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Bluenose Power & Sail Squadron

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The CPS-ECP National Conference & AGM

Bluenose Membership Officer, Jim McMillan, is also our Atlantic District Membership

Officer. As such Jim attended the recent CPS-ECP National Conference in person in Toronto. He reports that his interaction with other membership officers and other officers in general was well worth the effort and expense in order to attend. No Bluenose Squadron money was used to enable Jim to attend this conference.

The Bluenose Squadron serves all of western Nova Scotia from a line roughly Aspotogan Peninsula to Windsor and westward. However, students can take a course with any squadron and then join Bluenose Squadron when desired.



Hey, this is WAY Easier! Check this out...

The education department is making it easier for you and your new boater friends to find courses. With the boating season over for many of us, it is time to consider the topics that we may want to upgrade our skills in. We have just launched a **[new Quick View of Available Courses](#)**. This new web page links directly back to our main course calendar but will show you only courses that are available and enables you to simply click on the mode of delivery you would prefer. The table of contents is also available without having to log in to the system. **This is a great way to invite other new boaters to take a course. Point your browser to <https://boatingcoursesonline.ca>**

It is available in English and French. Please note also that we have 4 short seminars available with more to be added soon. Do you have an idea for a seminar that would be useful to new or experienced boaters in your community? Tell us about it.

Eric Phinney
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Gift idea!

Any of our courses (e.g., the Pleasure Craft Operating Certificate or Maritime Radio) would make a **great gift** for a family member or friend! To keep your gift secret until Christmas DO NOT register for it yourself; contact Education Officer, Bob Rutherford to set it up: seo-blunose@cps-ecp.org or cell: 902-440-0312

Going to www.boatingcourses.ca will take you automatically to the CPS-ECP Course Calendar.





The following courses are currently running or scheduled by Bluenose Squadron for early 2023. In some cases Bluenose Squadron is combining and coordinating with other Atlantic squadrons to offer various courses.

Pleasure Craft Operating Certificate (PCOC):

Anytime - you can do it online at www.cps-ecp.ca/. Fee is just under \$50. Sorry, no classroom courses except, perhaps, for organized groups.

Maritime Radio (Restricted Operator's Certificate):

Self-study courses are available in two formats on a continuous basis (when convenient for you). Sorry, no classroom courses except, perhaps, for organized groups.

Boating 4 (Near-Shore Marine Navigation Level 1): Online course using the Moodle program. As time passes, more of our courses will use Moodle. Commences Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

FYI, Moodle is a brand name for creating and sharing educational materials online.

Moodle stands for "Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment".

Various courses are being offered by other squadrons in Atlantic Canada and, indeed, right across Canada. They can all be found in the Course Calendar (boatingcourses.ca)

Meanwhile, if there is something you would like to pursue, whether it be one of our core courses, Boating 1 to 7, or one of our many elective courses or seminars, please get in touch with Bob Rutherford, our Squadron Education Officer. at seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org. 902-440-0312.

We have solutions; let us know your needs.

Bob Rutherford



Happy Holidays!

Whether you are at home or away this winter we wish you good health, peace and good cheer!

[Click Here for a Special Christmas Card to all of You!](#)



If there is anyone you know who might benefit from our excellent training please refer them to our Education Officer, Bob Rutherford: seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org.

Boaters can also go to the [CPS-ECP Course Calendar](#) to select a Bluenose course or one that is more convenient for individual needs.



Roster of Our Boats

Hello Fellow Bluenose Members. Season's Greetings!

We, your executive, are building our roster of Bluenose member's boats. We have heard from 22 of our 62 members. Well done! Eighteen (18) member's boats are listed in the roster and five (5) members do not currently have a boat.

Here is a link to the current version of the roster located on the CPS web site on the Bluenose web page: [Bluenose Boats](#)

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 about her details. If not done already, please consider adding your boat and associated details to our roster. We are excited to include

your favourite power, sail, or human-powered (canoe, kayak, row, SUP [stand-up paddle], etc.) boat. Knowing of fellow-member's boats enhances our Bluenose community.

