



Fall Course Registration

WHEN: Tuesday, September 10, 2002

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Forest Hill Collegiate Institute
Eglinton Avenue West at Bathurst

WHAT: Registration for Boating and Boat Pro (PCOC) courses

Course Start Dates

BOATING: Wednesday, September 18, 2002
BOAT PRO: Wednesday, September 25, 2002

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Forest Hill Collegiate Institute
Eglinton Avenue West at Bathurst

PCOC Challenge Exam

WHEN: Tuesday, September 10, 2002

TIME: 8:00 pm

WHERE: Forest Hill Collegiate Institute
Eglinton Avenue West at Bathurst

WHAT: We will offer the exam for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card - all operators of power vessels less than 4 metres (13.2 feet) in length, must have the PCOC by September 15, 2002

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TRAINING

Safe Boating through Education - the motto of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons and our primary reason for being. In order to deliver on that, we must develop a cadre of proctors and instructors who share the vision and wish to pass along their boating knowledge to others.

It is my task as Squadron Training Officer to lead in that process. Since assuming the role in May, I have worked towards bringing together sufficient personnel to offer both the Boating Course and the Boat Pro course this Fall. I am pleased that Humphrey Carter will again lead the Boating Course and also that a number of members have come forward to assist by leading specific sections of the course. We will have a substantial class, if early on-line registrations are anything to go by.

We shall need help with proctoring during the course, especially when students are working with chart plotting. If you can devote the odd evening during this upcoming session, please call me or send me an email. As well, if you have an interest in being a part of the Boating Course instructional team, call me right away - we have a place for you.

Student Notes for Boating have been updated with the several addenda properly incorporated in the new printing. The National Training Department is now committed, it seems, to modularizing the course and we shall probably see four "units" that will henceforth comprise the course. These are scheduled for the 2003-4 teaching year.

The Boat Pro course will be in more demand this Fall with the deadline for operators of PWCs and other vessel under 4 metres occurring on September 15th. I am receiving several calls a day from people wanting to challenge the exam (and we are providing for that on September 10th), but I am at pains to urge those callers to either take the course or at least study the manual. Of course, I am also encouraging those boaters who venture onto the larger lakes, to take the full Boating Course.

We do need Boat Pro instructors - it is an ideal vehicle for new instructors in developing their classroom presentation, particularly if a team teaching approach is taken. The course is presented over 4 evening for a total of 8 hours, with the exam on the fourth evening. Not a great commitment of time for anyone and generally a satisfying experience in passing along your knowledge to boaters who may have little safety and navigation knowledge. If you'd like to talk about helping with Boat Pro, give me a call or speak to Rick Dray, Assistant Training Officer (Boat Pro).

We shall offer Extended Cruising (formerly Offshore Sailing) in the Winter session, provided there are sufficient registrations. We already have some, so that course looks promising. P/R/C Bob Anglin offers a fascinating series of lectures for this course, bringing in some highly experienced world cruisers who present a special "take" on their topics with first-hand knowledge of long distance and offshore cruising.



The new Fundamentals of Weather course will be presented by Joni Alexander in the Spring, to enable graduates of both Boating sessions to attend. As well, the Radio

Talk (VHF) and the Harbour Licence courses will again be featured in the Spring.

Included with this Gangplank is a poster that is proving to be an attention-grabber - we have added contact details at the bottom. Please post it on your bulletin board at work or on the local supermarket board or wherever you think people will get to see it. We don't have a budget for intensive marketing and must rely on word-of-mouth and web site referrals. Every little helps.

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Well it has been a quick summer in my eyes. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the bridge some new members to serve you, the Toronto Squadron members. The new Bridge members are: Ingrid Sapona (Secretary); Don Mercer (PRO); and Rick Dray (ATO) and I'm sure that they are going to bring some new and exciting ideas to the bridge.

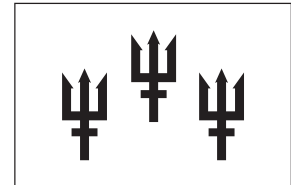
This past summer, I hosted my first Rendezvous with excellent help from Sue and Bruce Cameron, Ken Wadsworth and Lynn Kaak. We had a choice of chicken, steak or lobster as the main dish along with fresh corn and, for dessert, strawberries with a liquid refreshment. The door prizes this year were donated by GENCO Marine and Tony Cook of Searoom Communications. We also invited some Frenchman's Bay Squadron members who were docked beside the Toronto Squadron boats and they ended up winning some of the door prizes. Thanks also go to Sue and Bruce who let me sleep over on their boat so that I would be available for the Commander's breakfast the following day.

