
Spring 2026 Bluenose Newsletter. 

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Spring 2026 Edition

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**Bluenose Squadron celebrates FIFTY years of service
in 2026!**





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Lunenburg Social - June 12th



Dinner and Presentation at the Docksider Inn & Restaurant

White Shark Project Presentation!

A significant discount for your dinner courtesy of our
Squadron!

See details below in the Social Events section

Friday, June 12th at 6:30 pm

Sail GP Event - June 20



Once again, our Atlantic Region of CanBoat is sponsoring an event around the SailGP weekend on Saturday, June 20th. We have booked an area of the Pint Pub on Argyle Street in Halifax for a CanBoat gathering to view the races on their big-screen TVs. More detail below in the “Social Events” section of this newsletter.

Halifax Boat Show Report

Carrilee Eddy and Dan White looked after our CanBoat booth for more than one shift at this year’s Halifax Boat Show:



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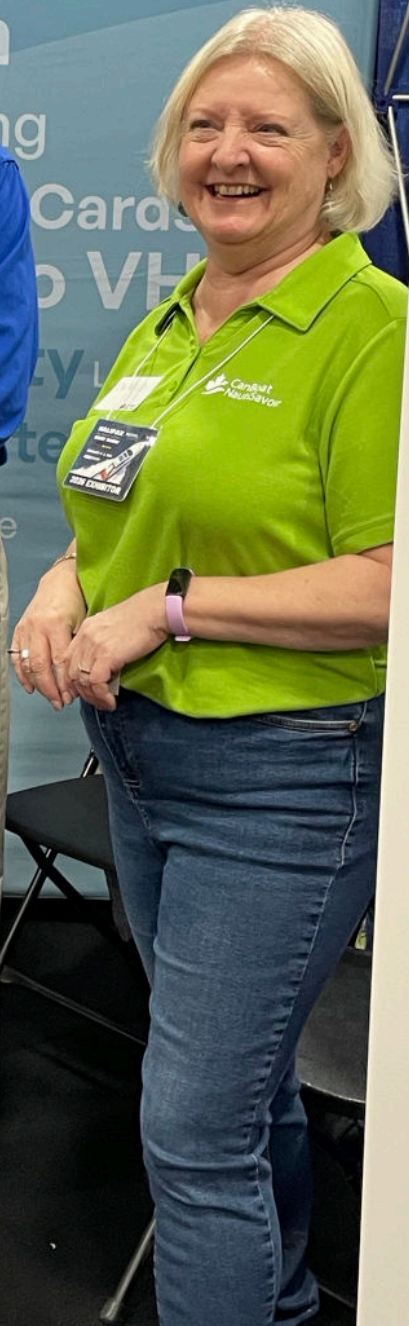
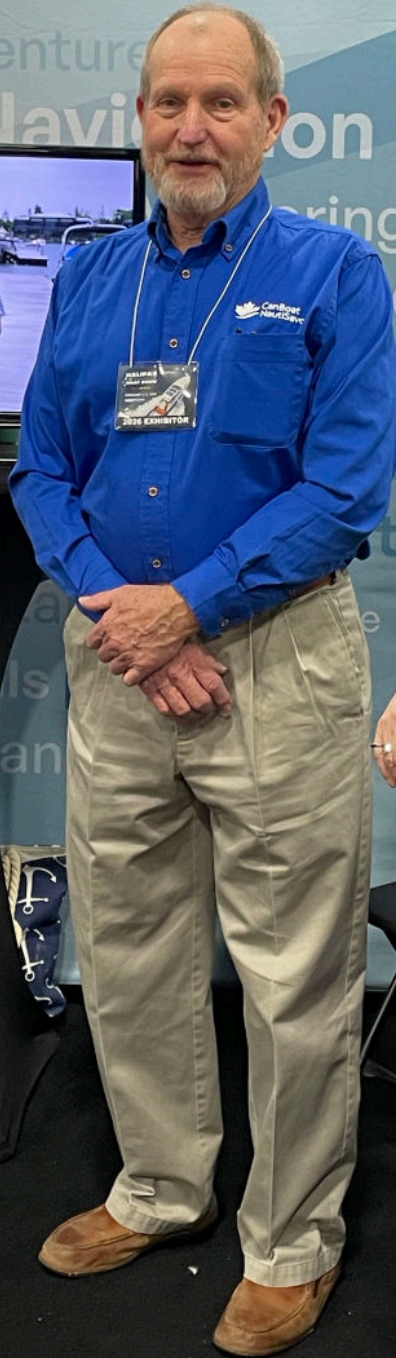
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Above: Commander Laura and Exec Officer, Dan White, in our CanBoat Booth at the Halifax Boat Show this year.