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 included in the roster, please e-mail the following details about your vessel to me @ jamesivormcmillan@gmail.com:

- Your name
- Boat name
- Home port (or close to where she resides during 'the season')
- MMSI number
- Hull design: e.g., C&C 33
- Boat type: e.g., Sloop
- Propulsion: power, sail, row, paddle, etc.
- Length
- Hull colour
- Horsepower

Please attach a picture of your boat to your submission. I will compile all this information and share with your fellow Bluenose members. Thank you for being part of Bluenose.

On an unrelated topic: If you know anyone that would like to 're-join' because they have inadvertently let their membership lapse, please have them get in touch with me directly. I will arrange to restart their membership.

Jim McMillan,
Membership Officer

Note: The photo of Bluenose II at anchor is courtesy of John Smith and Laura Webber.



From Bob Rutherford, Our Education Officer

Our Squadron Commander, Laura Webber, has graciously offered her space in this newsletter to the topic of Education and it is my pleasant duty as the Squadron Educational Officer to fill it as best I can. Education is at the very heart of the CPS-ECP mission. All those positive aspects of boating on our plentiful waterways, from wearing a lifejacket to responsible and prudent boat handling and safe navigation get delivered to the boating public via education. Our squadron organization is structured to provide support to the education process, whether it be our marketing and public relations folks who are out there actively selling our brand and our products, or our membership officer ensuring a healthy and vibrant group of members to act as our ambassadors and from whom we draw our instructors.

You have seen, many times over, the list of our courses and seminars, and you have been referred often enough to the website which shows you when and where those events are being offered, so I won't belabour that here. However, you are probably not aware of the vast number of volunteers who work behind the scenes to deliver those courses to you. Equally important, there is a committee of experts – the best minds we can muster – which monitor each course to keep them up with the times, to correct those inevitable little glitchy errors, and ensure their relevance in our ever-changing universe. Some persons have taken us to task for our overly militaristic structure and activity. As a person who spent 37 years in the Royal Canadian Navy, I must admit it doesn't bother me one bit. But to those out there for whom it does rub the wrong way, I am here to tell you that it does the job. It is certainly not perfect, nor is it etched in stone, and it can be softened, modernized if you prefer, but it works and it serves us as best it can.

Here in Bluenose country – basically the western end of the province from the Aspotogan to the Avon via Yarmouth – we have a rather unique situation. We do not have a major metropolitan area like Halifax from which to draw our customers. As a result, we have found that traditional training classes in physical classrooms do not work well. As an example of how spread out we are, of the nine officers on our Bridge, the average distance from each of us to the others is 53 kilometres. The recent pandemic drove us out of our classrooms and onto the internet, and we have learned the hard way how to teach via that mode. It has many advantages. No going out in winter conditions to attend classes. No restrictions imposed by geography – I am teaching a class of six at the moment with only one here in NS; the others are in ON, AB, and BC. No expenses for travel and for facilities, although we sure rack up a healthy bill at the post office. On the flip side, nothing can replace the one-on-one interaction in the classroom, and we are always on the lookout for groups seeking education, such as yacht clubs, fire departments, or search and rescue teams. We can set up a tailor-made classroom environment anywhere in our region to suit the needs of our customers.

I have rattled on far enough so I would like to leave you with the following to think about. **I need instructors.** There are many topics out there, not just navigation and VHF radio. Think weather, think safety, think seamanship (*seapersonship?*). The more instructors I have, the more courses I can offer. Finally, if you cannot find what you are looking for as your next foray into boating education, contact me. If I can't find it, or create something that works for you, the very least I can do it take note of your needs and be on the lookout for you.

Thank you for reading thus far. I hope to hear from you.

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And now, for more fun:

**Blunose Squadron Amateur Photo Contest
Winter 2022-23**



Two prizes: Win your dues for one year!

Hey Blunose Members. Here is your chance to win one free year of Blunose membership. We will pay your dues next year!