As we gear up for the fall session of courses I would like to ask all of you to talk to your friends, relatives and fellow work employees to remind or suggest to them to enroll in a boating course.

If you have any ideas you would like to see the Bridge look into or have a question, please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the Bridge Officers.

Remember we are here for you.

David Agnew
Commander
Toronto Squadron



Commander David is pledged into office by York West D/C Annie Cook

Notice of Important Membership Motion

The following motion, to make the qualifying examination for regular membership in CPS-ECP the successful completion and achievement of a passing grade in the CPS-ECP administered Pleasure Craft Operator Card examination, (Boat Pro) has been referred to the Annual General Meeting of the organization in Toronto in October 2002 for a vote by the regular membership.

Please ensure that your views on this important topic are relayed to your Commander David in order that he may take them into consideration when voting on the Squadron's behalf. If you have specific questions, you may contact D/C Annie Cook. Email: annie@slide-express.ca or V/C Tony Gardiner.

As well, any Member may make their views known to the Governing Board by sending an email to V/C Tony Gardiner, the National Executive Officer, who is distributing all comments to members of the GB and the Operations Committee. Email: acg@ieee.org

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The qualifying examination for regular membership in CPS-ECP is the successful completion and achievement of a passing grade on the CPS-ECP administered Pleasure Craft Operator's Card examination and that the Chairman of the Rules Committee make the required amendments to the regulations of CPS-ECP.

On approval, the Chairman, Committee on Rules be empowered to amend respective regulations.

RATIONALE:

In an environment of declining membership CPS-ECP must be proactive and the leader in its approach to today's boating public. Inviting the boating public who have started the education process by achieving Pleasure Craft Operator's Card ("PCOC") certification and encouraging them to continue their learning by becoming a regular member will enhance the growth of CPS-ECP. CPS-ECP will continue being the leader in safe boating through education. Membership brings connection, and CPS-ECP can use this connection to provide more education, to invite participation in our social interactions, to encourage them to be active participants in the Squadrons' educational activities and administration, and to build on their first achievement with additional education.

Having regular members and CPS associate membership is divisive, not in the best interests of a growing organization, denying individuals the right to contribute to the growth, educational activities and administration of the organization. It also contributes to the feeling that there are two classes of membership, contributes to an elitist atmosphere, and a double standard. This is not the image that CPS-ECP should be advertising to the boating public. All boaters should be welcomed into the organization upon completion of the qualifying examination.

Growth is key to the success of any organization. It provides prestige, funds to enhance the mandate of the organization, access to more qualified and talented people to contribute to the organization's activities and people have pride in being members in a growing organization.

Let CPS-ECP be known as the most "inclusive" boating organization in Canada with the most recognized certification program.

MOVED BY: D/C Brian Leger, N
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Images from the Squadron AGM



Three Past Commanders of TPS
Bruce Cameron, Annie Cook (now District Commander) and Tanya Abolins (who received her Life Membership at last year's Conference)

Bruce Cameron and Randy Boccia view the proposed designs for our 50th Anniversary Pennant



STO Lynn Kaak is happy with her merit mark



A/O Ken Wadsworth gets a hug with his merit mark!



D/C Annie Cook presents another merit mark to Humphrey Carter



Incoming STO Tony Cook receives a merit mark from his wife, D/C Annie Cook --- hmmm!

Carson Woods receives his Life Member plaque - one year late!



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Annual CPS Conference and AGM



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Toronto again plays host to the CPS Annual Conference next month, October 24 - 27, 2002. As usual, there will be lots of business to take care of before we get to the fun. We will have all the usual meetings: Governing Board, Training, Squadron Commanders, Marketing and PR and, most important of all, the Annual General Meeting. The Squadron Commander's Meeting will have a new format this year, but still offers lots of time to exchange ideas and concerns, and air views.

Your attendance and participation are encouraged, but we must know which events you will be attending. If you are staying at the hotel and/or attending one of the meal functions, please complete a Registration Form. Space will be limited, so register early.

Registration Forms are available for downloading and printing (Acrobat PDF format) at the National web site:
<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/english/conf2002.html>