Pub Social Report

Below: Some of the folks who joined us for this February 22nd event at the Mug and Anchor in Mahone Bay. About 26 boaters (some Bluenose Members and some boaters from Mahone Bay and Indian Point Yacht Clubs) enjoyed meeting, chatting, delicious appetizers provided by Bluenose Squadron and tasty lunches.







Above: Dan White beside our 50th Anniversary Cake at the Mug and Anchor Social Lunch on February 22nd

Yachtmaster, Dave DeWolfe



Bluenose Squadron is very pleased to advise all students that retired *RYA Yachtmaster*, Dave DeWolfe, has joined our ranks of experienced instructors. Welcome aboard, Dave.

Nomenclature Change - 'Squadrons' are out.

We have received the following notice from CanBoat headquarters:

"Message to all District and Branch Managers

At its latest meeting, the Board passed a resolution to replace the militaristic terms we typically use with more neutral language.

The Districts will still be called Districts, but Squadrons will become Branches, and Commanders will be called Managers. We will have District Managers (DM) and Branch Managers (BM).

The name change is effective immediately, but the implementation will occur gradually, allowing everyone to update their letterhead, business cards, websites, and any other

materials.

The entire organization should have the changes implemented by the next National AGM in the fall, with September as the target deadline. “

Nomenclature Confusion - PCOC vs PCL

To clarify, a Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL) is different from a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). A Pleasure Craft Operator Card is like a driver's licence for a car. You need one to operate a power-driven pleasure craft. It educates you on the basic boating safety rules. It is good for life and there is no change to this.



A Pleasure Craft **Licence (PCL)** is a mandatory document for motorized boats over 10 horsepower (7.5 kW) in Canada, requiring a unique number displayed on both sides of the bow.

ICOM VHF Radio Equipment Savings for CanBoat Members



March 26, 2026

ICOM's award winning marine radios are known for their durability and ease of use. Their highly advanced and very compact hand-held VHF marine transceivers are submersible, have built-in GPS, DSC, and float.

Access your rebates by logging into your CanBoat Member account at: **CanBoat.ca**

ICOM Canada is the proud sponsor of our Volunteer Electronic Instructor of the Year Award and provide products for our boat show prize.

Please support those who support us.

Not a member? **Sign up** and take advantage of this and many other great offers!



Commander's Corner

Spring 2026

Isn't it wonderful? No matter the depth of winter, literally or figuratively, when the time is right, this time, spring time, energy renews. Anticipation sparks. For some the sweet smell of soil asks them to dig deep. For some the trail leads down new paths. For us the sea beckons. When the time is right, preparations are less of a chore and more of a homecoming. The sounds, the smell, the scraping and painting. It feels right. It is so easy to do when the drive is from within. I wish your preparations this year to be a fulfilling part of this journey we call boating.

Please consider putting some of our planned events into your calendar now:

Our 50th anniversary AGM on June 12th in Lunenburg should be the best yet. Short on business with some added perks.

We'd love to host you during SailGP on June 20th in Halifax at the Pint pub.

The Bluenose raft up, usually late July, is a rare opportunity to mix history, sailing, and community. That date is TBA.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and your friends this summer.

Laura



Bluenose Squadron Executive (Bridge)

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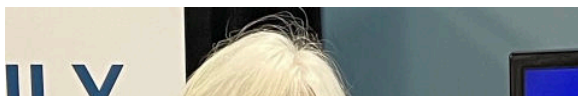
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Note: Although not currently part of our Bridge, we highly value our three other knowledgeable instructors namely [Al Bishop](#), [Dave Puddington](#) and [Dave DeWolfe](#). We also greatly value our Facebook editor, [Carrilee Eddy](#).

Want to help run Bluenose Squadron? Please contact any one of us.



"The wife says I was scratching up her floors."



CanBoat Courses

This fall, Bluenose will be offering several courses to improve your boating skills. These courses are taught online and loaded with information. The format encourages discussion, bringing local experience into the learning environment.

Members enjoy discounted pricing; there are also early registration discounts for some

courses.

