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Seasons Greetings 2025 Edition

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NEWS



CanBoat Volunteers Collected 38,863 Expired Flares!

With disposal costs funded by our [CPS Foundation](#) and [CIL](#), CanBoat volunteers collected [38,863 expired flares](#) this year!

In the past, Transport Canada acknowledged the need for boaters to safely dispose of flares and [funded](#) our educational flare collection events.

CanBoat will seek renewed funding from Transport Canada's Boating Safety Contribution Program for 2026 – 2028 events. If our request is approved, dates will be shared in early 2026.



Our volunteers were also actively offering [free safety gear checks](#) during the summer and **checked at total of 497 boats**. Their assistance helped boaters stay compliant and safe.

The Halifax International Boat Show is back!





Get ready to kick off boating season in style as Atlantic Canada's largest boat show returns to the **Halifax Exhibition Centre** this winter. From **February 5-8, 2026** explore the latest models from top dealers, discover marine accessories and connect with experts who share your passion for life on the water. Whether you're shopping for your next boat or simply dreaming about warmer days ahead, this is the event you don't want to miss.



NB: The three Nova Scotia CanBoat Squadrons will have a booth at the show again this year. Drop by and say hello!

SailGP Halifax 2026 Tickets on sale – Pricing Below

Tickets for the 2026 Canada Sail Grand Prix | Halifax went on sale for SailGP+ users on November 10 and to the general public on November 13 at SailGP.com/Halifax.



ROCKWOOL Denmark SailGP Team helmed by Nicolai Sehested round a marker ahead of New Zealand SailGP Team helmed by Peter Burling, Canada NorthStar SailGP Team and Mubadala Brazil SailGP Team on Race Day 1 of the DP World Spain Sail Grand Prix. Photo: Andrew Baker for SailGP.

Halifax Harbour will put a spotlight on Canada's ocean playground when it hosts the seventh stop of the 2026 Rolex SailGP Championship from June 20-21, 2026, during which 12 teams

stop of the 2026 Rolex SailGP Championship from June 20-21, 2026, during which 15 teams will race at speeds over 100km per hour.

With the world's fastest and most technologically advanced racing just meters from the shore, the Rolex SailGP Championship will provide Canadian racing fans with a front-row seat to speed.

Sail Nova Scotia President Sarah Flanagan says, "We're thrilled to welcome SailGP back to Halifax, where our harbour and sailing community will once again be under the spotlight on the global stage. The 2026 Canada Sail Grand Prix is not just a race, it's a celebration of Nova Scotia's deep connection to the ocean and our passion for sailing, as this world-class event helps grow both our sport and spur the local economy."

Tickets and Pricing

Ticket offerings for the 2026 Canada Sail Grand Prix on the Halifax Waterfront will include the following tiers:

- **Waterfront Grandstands:** Fans can enjoy elevated grandstand seating in the heart of the action, perfectly positioned in the race stadium to catch every moment, along with live commentary and big screens, and food and drinks available for purchase.
 - Exclusive SailGP+ Presale Price: CAD\$120 Single Day; CAD\$195 Weekend
 - Standard Price: CAD\$130 Single Day; CAD\$215 Weekend
- **Waterfront Premium Lounge:** As the ultimate way to experience SailGP, fans can enjoy water's edge views paired with inclusive gourmet food and premium drinks from inside the race stadium, along with live commentary and big screens, and race stadium excitement.
 - Exclusive SailGP+ Presale Price: CAD\$305 Single Day; CAD\$490 Weekend
 - Standard Price: CAD\$335 Single Day; CAD\$540 Weekend
- **Georges Island:** Fans can enjoy exclusive vantage points from Georges Island with panoramic harbour views, ferry transfers to the island, arrival picnic packs, and beverages for purchase.
 - Exclusive SailGP+ Presale Price: CAD\$210 Single Day; CAD\$335 Weekend
 - Standard Price: CAD\$230 Single Day | CAD\$370 Weekend

This will be the second time Halifax hosts the Canada Sail Grand Prix, having previously sold out the 2024 edition of the event in a SailGP record of 12 minutes. The 2024 Canada Sail Grand Prix in Halifax attracted a dedicated broadcast audience of 19.5 million viewers and drove an economic impact of \$45+ million to the city.

Fans can visit SailGP.com/Halifax for more information and to sign up for SailGP+ for first-release tickets in addition to exclusive content, special offers, and top-tier competitions from the most exciting racing on water.



