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# Bluenose

## Winter 2022 Edition

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Canadian Power & Sail (CPS-ECP) Bluenose Squadron serves all of western Nova Scotia from roughly a line Aspotogan Peninsula to Windsor and westward. However, students can take a course with any squadron and then join Bluenose Squadron when desired.

**You are encouraged to share our newsletters with anyone that has an interest in boating!**

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## What's the News?



**1. Photo Contest Winners:** Drum-roll please! We are happy to announce that the winner of the 'best photo taken from a boat' category is Bluenose Member, Linda Mote! Here is the photo entitled "Sunset from Doneva" that was submitted to us.

Linda says the photo was taken on Lake Ontario. She says, "The air was sweet, the waters calm and we enjoyed a most beautiful sunset from the best place in the world onboard *Doneva*."

*Doneva* is a vintage 1980 38ft Cabo Rico built in Costa Rica and designed by Bill Crealock. The cabin and exterior trim and deck is crafted from teak native to Costa Rica.

Congratulations Linda, your next membership renewal fee will be paid by Bluenose Squadron! Our financial officer is now sending you a cheque for \$60.



Next drum-roll, please! The winner of the '*best photo taken of a boat*' category is Bluenose Member, Laura Webber. Yes, Laura is our Commander! Below is the photo that Laura submitted. If you think the vessel and the waters look very Mediterranean, you would be correct. Laura tells



us that she took the photo on the south coast of the island of Elba (of Napoleon fame) off the mainland of Italy in late 2019.

Congratulations Commander! Your next membership fee renewal will be paid by Bluenose Squadron by way of a cheque for \$60 being prepared by our financial officer now.

You may recall that our executive (the Bridge) were all welcome to participate in the photo contest with the exception of contest organizer, Jim Peerless.



Note from Secretary & Communications Officer, Jim Peerless: I wish to thank Kentville Artist, Jaimie Peerless, for her judging of the photos. The names of the photographers were not made known to Jaimie. [Click here to see some of her artwork.](#)

**2. Halifax Boat Show 2022 Cancelled! Recall that the Show had been postponed to run from March 3-6th but the extended covid restrictions have made even that plan unworkable. This from the organizers:**

*"Master Promotions Ltd. will be continuing to work with the Department of Health for Nova Scotia,*

Events Nova Scotia, and the Halifax Exhibition Centre to **explore other options for a boating and recreation show in the spring** once events are back in full swing."



**3. Back in October, our Marketing and PR Officer, Bruce Kelley, took part in a symposium put on by the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC, of which CPS-ECP is a member). Bruce summarizes the issues in this abstract:**

*" The "new boater" phenomenon is global, largely because of the Covid 19 pandemic. The CBSC brought together several experts from North America and New Zealand to discuss the challenges we face and resources available.*

*The consensus is: the new boaters generally lack sufficient knowledge, experience and equipment to operate safely on the water. The PCOC is not enough and in many cases the boater is in a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddle boat and doesn't even have a PCOC.*

*The highest rate of fatalities comes from: smaller open boats, kayaks, canoes, PWCs and pontoon boats. And, in most fatalities lifejackets were not worn.*

*CSBS, with its partners and associates, have developed a number of tools and programs to address these challenges.*

*Through collaborative effort across the various organizations and industry players, we can hopefully save lives and enhance the boating experience for all, by reaching the new boaters and influencing positive behaviours."*

**4. Online/Virtual Classrooms ARE Available. Face-to-face classes ARE again allowed (effective February 5th). For individuals, online courses are the most workable option. Please go to [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca) for the current course offerings.**

**5. Free to Past Students\***

**\*Free Course Audit Seats available in limited numbers to Bluenose Power and Sail Squadron**

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members who have taken the course. Reserve your seat by communicating with the "Course Contact", identified in the Course Calendar.

Why not "Brush Up?"

## How do our Online Courses Work?

**Blended or Combined Learning Courses:** Online via Moodle: Students access their courses online via a program called Moodle (note: Moodle is described as the world's free learning platform that helps you create effective online teaching and learning experiences in a collaborative, private environment). Several squadrons may blend or combine resources such as instructors and tutors to offer such courses. Maritime Radio Courses are also offered as home-study if desired. Of course, the PCOC can be done as home-study online as well.

Delivery Details:

- 1) Instructional videos available online (24/7).
  - 2) Instructor-lead online sessions (Weekly - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Atlantic Time).
  - 3) Personal online tutor sessions by an instructor from a local Squadron.
- Additional student material (charts, etc.) are sent via Canada Post to students from the National Office.

**Virtual Classroom Courses:** Course material is sent via Canada Post to students. Meetings are via video app.

**Home-Study Courses:** The student receives the course material via Canada Post and can proceed at his/her own pace.

In the case of the Maritime Radio Course, in order to receive the required 'license' (credit-card size), a student will need to successfully complete an online exam that would be scheduled at an appropriate time.

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## Course Calendar

The following courses are running or scheduled by our Atlantic District Squadrons.  
In some cases we are combining and coordinating with other squadrons to offer various courses.