Two categories: Two prizes. The categories are:

- A. Best photo taken by a Blunose Member FROM a boat.
- B. Best photo taken by a Blunose Member OF a boat.

You choose one or both categories to enter and send your photo via email to Secretary Jim before midnight, February 1, 2023.

Secretary Jim: ss-blunose@cps-ecp.org

Winners to be announced in mid February.

Obviously we need some rules for such a contest:

1. No entry fee.
2. Entries are limited to one per Blunose member or Blunose Family member per category and must be received by secretary Jim before midnight February 1, 2023. Only Blunose Members and Blunose Family Members are eligible to take part.
3. Can be colour or black and white digital photos.
4. Entries cannot be copied from any photo source (such as a print

publication) and cannot have watermark or signatures i.e., they must be authentically your own photo.

5. Photos must be in .jpg or .jpeg format and at least 2 MB in size.

6. Although we will not be publishing the winning photos such as a magazine might do, we recommend that you have consent to display any persons or personal property that is visible in your photos. In fact only the two winning photos will be included in the mid-February Squadron newsletter. The winning names of the members who took the photos will be revealed at that time. At that point we would require that anyone wishing to use the photo for another purpose must get the consent of the photo owner.

7. Professional or semi-professional photographers are not eligible to enter this contest. This is a contest for only amateur photographers.

8. Judging: Ms. Jaimie Peerless, Kentville artist and business person, will be asked to judge the photos. She will not be given the name of the photographer or their status within the Squadron. Secretary Jim Peerless will not take part in this contest. Bluenose Bridge members are eligible to enter this contest. Jaimie's website:

<http://www.jaimiecorbin.com>

9. By submitting a photo to Bluenose Squadron the photographer consents to the entry of his or her submission and agrees to abide by these contest rules.

Note: If this contest goes well we may have similar contests in the future. In future contests we may ask the membership to vote on photos submitted.



**From the Mahone Islands Conservation Association (MICA)
recent newsletter**

PUBLIC MOORINGS:

In our Summer Newsletter we announced that the Mahone Islands Conservation Association (MICA) and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) partnered to create a number of public moorings to be located off islands brought into public ownership by MICA in partnership with the Provincial Government and MODL.

We are very pleased to report that six (6) REGISTERED PUBLIC MOORINGS have recently been deployed. They are located off Covey big cove, Backmans big cove, Backmans little cove, Bella big cove, Masons north end and Masons big cove.

They are owned by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and are registered with the NS Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. They have been made up and installed by a qualified marine contractor to standard specifications.

The float is a yellow ball marked PUBLIC. The following tag is attached to the pennant:

USAGE IS ENTIRELY AT YOUR OWN RISK.

While the use of these moorings is provided free of charge it is hoped that users will make donations to MICA to help offset costs.

The plan is to install additional REGISTERED PUBLIC MOORINGS around MICA islands for the next boating season.

It is our goal that over time, the only moorings that would be present around MICA islands in the Municipality of Lunenburg and Chester would be REGISTERED PUBLIC MOORINGS provided by MODL, MOC and MICA.

MICA has communicated its position on moorings in previous members newsletters and on our website. ([Island Use Guidelines](#))

If you are an owner of an existing private mooring off a MICA island, we ask you to consider signing it over to MICA/MODL so that it can be removed or, if suitable, converted to a REGISTERED PUBLIC MOORING or possibly replaced by a REGISTERED PUBLIC MOORING. If you know of such owners, please ask them to contact us at info@mahoneislands.ns.ca

It is important that MICA islands purchased with public funds and private donations are equally accessible by the general boating public.

We hope that our initiative will allow the boating public to better enjoy the beauty and recreational values of our Mahone Bay islands without the restrictions of private moorings.

Congratulations MICA members and supporters and thank you to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the NS Department of Natural Resources and Renewables for this huge milestone achievement of the first six REGISTERED PUBLIC MOORINGS off MICA islands, all helping to make our islands more accessible.

Editors Note: We will repeat this information in our Bluenose SPRING 2023 newsletter for your convenience.



