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Special points of interest:

- Crosschop gets a new (recycled) editor
- NBSS gets a new (recycled) Commander
- New boating laws. New boat size classifications
- PCOC Deadline approaches fast
- Summer BBQ, Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise, West Arm Cruise upcoming summer events
- Be one of the first to get a Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check

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I'm Back at the Keyboard Again

Greetings fellow North Bay Squadron members. After a 6 and a half year hiatus I'm back in the Officer's Position which I started in some 12 years ago: your newsletter editor. I'd like to start my term by thanking Caven for doing such a wonderful job over the past 6 and a half years keeping us informed and entertained. Putting out some 26 issues, stuffing and mailing, running around to get supplies and postage is no easy task, especially on top of all Caven's other duties as Squadron Secretary and District Secretary. So, Caven, a great big "Atta-boy", "Well Done", and "Thank You" from the bridge.

When I took over Crosschop editorial duties 12 years ago, the bridge gave me artistic license and I designed the layout of Crosschop that has stuck since....well, new term, new look. I hope you like it. I certainly welcome any feedback

and comments, good or bad. Actually, make that good or constructive.


This time the Bridge didn't give me artistic license, I'm just taking it. The new look will come as a big surprise to them as well.

I plan to keep publishing Crosschop 4 times yearly, March, June, September, and December. Another goal I have is to reduce the number of paper copies that are mailed out and reduce the cost of the publication. If you have an email address, PLEASE get it to us. You can log into the website and modify it yourself, or simply email it to me and I'll be glad to make the changes for you. I will generate high quality PDF's that you can download off the website for printing if you would like a paper copy to read on the throne, or on the boat, but please help us reduce our expenses and keep our dues as



Cover of the very first Crosschop I designed in April 2003

low as we possibly can. As always, this is YOUR publication. If you have anything to contribute, please pass it along and we'll share it.

Terry Lang—editor 

Change of Watch Ceremonies: a lot of fun

This year the Change of Watch ceremonies were combined with our Annual General Meeting (AGM) as we didn't have any graduates from the Boating Course. Ceremonies were held Sunday May 1, 2009 at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander. We had an excellent buffet meal, followed by our Squadron AGM. Immediately

following our AGM, we did the change of watch ceremonies where District Commander Terry Lang swore in the new Squadron Bridge, including our new Commander: Dave Byrnes. This is Dave's Second go at commander, also serving as Squadron Commander in 1996 and 1997. Dave has also served as District Secretary for a time

and we welcome Commander Dave back to the helm.

A special thank you to all the volunteers that organized the Social Event of the year, particularly Carol Gibson. Now past commander Doug Hay MC'd the evening making our 38th annual AGM and Change of Watch a delight.



NBPSS Voyage into Adventure



Chief Commanda II at Sail on Lake Nipissing

Once again on Thursday 13 August 2009, the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron shall set sail to boldly go where we've gone before. Bravely defying the Pirates of Lake Nipissing, we'll gather for an evening of good food and camaraderie on the Chief Commanda II. We'll meet at the Chief Office on King's Landing (Government Dock) at 1815L (or 6:15 PM if you prefer) to coordinate the gangway assault. Don't be left on the dock as we wave good bye.

Peg legs and eye patches optional.



“Peg legs and eye patches optional...”

Menu:

first course: sliced foccaccia and hummus
 appetizer: house salad with mango and toasted almonds
 entrée (choice of)*:
 panko-breaded pickeral with tartar sauce and baked beans

prosciutto-wrapped chicken supreme breast with aurora sauce

8oz certified angus striploin with a green peppercorn cream sauce

*(all entrees come with yukon gold mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables)

dessert: bread and butter pudding with rum butterscotch

Coffee or Tea

Cost to members and their guests will be \$50 per person

Please contact Mike Eedy at 494-9219 or mike_eedy@yahoo.ca by 10 Aug to confirm your attendance and make entree selections.

Remember - you can be there and join the fun or just have to hear all about it later and you will - you will ;-)



The west arm of Lake Nipissing. Contact Doug Hay to reserve your spot.