Commander's Corner



Christmas is the Season for Giving.

Giving, in my opinion, is best when it gives a certain rise in spirits to the giver as well as the receiver. It has nothing to do with cost, this tiny jolt of joy, I'm talking about. It has to do with filling a tiny void one didn't even know they had. Or a little splurge that the receiver had admired but wouldn't get for themselves.



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had admired but wouldn't get for themselves. And especially something that says," I know you." Then, " I'm being seen."

Personally, I haven't found this easy. I'm not a good shopper. But I am lucky enough to have been on both sides of the coin from time to time.

If you are thinking of getting something nautical for a boater or loved one, our organization has historically sourced good quality clothing. I just read in the latest e-mail from head office that some shirts can be personalized further with the name of a boat etc. When we sailed up from Chesapeake Bay in 2008 the owner bought the crew specialized shirts. It is a much appreciated and practical keepsake.

Anyway. If you think this idea might hit the sweet spot, please consider a membership, a CanBoat gift certificate for a course, or clothing.

Most importantly – no sweat or worry. Enjoy doing as much or as little as you choose.



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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](#). We also greatly value our Facebook editor, [Carrilee Eddy](#). Ongoing thanks to all!

Member Benefits!

Don't forget to redeem your benefits for Holiday Savings!



- Weems and Plath – Navigation tools and equipment – 15% discount
- ICOM– VHF Radio Equipment – Save \$10 - \$50
- C-Tow – Marine Assistance – 15% discount
- AquaMap Navigation Software – 15% discount [READ MORE](#)

Unwrap the Joy of Boating With a CanBoat Gift Card!



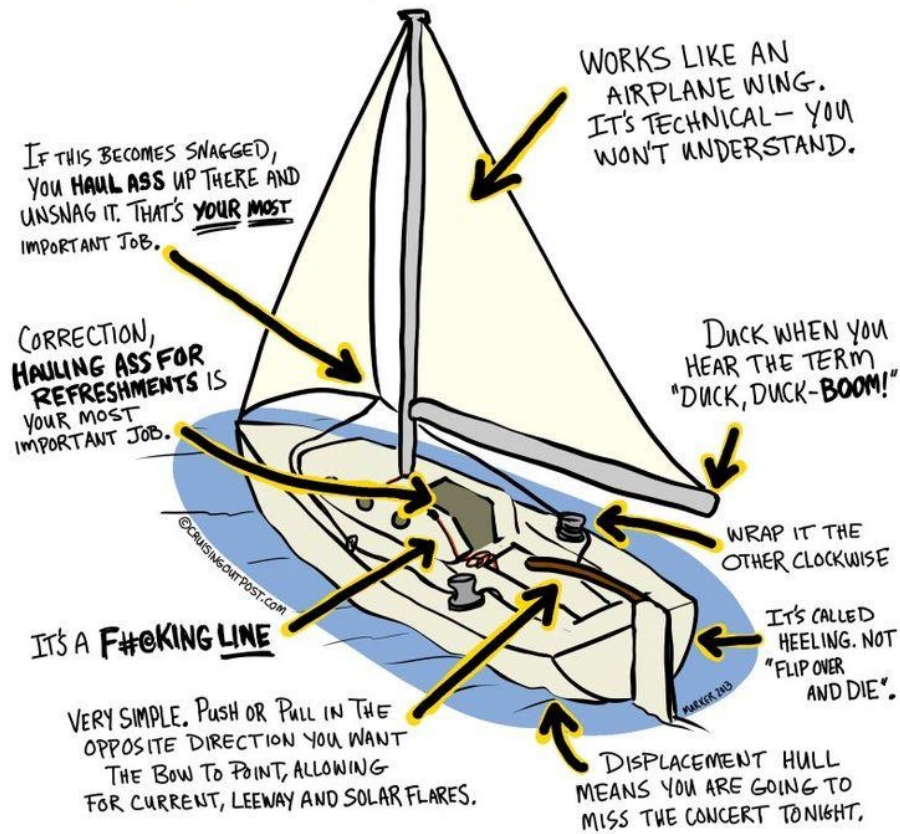
With our Digital Gift Cards, your boat-lovin' buds can choose from a bounty of [Boating Courses](#) or snag a Membership that comes with a treasure trove of [boating discounts](#).

