

NAUTICAL NOTES



All Aboard for
 Online Education 2023
 Boating 2/3 begins January 31st!



See Course Description for Boating 2/3 and
 Registration Instructions
 Page 3 of this edition of Nautical Notes.

Peterborough Squadron sends all of you our
 Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday!

As 2022 draws to a close, the Commander and Officers of Peterborough Squadron, CPS-ECP, wish all of you our very best wishes for a safe, happy and prosperous Holiday Season and New Year's 2023. We value your boating knowledge, your friendship and your continued support of our organization through your membership fees, donations, and frequent support of our activities. You are the reason that Boating safety education is alive and well in the Kawarthas! Have a great time with family and friends this season,

Commander Martha Scott

See Commander's Message on page 2.

WINTER 2022/2023

Squadron Events

- January 31st, 2023 Boating 2/3 Online Course with Weekly Virtual Meetings - page 3 of newsletter to see the details.

- February , 2023 Return of Peterborough Squadron Speaker Series. Details on page 8 of this newsletter.

- Start anytime. Maritime Radio VHF Course - to receive the ROC (M) upon successful completion of the exam. Online and Self study with Peterborough Squadron
- Available 24/7

Other Fun Boating Stuff

- January 20 - 29th, 2023 The Toronto International Boat Show, 2023. Celebrating 65 years of the Boat show. CPS-ECP will have a booth at the show. Check out the Facebook site "Toronto Boat Show"



Commander's Message

Greetings Boating Friends,

It has been a long time since the last edition of Nautical Notes! My husband and I succumbed to COVID 19 this fall, but we have recovered and are enjoying the last of the sunny, fall weather. Our boats are safely stowed for the winter season and we are getting ready for the Holidays. I am pleased to report that Munroe's 14- foot sailing dinghy, True Grace, was launched in the spring, and it was a pleasure to both row and sail. We enjoyed cruises and fishing expeditions on Eels Lake, near Apsley, on Wolf Lake, and on Lake Chemong in the Kawarthas. Compared to our larger keel - boat, the sailing dinghy is easy to transport and rig, giving us the opportunity to try many new bodies of water, large and small. We were very conscientious about wearing our life jackets while on the water though – small craft such as this are very vulnerable to gusts of wind, and swamp much more easily than regular sailboats!

Peterborough Squadron was busy this season. Under the direction of Officer Ron Gernat, we had a productive day doing Recreational Vessel Courtesy checks at Reach Harbour on Buckhorn. The numerous houseboat owners who dock here are gracious hosts, with a wonderful knowledge of safety gear required for compliance with Transport Canada.

We were sorry to have to cancel our planned End of Season Potluck social. The levels of COVID and flu are still high in our region, so we will have to wait a little bit longer for the face- to- face events that we all miss. In the meantime, the squadron is preparing for some new courses and speaker series sessions this winter. Radio Course Instructor and Examiner, Munroe Scott has just launched a new Maritime Radio Course. This is a fully online course, with a one hour "in person" exam facilitated by Zoom technology. Students can sign up anytime for this course, and begin their studies right away!

On Tuesday, January 31st, Leigh Mellow and other squadron members will offer a blended version of Boating 2/3. This is an online format with once weekly virtual meetings to ask questions and review material. We offered the same course last year, with great results. Please see the advertisement on page 3 to learn all the details. Also on the topic of education, our virtual Speaker Series is returning in February 2023. See details on page 8.

In October 2022 the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron had its first face- to -face conference and AGM in three years. I attended the conference at the Sheraton Downtown hotel in Toronto on behalf of Peterborough Squadron and all its members. The conference presented a wonderful opportunity to meet CPS members from across Canada and to exchange ideas about how to promote boating safety education. New members of the National CPS – ECP Executive Committee were introduced and shared changes that will improve our experience of CPS in the future. Pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter summarize some of the highlights of the conference. AGM 2023 will take place in Windsor Ontario and I am already looking forward to attending.

