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Summer 2026 Edition

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**This year, Bluenose Squadron celebrates FIFTY
years of service!**





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Lunenburg Social & AGM - June 12th



Our 2026 AGM is now history. Twenty-eight members and guests gathered last night at the Dockside Inn & Restaurant in Lunenburg for a very interesting and enthusiastic presentation about great white sharks by Dr. Nigel Hussey. We enjoyed good food in the Dockside Restaurant which was served by a very

capable and friendly server staff. As part of our 50th year celebrations, the greater portion of our meals was paid for by Bluenose Squadron. Commander Laura got us through the required AGM items in record time. All motions to accept last year's AGM minutes and to accept this years reports were passed. That wonderful \$100 door prize given to us by the Lunenburg Boat Locker was won by a guest seated at former Commander, John Smith's table.
Congratulations to Scott.

Here is a sampling of photos from last nights enjoyable AGM gathering:



Above: Dr. Nigel Hussey gave us a very informative and enthusiastic presentation about his great white shark project which is based on Big Tancook Island. Click [HERE](#) for more info about the project.



Some of the crowd taking in Dr. Hussey's presentation



Carrilee and Ernest are two great supporters of Canboat Bluenose! They moored their boat in the harbour and joined us from there.



Former Commander, John Smith, with one of his guests just before dinner was served in the Dockside Restaurant.



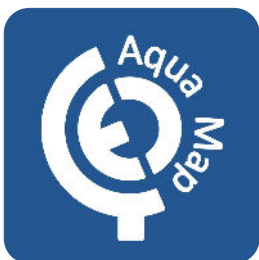
Some wives were members and others were guests. These two (Pat & Jani) seemed to enjoy themselves as did all other attendees!

Only one week until....
the Sail GP Event - Saturday, June 20th



Once again, our Atlantic Region of CanBoat is sponsoring an event around the SailGP weekend next 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.

No RSVP required!



NAVIGATION

25% Discount

Aqua Maps www.globalaquamaps.com is a navigational chart application using realistic symbols and colours. Route planning and navigation are simple and intuitive, primarily accessed with standard gestures on the map. Simplicity of operation, unlimited updates, and much more make Aqua Map one of the best GPS and charting applications for boating.

CanBoat/NautiSavoir members will receive a 25% discount when they download the app of the navigational waters of their preference.

The NORTH AMERICA package contains: Aqua Map US & CANADA forever plus 2 Years of Aqua Map Master (<https://www.aquamap.app/support/17-master-features>) is offered at 59.97 USD to CanBoat/NautiSavoir members. Alternatively Aqua Map US & CANADA forever **without** master functions is \$69.99 CAD. Sign in to your [CanBoat Membership site](#) and go to Benefit Discount Codes to get the discount.

SOLAS & COLREG

Did you know? Please click on the following link for an excellent review (taken from an Aqua Maps blog) of what these terms mean for any and all boaters.

What is SOLAS and What are COLREGs?

Halifax Harbour: Close call for a couple of guys on jet skis -

[Another Cold Water Story](#) - courtesy of CBC News



Canada's Safe Boating Guide AND Canada's Sailing Directions have both been recently updated. Check them out!

[Safe Boating Guide](#)

[Sailing Directions](#)



ATL 105

Canadian
**Sailing
Directions**

Cape Canso to Cape Sable
(including Sable Island)

2026/04



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Canada

Pêches et Océans
Canada

Canada



Commander's (now called a Branch Manager) Corner

Have you noticed how many articles there are in *Canadian Boating* magazine that are interesting and relevant? This is a free publication to CanBoat members. For a few years we had complaints about it being all about selling fancy out-of-reach boats and fancy out-of-reach experiences. Sure, some of that eye candy is still there – but there is so much more.

For instance, in the May 2026 issue, there is a timely and practical look at the various insects that plague us boaters. Relevant? I should say. When we were on the Leipsic River the number of horse flies that covered our dodger and followed us along was astonishing! On the other end of the scale think about the havoc the no-see-um can wreak while trying to share a late evening meal at anchor. The author humorously nailed my experience with the mosquito!

There's an article on clouds, which I find infinitely complicated the more I delve into it. It was clearly written with photos but got me wanting to check out the most recent weather course put on by CanBoat. Earlier, one of the continuing adventure stories, that regular boaters contribute, had me so curious I could hardly wait for the next edition. Some of the new technologies discussed are not as out-of-reach as you might think. And as some of



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us age out of strength or mobility, may just be necessary to carry on. Of course CanBoat will always be my first go-to spot for reliable information, but the iNavX newsletter includes occasional topics that are worth a read.