West Arm Cruise planned: July 11-12

We are tentatively planning a cruise to the West Arm of Lake Nipissing the weekend of July 11-12

No specific details have been worked out at this time however we would like to travel down to Monetville Saturday returning to anchor for dinner at Saenchiur Flechey Resort. They have a very nice dining room. Limited dockage and cabins may be available and the bay in front is reasonably well protected. The resort is located at approximately 46° 13' N 80° 17' W which is east of the bridge so sailers can get there as well. If you

can't get there by boat, consider driving out just for dinner.

An early Saturday rendezvous will be arranged to match up the sail group with the power boaters for the ride west of the bridge and on to Monetville.

On the Sunday we will plan on travelling back to North Bay via Iron Island and the Manitou Island beach.

Dinner reservations will be required at Saenchiur Flechey. Please contact Doug Hay for more details

as the date approaches and to confirm attendance for dinner. Their web site is <http://www.sf-nipissing.com/> Everyone is welcome. Get adventurous and see the lake we live beside.

Lake Nipissing Charts 6035, 6037 and 6038 are required to ensure safe navigation. Don't take a chance on hitting a shoal or worse, getting lost!

Doug Hay,
 Squadron Port Captain



Words from the Past Commander

It is my pleasure to now be able to write to you as Past Commander. This is my second time as a Past Commander, first for North Channel Squadron, and now for you here at the North Bay Squadron. It's truly an honour. Have confidence in your new Bridge and their ability to conduct squadron business on your behalf. Your Squadron is well managed and offers many boating and social activities in which you can participate.

Check the Squadron website for updates on the social events this season. The almost annual Bar-Be-Que at the Manitous, a cruise over to the West Arm, and the "not to be missed" Chief Commanda dinner cruise are all being planned. If you have an additional suggestion

for a Squadron sponsored event, contact a Bridge member and maybe we can make it happen.

Boating season is now underway. At the Yacht Club I understand the "launch" went well. North Bay Marina is starting to fill in as well. Are you ready? Is your safety gear in good condition and current? Check those flares! In my last message as Commander I borrowed a phrase from trawler manufacturer Kadey-Krogen; 'The only things you regret are the things you did not do'. So get out there and go boating. I cannot emphasize that enough. Boating at the dock just doesn't cut it. Even if the weather is less than ideal, challenge your seamanship skills, you may be pleasantly surprised that you can boat in waves.

Please promote the squadron in your day-to-day conversations and hopefully we can fill a Boating class this fall. Please contact our training officer or one of the Bridge members if you have questions or to pass along contact names of interested boaters. Please don't forget about some of the elective or advanced courses. All are very interesting and offer you the opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills.

Enjoy a safe boating season and promote safe boating. Cast me a salute from the waves. I'll be out there.

Doug Hay, AP
P/Cdr.



Immediate Past Commander of the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron: Doug Hay

PCCC now CPS-RVCC

CPS has taken the old Transport Canada PCCC program (Power Craft Courtesy Check) and given it new life under the CPS umbrella. We are now the only organization offering Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks. Why did CPS take this over? Well, it fits very well into our mandate and simply to raise the public awareness of boating safety issues and increase the level of pleasure craft operators following safe boating practices.

75 X 2 person teams will be formed out of the existing PCCC examiners, and Transport Canada stickers will still be issued to people passing the check. Checks will now only take about 15 minutes to complete. More examiners will be trained as needed.

In 2008, Transport Canada working with volunteers across Canada, processed approximately 3,500 PCCCs. It is CPS's goal to significantly increase the number with the CPS-RVCC program during the 2009 boating season.

CPS has the volunteers, and with the advent of the CPS-RVCC program, we now have some materials and financial assistance to make this happen.

If you are interested in having a courtesy check, please contact Terry Lang (705-497-3705) and we will help set you up. CPS volunteers have no authority to hand out fines of course, or any way to report people in violation of the mandatory equipment requirements. Our goal is to educate and possibly save you a fine out on the water when the OPP come knocking.