So sit back and browse through this month's edition of Nautical Notes. As always, we would like to hear from you. If you have any questions, articles, photos, or other media to share, please contact editor and Squadron Commander Martha Scott (commander@peterboroughsafeboating.org).

We wish you and your families a very happy and prosperous Holiday Season – all the best for 2023!

Martha Scott, Peterborough Squadron Commander

BOAT 2/3 BEYOND BOATING BASICS

(start your Christmas Shopping today !)

Beginning Jan 31 2023

Approximately 12 week course

Tuesday nights for 1 hour online at 7:00 pm

Boating 2:

The PCOC course ensured that you have essential navigation and safety skills but this is just the beginning of what you should know on the water. In the second of our Boating Series, you are introduced to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots, not to mention what to expect when the boat is moving under power. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include towing, trailering and a checklist for layup and launch.

Boating 3 Introduction to Marine Navigation:

The third course in our series explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts as well as skipper responsibilities before setting out and when 'under way', handling a boat under sail, your environmental responsibilities and knowledge of electrical hazards. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; including tides and currents.

Course material is available online 24/7. This is a cohort-based format with a specific start and end date. You will take this course with a group of fellow students. There will be an online meeting one evening per week to answer questions that students may have. You may also request one-on-one meetings with a local tutor to cover topics that are difficult to teach online.

Beginning January 31.

Approximately 12 week course

Tuesday nights online beginning at 7:00 pm

If you would like to join us, follow the registration process on the CPS-ECP website.

Remember that the course is "Online" and hosted by "Peterborough" these are key words to locate and contact our specific course.

Costs of the course are \$305.00 and discounts apply to students with CPS-ECP memberships and to those who enroll early.

Several students have already registered for this course, so book early to ensure that you don't miss out on this opportunity to further your boating safety knowledge and navigation skills.

Maritime Radio Course - Fully Online, Self-Study. Available NOW!



Does everyone on board know how to call for help using a maritime radio? In this course, students will study independently using online learning modules and then book a virtual exam given by our squadron Maritime Radio Examiner, Munroe Scott. Munroe is available via email or conference call to assist with any questions. Printed or Ebook course material will be distributed to the students. If the student passes they will receive a ROC (M) license to legally operate a marine radio. It is illegal to operate a radio onboard without this certificate. You will also gain confidence in calling for help, learn the phonetic alphabet (used internationally for VHF radios) and practice examples of asking for assistance under a range of emergency situations.

Check the www.cps-ecp.ca website for ongoing class offerings and, if you are new to boating, the website offers many courses and seminars that will prepare you for a safe and fun boating experience.

**Chemong
Custom Sewing**
Light and Industrial Sewing

Wendy O'Gorman
wendy@chemong.com
www.chemongcustomsewing.com
705 292 8521

Marine Vinyl-Fabric-Foam
Cushions-Window
Treatments
Boat Cover Repairs
Boat Seat Upholstery

ASHBURNHAM
Funeral Home & Reception Centre

JOHN CUNNINGHAM
President & Managing Director

840 Armour Road
Peterborough, ON K9H 2A2
Phone: 705-740-0444
John@AshburnhamFuneral.ca
www.AshburnhamFuneral.ca



GARY E. AINSWORTH
Barrister, Solicitor & Notary

- Real Estate Law
- Mortgages
- Business Law
- Wills & Estates

(705) 749-0628
Fax: (705) 749-0633

294 Rink St., Suite 101, Peterborough, Ont., K9J 7H6
www.ainslaw.com * Email: gea@ainslaw.com



Beachwood
RESORT

Toll Free: 1-888-313-1118 • Local: 705-657-3481
www.beachwoodresort.com
info@beachwoodresort.com