Thanks for being a member of CanBoat. Please enjoy each of the benefits to their fullest. Reach out if you have additional ideas to share.

Laura



PS. About the above name change. The decision for various name changes within CanBoat has been made at the National level. Squadrons are now *Branches* and the Commander is now a *Branch Manager*.

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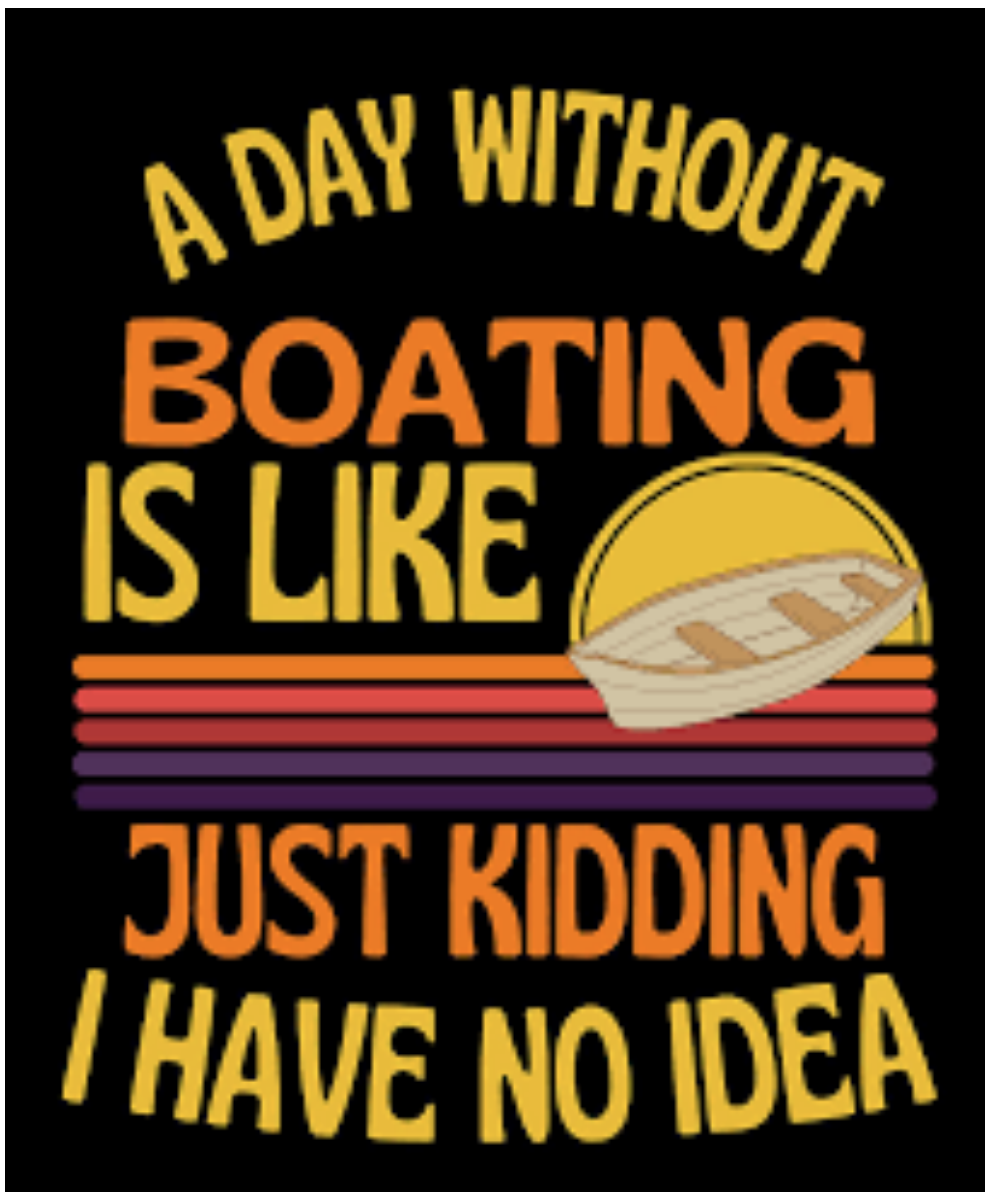
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Note: Although not currently part of our Bridge, we highly value our three other knowledgeable instructors namely [Al Bishop](#), [Dave Puddington](#) and [Dave DeWolfe](#). We also greatly value our Facebook editor, [Carrilee Eddy](#).