[Click here to see the Atlantic District Winter Schedule of Courses](#)

For more information please contact our Education Officer, Deb Rutherford at [email: deb@atlanticdistrict.org](mailto:deb@atlanticdistrict.org)

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*"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."*

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**Here, again, 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:



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Electronic Marine Navigation  
Radar for Boaters  
Boat and Engine Maintenance  
Extended Cruising (Living on a Boat)  
Sailing  
Introduction to Weather for Recreational Boaters

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

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## Is the Water Cold?

You may know about the hazards of cold water immersion, but do your family and friends know?

**You don't have to see icebergs to be in cold water.**

Did you know that technically, cold water is anything below body-core temperature of 37C?

Generally accepted discussions of cold water are for waters below 20C.

Here is a short video and a text file explaining how little time we have in cold water:

[1-10-1 Video link](#)

[1-10-1 \(text only\)](#)

*The Canadian Safe Boating Council is hosting three Zoom workshops with 'Professor Popsicle', one each in February, March and April. Held over two evenings totalling 5 hours. \$75.*

[Click here for more information.](#)

Pass this newsletter along to anyone who might have need of this important knowledge!

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### Looking for a Small Self-tailing Sheet Winch!

Bluenose Member, Dale Gray, is looking for a used self-tailing sheet winch for his Tanzer 26. If you have one that might work please contact Communications Officer, Jim Peerless, and he will put you in touch with Dale.

Jim Peerless: [ss-bluenose@cps-ecp.org](mailto:ss-bluenose@cps-ecp.org)

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## Commander's Corner

Fellow Members,

It is a blustery winter's day. I'm warm and cozy inside watching the wind whip the waves since the ice has been blown out during the storm. A blue runabout comes into view moving quickly from left to right across the bay. Binoculars. No one



**Bluenose Squadron Executive (Bridge)**

**Contacts: Note the new email addresses for each.**



inside of course. Must be a result of the storm surge.

I think about the track of the storm and how the wind is backing this time. I think about the CPS-ECP weather course and how it's teachings have become a way of thinking about and understanding the weather regardless of the season. It is a great hobby for us weather-obsessed Nova Scotians. It is a vital safety issue for us as sailors.

Good luck with your winter boating projects as we await the warmer winds of spring.

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As Bluenose Members, what can we do to help the Squadron to function?

We can each recommend CPS-ECP Bluenose courses  
to any new boaters that we encounter!

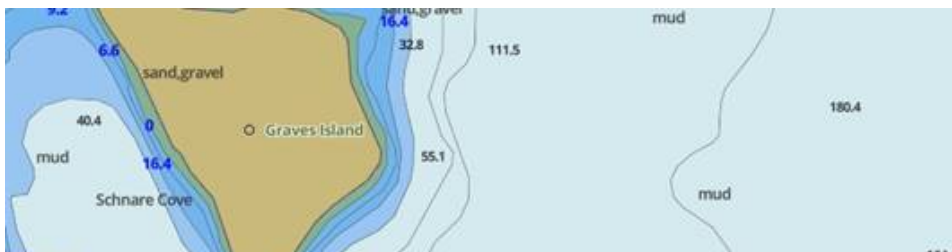
Forwarding this newsletter to them is a start.



## Quiz Time

Please refer to the following section of a Chester area marine chart. If you are in doubt or confused by the red and green buoys near the centre of the chart **it is safest** to go between those buoys.

True or False?





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Hmmm. Is this boat floating in a pond or did it fill with rainwater and then spring a leak? I guess the owner or the dock-boy took the dinghy ashore?!



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**Marine Sewage**







Not to make a stink about it, *butt (sic)*...



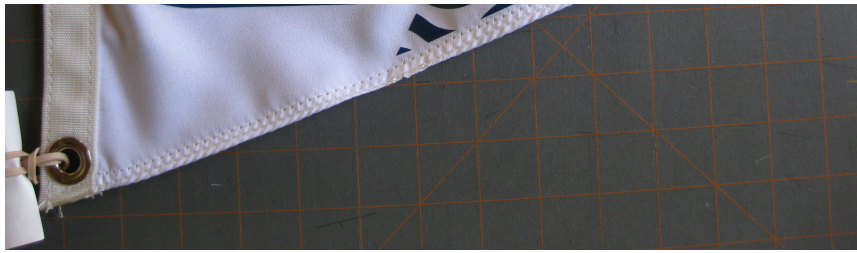
The head on the beakhead of the 17th-century warship [Vasa](#). The toilets are the two square box-like structures on either side of the bowsprit. On the starboard side, there are still minor remnants of the original seat.

Here, for your convenience, is a link dealing with marine sewage that was recently found in an addition of Canadian Yachting.

<https://www.canadianyachting.ca/diy/maintenance/1388-guide-to-sewage-discharge-regs>

Top photo: Actor Jim Varney circa 1985





Above is our Bluenose Squadron burgee! Looks great, doesn't it?! If you want one please contact Financial Officer, Dan White. He has five left in stock. The price is currently \$30 which is a tiny bit more than they cost to produce. When we order a new batch the price may have to rise as necessary to cover Squadron cost.

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Courtesy of [www.americanboating.org](http://www.americanboating.org)

*"When will you admit the boating  
season is over?"*

**Next Newsletters?**

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

- Jim Peerless, Secretary & Communications

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The correct answer to our quiz this time is:

**FALSE!** If in doubt it is safest to consult your nautical chart (paper or electronic). Near Chester, almost every year, an uneducated boater hits the rocks at Graves Shoal.

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