3043 Beachwood Drive, Lakefield, Ontario K0L 2H0



PARIS MARINE
FAMILY BOATING CENTRE

Deborah & Joe Lineberry

Tel: 705-652-6444
D-Cell: 705-761-1355
J-Cell: 705-313-1379
Toll Free: 1-888-933-3434

2980 Lakefield Rd.
Selwyn, Ontario K9J 6X5
www.parismarine.com

deborah@parismarine.com
joe@parismarine.com



BOATER'S WORLD

"We Go Overboard for You"

- Navigational Charts • Marine Batteries • Nautical Giftware
- Floatation Jackets • Marine Paint • Boat Care Products
- Mooring/Anchoring • Cabin/Deck Hardware
- Emergency/Safety Equipment • Trailer Parts/Accessories

190 George St. N, Peterborough, Ontario
(705) 745-3029 • Fax: (705) 745-5106
info@boatersworldcanada.com
www.boatersworldcanada.com





CPS-ECP National Conference and AGM, October 2022:

This past October, I had the pleasure of attending my very First CPS-ECP National Conference, held between October 23rd and October 30th at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Toronto, Ontario. This was a wonderful opportunity for me to represent Peterborough Squadron, to meet officers and members of the Executive from across Canada, and to enjoy some festive meals and conference events.

In this newsletter, I report on the major highlights of the Squadron Commander's meeting that took place on October 28th, 2022. I also attended a number of other seminars and presentations that covered all aspects of how we convey safe boating practices to our members and the general public. The talks were divided into areas of interest for every squadron and touched on changes in education/courses, marketing strategies, ways to increase membership, and our financial situation. I am available to answer any additional questions that you may have, so do not hesitate to write to me at commander@peterboroughsafeboating.org.

On Saturday morning, October 29th, we met for our Annual General Meeting. There was a change of watch at the conference, and Peter Bolton stepped down from his position as Chief Commander, to become our Past Chief Commander and Chair of the Nominating Committee. Lise Blais-Huot is our new Chief Commander, Eric Phinney is our new National Educational Officer and Nigel Stafford is our National Financial Officer. Names of members of the Executive Committee, and their email contact info is available on the CPS-ECP.ca website in the Contacts Section.



Notes from the Squadron Commanders' Meeting at the National Conference 2022

A. Education:

Eric Phinney, the incoming National Educational Officer, has a history of teaching and enjoys sailing and boat building. As CPS begins a rebranding project, Eric emphasized that new boaters need to think about CPS first when researching their education needs. Through the development of a new curriculum committee, CPS continues to upgrade existing face-to-face and online courses. In the future, more instruction in using Electronic Navigation will be introduced into all course offerings. Each squadron has been asked to develop a seminar, free to CPS members, that focuses on some aspect of safety on our regional waterways. Peterborough Squadron will prepare a seminar on boating on the Trent System. From a personal standpoint, I was really proud of our Squadron, who continued to teach virtually throughout the pandemic!

