

NORTH BAY POWER  
AND SAIL  
SQUADRON:  
A DIVISION OF  
CANADIAN POWER  
AND SAIL  
SQUADRONS (CPS)



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# CROSSCHOP

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**NORTH BAY Power Sail SQUADRON**



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## Spring Message from the Commander

*The thermometer says -25 C, the snow banks in my driveway are more than four feet tall, and I just received notification from the City of North Bay that the Marina will commence operations for the 2014 season on May 3<sup>rd</sup> so I had better pay for my slip rental by April 24 otherwise they cannot guarantee I will have the same spot as last year.*

*We have had to learn to embrace the quick pace of climate change when we live in our district otherwise we would miss out on the wonderful moments that each season brings.*

*Speaking of change...our training programs are in the midst of change...the squadron in going through the final stages of running another successful session of "Boating Essentials" training, as well as completion of a VHF marine radio program, and on March 18<sup>th</sup> we begin the "Fundamentals of Weather" program for another group of interested boaters. There has also been considerable interest to run the "Marine Maintenance" program in the near future or possibly for next fall...let us know if you are interested.*

*Soon the elections for bridge officers for a new season will take place at our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Yacht Club in Callander. Followed shortly there after by the Change of Watch and Graduation Dinner ceremonies...stay tuned to our website for more details on time and location. Please plan to attend either or both of these squadron functions...remember what I said about embracing change...it is good for you!*

*In closing I want to thank all the members of the bridge for making time in their busy lives to attend the meetings, to do the training, to make the arrangements, to plan the events, and for participating in all the events that make up our squadron...you are all wonderful people.*

*I look forward seeing many of you over the course of the next few months at one of the squadron functions or perhaps later in the year when we finally get to enjoy some memories out on the water.*

*Keep smiling.  
David Blahey  
Commander North Bay Power and Sail Squadron*

### Thank you ! Thank you!

To all of you who have forwarded your emails to help reduce the costs of mailing physical copies of "CrossChop". We are asking members who have access to the internet to send us their email address so we can continue to send out an electronic version of the quarterly newsletter. You can give your email address to Suzanne at [slafontaine3@cogeco.ca](mailto:slafontaine3@cogeco.ca), any of the bridge members and they will make sure that your address is recorded...or you can go to <http://www.nbpss.on.ca/ContactUs.aspx> and fill in your email address along with any comments you would like to make and then send.

**Thank you.**





*Student Graduation Dinner  
&  
Change of Watch Ceremony*

*Come out support our new graduates, have a fantastic dinner and  
meet the new Bridge!*

*Saturday, May 24, 2014  
(details to be determined)*

*For information or tickets contact: Shayna at shaynahall@yahoo.com  
or Suzanne at slafontaine3@cogeco.ca*



**North Bay Power and Sail Squadron  
54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**



**10- March -2014**

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

To all North Bay Power and Sail Squadron Members:

Date	Thursday May 22, 2014, 1900 Hrs
Place	North Bay Yacht Club, Callander, ON.
Chairman	Cdr. Dave Blahey
Secretary	Secy. Shayna Hall
Agenda	Roll Call Minutes of last meeting Business arising out of the last minutes. Correspondence Bridge Officers' Reports Old Business Report of the Nominating Committee Elections New Business Termination

The Change of Watch Ceremony and Student Graduation Dinner will be on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

Remember, all Squadron Bridge Officers, you have by virtue of your pledge, an obligation to attend this meeting. Total commitment and participation are the keys to the successful operation of the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron.

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Shayna Hall, Secretary



**NORTH BAY POWER and SAIL SQUADRON  
54<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Nominating Committee Report  
Mar 6, 2014**



The Squadron Nominating Committee nominates the following Members for election as Squadron Officers for 2014 / 2015:

<b>Squadron Commander:</b>	<b>Ron Shortt P</b>
<b>Executive Officer:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Training Officer:</b>	<b>Doug Hay AP</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Michael Eedy P</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Shayna Hall</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Steve Vaas</b>

The following members are also willing to serve on the Squadron Bridge. Their specific areas of responsibility are listed below.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Supply</b>	<b>MAREP/Environment</b>
<b>Rev. Grant Churcher S</b>	<b>Anne Taylor <u>AP</u></b>	<b>Kym Eedy P</b>	<b>George Graham</b>

Additionally, your Nominating Committee recommends the appointment or re-appointment of:

<b>Audit Review</b>	<b>Assistant Training Officer</b>	<b>Assistant Secretary</b>
<b>Sandra Hay AP</b>	<b>Christine Brown</b>	<b>Dr. Rachel Henry</b>
<b>Yacht Club Liaison</b>	<b>Assistant Membership Officer</b>	<b>E-Communications</b>
<b>Mike Eedy P</b>	<b>Suzanne Lafontaine</b>	<b>Terry Lang <u>AP</u></b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>Ivan Gough AP</b>	<b>vacant</b>	<b>Suzanne Lafontaine</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

PP/Cdr Doug Hay AP  
Chairman

Cdr David Blahey AP

*original signed*

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Any member at large is fully entitled to submit nominations for the above offices providing he/she follows the requirements laid down in Squadron Regulations, Article 12, which is quoted here for your information. "Article 12 – Eligibility"  
12.1 No member of this Squadron shall be eligible for election as provided in Section 11.6.1 of these Regulations at any Annual General Meeting unless nominated by the Squadron Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five Members of this Squadron who (the petitioners) shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination. All such nominations:

- "By the Squadron Nominating Committee, shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place, and it shall be mailed not less than 14 days before the meeting or,
- by petition, shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place."

Due to the passing of PCdr Dave Byrnes, the chairman's role was filled by PP/Cdr Doug Hay.

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**WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE RECENT PASSING OF JOHN SIZE, A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE NBPSS. OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.**

**JOHN WILL BE MISSED BUT REMEMBERED.....**

**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK  
MAY 17 - 23**



**A GREAT WAY TO BRING BOATING SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC.....MAKE THE WATERWAYS SAFER FOR EVERYONE..... AND HELP DECREASE FATALITIES**

**Wear your life jacket \* Don't drink and drive  
\* Take a boating course \* Be prepared  
\* Beware of cold water risks**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>

- COMMANDER**  
David Blahey AP
- EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Ron Shortt P
- TRAINING OFFICER**  
Doug Hay AP
- SECRETARY**  
Shayna Hall
- SUPPLY OFFICER**  
Kym Eedy P
- TREASURER / YACHT CLUB LIAISON**  
Michael Eedy P
- MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**  
Rev. Grant Churcher S
- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**  
Anne Taylor AP
- ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**  
Terry Lang AP
- MAREP/ENVIRONMENTAL**  
George Graham AP
- SQUADRON HISTORIAN**  
vacant
- ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Christine Brown
- PAST COMMANDER**  
Doug Hay
- AUDIT REVIEW**  
Sandra Hay
- NEWSLETTER**  
Suzanne Lafontaine
- ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICER**  
Christine Brown

### EVENTS CALENDAR

**SEND YOUR EVENT DETAILS TO:**  
[slafontaine3@cogeco.ca](mailto:slafontaine3@cogeco.ca)

**May 2. 3. 4 - CPS District Mtg. - Sault Ste Marie. For information contact Elizabeth at [eappleton@cogeco.ca](mailto:eappleton@cogeco.ca)**

**May 22- NBPSS Annual General Meeting Callandar Yacht Club - 7:00pm**

**May 17- 23 - National Safe Boating Week**

**May 24 - Boating Students Graduation Ceremony and Dinner**

**Membership renewals will be arriving soon.**

**Don't forget to send me your email Address.**