Important Announcement

I am pleased to announce **Bruce Kelley from Bluenose Squadron in Nova Scotia** has agreed to take over the Marketing Chair position. Bruce has graciously agreed to take on this role and was featured in a JOINT Education/Membership/Marketing presentation at the Toronto AGM on Friday, October 28th.

Thank You Marketing Team

It takes a village to have a success. During my three year term I have had the opportunity to work with some very talented people in the boating industry and brilliant volunteers within our CPS-ECP family.

Our monthly marketing meetings included representatives from membership, education, communication and the National office. I would personally like to thank this group for their commitment. Thank you for sharing valuable marketing information specific to your regions.

Marketing also had several translators throughout my term and they deserve recognition. In addition to translating our marketing messages, they also translated our print/social media ads, electronic marketing videos and marketing collaterals (banners and signage). Thank you. Merci.

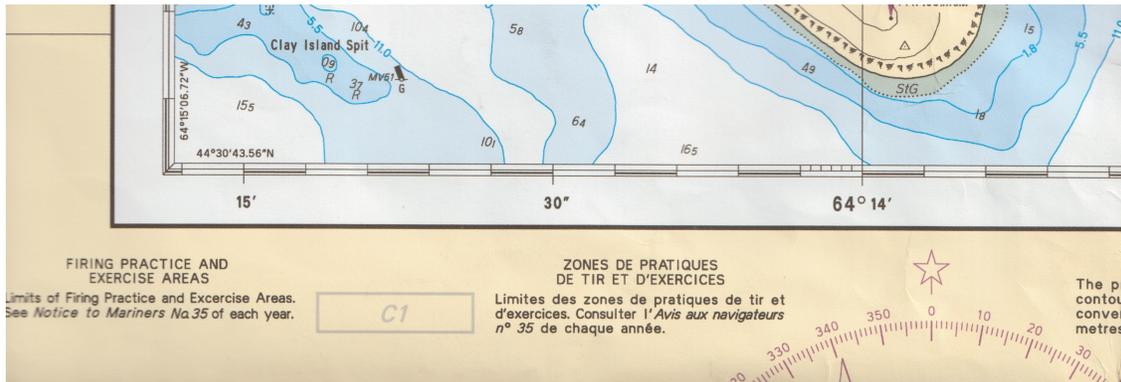
In closing, I would like to offer best wishes to all our members and volunteers in the coming year.

