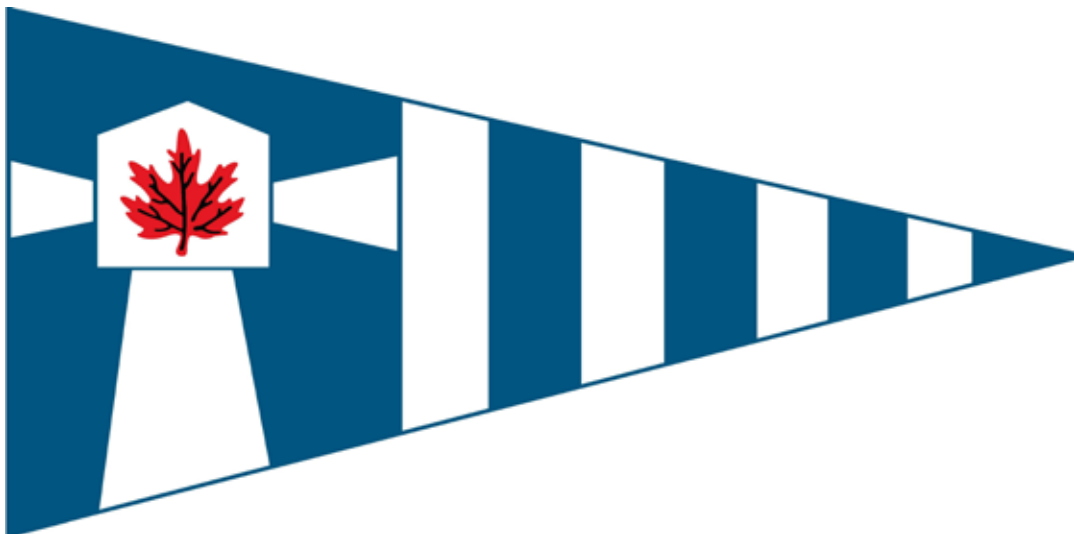


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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Many of you have been notified by Headquarters regarding your membership renewals. It is easy to renew on-line. Just go to [CPS-ECP](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) and click on membership. On-line renewal and rejoin is a great way to go. It is so quick and easy. And have a look at the [CPS benefits](#) of being a member.

For more info call our Membership Officer, Elaine Pearce 247-7538

Courses and Events

Check the [website](#) for details - Courses and Upcoming Events

Workshops planned for May/June:

- 1. Man Overboard (Saturday May 20)**
- 2. Docking (Saturday June 3)**
- 3. Anchoring (SUNDAY May 28) SBYC Sail-past is on Saturday**
- 4. Weather (Saturday June 17)**
- 5. Sail Handling (Saturday June 10)**
- 6. Intro to Boating Safety for Kayakers and Paddlers (Saturday June 24)**

All workshops open to members. Saturday workshops will take place between 9am-2 pm, are out of doors at Page's Resort and Marina and will cost \$49 for Splicing (\$39 for 'partners') and \$89 for Introduction to Boating Safety for Kayakers and Paddlers (\$69 for 'partners').

Call Bert - 250 247- 9301 and check the website in Courses.



The Squadron Annual Courtesy Boat Safety Inspections

Members who are certified to do so by Transport Canada, and there are about eight of us, will be available to do a safety check on your boat. This is to help you identify and potential shortcomings in the requirements that could cost you dearly in fines should your boat be inspected by Candadian Coast Guard. Items we find wanting are usually outdated flares, PFD's that don't meet requirements, fire extinguishers that need updated certification. The purpose of our inspection is to help you fix what's not up to scratch.

This is a complementary service by the Squadron on a volunteer basis - no obligation and results are confidential. It could save you grief later.

Dates - **Friday evening May 19, Saturday, May 20.** We will be at the Boatel, Silva Bay Marina, Page's and Degan Bay. Look for us on the docks, and hail us with a loud voice.

The Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 23

Every organization has to have an annual meeting. Our Squadron is no exception and we try to have some fun with it. Social time, awards preceded the meeting, attended by Squadron members. The minutes are already posted on the [Squadron website](#)

Always a highlight, the top marks in our Boating courses, the Arthur J Nielsen Award, went to Peter Audretsch who achieved the rare 100%. Congratulations Peter.



Arm's length 50-50 for \$20. But an arm's length like this is not only unfair, but will cost you dearly. Ralph Hagen won the draw (legitimately)



Sure looks like a sailor, eh!



Ralph and Bert terHart in a relaxed moment



Carole,
André,
and
Bill

The Annual General Meeting more photos



District Executive Officer, Ion Barnes



SBYC Commodore, Mike Apps



The Squadron web host,
André Lemieux



Positively yummy, and lots of it!

The AGM

Yet more pictures



Lemon icing, a work of art on a gourmet canvas!



The Windchime Award, donated by our founding member, Hugh Sproule. Presented by Cdr. Mike Hoeninghaus to Squadron Educational Officer, Bert terHart. Well deserved for incredibly inventive ideas in workshops, boating, and radio. No student has ever failed an exam with Bert. Congratulations Bert!