If you want an email reminder, send an email indicating your name and course(s) to williamtowndrow@gmail.com and you will receive an email notification 2 weeks prior to the early discount deadline. To receive this reminder, the course does not have to be offered by Bluenose.

All courses are listed at <https://www.canboat.ca/course-calendar/>

Currently, Bluenose Squadron is offering:

- Basic Navigation and Boat Handling starting Sept 9.
- Seamanship and Coastal Navigation starting Sept 15.
- Celestial Navigation starting Sept 15.

Our popular certification courses are always available, i.e., our PCOC and Maritime Radio courses. Our Radio Course examiner, Dan White, recently retired from his career in the fire service so now has more free time available to administer exams for us once you are done with the studying. For this course, contact Bob Rutherford seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org at any time.

And remember that there are a variety of mini courses that are self- study. These are available any time. In our District they are provided by Shediac Squadron. They include:

Docking with Confidence

Avoiding Collisions

Anchoring with Assurance

AIDS to Navigation

Boating in Tidal Waters

Knots and Lines

[The website](#) has a great description of these courses and why boaters should take them.

Happy and safe boating!

Bob & Bill

As always, please contact either of us with your specific interests.

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[Click Here for a Spring Checklist for Boaters](#)



Tips for Trailering a Boat



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Social Events



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Lunenburg Social & Presentation

The Dockside Inn & Restaurant
84 Montague Street
Lunenburg
902-634-3005

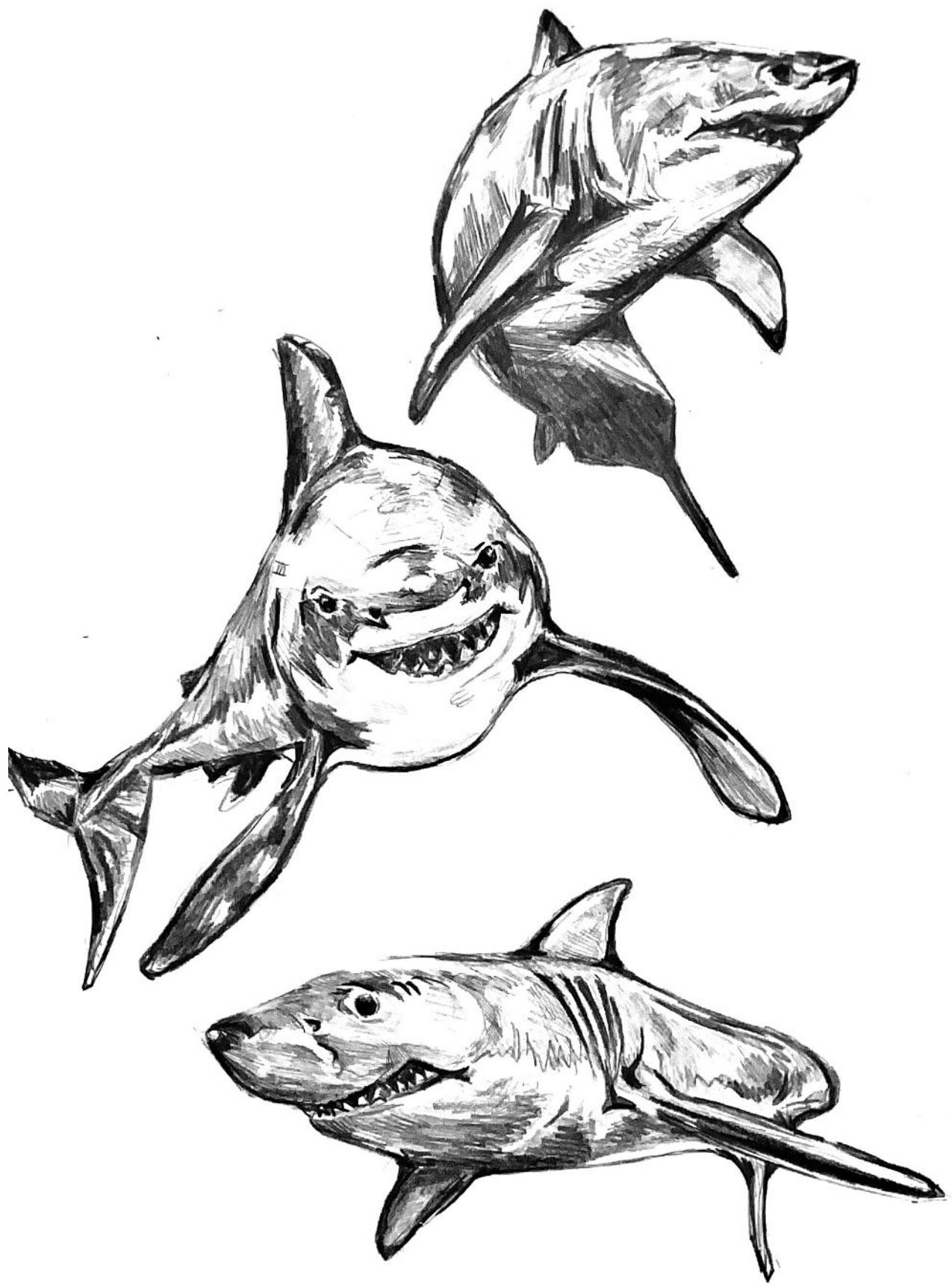
Friday, June 12th at 1830h (that's 6:30 pm to landlubbers)