With warm regards,

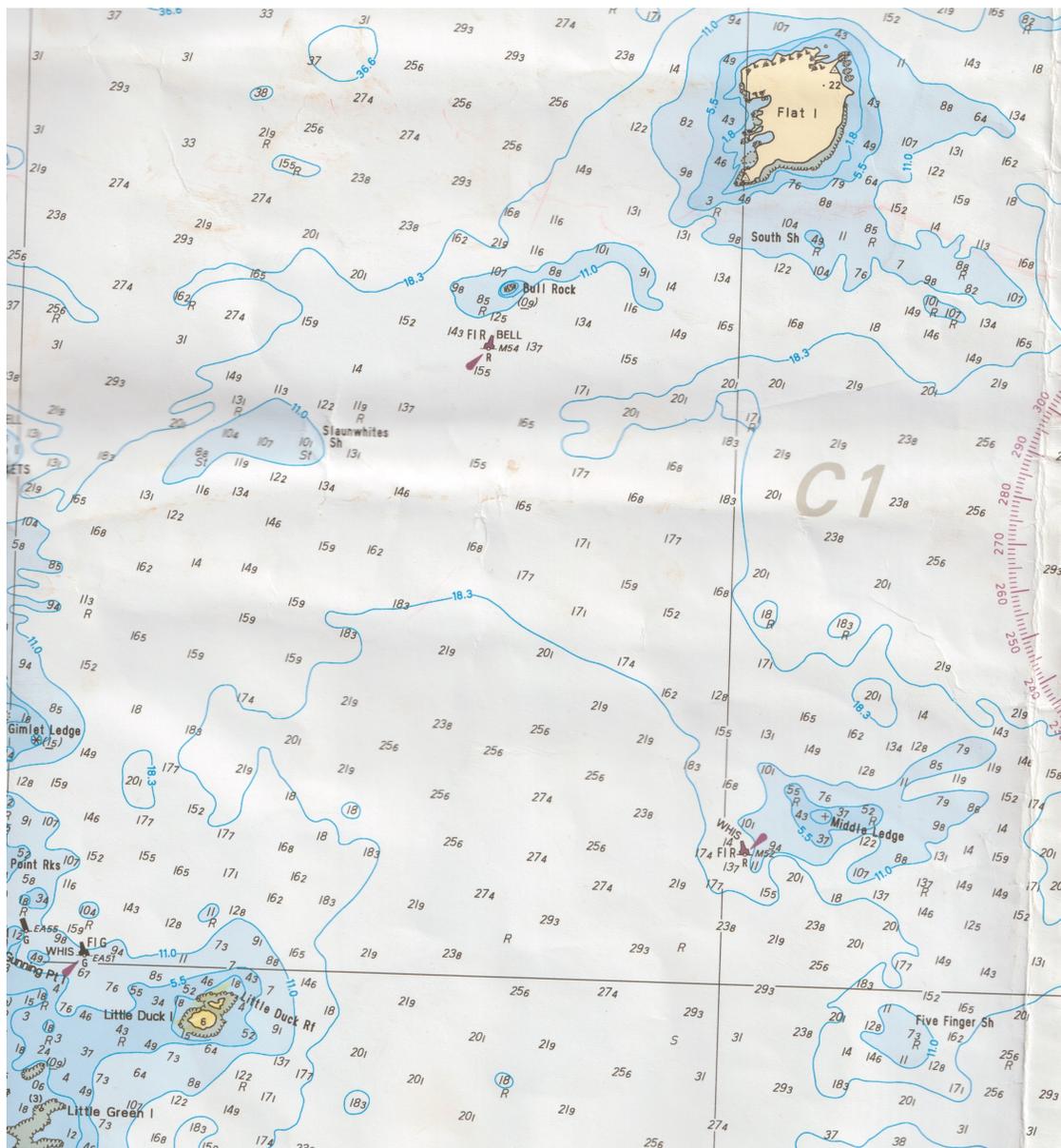
Susan Mellow
Past National Marketing Chair.



AREA C1 - What is that? Where is it?



On the above chart, do you see the gray box with C1 in it? This is a snippet from Mahone Bay Chart 4381 Also, on the snippet following do you see C1 marked below Flat Island?



C1 = CHARLIE ONE

Charts 4001, 4003, and 4012

44°28'N 64°05'W 44°19'N 64°00'W 44°00'N 64°00'W 44°00'N 64°40'W

Chart 4320

44°28'N 64°05'W 44°19'N 64°00'W 44°00'N 64°00'W 44°00'N 64°25'W

Sub surface operations area (SS).

Diagram 1

Should I be concerned about C1?

Probably not because C1 is designated as *subsurface activities* (SS) and not live firing such as areas D1 & D2.

The following is from page 1 of 43 of Notice to Mariners No. 35:

CAUTION. A vessel may be aware of the existence of a practice area from Local Notices to Mariners or similar method of promulgation and by observing the warning signals of the practice. The Range Authorities are responsible for ensuring that there should be no risk of damage from falling shell-splinters, bullets, etc., to any vessel which may be in a practice area. Except where stated under Employment, areas are only in use intermittently or over limited periods,

and when it is intended that a firing practice and exercise area be used, this information will be promulgated by local Canadian Coast Guard Marine Radio Broadcasts and may also be advertised in local newspapers.

Warning signals, when given, usually consist of red flags by day and red fixed or red flashing lights at night. The absence of any such signal cannot, however, be accepted as evidence that a practice area does not exist. Warning signals are shown from shortly before practice commences until it ceases. Ships and aircraft carrying out night exercises may illuminate with bright red or orange flares.