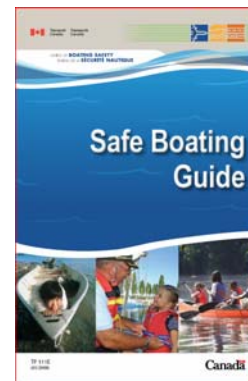
Changes to Boating Law

The new Transport Canada safe boating guide is out and available free from Transport Canada. In it you will find a few changes to the laws, the biggest being the size of boat classifications and what is required on board those size classes. The one affecting most boaters in this area is the change from 8 to 9 meters. The new class is boats between 6 meters and 9 meters (19'8" – 29'6") and then boats between 9m and 12m.

The Safe boating guide is available free in paper copy, and you can even download a PDF copy at this address: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/publications/EN/TP511/PDF/HR/TP511E.PDF>



The rules on the water have changed...do you know what you require on your boat?



The recently revised Canada Safe Boating Guide by Transport Canada

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Summer Fun with Your Squadron

Come join us for a Free Summer BBQ

When: Sunday July 26th 14:00-17:00

Where: The Beach on the Greater Manitou Island

Contact: Terry Lang (497-3705) or Caven Ford (752 3696) (or by email) to reserve your spot. Check website for final details and confirmation the day of, that it is a go. We have cancelled it for bad weather and windy conditions in the past, but will put up a notice on the site advising members, and will call if we can if we have to cancel. Please reserve so we can get the correct amount of food. When we have been able to have it, it has been a very fun event, so cross your fingers for good weather and bring your appetite. 



PCOC Cards, the Deadline Approaches


The DEADLINE of September 15th, 2009 is fast approaching. All boat operators must have a PCOC card by Sept 15th of this year. We have run several boat pro courses this spring, and are ramping up for what will surely be a busy fall. NBPSS tends not to hold courses in the summer



as most of our volunteers are out boating.

It is difficult to believe that it has been ten years since the regulations were introduced, and here we are in the final stretch. It is estimated that there are still 2+ million Canadians who require their cards despite the 10 year phase in plan where you could get your card at any time. No this isn't going away, and there are going to be a lot of folks that will hold out until the OPP starts laying fines, which they claim they will be doing. This isn't going to go away and peo-

ple are going to have to buckle down and get the card.

CPS promotes training and has done so throughout these 10 years. We do offer exam challenges and certainly encourage people to buy our books and self study, but actual class room training is our preferred method of education. Urge your family and friends to join us in a BoatPro course soon. Check our website for the current training schedule. 

Merit Marks and Maintenance Graduates—2009

The "reward" for performing a minimum of 20 hours of service to the Squadron in any manner is in the form of a Merit Mark. If someone achieves 20 Merit Marks, they become a Life Member. The following people received Merit Marks for work this past year and the numbers indicate the total Merit Marks they have earned. These Merit Marks were awarded at the Change of Watch ceremonies on Sunday May 1, 2009:

David Blahey 1
Greg Seaman 2
Sandra Hay 6
Rick Taylor 7
Doug Hay 8
Anne Taylor 9
Grant Churcher 11

Caven Ford 11
Bill Simkins 12
Michael Eedy 12
Terry Lang 12
Elizabeth Appleton 15
George Graham 15
Dave Byrnes 16
Maria Ermel 23*
Carol Gibson 26*
Don Whyte 26*
Ivan Gough 29*
* Life Member

Unfortunately, for the first time in 48 years, North Bay Power and Sail Squadron did not hold a boating course this year and thus have no graduates. We did run the Marine Maintenance Course where by 9 wrote and passed the exam. The course took place over 13 weeks this past winter and was taught by

mechanic Rick Taylor. As one of the attendees, I would strongly recommend this course to everyone that owns a boat. Passing the exam:
Rick Taylor
Ann Taylor
Dave Byrnes
Terry Lang
Kym Eedy
Mike Eedy
Doug Hay
Sandra Hay
David Blahey

Congratulations to everyone who passed the exam. If you are interested in an advanced course, contact a bridge member and if there is enough interest, we will try to run it. 