Look at this! Members and their Guests will be offered a nice discount on their meal order, in celebration of Bluenose's 50 years of service!

Important: Please [click here](#) to advise who you are and how many guests. RSVP

In lieu of a formal AGM, we are creating this social event which will include a very small bit of business, some great food and an interesting presentation about sharks!

Presentation: White Shark Research, by Dr. Nigel Hussey



(article and photo from the Lunenburg Barnacle)

“The Tancook Islands Marine Field Station, led by Dr. Nigel Hussey, is conducting groundbreaking white shark research in collaboration with [OCEARCH](#) in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. Focusing on the summer/fall residency, the team tags and tracks sharks to analyze their migration, physiology, and role in the ecosystem, identifying the area as a critical habitat.

Key Aspects of the Shark Project

- **Field Station Focus:** Established by Dr. Nigel Hussey, the station serves as a living laboratory for studying white sharks in Atlantic Canada.
- **OCEARCH Collaboration:** The project involves tagging sharks (like the first shark, "Jason," tagged in July 2025) and using acoustic receivers to track movement through Mahone Bay.
- **Scientific Goals:** Researchers analyze blood samples, hormone profiles, and movement patterns to understand mating, birthing, and diet, with 2025 efforts confirming high shark activity between July and October.
- **Valuable Data:** Tagged sharks, such as Bella and Jason, are tracked on the [OCEARCH Global Shark Tracker](#) to provide data on Atlantic migration patterns.
- **Impact:** The research has highlighted a significant presence of subadult and adult white sharks (estimated around 2,000 in the region) during Nova Scotia summers. “



Above photo of the Docks Inn & Restaurant - come and join us!

SailGP Event - Saturday, June 20th





After two years we have a terrific opportunity to reunite.

The Atlantic District of CanBoat is again hosting a rendezvous point during SailGP. This international event is an exciting series of races that take place in Halifax Harbour, Father's Day weekend. On the Saturday, June 20th, we have secured a venue near MetroPark, a large parking garage on 1556 Hollis Street. We will be on a pedestrian only street at *The Pint Public House*. Here we have our own space for the day to eat, drink, and reconnect while watching the race on multiple big screens. *The Pint* is within easy walking distance of the shore. If, however, you decide not to get tickets, there are various vantage points from which to see the races, even from Metro Park.

The Pint is a warm convenient spot from which to head out to explore the downtown and waterfront areas. Bring friends and stay a while, as there will be draws for prizes throughout the afternoon for all attendees. The Binnacle and CanBoat have joined to make available \$400 worth of door prizes. The Binnacle is conveniently located just two minutes off the Armdale Roundabout at 1065 Purcells Cove Rd. Atlantic District will also provide vouchers toward the price of member's meals.



Besides the excitement of watching these extreme SailGP races, what a chance to actually see each other in person. Even those who are volunteering will find it a friendly space to take a break.

The Pint Public House, 1575 Argyle Street, Halifax, B3J 1J7

Noon to ...

Please join us.



Other

Other plans this summer - possible rendezvous at Indian Point on the evening when Bluenose II traditionally anchors there. Also, a possible raft-up event in the last half of August. Details of both still being considered.