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



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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Beneteau Antares 9 V2

A Checklist of Practical Gear For Boaters

An Article borrowed from Canadian Boating

May 14, 2026

By Don Finkle, RCR Yachts

Step onto almost any boat—especially one owned by someone new to boating—and you'll quickly notice how fast gear accumulates. Some of it is essential, some of it is helpful, and some of it just ends up taking up space. Outfitting your boat doesn't have to be complicated, but having the right items aboard can make the difference between a smooth day on the water and a frustrating one. While not every item is necessary for a small dayboat, the following list covers the basics and beyond:

Handy Items to Have Aboard

- Basic tool kit
- Spare parts for engine, generator, etc.
- Electrical tape
- Soft-wood plugs to seal broken through-hull valves and a mallet
- Flashlights with spare batteries
- Headlamp flashlight
- Tupperware/Rubbermaid bins to fit lockers for loose items, cutlery, tools, etc.
- Chart for where all through-hulls are located. Label each through-hull.
- Stabilized binoculars
- Bucket, brush, long-handled brush, cleaning supplies
- Clothespins
- PFDs with extra for guests
- Handheld laser range finder for anchoring
- If you have electrical skills—selection of electrical connectors, crimpers, extra electrical wire of different gauges, a selection of spare fuses
- Flares and flare gun
- Air horn
- Basic First Aid kit
- Rechargeable handheld vacuum
- Handheld VHF radio

- Handheld GPS
- Fire extinguishers
- Fire blanket for galley
- Flagpole and ensign
- Fiberglass repair kit
- BBQ and tools

A Few Practical Tips

Boats have a way of becoming depositories for all sorts of items brought aboard—many of which are never taken off again. That's why organization matters just as much as what you bring. Items should be stored in covered bins, or lockers for larger gear, and clearly labeled for quick access. Anything brought aboard should have a purpose, or it simply gets in the way. Toys, books, and personal items are perfect candidates for bins, with designated locations to keep things organized. As an added benefit, bins also help keep contents dry, something every boater learns to appreciate quickly.

Salus Marine Wear

**20% Salus Marine Wear Discount
for CanBoat Members!**



Salus Marine Wear is a Canadian manufacturer providing high quality PFDs, life jackets, vests, floatation coats and suits.

They have many styles and colours for babies, kids, paddlers, sailors, boaters, anglers, search and rescue professionals, and the family dog!

To obtain your CanBoat discount simply select a product at [Salusmarine.com](https://www.salusmarine.com) and contact orderdesk@cps-ecp.ca to place an order and outfit your crew!

This discount is not available at local retailers.

Social Events



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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 afternoon to eat, drink, and reconnect while watching the race on multiple big screens. *The Pint* is within easy walking distance of the shore. If you decide not to get tickets from SailGP for waterfront viewing, 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.



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

Noon to ...

Please join us.



Rendezvous with Bluenose II - July 30th

Rendezvous at Indian Point on the evening when Bluenose II traditionally anchors there. That is July 30th this year.



NEW! Exciting!

In-Water Boat Show

This is a new summer event that is planned at the Shining Waters Marina on August 20 & 21st.
CanBoat will have a booth alongside all the other exhibitors!



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Tour of Halifax Vessel Traffic Services - date TBA

Also in the works for the fall is a visit and tour of the Halifax Vessel Traffic Services location under the McKay bridge.

Halifax Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) are **managed by the Canadian Coast Guard's Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) centre in Dartmouth (Call sign: VCS) and the Halifax Port Authority**, promoting safe navigation and efficient traffic flow. They use VHF radio, AIS, and radar to monitor vessel movement, provide clearances, and ensure safety within the harbour and surrounding waters. Address:

10 Hudson Way, Dartmouth, NS (under the McKay bridge)

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

Canada's Safe Boating Guide:



NOTMARS

A Selection of Recent NOTMARS affecting our area

From the April 24th & May 29th issues for our region: For larger vessels

Bay of Fundy – Voluntary Slowdown

The Grand Manan Basin located in the Bay of Fundy is identified as a critical habitat for the North Atlantic right whale. When North Atlantic right whales are detected in the Bay of Fundy shipping lanes and near the Grand Manan Basin area (see sectors 1 and 2 on Canadian Coast Guard's map), the Bay of Fundy Vessel Traffic Services will ask vessels to voluntarily slowdown to 10 knots via VHF channel 12 or 14 at corresponding Calling-in-Points. (See the map that accompanies these directions in that NOTMAR issue.)

