

CROSSCHOP

Official Newsletter of the NORTH BAY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

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New Look

Welcome to the new look for Crosschop! As your new editor, I will keep you up-to-date with all the latest information about NBPSS events, boating safety and interesting tips.

Your newsletter will be published four times a year in March, June, September and December. If you have any articles, tips, photos or information you want to share with other members, please send them to me for Crosschop! You can email me, Jill Faulkner, at nautical4life@gmail.com, or call me at 705-493-7131.

PCOC Course

Do you have friends or family that need their Pleasure Craft Operators Card? NBPSS is offering the PCOC course on Saturday, April 7 from 09:00 to 13:00, at 250 Clark Street in Powassan. The cost will be \$50 with a hardcopy of the book. Visit nbpps.on.ca to register, or contact any of the Bridge members.

District Meeting in Sudbury

Find out what is happening within our Canadian Power Squadrons at the District Meeting in Sudbury on Sunday, April 8, starting at 09:30. Cost for lunch is only \$5.

Volunteers Needed Urgently

Two vital positions on our local bridge are vacant - Executive Officer and Education Officer. We have limped along without them, with other doing extra work, but it is extremely difficult to run without them. Please consider doing something for your Club and volunteer your time in one of these positions. For more information, contact any of the Bridge members.



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APRIL 7

PCOC Course at 250 Clark St,
Powassan from 09:00-13:00 h.

APRIL 8

CPS District Meeting in Sudbury

MAY 10

NBPSS AGM at the North Bay
Yacht Club starting at 19:00 h.
For more info, go to page 2.

JUNE 3

The Change of Watch Dinner
will be on Sunday, June 3 at
Average Joe's. Cocktails at
17:00, dinner at 18:00.
RSVP Andrew Taylor at
ataylor.mecheng@gmail.com

JUNE 9

A joint District & Bracebridge
AGM and dinner cruise will be
held on Saturday, June 9 in
Gravenhurst. More details on
page 3.

NBPS Squadron AGM

Date: May 10

Time: 19:00 h

Place: North Bay Yacht Club, 305 Greenwood Rd,
Callander

Join us on Thursday, May 10 for the AGM for North Bay Power and Sail Squadron. We will supply snacks and an interesting speaker and there will be a cash bar. Dress is CPS casual. Come out and get in the boating mindset with fellow members!

Change of Watch Dinner

Date: June 3

Cocktails: 17:00 h

Dinner: 18:00 h

Place: Average Joe's, North Bay

You are invited to the premier event of the year - our Change of Watch Ceremony. It will be held at Average Joe's restaurant, 3501 Trout Lake Road, North Bay.

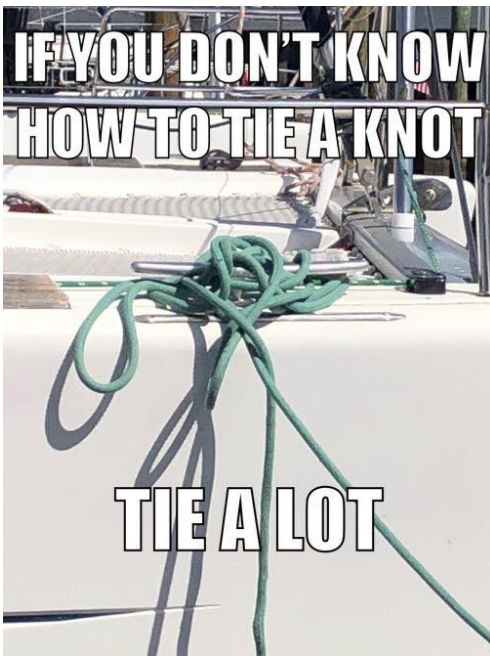
Please **RSVP by May 20**, to Andrew Taylor, at
ataylor.mecheng@gmail.com

Share Your Love of Boating!

Community Living Ontario has asked if any members of NBPSS would like to meet with a student who is interested in boats and everything mechanical. He is 19 years old with intellectual disabilities.

You can help expand his horizons with a boat ride and have him meet people with the same interests.

If you are interested in setting up a meeting with him and his Coordinator, you can contact Meghan Davis, the Community Living Ontario Coordinator at 705-358-1124 or mdavis@communitylivingontario.ca. Or you can contact me, Jill Faulkner, at 705-474-6472 or nautical4life@gmail.com.