For other social requests please email Chris Borgal: borgal.christopher@icloud.com

Canada's Safe Boating Guide:



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A Selection of Recent NOTMARS affecting our area

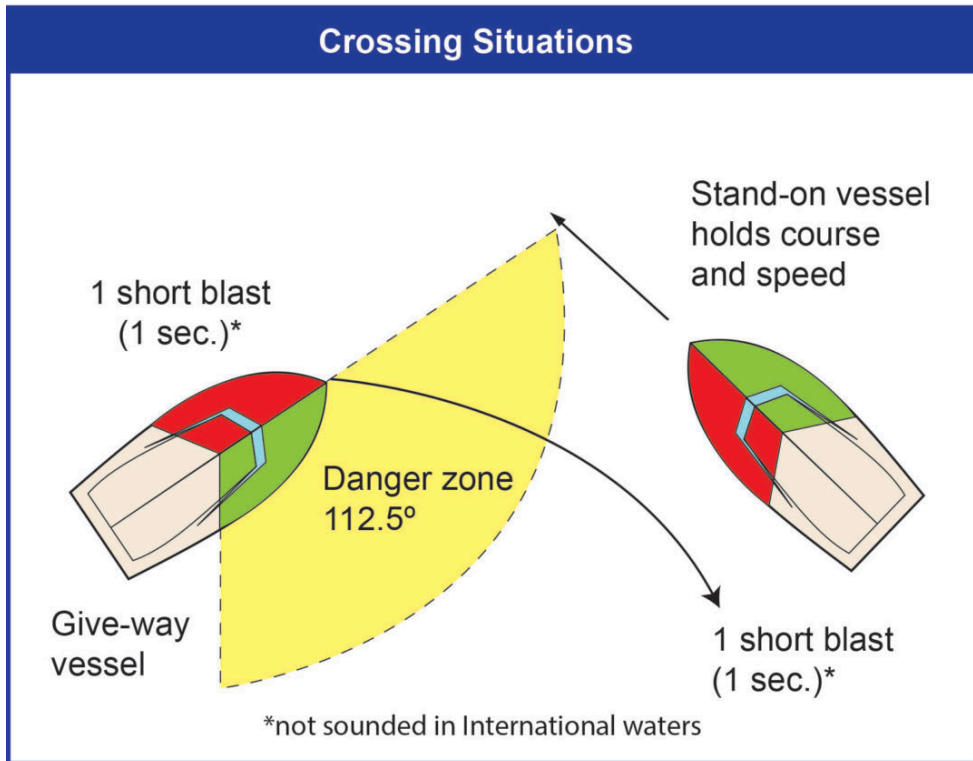
From the February issue:

Western Head light (LL405) outside Liverpool. Western Head Light has its fog signal discontinued and nominal light range reduced to 15m.

From the March issue:

There are minor chart corrections to Halifax and Bedford Basin, an obstruction of unknown depth east of Portuguese Cove and south of Cow Bay (chart 4237), and some depths are changed near the Digby ferry dock. Also, another fog signal is being discontinued, this one on the eastern shore. For full details please refer to the [full issue](#).

[Click HERE](#) for the latest issue for the Eastern Region



Bluenose Member Roster

*Hello Fellow Bluenose Members
Welcome to April 2026*

We hover around 50 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.

Best,
--Jim McMillan
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QUIZ



Sailboats, when under sail, have the right-of-way over powered vessels. What about when two sailboats under sail are in danger of collision with each other?



For the answer, please look for the ship's wheel at the end of this newsletter.

**Squadron Burgee
(the Bluenose Branch of CanBoat)**



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

Next Newsletters

The next Bluenose Squadron Newsletters being planned for June 2026 (Summer), October (Fall), December (Seasons' Greetings) and February 2027 (Winter)

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Quiz Answer:

The following is taken from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 with Canadian Modifications

Rule 12

Sailing Vessels

(a)

When two sailing vessels are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other as follows:

(i) when each has the wind on a different side, the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other,

(ii) when both have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is to windward shall keep out of the way of the vessel which is to leeward,

(iii) if a vessel with the wind on the port side sees a vessel to windward and cannot determine with certainty whether the other vessel has the wind on the port or on the starboard side, she shall keep out of the way of the other.

(b)

For the purposes of this Rule, the windward side shall be deemed to be the side opposite to that on which the mainsail is carried or, in the case of a square-rigged vessel, the side opposite to that on which the largest fore-and-aft sail is carried.



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