B. Membership and Recruiting:

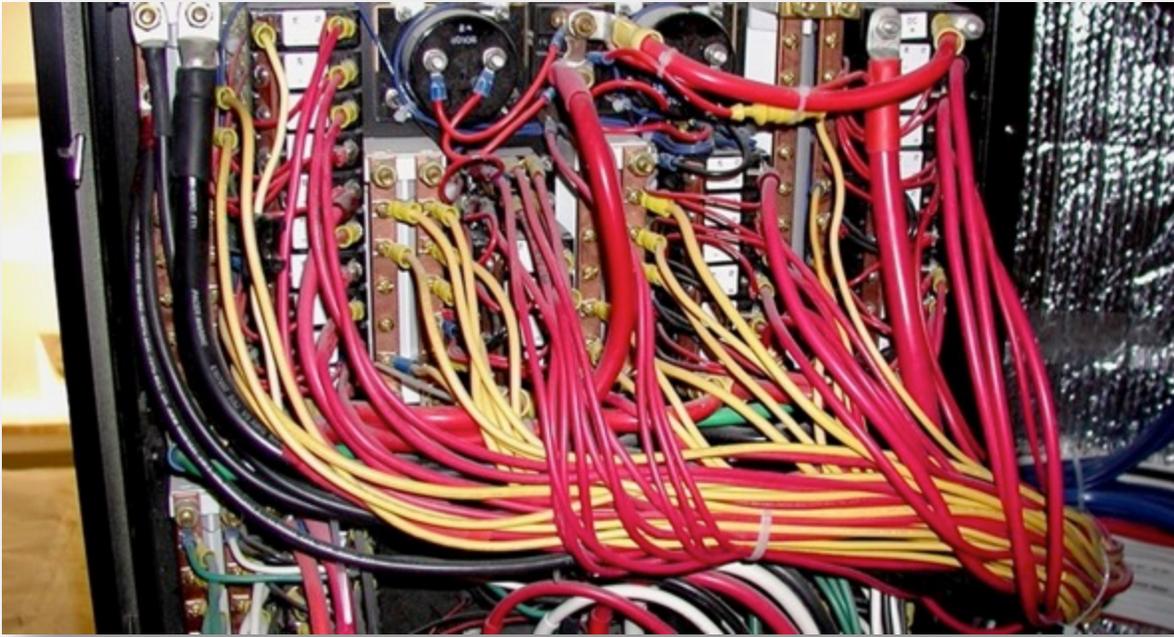
The organization is trying to simplify membership renewal and to remove bugs and barriers to renewal from the website. A number of changes were completed in November, and your next experience of renewal will hopefully go more smoothly. Andy Meyers, National Benefits Officer, reviewed a number of new businesses that are providing benefits to CPS members. A list of benefits is available on the cps-ecp.ca website. Members were challenged to try their hand at teaching by starting out as tutors or proctors for courses. Our squadron is available to mentor anyone who is interested in helping out with a course. Members were reminded that there are discounts for Year 1 membership for course graduates, and that word of mouth is an excellent way to share CPS with friends and family. Members were thanked for their donations and support!

C. Financial Report:

Nigel Stafford, National Finance Officer, gave his report virtually since he was suffering from COVID at the time of the conference. Nigel Stafford spoke about the financial challenges facing the National Office as a result of three years of pandemic, resulting in fewer squadrons offering courses, and some members deciding not to renew. Although finances are currently limited, Nigel believes that we can turn things around fiscally with a concerted effort on the part of squadrons and the Executive Committee to revamp education, rebrand the organization, and improve the membership experience. A number of squadrons shared their fiscal challenges, and commented that working collaboratively with other squadrons in their District provided a way to stretch dollars.

D. Marketing: Our new National Marketing Chair, Bruce Kelly, spoke about the need to improve the customer experience on the website and the need to re-brand the organization to appeal to more Canadians, including youth and young families.

E. IT Issues: Our new National IT officer, Janet Fraser, made a presentation and answered questions posed by squadron commanders. She commented that she has a spreadsheet of activities that have been prioritized in terms of urgency to complete. Issues with system delays when using the course calendar, delays with students receiving their ROC (M) licenses after completing maritime radio, and problems with membership renewal are examples of issues currently being fixed. Janet is a very capable IT administrator and I am confident that she will address long-term problems in the near future.



The Virtual Speaker Series Returns in February 2023!

Peterborough Squadron is pleased to announce that our Speaker Series is returning in February 2023. As a result of ongoing issues with COVID, influenza and respiratory viruses, we have decided to build on our success in 2022, and again offer a virtual speaker series this winter. We have enthusiastic support from our friends in the Oakville Squadron and will work together to provide free educational and social opportunities for our friends and members to gather during the months of February, March and April. The exact date of the first session will be announced in January.

