

# CROSSCHOP

Official Newsletter of the NORTH BAY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

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## Christmas Party

Thursday, December 2, 2021

1900 h Refreshments

1915 h Guest Speaker - Captain Rich Stivrins,  
Chief Commanda II

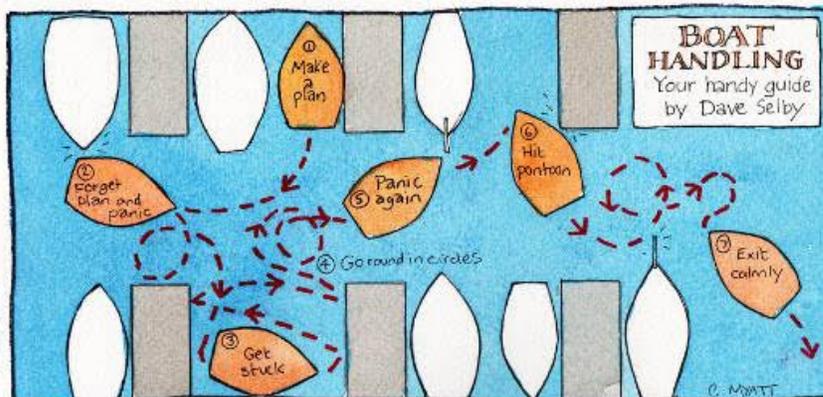
1945 h Pizza, potluck and refreshments

We are having an in-person party at NBYC, Greenwood Rd.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to the party. The cash bar will open, with tea and coffee as well.

Guest Speaker, Captain Rich Stivrins has been sailing on the Chief Commanda II since 2003, master of the vessel since 2005. He is dually licensed as a captain and marine engineer (currently through a SVMO ticket, restricted engineer prior to that). Prior to that, he sailed the Chippewa III out of Parry Sound. The Chippewa originally sailed in Niagara Falls as the Maid of the Mist until it was bought by the Stivrins and moved to Parry Sound. He first became a captain in 1998.

Note that all Covid precautions will be in place. We will be asking for proof of vaccination, screening for Covid and signing you in. Masks to be worn except when eating or drinking.



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# CALENDAR

## DEC 2

The Christmas Party will be held at the NBYC. Pizza, Potluck and Presentation by Rich Striven from the Chief Commanda. Covid requirements in effect.

## JAN 6

The Bridge Meeting will be held at NBYC. All members welcome.

## JAN 21-30

The Toronto Boat show will once again be held in person. More information will be available soon on [torontoboatshow.com](http://torontoboatshow.com).

## FEB

PCOC Course and Marlin Spike (Knots) workshop. Call 705-980-0455 to register. Dates TBD.

## MARCH

PCOC Course. Call 705-980-0455 to register. Dates TBD

## APRIL

PCOC and Marine Maintenance Courses. Call 705-980-0455 to register.

## Life Member



Congratulations to Doug Hay for achieving a Life Membership in the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron. This is achieved by volunteering for 20 years. Below is a summary of Doug's contributions.

After completing Pleasure Craft Operator Competency training early 2000, enrolled for the Boating Course 2000/2001 while volunteering support to the North Channel Squadron in Blind River, and became a full CPS member spring 2001.

Continued to support the North Channel Squadron with final position held as Commander until 2005.

Following relocation to North Bay late 2004, transferred membership to North Bay Squadron, volunteering in multiple positions including Squadron Commander, and continuing to support presently as Marep / Environmental / Historian.

In 2021 after 20 continuous years of volunteering, CPS recognized me as a Life Member.

Thank-you to all of the squadron membership for your support over the years, and I encourage all members to get involved and support your local squadron. It's more than just boating!

Present vessel is a 48' Cape Islander coastal cruiser, moored in Penetanguishene, Ontario.

## JOKES

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an island in Alaska. but it turned out it was an optical Aleutian.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth near the road and was cited for littering.

She was only a whisky maker, but her loved her still.

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We are online at [nbpss.on.ca](http://nbpss.on.ca) or on Facebook.

## Boating Courses

This winter you can take one of the many boating courses from CPS. Our courses are offered online, in-person, or a combination of online and in-person.

Courses offered in the off season by our NBPSS volunteers are:

PCOC Courses – February, March and May 2022

ROC Marine VHF Radio Course – April 2022

Marine Maintenance Course – April to May 2022

Knots (Marlin Spike) Workshop – February 2022

For more information and registration, check the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron website [www.nbpss.on.ca](http://www.nbpss.on.ca) or call 705-980-0455. Visit [boatingcourses.ca](http://boatingcourses.ca) for a complete list of courses available.

## Safety Share

### Coll Regs

It has not been a good year for incidents, accidents, and fatalities. As a reminder, Rule #5 states you must maintain proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as any other means appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions. Take all precautions to avoid collision. Take early and substantial steps to avoid other boats.

Know which is the give-away boat, but do not assume the other boat also knows the rules.

As well, we observed that people do not seem keen to help others anymore. Under International Law you are obligated to help if it's a distress situation. It can sometimes be hard to tell if someone needs help, so going over to ask someone if they are OK is the responsible thing to do.

## Weather Radar

Have you been wondering why the weather radar hasn't shown precipitation in the area recently? That is because the radar has been offline since August 9, 2021 as it is being replaced.

Apparently they have extended the range of two radar stations - Montreal River Harbour near Salt Ste. Marie and Landrienne, QC east of Rouyn-Noranda.

But the lack of information can be dangerous for anyone relying on the radar. The previous radar map used to indicate it was non-operational, but the new one has no warning and no link to outages on that page. Please send your concerns to:

[https://weather.gc.ca/mainmenu/contact\\_us\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/mainmenu/contact_us_e.html)

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## The Experienced Captain?



Lacking basic seamanship skills and being reliant on technology will get some boaters in trouble.

The numbers are suggesting that those with the most time on the water - sober or otherwise - are increasingly running into stuff and into one another. It seems that skippers who claim to have boating "experience" are the most likely to become a statistic. Experience just isn't what it used to be.

Back in the day, experience meant making landfall in the right postal code. This can now be accomplished hands-free or via point-and-click. Modern electronics are great tools, but they might not spot the dangers ahead.

The competent skipper must have few distractions. He does his chart work and holds a course by looking across the compass and out the windshield. And most certainly, "experience" does not mean using electronic tools to speed down the waterway mindlessly.

Take a moment to think about how you currently navigate your vessel.

By Doug Hay