Various other minor chart changes noted in both of the above NOTMAR issues for our area..

The following **Canadian Sailing Directions** volumes have recently been updated on the [Canadian Hydrographic Service website](#).

Atlantic Coast

ATL 101 Newfoundland, Northeast and East Coasts

ATL 105 Cape Canso to Cape Sable (including Sable Island)

ATL 111 St. Lawrence River, Île Verte to Québec and Fjord du Saguenay

Central Canada

CEN 302 Lake Ontario

Pacific Coast

PAC 201 Juan de Fuca Strait and Strait of Georgia

PAC 202 Discovery Passage to Queen Charlotte Strait and West Coast of Vancouver Island

PAC 203 Cape Caution to Stewart and Haida Gwaii

Northern Canada

ARC 401 Hudson Strait, Hudson Bay and Adjoining Waters

ARC 403 Western Arctic

ARC 404 Great Slave Lake and Mackenzie River

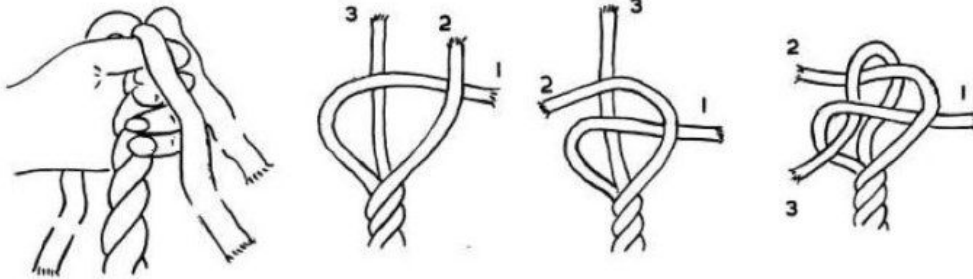
Each volume includes a section entitled "Record of Changes" which lists all updates that are incorporated during the current calendar year.

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

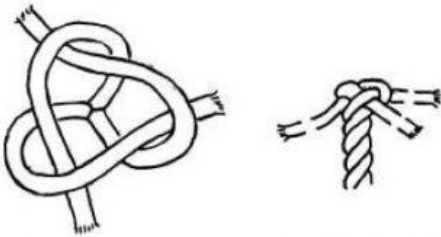


Back Splice - 3 Strand Rope

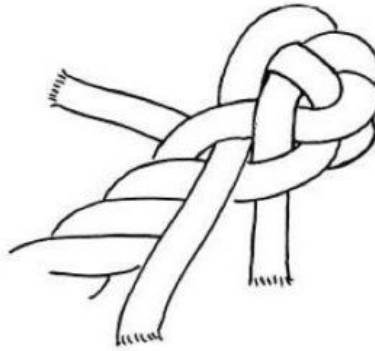
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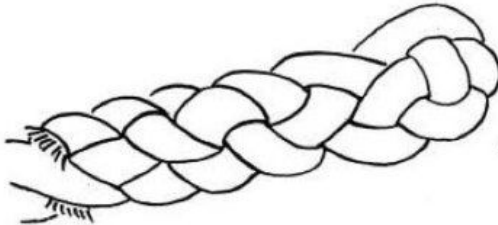
1. Unlay more than sufficient to make the splice and spread the strands evenly.
2. Make a crown knot by bending each end over its neighbour in turn, going the same way round as the lay of the rope.



3. Pull the crown knot into shape.
4. Tighten it on top of the rope.



5. Tuck each end in turn over the adjoining main strand and under the next. Draw tight close up to the crown knot.



6. Continue in this way over and under one in turn for at least three times. Draw tight after each round of tucks.

Bluenose Member Roster

Hello Fellow Bluenose Members

Welcome to June 2026

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
- 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

Squadron Membership Officer

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QUIZ



When was the last time the Canada's Safe Boating
Guide was updated?

What about the Sailing Directions?



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 October (Fall), December (Seasons' Greetings), February 2027 (Winter), April 2027 (Spring) and June 2027 (Summer)

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Quiz Answer:

Canada's Safe Boating Guide was JUST UPDATED! [Click here for the latest version](#)

The Canadian Sailing Directions have also had updates! [Click here for the new versions](#)