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HOW I EXPLAIN SAILING TO MY GUESTS



Three Tips for Cold Weather Boating

Taken from an issue of Canadian Boating and BoatUS

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





Winterizing an Old Sailboat.

Matt Marsh, Squadron Commander for Kingston, worked with our videographer, Valentin, on a great video on [“Winterizing a Classic Sailboat”](#). Thanks Matt!

CanBoat Courses

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Are You Missing Boating Season? **Let us help you overcome those winter blues!**

You can keep the thrill of boating alive by signing up for our winter classes and **become a boating expert** during the off-season.

Learn Topics Such As:

- 🚤 Boating Handling
- 🧭 Electronic Navigation
- ☁️ Marine Weather

• Marine Weather

 VHF Radio Certification

★ Celestial Navigation

Improve your boating skills, save on boat insurance, and make new friends this winter. With so much to learn, you'll never be bored.

[Register for Boating Classes](#)

Classroom, Online or Self-Study Options

CanBoat / NautiSavoir Members are eligible for 10%-25% discounts on select courses.



[**Social Functions this Winter & Beyond**](#)

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

AGM 2026 will be in May on the South Shore...likely at one of the pubs or restaurants. Details later. Always a great time to talk boats!

Canada's Safe Boating Guide:





Wishing you all the peace and goodwill that the Christmas Season promises.

NOTMARs

A Selection of Recent NOTMARS affecting our area

NOTMAR: There is one correction for chart 4386 - St Margarets Bay....

Fairway buoy AT, 3nm SSE of Peggy's Cove Light is no longer a Whistle buoy.

SHIPS SAFETY BULLETIN: The ships safety Bulletin concerning correct channel modes is:
SSB 16-2025 issued 2025-11-03

Concerning VHF channels 24,25,26,84,85

In the US and elsewhere these channels have been blocked in anticipation of use for electronic messaging which is scheduled to occur January 1, 2030.

These channels are still operational in Canada and important to CCG Radio.

Therefore all vessels in Canadian waters must have VHF's set to Canadian, not US, and not Intl mode.



a Mark Perkin photo of Pegasus

Our Member Roster

Hello Fellow Bluenose Members

Welcome to December 2025

We hover around 45 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

• Home address and phone

- 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.

Best,

--Jim McMillan

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QUIZ



So, your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) fell overboard while sailing last summer and could not be recovered. How are you gonna get it replaced?

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? 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 Shopping

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.

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)

To view our previous newsletters please go [HERE](#)

Note: HTML emails, such as ours, can look different across inboxes.

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Quick Links

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[MICA Island Use Guidelines](#)

[LAT/LONG into Google Earth](#) - How to

[Navionics](#)

[Predictwind](#)

[Safe Boating Guide - Transport Canada](#)

[Sail Plan - Transport Canada - now called a Trip Plan](#)

[Scotian Shores Cleanup](#)

[Shore Cleanup](#)

[Weather to Boat](#)

[Windy](#)



Quiz Answer:

To replace a lost or damaged PCOC card you merely need to go to the CanBoat website at this link:

[REPLACEMENT PCOC](#)

Replace Your Lost or Damaged Pleasure Craft Operator Card

Please follow these steps at the above link to order your card replacement (CanBoat / NautiSavoir, CPS-ECP or Red Cross) online:

1. Click on the Login button on the top, right of this page, and reclaim your account as a Returning User. **Please make sure to reclaim your existing account and not create a new one.** Or [Login](#) if you already have a member/student profile in the IT system that launched in November 2019 and skip to step 4.
2. You will have to provide a valid unique email address and create your password.
3. **After you have validated your email, you will have to login.**
4. Go to My Profile (under your name on the top right) and **verify your address** and update it if needed, as well as all the other personal information.
5. Proceed to Store Tab – Online Store. On the new page, choose the card you need to order – Click on the “+” sign and proceed to payment. If you are not a member, or if your membership has expired, please choose non-member price.

After the card has been ordered, the process takes 4 to 6 weeks. Note: you will receive a temporary digital card by email.

For any other information or support, feel free to send an email to cartes-cards@cps-ecp.ca

If you didn't get your card from us, simply look for your profile on Transport Canada's [course provider lookup tool](#), then contact the provider. Or to order replacement cards from CanBoat / NautiSavoir send a screen shot confirming that you have PCOC in the databank to: cartes-cards@cps-ecp.ca.





