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Courses to be offered in the new year

By Carol Gibson

Elective Courses to be offered in January:

Seamanship Power:

Course Content: Power trains, engine controls and instruments; handling, and cruising under power; mooring and anchoring; legal responsibilities; engine and trouble diagnosis' fuels and fuel systems; electrical systems; cooling and lubrication; maintenance and fire safety.

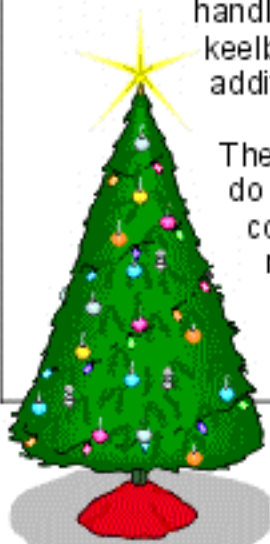


Seamanship Sail Course:

Course Content: Spars and rigging, sails and theory of sail action; sailboat handling; piloting and cruising under sail (day sailers and keelboats). Fire safety and sailboat racing are included as additional information.

The above courses are classed "elective", and therefore, you do not have to be a CPS member to take them. Cost of each course is \$50. for CPS members, and \$60. for non members.

Course dates and location to be announced. Contact Caven Ford at 752-4807 to register.



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Training Officer's Update

By Caven Ford

Another Boating season has drawn to a close. It sure was a different one, what with the lower than usual water levels. I hope everyone got to enjoy as much of the summer, on the water, as possible.

The Fall training session is nearing an end with the Boating students getting set to write their exam shortly. Looking forward to some new faces in the new year! We will be accepting applications to the Winter Boating Course as well as the Seamanship Power and the Seamanship Sail courses. These courses are open to the general public, so if you know someone who might be interested, please steer them my way and we'll get them signed up. We will be looking to offer the G.P.S. seminar a little later toward Spring as well. If you are interested, please let me know so I can put your name on the list. Again, too, we are always looking for names for a Boat PROFiciency course or exam challenge. The Boat PRO course and exam are designed to provide the Canadian Coast Guard requirements for the Pleasure Craft Operator Proficiency Card. If you are unsure of whether you need the card yet or not, please call and I can help clear it up. Eventually everyone will require one. The Boat Pro Textbook and exam would make an excellent stocking stuffer!

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and an Excellent New Year and I hope to see some of you on the bus to the Boat Show in Toronto!!

Caven Ford P
Squadron Training Officer ✪



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THIS WINTER

TAKE A BOATING COURSE

Registration for Winter courses
Saturday, January 8, 2000
11:00am to 2:00 pm

At Northgate Square

Or call
Caven Ford 752-4807
or George Graham 752-3201

Here is the advertisement that will be appearing in the Nugget promoting our next round of training.

We will be setting a registration tables for your convenience this year at Northgate Square. Both on Saturday January 8th, 2000. This is NOT just for the boating course, but for all courses that we offer. Once again, we are planning on offering the Seamanship Power and Seamanship Sail courses starting in January. We keep a running list of persons interested in taking the G.P.S. course. When we have enough, we run the course.

Also please enquire about the Boat Pro courses and testing for the Operator Proficiency Card. Once again, we keep a list of people interested and run the course when we have enough names.

The Boating Course Commences January 17, 2000

Twas the Night Before Christmas - A Sailor's Perspective

Twas the night before Christmas, I swung on the hook
With snowflakes a'landing, asleep with my book

When up on the deck I heard footsteps and stuff
"I've been boarded!" I thought, and I tried to be tough

Then down the companionway hatch came a dude
He was dressed like a nut and I thought, "I'm so screwed"

But he laughed and he hummed as he surveyed my junk
So I figured he must be the resident drunk

His eyes were lit up like a junkie on speed
But he gave me a whole bunch of stuff that I need

Like rum and cigars and new charts and a dinghy
And some kind of fancy electrical thingy

I knew it was stolen but I wasn't telling
I just hoped he was giving and wasn't just selling

And I poured him a grog which he downed with a wink
Then I poured one for me (Lord I needed a drink!)

Then he staggered above to the dark snowy night
As I peeked I beheld an incredible sight

Eight tiny dolphins and a beautiful sleigh
And the dude hopped aboard and prepared to make way

The dolphins were ready to power the sled
But the guy raised a genny and mains'l I instead

With a burp and a chuckle he gathered the breeze
And called to the dolphins, now swimming with ease

"Hey Stalker and FEMA and Cancer and Nixon!
Or Stinky and Pepper Spray, Mason, and Dixon!"

Or whatever your names are, you cute little fishes,
Here's to every last sailor, my best Christmas wishes!"

As he sailed away leaving a wobbly wake
I hoped he had not many stops left to make

He got close to shore and he soon was aground
But the dolphins proceeded to pull him around

And I heard him exclaim as he sailed out of sight
"Killer whales!! ...I'm just kidding, don't be so uptight!"
Author Unknown



Commanders Message:

By George Graham

Another boating season has ended and the boats have been stored for the coming winter. Now is the time to plan for next spring when we can once again cruise the local waters. Winter is a good time to brush up on our skills and possibly take some of the advanced courses. It is also the time to upgrade some of our equipment. If a list is made and left in an appropriate location, it may be found and some of your wish list may appear under the tree come Christmas morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish every member and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe during the holiday season and we will be together come spring for new boating season.

Commander George Graham P 🌟



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TORONTO BOAT SHOW

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THURSDAY JANUARY 28, 2000

Your Squadron Bridge has arranged for a day bus trip to the Toronto Boat Show on THURSDAY JANUARY 28, 2000. Cost based on numbers participating - around \$40.00 p.p.

We have committed to having a highway coach complete with washroom & videos, so trip will be comfortable for all. The bus will leave from Northgate, with pickup stops en route. Bus arrangements have to be finalized by JANUARY 18. We already have 19 confirmed, so DON'T DELAY !!!

Call Carol at 752 2223 to reserve your seat.

BUS LEAVES NORTHGATE SQUARE	7:45 A.M.
COFFEE BREAK GRAVENHURST	
ARRIVE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE	12:00
LEAVE BOAT SHOW	5:30 P.M.
DINNER SUNDIAL (ORILLIA)	6:30 P.M.
ARRIVE BACK AT NORTHGATE	10:30 P.M.



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