[Here is a link 2022 Yearly Edition of Notices to Mariners](#)



A Microsite?

Have you ever visited our Bluenose microsite? Instead of having our own website we have a microsite within the main CPS-ECP web pages. Click [here](#) to see ours!

[Bluenose Squadron Web Pages](#)

There you will find the following pages: Newsletters, Boats, Contacts, Course Information, RVCC,

Environment, Events, Executive Committee, History, Links and Member Benefits.

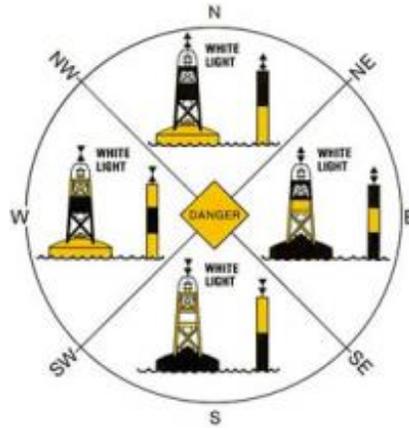
Bluenose Squadron is also on [Facebook](#)

Quiz Time

1. A line may be used up to 80% of its breaking strength. True or False?



2. Ahead of you is a buoy with a yellow top, black bottom and two top marks pointing downward. Are you going to:
 - a. Leave the buoy on your port side.
 - b. Leave the buoy on your starboard side.
 - c. Keep to the south of the buoy, or
 - d. Ignore the buoy because it is neither red nor green.



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





Halifax International Boat Show

The Halifax Boat Show is back! It is scheduled for February 2-5th at the Halifax Exhibition Centre. You can check [this link](#) for current details.

If you want to help out with our booth at this year's show and you have not already done so, please contact Jim McMillan before January 20th. We are trying to assign 3 people to each shift. You get to see the show for FREE! A briefing is being planned for participants. Jim McMillan email: jamesivormcmillan@gmail.com

Bluenose Members can contact our officer, Marcel Simard, to enquire about reduced rate tickets for the show which are called "Admit One Passes." 50% off. Contact Marcel at jrm.simard@gmail.com

The Halifax International Boat Show brings you the top brands from across the Maritimes. This leading event features boats of all shapes and sizes, along with exhibits of marine equipment, marine engines, diesel, gas, outboard and inboard, marine electronics and accessories, docks and dock builders.

Nova Scotia Squadrons will be taking part in the Boat Show. Halifax, Alderney and Bluenose Squadrons will host a display and information booth at the Show. Maybe we will see you there!

MORE INFO AT:

Halifax Boat Show

LOCATION

Halifax Exhibition Centre
200 Prospect Road
Halifax, NS B3T 1P2
(902) 876-1811
www.hfxec.com

DATE & TIME

Thursday, February 2
10:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, February 3
10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 4
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 5
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

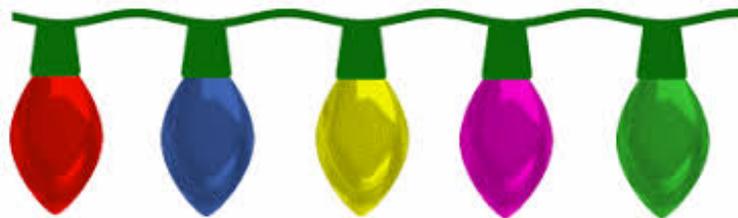
ALERT!

Let's Gather in February!

Your Squadron is tentatively planning a get-together at a pub on the South Shore on or around Saturday, February 25th. It is to be an informal gathering to trade stories about any and all things boating in our area. It would be great to see you. More detail in the New Year.



1. Answer: False. The working load of a line should not be greater than 20% of its breaking strength. That is reduced to 10% if human support is involved. (Boating 2 Chapter 8)
 2. Answer: c. It is a south cardinal buoy, indicating that safe water is to the southward of its location. (Boating 2 Chapter 4)
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Happy New Year to All Bluenose Families!

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