

Flare Day is On Again!!

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron bridge is pleased to inform you that in association with the North Bay Yacht Club, we will be holding a Flare Demonstration and Spaghetti Supper on October 24, 2003 at 1800. This should be an opportunity to safely dispose of those old flares. We hope to demonstrate the correct method of discharging flares and if possible, everyone will get an opportunity to give one a try. Bring your expired

flares or come as you are and make use of some that we'll have there.

Flare demonstration will be at 1800 at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander and the supper and cash bar will begin at approximately 1900 in the clubhouse. This has turned out to be a popular activity in past years, so why not come out and enjoy some fireworks and a good meal. Cost for dinner is \$6.00 per person.

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North Bay has 5 Life Members

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Each year a CPSS member performs a minimum of 20 hours service to the squadron, they receive a merit mark. At the May 4 Graduation / Change of Watch Dinner, Carol Gibson and Don Whyte each received their twentieth merit mark, qualifying them as CPS Life Members. North Bay Squadron has the distinction of now having 5 Life Members, and the 3 current ones - John Size, Dave Carmichael and Ivan Gough were present to welcome Carol and Don into this elite group. Regrettably, shortly after this photo was taken, Mr. Carmichael passed away.

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Commander's Message

Terry Lang AP

Greetings Squadron Members. Fall is here and the boats go away. Hopefully everyone had many chances to get out on the water this summer and create some wonderful personal memories (and hopefully not too many bad ones). As thanksgiving passes and turkey sandwich season comes and goes, we should give thanks for all we have and appreciate living here in Northern Ontario. Our boats were safe in their harbors while hurricane Juan blew through, unlike some of our friends in Nova Scotia. Our houses were safe from the fires, unlike our friends in BC. Like I said, we have a lot to be thankful for. Unfortunately, there is a price to pay for living in such a wonderful place, that is putting up with Mosquitoes, putting up with black flies, and of course, a somewhat SHORT boating season (small price to pay I guess). Launch is only 7 months away and counting.

Our squadron has had busy year. Attendance has been somewhat poor at a couple of our summer events and consequently, they had to be cancelled. We will keep trying to get more involvement from you, the membership! One of my objectives this year is to get more involvement from the membership at our events, so expect to be hounded a bit. Come out and see what you've been missing. We really are a fun group and we don't bite. Flare day is sure to be a blast (pun intended), plan on coming out to the Yacht Club to see a demonstration and use up your old expired flares (more information in this newsletter). If you've never fired off a flare, the time to try and figure it out is NOT standing knee deep in water. After the flares have been fired, stick around for the spaghetti dinner to follow.

We are currently gearing up for our training season. Pass the word about the upcoming courses (boating, weather, and seamanship sail). For not much more than what our competitors are charging, we can offer the entire "Safe Boating Course" and deliver quality training to boaters. Also, we have a couple of evening courses planned for PCOC training. Keep checking the web site at www.nbps.on.ca for details of upcoming events and training. I've heard that we already have 5 students signed up for basic boating, and at least 6 for weather.

On a final note, even though it's fall and the boats are coming out, take a few hours for that final cruise and see the fall colour, then take some time and properly put your boat away. Do those little repairs that you have been putting up with all summer because in the spring you will forget.

Have a safe fall,

Terry Lang AP

Overheard in Passing

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Mayday

Meaning: A distress signal

Origin: "Mayday" - the international radio distress signal - has nothing to do with the first of May. It represents the pronunciation of the French *m'aider*, 'help me,' or the latter part of the phrase *venez m'aider*, 'come help me'" (From *Word Mysteries and Histories*, by the editors of The American Heritage Dictionaries)

Past Commander Passes Away

Ivan Gough, AP
Squadron Historian

David E. Carmichael passed away on June 16, 2003 at the age of eighty-two. Dave was Commander of the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron 1982 - 1984. Dave joined the Squadron in 1968 and was the Squadron Training Officer from 1971-1974. He received his Instructors Certificate in 1971.

In 1981 he was the Squadron's Executive Officer serving under Cdr. John Rooke. In 1985 as Squadron Cdr. I asked Dave to become Squadron Historian. After much correspondence with past and long time members of the Squadron, he was able to gather enough data to begin the Historical Diary. At that time we were still part of the Georgian Trent District. In 1990 we became part of the Voyageur District, and Dave continued as Historian until 1993.

Dave received his Life Membership in 1991. He continued to attend most of the graduation exercises and District functions with his wife Jean. Unfortunately, with cane in hand, this year would be the last time they would attend our May graduation exercises, as Jean passed away approximately 45 days after Dave on July 28, 2003.

Dave and Jean will both be sadly missed by their family and Squadron members.

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Nautical Humor

Missing the Boat?

Here are a few tips for those of you (sailors mostly) who are feeling nostalgic about those great times at sea...

Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Six hours after you go to sleep, have your spouse whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and mumble "Sorry, wrong rack".

Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of your bathtub and move the shower head down to chest level. When you take showers, make sure you shut off the water while soaping up.

Every time there's a thunderstorm, go sit in a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you're nauseated.

Put machine oil in your humidifier instead of water and set it to "High".

Don't watch TV except movies in the middle of the night. Also, have your family vote on which movie to watch, then show a different one.

Leave the lawnmower running in your living room six hours a day for proper noise level.

Have the paperboy give you a haircut.

Once a week blow compressed air up through your chimney, making sure the wind carries the soot across and onto your neighbor's house. Laugh at him when he curses you.

Buy a rubbish compactor and only use it once a week. Store up garbage in the other side of your bathtub.

Wake up every night at midnight and have a peanut butter and jam sandwich on stale bread, if anything. (Optional: Canned spaghetti or cold soup).

Make up your family menu a week ahead of time without looking in your food cabinets or refrigerator.

Set your alarm clock to go off at random times during the night. When it goes off, jump out of bed and get dressed as fast as you can, then run out into your yard and break out the garden hose.

Once a month take every major appliance completely apart and then put them back together.

Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot and allow it to sit for 5 or 6 hours before drinking.

Invite at least 85 people you don't really like to come and visit for a couple of months.

Nautical Humor

Have a fluorescent lamp installed on the bottom of your coffee table and lie under it to read books.

Raise the thresholds and lower the top sills on your front and back doors so that you either trip over the threshold or hit your head on the sill every time you pass through one of them.

Lockwire the lug nuts on your car.

When making cakes, prop up one side of the pan while it is baking. Then spread icing really thick on one side to level off the top.

Every so often, throw your cat into the swimming pool, shout "Man overboard, ship recovery!", run into the kitchen and sweep all the pots/pans/dishes off of the counter onto the floor, then yell at your spouse for not having the place "stowed for sea".

Put on the headphones from your stereo (don't plug them in). Go and stand in front of your stove. Say (to nobody in particular) "Stove manned and ready". Stand there for 3 or 4 hours. Say (once again to nobody in particular) "Stove secured". Roll up the headphone cord and put them away.

Training Department Notes

Another training season is upon us. We are offering a Basic Boating course starting Monday October 21. There are still positions available so if you know someone who might be interested, just have them show up at the Yacht Club in Callander for registration. Cost is \$100.00. Other courses we are offering would include Seamanship Sail - taught by Pat Onions and commencing Tuesday Jan 6. 7 p.m. at Yacht Club. Cost \$50 for CPS members, \$60. for non members. We are offering the VHF Course as need dictates. Currently accepting names for another course likely in February. Fundamentals of Weather; this new introductory weather course is designed for the coastal and Great Lakes mariner. Course starting in January 2004.

Call the Power and Sail Squadron hotline at 499-2599 and leave a message if you are interested in any of these courses.

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