to guide, assist and correct as the class progresses. Some might argue that Self-Study can proceed without an instructor, but I do not agree. In my mind, there must be someone available to resolve student problems, or at the very least be able to summon someone who can do so.

In conclusion, I hope that I have resolved any questions in your mind about course delivery. The idea in the beginning was to have only two – classroom and internet. One requires use of a car; the other requires a computer. Work is now underway to achieve that, and the term *visua*l will disappear as more of our courses migrate over to the Moodle system, but for now, we have a few more ways to get 'er done.

As always, your educational needs are ours to solve. Bill Towndrow and I are at your service. Contact us at:

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# **Social Functions**

# Chester Yacht Club - July 11th - Presentation by Olympic Sailor, Lisa Ross







Lisa Ross will speak on her Olympic Sailing, world travel, other opportunities through sailing and the importance of boating education. This talk is designed for young sailors and Bluenose Members and friends alike. Bluenose squadron will provide finger food and non-alcoholic drinks. Time 6:00 PM.



### **Big Tancook Island - REVISED PLAN!**

Tour - July 26th

Click Here: Tancook Island Webcam view of the Wharf

Update: We now have information that a major rebuilding of the wharf has started this year and will finish in 2026. This means changes for our planned event this summer!

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

Get to know the Island! Here is a link to some of Mark's YouTube videos of Big Tancook for your information.

Mark says: I am all for a Saturday day trip to the island for members. Ferry leaves Chester at 1pm and arrives at 2pm after a quick stop at little Tancook. Departs again at 6pm which gives us 4 hours of driving around and seeing the island and both beaches. A visit to wishing stones gallery for island swag and a ghost story or two. A stop at our house to enjoy the view from the deck. Maybe lunch or scones at the rec centre if people are hungry.

Lots to see and do and it would be good to see the island before it changes. Wharf construction will be well under way by then as well. I have a drone with fpv goggles which I could launch winds and weather permitting so everyone gets a chance to see the island, mainland and Mahone Bay from the air.

We can make this happen and I can ensure a good tour of the island, lots of history and a unique afternoon for everyone wanting to visit.

Please see my invitation and plan for the day. Click on this photo!



And, for those who are staying overnight our local band McCardy will be playing in the evening. It's a loud, byob party!



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

**Mark Perkin** 



As is her custom, Bluenose II will anchor for the night in the bay off Indian Point on the evening of Wednesday, July 30th this year..

Weather permitting, the community often provides roving musicians and fireworks on that evening. Our Bluenose Members and friends, are invited to sail on over to this location for a casual raft-up.



Few people know what a quartermaster does. So during my aircraft carrier's Family Day, I demonstrated a procedure called semaphore—I grabbed my flags and signaled an imaginary boat.

When finished, I pointed to a little girl in front and asked, "Now do you know what I do?"

"Yes," she said. "You're a cheerleader."



#### **Canada's Safe Boating Guide:**



# **NOTMARs**

#### A Selection of Recent NOTMARS affecting our area

There are, perhaps, only 3 notices that might interest our members:

Add - Halifax/Bedford - a wreck, least depth unknown.

Add - Shelburne Harbour - a new FI R light.

#### Click HERE for the latest issue for the Eastern Region



**Our Member Roster** 

Hello Fellow Bluenose Members
Welcome to June 2025

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 emessage.

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.

Note: the above sunset photo is of *Pegasus*, the small schooner owned by member Mark Perkin.

Best,
--Jim McMillan
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Flyboy is the 5.9 metre runabout in this photo. Is it required to carry flares? If so, how many and what type? If not, why not?









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 Shopping**

**CanBoat SHOP** 

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 October 2025 (Fall), December 2025 (Season's Greetings), February 2026 (Winter), April 2026 (Spring) and June 2026 (Summer)

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#### **Quick Links**

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Marine Weather - Atlantic

MICA Island Use Guidelines

LAT/LONG into Google Earth - How to

Navionics

Predictwind

Quick Course Reference

Safe Boating Guide - Transport Canada

Sail Plan - Transport Canada Scotian Shores Cleanup **Shore Cleanup** Weather to Boat Windy



#### **Quiz Answer:**

No, because Fly Boy is less than 6 metres in length, flares are not required. However, a waterproof flashlight is required if 3 flares are not carried. See the Safe Boating Guide at this link.

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