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Fall 2022 Bluenose Squadron Newsletter

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In this Current Edition...

Courses this Fall: Bluenose is currently running a Boating 6 course and has a

Boating 4 online version planned for January. Our self-study Marine Radio and PCOC courses are available at anytime. Please note: There are **many courses scheduled all around us**, indeed, right across the Country. Except for the classroom-style courses, members and non-members alike can sign up for the *virtual, online or home-study versions* of many courses.

All the current listings are at:
boatingcourses.ca

We will do our utmost to help you find the course that you are looking for. Contact Bob Rutherford - seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org
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Hurricane Check Sheet... see below

Winterizing your Boat... see below

Boat Cleaning Tips - Environment friendly...
see below

A Raft Up - A test run of a raft-up and BBQ was successful on September 10th. See Commander's Corner below for details.

Adopt an Anchorage or Cove - Results...
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Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks - (RVCCs) we are doing them again! See further below...

Flares Dropped Successfully... see below





"I need to buy some gas, but I forgot my wallet. Do you have \$18,000 on you?"

Course Calendar

Many Fall courses are now listed for classroom, virtual or online versions. PCOC and Marine Radio courses are always available via home-study. For the latest courses planned and available please go to the [Course Calendar](#) or [boatingcourses.ca](#).

This Recent Addition:

[New Online Course: Weather for Boaters.](#) **

**** (Note: If you arrive at this site and the 'Download' button does not work, please click on the '+' sign at the end of the blue bar under it which reads "Eastern Time - Grand River - Nov 3rd, 2022" to get the details.)**





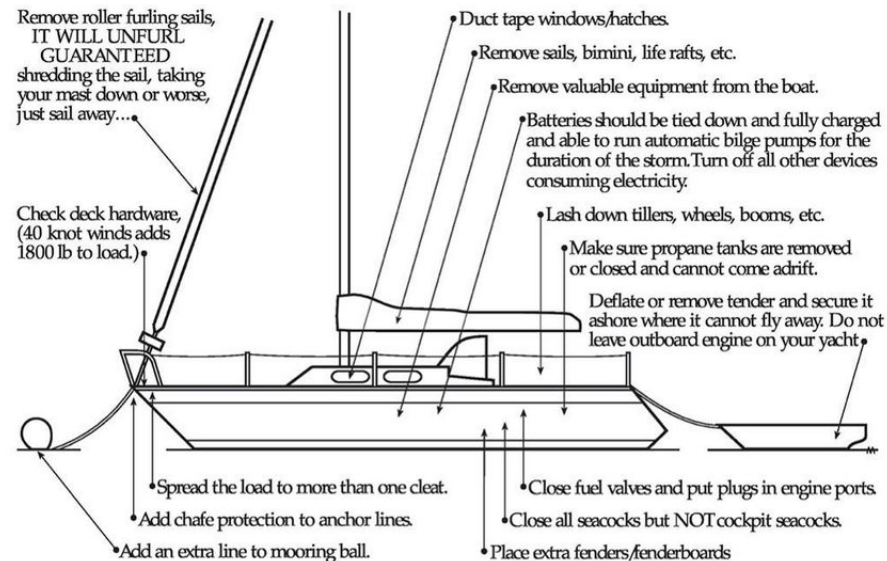
Hurricanes & Their Tropical Offspring

The RNSYS (Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron) issued this basic hurricane preparedness check sheet some years ago. It remains valid.

RNSYS HURRICANE CHECK SHEET

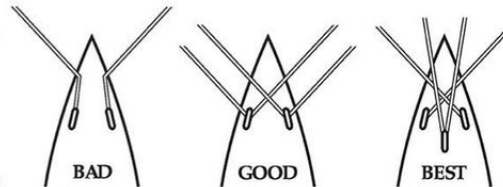
The key to protecting your boat from hurricanes and severe weather is preparation, and common sense. You are ultimately responsible for your vessel and the damage it may cause others. Below are suggestions that may help minimize your risks.

Do not stay aboard. First and foremost, safeguard human life.



BOATS IN MARINA SHOULD ALSO:

- Double all lines. Rig crossing spring lines fore and aft.
- Attach lines high on pilings to allow for tidal rise or surge.
- Note that nylon line will stretch five to ten percent of its length.
- Disconnect shore power.
- Move your yacht so that its mast does not line up directly to its neighbour.



Make arrangements for a reliable person to carry out your hurricane/storm plans if you are going to be away.