The Rudy Bohm Award, in memory of one of our earliest proctors, for exemplary performance on the water, embodying the principles of CPS-ECP. Cdr Mike and Freda Bohm present the award to George Myette for quick response to a boat on fire in Silva Bay at the Sail Past last May.

From the Wheelhouse

Mike Hoeinghaus, AP - Commander



This year has been a success in all respects. Our Bridge Officers have all done an exceptional job in running the Squadron and we are well ahead in both programs and financially than we were at this time last year.

During my absences, our Executive Officer Jean Van Praet, has stepped in and done an excellent job of keeping the Squadron Administration on track, as well assisting Bob Derksen's huge task in development of a Squadron Policy Manual, which the Bridge approved and was subsequently approved at the District and National levels.

Our Educational Officer Bert terHart has been both an exceptional administrator and instructor this past year. He has maintained our regular course offerings and in addition, has put together many one and two day seminars which have been well attended and have helped to put us in a sound financial position to start the next year. Only a couple of our course and seminar offerings had insufficient students to conduct the course.

Advertising the Squadron and our courses has always been a challenge to reach the most potential students at a reasonable cost to the Squadron. Our PRO George Myette, our Communications Officer Don Butt and our Web Master Bill Kalbfleisch, have been both innovative and tireless in getting the information out to the general public and our membership, resulting in mostly good attendance for each of the seminars and courses. Our Web site remains one of the best web sites in CPS-ECP and has received numerous accolades from National for both looks and content.

Our finances are in sound condition, thanks to our courses and seminars and to our Treasurer Jude Briscoe. A big thanks to our Squadron Financial Reviewer, Alex McConnell who retires this year after many years of invaluable service

Our membership has been steady through the year, with 65 active members. Our Membership Officer Elaine Pearce has worked tirelessly keeping track of new and departing members and keeping up our reports to National.

One of the goals I set last year was to get more involvement from our membership in Squadron functions. Our Social Committee, Jude Briscoe and Elaine Pearce put together several Social Evenings with a guest speaker and snacks. These events were well attended by Squadron members and by members of the Silva Bay Yacht Club. Our Members-at-Large John Bullas and John Woods, were always willing to step up for committee assignments. John Woods has taken on the job of representing the Squadron on the issue of a small boat ramp for the island, and John Bullas has helped with numerous issues throughout the year.

From the Wheelhouse, cont.

I am happy to report that nearly all of this year's Bridge Officers have agreed to serve for this coming year. I have no doubt that with the experience gained this past year, that our Squadron will have another excellent year. I am still looking for ways to involve more of our members not only in our courses and seminars, but in the general administration of the Squadron. Thanks to the hard work of the Nominating Committee for assembling such a quality Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hoeninghaus



Friday evening, May 19 , about 7 PM
Saturday morning May 20, about 9 AM

Dates for your courtesy safety boat check.
Our team will be on the docks of the local marinas to check your safety requirements for you. This is voluntary and confidential, and designed to assist you to prepare to meet a Coast Guard inspection successfully.
It's a service the Squadron provides free.



Look for Bob Wood,
Jude Briscoe and their
team



From the Educational Department
Bert terHart, Squadron Educational Officer
Maintenance Mantras



As a dyed-in-the-wool, die-hard boater spring brings thoughts of distant horizons, magical sunsets and serene anchorages. I also have an extra excuse to get out on the water.



One of my spring rituals is to brush up on my boating fundamentals. Think of it as a golfer fine-tuning her swing and short game before hitting the links in earnest.

Like any other activity, be it sporting or otherwise, mastering the fundamentals ensures peak performance. For us boaters, that's a fancy way of saying that things like docking and anchoring don't strike fear and terror into the hearts of you, your crew and any other boaters who are unfortunate enough to be docked or anchored nearby.

I'm a firm believer in the 3 P's. That would be Plan - Prepare - Practice. So, when spring comes around, I look forward to planning, preparing and practicing those activities and skills that I know I'll need once I'm back on the water. The skills I'm talking about are man overboard awareness and drills (MOB), anchoring, docking, sail handling and trim, and local wind and weather forecasting. Dusting off some of the skills and knowledge necessary to bring myself and the boat back up to snuff is not only fun, it's a vital part of becoming comfortable and relaxed on the water.

What's fun with one, is terrific with two, and magical with more! As such, I'm extending an open invitation to any Gabriola Power Squadron or Silva Bay Yacht Club member to join me on Seaburban during my 'work-ups'. I'm referring to the workshops described on page 3 of this issue: "Courses and Events".

I promise it will be fun, informative, and leave you with an itch that can only be scratched aboard your own boat!

Hope to see you aboard! Any questions, please call!

Thanks,

Bert

PS: We're starting all workshops at 9 am especially to ensure that we're accommodating people on the long-weekend (May 20).

A Touch of Mirth

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Insanity is my only means of relaxation.
- 3) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 4) You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 5) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 6) Perhaps you know why women over fifty don't have babies: They would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.
- 7) One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make a person gain five pounds.
- 8) Every time I think about exercise, I lie down until the thought goes away.
- 9) God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind, I will live forever.
- 10) It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 11) I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart.
- 12) There cannot be a crisis this week; my schedule is already full.
- 13) Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.
- 14) The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