Wind Probability Website

If you love to dissect weather forecasts, this website is for you! [This website](#) depicts "the probability of 10-meter winds above ground reaching or exceeding a certain threshold." It is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) site with tons of data, predictions and information.

http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/prob_guidance.php?model=naefs&basin=atl&cycle=00&plot=15&loop=0

Tools to Have Onboard

With spring on it's way (we hope), our thoughts turn to boating. Here is a [great article](#) from Canadian Yachting on the tools you may need onboard. Think ahead so that you can be prepared for the season! [http://](#)

www.canadianyachting.ca/diy/maintenance/4385-what-tools-and-supplies-should-i-keep-onboard

Bracebridge P&SS 60th Anniversary

Date: Saturday, June 9

AGM: 13:00-17:00 h

**Place: Discovery Centre,
185 Cherokee Lane, Gravenhurst**

Dinner Cruise: 18:00-21:30 h

Place: Aboard a Muskoka Steamship

Cost for dinner: \$70/person

Join this celebration with Bracebridge P&SS on Saturday, June 9 at a joint AGM with the District. It will be held in the Discovery Centre, 185 Cherokee Lane, Gravenhurst. Time will be provided to view the antique boats and artifacts.

A dinner cruise will follow aboard one of the Muskoka Steamships. Special Diets can be requested. Normally, this Dinner Cruise would be \$110; however, with the generous support of the District and the Bracebridge P&SS Bridge, it will be no more than **\$70 per person**.

You MUST RSVP by April 29 to your Squadron Commander, Christine Brown, at ChristineBrown@tlccnet.com.

If you wish to stay overnight, suggested hotels include:

- Quality Inn (Riverside Inn) 300 Eccelstone Dr, Bracebridge
- Howard Johnson Hotel, 1465 Muskoka Rd S, Gravenhurst
- For other options, check online at Trivago Hotels

Safety Advisory

A recent death in the Clipper Around the World Race was attributed to the failure of a safety harness tether.

To read about the accident in detail, visit the Marine Accident Investigation Branch Safety Bulletin at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a535cfe40f0b648c72358ff/SB1_2018.pdf

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Emergencies on board

Prepare to handle common boating problems



Nearly all boating accidents are caused by human error and are preventable, but we often ignore or fail to recognize the warning signs. The best way to handle a boating emergency is to prevent it.

Alcohol is the most dominant contributing element in boating accidents and fatalities. To reduce your risk, it's not enough to have a "designated driver" at the helm. Every person on board needs to be able to react unimpaired. Alcohol, even in small amounts, makes you unsteady, slows responses and adds to the potential for seasickness.

Have a diagram or know where important items are stowed on your boat to reduce the time it takes to access emergency equipment when needed. It will also help passengers and crew avoid excessive movement through congested areas and passageways at this critical time.

Life jacket wear by children under age 13 is mandated by U.S. Coast Guard rules. It's important for adults to wear life jackets when conditions warrant, but it's even better to wear an inflatable life jacket at all times when away from the dock—even if you are a strong swimmer—and always at night.

Harnesses increase protection against going overboard. Use a tether to attach your harness to a jackline. Clip it on whenever you are unsteady or need both hands to perform a task like hoisting sails or setting an anchor.

To prevent falling, wear shoes with non-skid soles. Use grab rails when you feel unsteady. Use lifelines or crawl on deck.

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If you have any stories, photos, or other ideas, please contact the editor, Jill Faulkner at 705-493-7131 or nautical4life@gmail.com.

We are online at nbpss.on.ca

Emergencies (con't)

Keep decks and passageways uncluttered. Secure items to prevent sudden movement.

An uncontrolled flying boom can cause serious or fatal injuries. Even in light air, a preventer (a line running from the boom forward to a block and back to the cockpit) will secure the boom and prevent any unexpected movement.

Being dry is critical to being warm. Even in moderate temperatures, being wet can lead to hypothermia, and slight hypothermia leads to slow thinking and loss of agility. Wear good quality foul-weather gear with layers of fleece underneath as soon as spray starts to fly or rain begins to fall.

Encourage everyone on board to be safety-minded and look out for the others. Staying safe is everyone's responsibility.

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