Produced by the Waterfront Committee of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, to be used as a basic guideline only. 2004

Shearwater Yacht Club - from Facebook.

Here are some other photos taken from Facebook recently of Fiona damage at the Shearwater Yacht Club:

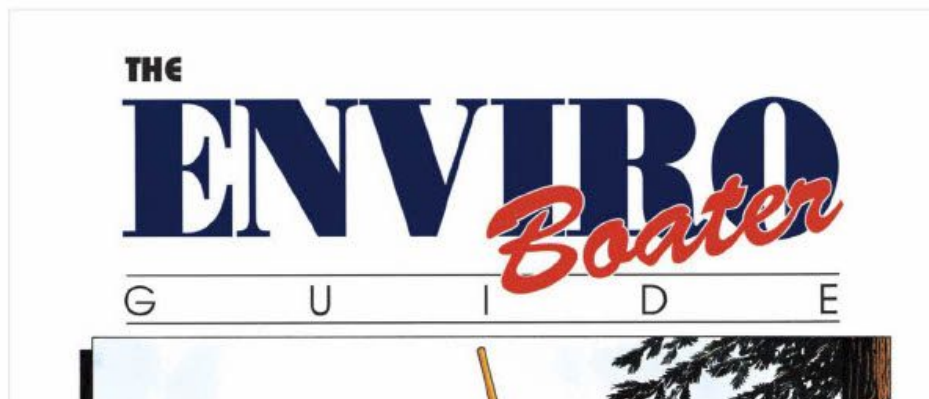




Winterizing Your Boat.

Here is a link to one article on how to winterize your valuable vessel.

<https://www.discoverboating.com/ownershi/storage/winterizing>





A Guide To Environment-friendly Boating

Helpful cleaning tips from our Environment Officer.

(information taken from an article in the 'old' publication of the CPS-ECP Enviro Boater). The information is still valid!

The do-it-yourself cleaners listed here are made from basic, readily available, and we believe harmless, household staples.

To bleach: Borax or hydrogen peroxide

To polish wood: Three parts olive oil and one part white vinegar

To polish chrome/metal: Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish

To scour: Baking soda

To clean:

Fibreglass stains -- A paste of baking soda and salt

Aluminum -- Two tbsps Cream of tartar, in one quart of hot water

Brass -- Worcestershire sauce, or paste made of equal parts vinegar, salt and water. Rinse

Chrome — Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish

Copper — Lemon juice and salt. Spread; wait; then rinse.

Decks/Floors — Cup of vinegar, gallon of hot water. Scrub; swab; mop. Beware, it will remove any polish.

Lexan -- Cup vinegar, pint water, soft cloth. Polish dry.

Mildew/Mold -- Paste using equal parts of either lemon juice and salt, or vinegar and salt. Vary treatment per location.

Shower— Wet area; sprinkle on baking soda; rub with scouring cloth.

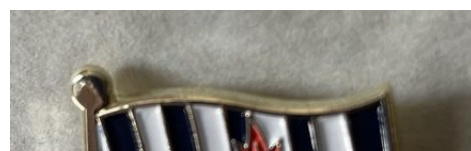
Refrigerator/cooler — Wipe with wet cloth dipped in baking soda.

Toilet -- Add baking soda, and brush with great enthusiasm. A cup of vinegar left overnight in the head will reduce the build-up of salts.

Windows -- One cup of vinegar in one quart warm water. Wash; rinse and squeegee.



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Commander's Corner

I am excited to share with you a new evolution in what your Bluenose Squadron plans to offer.

Some of us have gotten quite thirsty for some real, in-person experiences – especially those that include our favourite place to be, on or near the water. We are a tentative bunch though, so we had a practice this summer to see how things might work. We held a raft-up. It was only open to the executive and guests but next summer all of you will be invited. In September we went to Hebb's Cove, Heckman's Island, on the way into the Back Harbour of Lunenburg. It was a bit rough that day so not everyone braved the wind and waves but most of us still got out on the water for a time. We then had a pot luck and social gathering at the lovely home of Chris Borgal and Linda Mote. The views were spectacular and some of us saw each other *live* for the first time! It was very satisfying.

Our thoughts are to find a wonderful anchorage near a beach next summer. We will probably extend the time to allow for flexibility in schedules so that more people can come and go to suit their needs. We would have a barbeque available. I look forward to putting faces to names and names with boats. Please contact us about this or any other matter until then.