Our list of topics is not yet finalized, but we anticipate offering sessions on the following:

- Electrical safety aboard and how to avoid burning your boat to the waterline;
- A travel- oriented session featuring boaters who have completed the loop or another challenging voyage;
- Ask the expert - a chance for members and officers alike to ask questions and foster discussion about boating topics of interest to them;
- Boating safety in human - powered small watercraft; and,
- Other topics to be determined. If you would like to suggest a topic for our speaker series, please contact Gina Lee, Squadron Administrative Officer, at admin@peterboroughsafeboating.com;
- Details of our first session, and instructions for enrolling will be provided in the January edition of Nautical Notes, so stay tuned!

Thank you to our retiring Squadron Educational Officer, Doug Hagan



Doug Hagan, who served for two years as our Squadron Educational Officer, and was previously an Officer at Large on the Peterborough Squadron Bridge, stepped down this fall. Doug was also a long-time student tutor and proctor, with a keen interest in promoting the educational goals of CPS-ECP. His genuine love of navigation, charting, and his students was exemplary. Doug was instrumental in organizing and facilitating our very first virtual, online class, Boating 2/3 that ran last year in 2022 and will be offered again beginning January 31st, 2023.

Doug is a thoughtful and patient member of the bridge, and we have all greatly benefited from his wisdom. Doug is currently mentoring our new Educational Officer Leigh Mellow and is an active member of the bridge where he currently serves on the Speaker Series Subcommittee.

We wish to thank Doug for his contribution to the Squadron and for making the waterways safer for boaters in the Kawarthas!

Doug is shown holding a print created by Squadron bridge member and local artist Susan Mellow. Susan donated this artwork as a gift to Doug on his retirement. Fittingly, the print depicts a line of life jackets hung out to dry on a clothesline. This is a reminder to all of us to always wear our personal flotation devices!

Peterborough Squadron's Susan Mellow Steps Down as National Marketing Chair, CPS-ECP

This fall, Susan Mellow stepped down from her role as Marketing Chair for all of CPS-ECP. She has been busy mentoring her successor, Bruce Kelly, who takes over a position that has been in good hands under Susan's leadership.

Susan Mellow began her role as National Marketing Chair for CPS-ECP in December 2019 and retired from this position in October 2022, just shy of 3 years. Susan recollects that she thoroughly enjoyed working with Vanessa Schmidt at our national office where she was involved in 'all things marketing'. Susan recently told me that she has always loved this game. Susan remains a member of the National Marketing Committee and will continue her work on revamping the PCOC course offered by CPS under the auspices of Transport Canada.

While taking a wee break from CPS, Susan has returned to making music with her band buddies and is currently performing at community dances, concerts, and retirement homes during the Christmas Season.

Susan is looking forward to continued success within our own Squadron in Peterborough, where Susan is the Public Relations and Promotions Officer. Susan comments that our squadron has always been a true leader within the National Organization. Peterborough contributes quietly, effectively, and respectfully. That's how she describes our Squadron.



After my recent first visit to the National Conference this October, I can truthfully say as Commander that I am very proud of Susan. Our squadron continues to teach, to offer free education as part of our Speaker series, and, under the leadership of the Mellows, to embrace promotion through our newsletter, our Squadron website and our various social media sites. We have been on the cutting edge of promotions for many years, and we owe a great debt of gratitude to Susan who has always advised us well and brought to our attention opportunities that align with the National mandate of first-class boating safety education.

Enjoy a well deserved rest, Susan, and our very best wishes for a healthy and happy Holiday Season.



**Chemong
Custom Sewing**
Light and Industrial Sewing

Wendy O'Gorman
wendy@chemong.com
www.chemongcustomsewing.com
705 292 8521

Marine Vinyl-Fabric-Foam
Cushions-Window
Treatments
Boat Cover Repairs
Boat Seat Upholstery



Jeanette Wood
SALES REPRESENTATIVE, CNE®

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU
MARKETING HOMES SINCE 2005

Cell 705.930.7787
jeanettewood.com

