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FALL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Sad to say, but another wonderful boating season is drawing to a close. The many sunny, warm, calm days with proper water levels in our lakes made being outdoors on the water a wonderful experience. The visits to the new marina at the Sturgeon Falls waterfront, the squadron cruise down the South River, the days spent exploring the French River and West Arm, and the numerous visits to Callander Bay and the Manitou's made my summer on Lake Nipissing very enjoyable. I hope your own experiences were as much fun and as memorable as my own.

Some interesting news coming from our District Commander at the latest meeting that was held in Sudbury in September. The "financial word" on CPS at the national level was discouraging...currently CPS is running a \$150,000.00 annual deficit with a declining membership...should the situation not change, CPS could possibly not exist in 10 years time. To meet this challenge, CPS will be attempting to reduce operating costs and increase membership. One of the cost cutting initiatives will be the transferring of course material to a digital format...lessening production costs and making course material changes much quicker and cost effective. More money is also expected to be spent on marketing the benefits of CPS membership. In addition greater emphasis will be put on retaining present members. I am sure there will be lively discussion at the national conference taking place in Edmonton this month.

I believe there are three reasons for belonging to CPS... 1) to become more knowledgeable and advance your own boating skills, 2) to give back to our communities by providing training which advances boating safety and enjoyment, and 3) to enjoy the fellowship of like minded individuals.

Speaking of fellowship, I hope each of you will consider attending our Squadron Christmas social to share your boating experiences and pictures, and to make plans for taking part in the Squadron's bus trip to the Toronto Boat Show in January.

All the best.

David Blahey
Commander.



Great fun was had by everyone who attended the annual Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise held August 16. The fantastic selection of food, spirits and company made for a wonderful evening on the lake!

Can't wait for next year!!



Mustang Survival HIT Inflatable PFD Safety Alert

The following notice was released on September 5, 2012 by Mustang Survival. In keeping with Mustang Survival's commitment to the highest levels of quality and safety, we are notifying the public of an urgent advisory for specific Hydrostatic inflatable PFDs manufactured during April and May of 2012. A portion of these PFDs may be subject to delayed or non-inflations. To determine if you are impacted by this precautionary advisory please reference the instructions below.

The following Mustang Survival US and Canadian products are affected:

US PRODUCTS

CANADIAN PRODUCTS

MA7214 HIT inflatable re-arm kit
MA7214 HIT inflatable re-arm kit
MA7218 HIT inflatable re-arm kit for LIFT
MD3153 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT
MD0450 Inflatable Vest PFD with LIFT
MD3154 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT (with harness)
MD0451 Inflatable Vest PFD with LIFT (no harness)
MD3157 Inflatable Work Vest with HIT
MD3183 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT
MD3184 Deluxe Inflatable PFD with HIT (with harness)
MD3188 Inflatable Work Vest with HIT



The potentially affected products were made in Canada during April and May of 2012. If your PFD falls into this category we recommend you visit www.mustangsurvival.com/HIT or call 1-800-526-0532 for further information. The model number, manufacturing location and date of manufacture is printed on the white approval label on the back of the PFD.

All other Mustang Survival inflatable PFD products are not part of this advisory.

**** NBPSS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ****

***Come join us for casual evening of fun,
food and great company!***

When: Thursday December 6, 2012—7:00pm

Where: Callander Yacht Club



CRUISES

THE WEST ARM



A Beautiful day on Lake Nipissing - West Arm in August when a group of boaters decided to venture out....

Four Boats in total enjoyed the trip. North Bay- Iron Island - Hay Rock - West Arm to Chapel Island for lunch. Return to Hay Rock - Wigwam Pass - South Side of Sandy Island to Campbell's Bay - Manitou islands and Home.



SOUTH RIVER

It was a warm sunny day when a group of us made our way to South River.

A leisurely trip down the South River with a rest stop at Chapman's Landing.... ending up at the little jewel..Chapman Chutes, where vacationers were enjoying the wonderful summer day.....



HAVE AN EVENT YOU WANT TO ADD TO THE "EVENTS CALENDAR"? SEND ME AN EMAIL slafontaine3@cogeco.ca OR MAIL ME THE INFO TO 350 LAKE HEIGHTS RD. NORTH BAY ON P1A

EVENTS CALENDAR

CRUISES ?

Don't forget to send any pictures and details of cruises you made this past summer!

BOAT STORAGE TIME

SIGN UP FOR BOATING COURSES

Thursday November 1,
2012 Bridge Meeting -
Yacht Club

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Thursday December 6 -
Callander Yacht Club

TORONTO BOAT SHOW
Jan 12 to 20

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TAKE THE NEXT STEP! Continuing boater education

CPS offers courses on marine navigation, GPS, radar, boat and engine maintenance, weather and VHF radio. Instructors in your community help recreational boaters improve their boating safety knowledge and operational skills.



Boating Essentials Course

You can't get where you're going if you don't know how to get there. CPS has been offering boating courses long before they were mandatory. This course picks up where Boating Basics (PCOC) leaves off and offers instruction in navigation, charting, plotting and an introduction to electronic navigation.

Do you have your required Marine Radio Certificate?

The Restricted Operator Certificate is a government issued certificate that allows you to legally operate your marine VHF radio. The certificate is required for all operators of marine radios. Cruise with Confidence – Register today!

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www.cpsboat.ca



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Please take a moment, logon to www.cps-ecp.ca
and plenty of information will be at your fingertips.

Using your CPS membership identification number create/ login as a member and get even more benefits. For those members who haven't logged on recently please do so and update your profile. If you have any questions please contact the NBPSS at the information listed at the top of this page.