We want Bluenose Squadron to meet or

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For Member convenience, here is the current list of CPS-ECP courses that are offered at various times of the year:

Required certification courses:

Maritime Radio (Restricted Operator's Certificate [Maritime])

Boating 1 - Boating Basics (Pleasure Craft Operator Card known as 'PCOC')

Boating Series Courses:

Boating 2 - Beyond Boating Basics

Boating 3 - Introduction to Marine Navigation

Boating 4 - Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 1

Boating 5 - Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 2

Boating 6 - Offshore Marine Navigation Level 1

Boating 7 - Offshore Marine Navigation Level 2

Elective Courses:

Electronic Marine Navigation

Radar for Boaters

Boat and Engine Maintenance

Extended Cruising (Living on a Boat)

Sailing

Weather for Boaters

The more knowledge you have, the more enjoyable boating becomes.





Roster of Members

Hello Fellow Bluenose Members
Welcome to Fall 2022

Update: Over the summer only a few members have submitted their boat information. Please consider adding your boat details (the information that is requested below) to our Roster. Knowing fellow-member boats will enhance your Bluenose Membership.

By the way, the photo above is of the sailing vessel 'Doneva' while she was moored off the Lunenburg golf course this past summer. She is owned by a Bluenose Squadron Member.

We are 61 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. Your Bluenose executive team has, in the past, compiled a list of members' vessels and shared that with interested Bluenose members. We are thinking that it would be fun to revive this idea and again share details of our vessels with each other. Therefore, for those interested, I am proposing to again compile our vessel details and share them our fellow Bluenose members.

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.





Adopt an Anchorage or a Cove - A Challenge from Marcel in June of this year.

In the June issue of our Newsletter a Boater's Enviro Challenge was put before our membership. We had no participants and therefore no winners of a free CPS-ECP course... but...

... The really good news is that none of us on the Bridge noticed much, if any, flotsam and jetsam around the islands of the South Shore this past summer! It seems that boaters, old and young, are getting in the great habit of picking up anything that they find and our shorelines look great in that area. Well done, everyone!

On the other coast i.e., the Fundy Coast, you still see debris as shown in the above photo of beach in that area. While there are groups that regularly volunteer to pick up garbage along that coast, it seems that there is always more dropped in from the ensuing tides. It will likely be an ongoing issue along the Bay of Fundy for some years to come.





Quiz Time

Which statement below is correct?

1. The recommended minimum time to run your bilge blower before engine start is 4 minutes
2. The recommended minimum time to run your bilge blower before engine start is one minute.
3. In order to save battery life, there is no need to run the bilge blower before start.

The correct answer can be found at the end of this newsletter. Look for the golden ship's wheel.

Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCCs)



This photo taken in August shows our RVCC Officer, Marcel, and Assistant Education Office Bill, giving their boats a check of equipment required. Each was then given a new RVCC decal to display. Marcel & Bill performed a significant number of courtesy checks this summer and found that they were well received by boat owners.

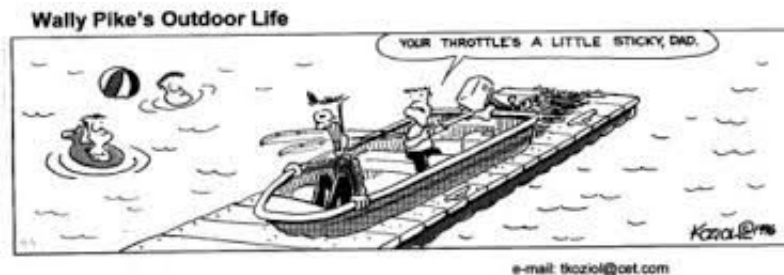


by boat owners.

Bill (and the boat owners) were surprised to find one issue discovered on a brand new boat... the red and green navigation lights and the all-around white light would not come on at the same time. Upon investigation it was determined that there was a wiring error during manufacture. All fixed now!

FLARES DROPPED

The Flare Collection day at the Shining Waters Marina that took place back in June was very successful. Our PR Officer, Bruce Kelley, reports that 859 flares were dropped off at this event. We are actively looking into hosting a similar event in the area served by Bluenose Squadron sometime next summer.



Next Newsletters

The next Bluenose Squadron Newsletters being planned for December 2022 (Seasons Greetings), February 2023 (Winter), April 2023 (Spring) and October 2023 (Fall).

- Jim Peerless, Bluenose Secretary, Administration & Communications



Quiz Answer:

The correct answer to our quiz this time:

1. Correct - Run your bilge blower at least 4 minutes before engine start and also use your nose to detect gasoline fumes in the bilge.
2. FALSE
3. FALSE





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