



CanBoat
NautiSavoir

Peterborough

Nautical Notes - December 2024



A Message from Commander Martha Scott

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our Peterborough Members and Friends,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to share my gratitude for all of you as fellow boaters and friends of CanBoat/Nautisavoir. Our organization has been on an exciting journey this year, with a rebranding of our name and logo. We look forward to a restructured organization that provides relevant instruction to today's boaters. We welcome the transition to younger boaters, who enjoy taking day trips in vessels of all shapes and sizes. Let us take this time to share our passion for boating, and to encourage all of our family and friends to navigate safely on waterways in Peterborough County and the Kawartha Lakes.

This winter we look forward to the Toronto International Boat show, coming in January. After the show, our very experienced instructor Leigh Mellow, along with Mel Little and Doug Hagan, will once again teach Basic Navigation and Boat Handling (B2/3) beginning on January 28th. So, encourage your fellow boaters to sign up for this course by going to the cps-ecp.ca website and clicking on the education tab (online courses, Peterborough Squadron).

Your commander has volunteered for a Committee working to overhaul the B4 course - Seamanship and Coastal Navigation. Look for a refreshed course in 2025. CanBoat / Nautisavoir is also launching some short, thematic courses that will be shorter, and geared to new boaters interested in basic topics such as anchoring and docking. Stay tuned for more info on these courses and seminars.

I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Commander Martha Scott



We had a great time at the End of Season Potluck on November 2!







Commander Martha Scott shares photos and news from the 2024 National Conference and AGM held in Trois Rivières

In October 2024, Commander Martha Scott travelled to beautiful Trois Rivières in Quebec to attend the National AGM and conference. A major theme of the conference was our rebranding journey. A new name and logo were launched in the spring, and folks at the conference were excited to share this news with their membership and the boating public.

CPS-ECP has transitioned to CanBoat / Nautisavoit. Here in Peterborough squadron, we have purchased new team shirts and a roll up banner to display at our face-to-face events. The change of name fits right

in with our overall goal to change the face of the organization. At the conference we learned that military language such as squadron and commander will be replaced by more welcoming terms such as 'branch' and 'team leader.' Changes are coming to simplify the structure of the organization and make it easier to volunteer for specific events without fear of being overwhelmed with work. There will be less meetings, and more focus on having fun and boating safely on the water.

Increasingly, our boaters are younger and participate in day trips on board smaller vessels. If you boat in the Kawarthas, you are already aware that our beautiful lakes, and the Trent waterways are crowded in the summer with cottagers and travellers who launch their boats for a day of fishing and recreational activities with their families. At the AGM, two motions were passed that will make our membership more inclusive and responsive to this trend in boating. It is now possible for youth under the age of 19 to become CanBoat / Nautisavoir members. It is also possible to become a member of our organization without first taking a CPS-ECP course. Many squadrons are being encouraged to offer on the water training for youth and families if they have the resources and training to do so. In addition, we will be offering a greater diversity of short courses for new boaters who are just 'dipping their paddles' into navigation and boating safety instruction. Our full -length courses are still very popular and are being refreshed to provide increased teaching about electronic navigation as well as other topics.

CanBoat / Nautisavoir is in the process of restructuring and the final service model has not yet been selected. However, we look forward to news about this exciting change and I will keep you posted about future developments.

Finally, I was truly honoured to receive an 'Officer of the Year Award' at this year's AGM. I wish to thank all our hard-working squadron officers who provided recommendations for me. This award belongs to all of you as officers and members of Peterborough squadron. We are so proud of our squadron's achievements and track record in teaching boating safety!

Martha Scott
Commander, CanBoat / Nautisavoir – Peterborough



Martha addresses attendees to provide an update on the B4 (Seamanship and Coastal Navigation) refresh.



Squadron Commanders, including Martha, receive a CPF Foundation Honour Roll for their squadrons' contributions to the Foundation.



A welcoming lobby for the National Conference and AGM.



The Hospitality Suite is always a popular place to mingle with old friends and make new ones.



One of the many interesting and informative sessions.



National Educational Officer Tom Beavers addresses the attendees.



Attendees enjoy the meal and entertainment at the Chief Commander's Ball.



The National AGM always begins with Roll Call.



A good turnout for the National AGM.



Attendees enjoy a buffet lunch.



RCAF Trent Squadron Commander John Brewster receives Officer of the Year Award



Upcoming Education - Basic Navigation and Boat Handling Course starts on January 28, 2025!

This course focuses on improving your knowledge, understanding, and skills in navigation and boat safety topics. It covers the fundamentals of traditional navigation – understanding global coordinates, using a magnetic compass, and planning a cruise using paper charts. Boat handling topics include operator and crew responsibilities, managing onboard emergencies, collision avoidance rules, anchoring techniques, docking/undocking techniques, and understanding marine weather forecasts, and tide/current tables.

Our course is delivered in a “blended learning” format; the student studies the prescribed materials on his own time and gets together virtually with the facilitators and other students weekly for an informal hour of review and to allow for any questions the students may have.

The course includes quizzes to check your understanding of the topics, navigation practice exercises, course notes, and a final exam, that if you complete with 75% or higher, may lower your boat insurance.

Suggested Prerequisite: Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)

Basic Navigation and Boat Handling Table of Contents:

1. Boaters’ Responsibilities and Managing Emergencies
2. Collision Regulations
3. Global Coordinates
4. Magnetic Compass
5. Nautical Charts
6. Aids to Navigation
7. Traditional Navigation Techniques
8. Traditional Navigation - Practice exercises
9. Electronic Navigation
10. Electronic Navigation - Practice exercises
11. Rope, Lines and Knots
12. Docking and Undocking
13. Anchors and Anchoring
14. Weather
15. Tides and Currents (inland and coastal versions)

Start Date: Jan 28th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Contact: Leigh Mellow - (705) 292-0195 leigh.mellow@gmail.com

Pricing and Packages:

Non-Member Price - \$295.00

Member Price - \$236.00

Early Bird Discount on Non-Member Price Discount - \$280.00(ends on Jan 21st, 2025)

Early Bird Discount on Member Price Discount - \$221.00(ends on Jan 21st, 2025))

To register, go to www.CPS-ECP.ca then click on Education – Course Calendar, scroll down to the Basic Navigation and Boat Handling, click on “Find a Class” then click on “Virtual”. Scroll down to the Peterborough entry and then click on “Sign Up”. We hope to see you there!



From The Galley - Sparkling Cranberry Kiss

This Christmas cocktail is suitable for all ages, but if you want to be a bit more adventurous you can add a little something to make it a more adult beverage!

Makes 14 servings:

6 cups cranberry juice

1 ½ cups orange juice

3 cups ginger ale

Ice cubes

Orange slices (optional)

In a pitcher or punch bowl, combine cranberry juice and orange juice. Just before serving, stir in ginger ale. Serve over ice. If desired, serve with orange slices.

Single serving:

½ cup (4 ounces) cranberry juice

2 tablespoons (1 ounce) orange juice

¼ cup (2 ounces) ginger ale

Ice cubes

Orange slice or wedge (optional)

In a cocktail glass, combine cranberry juice, orange juice, and ginger ale. Serve over ice. If desired, add an orange slice or wedge.

*From our families to yours, best wishes for the holidays!
See you in 2025!*

