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Boating Course Registration Happening NOW



Whether you are interested in powerboats, sailing vessels or kayaks, this course is for you! The Boating Course provides in depth boat operation and safety training. As well, you will experience the challenge of plotting and navigation.

Successful completion of the accredited midterm exam will allow you to receive your Pleasure Craft Opera-

tor Card (PCOC). By passing the final Boating Course exam you will join Canada's largest association of recreational boating enthusiasts with the benefits of a full CPS membership.

Registration is now underway for the North Bay Squadron Fall/Winter Boating course. Please Call George Graham (705) 724-5579 or email: grahamgeorgea@gmail.com to reserve your spot in this class. Take a boating course this winter.

If you are receiving this newsletter, you have already taken the boating course as it's the basis for membership in CPS. How about passing along the information to a

friend or relative that may benefit from our bread and butter class. Please pass this along to anyone you think will benefit from our Basic Boating Course, help us grow our organization and help us keep our waterways safer.

Courses will begin the first Monday after Thanksgiving and held at Chippewa High School starting at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$200 and only \$125 for each additional family member (shared manual). Lets make this the best course ever so we can make next year the safest season ever and graduates can participate in our 50th anniversary celebrations.

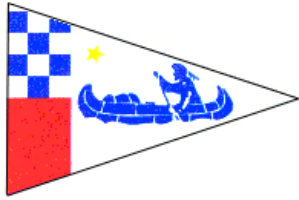


Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise Another Success



On August 12, 2010, we hosted a dinner cruise aboard the Chief Commanda. The event was very well attended and a good time was had by all. The meal was excellent as always, and this event has become one of the highlights of the year. Thanks to all the organizers who made this such a successful event. If you missed out, you should plan to attend next year's cruise. They have become an annual tradition of the squadron.

North Bay Squadron 50th Anniversary Party/District AGM



**Happy 50th
North Bay
Power and Sail
Squadron**

In case you haven't heard, your squadron is turning 50. Preparations are well underway planning our 50 anniversary party. The official date is May 27, 28, and 29th, 2011, and although that may seem like a long way off, it will be here before we know it.

We are combining our anniversary party with our annual Change of Watch/Graduation, and hosting the Voyageur District AGM at the same time. We are going to mix in a few other events and surprises to make the weekend memorable for all. We are trying to nail down a venue now, and although we don't have many plans finalized yet, what we have decided will produce a fun weekend.

If you know of someone that was thinking of taking our Boating Course, this would be an excellent year to graduate. We are going to be doing a big push to try to get a big grad class and do this celebration up right.

We will be looking for ideas, and as the event draws closer, more volunteers to help with the event itself. Anyone interested in helping, please contact any current bridge member.

Even if you have never been to a squadron function, this is the one you don't want to miss. Mark your calendars now, and watch here and the website for more information.



Bus Trip to Toronto Boat Show

We are planning a trip to the Toronto International Boat Show again this year. The show runs from January 8-16, 2011 at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto. We are planning on making the journey on Thursday January 13th, 2011. As usual, the bus will leave North Bay and make several stops along Hwy 11. We will attend the show all day and will be stopping for dinner on the way home. Details will follow on the website as they become available along with the

costs. We run this trip on a break even basis so cost will reflect the discounts etc that we can secure.

To reserve your spot, please contact Mike Eedy at 494-9219, or meedy@sympatico.ca to reserve your spot, or for the most current details.



How to Winterize your Boat



Winterizing your boat is the single most important maintenance duty that you will have to perform as a boat owner. If it is done correctly, very little work will be required to get the boat ready for the water in the spring. Proper winterization greatly extends the life of the boat and its engine by protecting its components from freezing, corrosion and lying idle for long periods.

The first step in the winterization process is to ensure that the boat's fuel tank is full - leave just a little room for expansion - and add fuel stabilizer in accordance with the instructions on the product. If the fuel tank isn't full you run the risk of condensation forming within the tank which can lead to corrosion and clogging.

Turn off fuel valves and seal through-hull exhaust ports with duct tape. Replace the water separator and the fuel filter.

Protecting Your Engine

Run the engine for a while to warm it up and change the oil while it's warm. This allows many of the impurities in the oil to be drained away. Change the oil filters. If your engine uses coolant drain the current fluid from the engine block and manifolds and replace it with a propylene glycol based antifreeze.

When a boat is not being used, oil tends to settle at the bottom of the engine block, exposing the pistons and valves to air, humidity and other corrosive materials. To avoid this situation remove the spark plugs and spray "fogging oil" inside the carburetor and into each cylinder.



Its coming!

Get ready!

Replace the spark plugs without reconnecting the wires. Replace the engine's old gear oil with fresh oil. Dispose of any used oil at an authorized recycling center.

Outboards

Flush outboard engines with fresh water. Allow all water to drain from the engine and wash down the engine with soap and water. Disconnect the fuel hose and run the engine until it stops. It is important to ensure that all fuel is drained from the carburetor. Use fogging oil in the cylinders. Apply water resistant grease to propeller shaft and threads, and lightly lubricate the exterior of the engine or polish with a quality wax. Change the gear oil in the lower unit.

If your boat will be stored out of the water during the off season, disconnect the battery and store it at home. Boats left in the water should have the battery left in place on board and functioning so the bilge pump will continue to function if required. If you are removing the battery from the boat, ensure it is fully charged before stowing it away. Recharge every 30-60 days or keep on a trickle charger during the storage period and check the water level from time to time.

It is also sensible to remove any valuable marine electronics from the boat for the winter, and to store this equipment in a safe place to avoid theft and possible damage caused by temperature changes and humidity. The winterization process also offers an opportunity to inspect items like lines, flotation devices, flares, fire extinguishers, etc., for wear and tear and possible replacement.

Propeller

This is also a good time to check your boat's propeller and hub. Bent or nicked propeller blades will diminish performance. The hub may also have sustained extensive wear. If this type of damage is apparent, replace the propeller and make any necessary repairs during the winterizing process.

Clean, Clean, Clean

Clean the boat thoroughly inside and out. If you store your boat with dirt, scum, barnacles and the like on the exterior, these impurities will be even harder to remove in the spring. After the exterior of the boat has been cleaned, apply a quality polish to the exte-

rior surfaces to create a protective barrier against dirt and dust. Clean the interior, including all timber, vinyl and carpet.

To help keep your boat free from mildew, you may wish to install a dehumidifier or use a moisture absorber. Turn any cushions up on edge so that air can circulate around them, or better yet, remove them from the boat.

Drain and clean the bilges. (If your boat will be stored out of the water remove all drain plugs and put them in a place where they'll be easy to find when relaunching your boat in the spring.) Spray the bilges with moisture displacing lubricant and add a little antifreeze.

Empty The Head

Pump out the holding tank at an approved facility. While pumping, add fresh water to the bowl and flush several times. Use an approved cleaner for your type of system, and let the solution sit for a few minutes before adding more fresh water and pumping it out again. Add antifreeze and pump the coolant through the hoses, holding tank, Y-valve, macerator and discharge hose. Check your owner's manual to be sure that an alcohol based antifreeze won't damage your system.

Water Tanks

Drain the fresh water tank and any hot water heater. Isolate the hot water heater by disconnecting the in and out lines and connecting them together. Pump non-toxic antifreeze through the system by turning on all the taps / shower until the antifreeze starts coming out. Add non-toxic antifreeze to the water heater.

Put it on Blocks

If you own a trailer boat, consider putting the boat and trailer up on blocks for winter to take the pressure off the tires. Inspect the trailer and tires for wear and tear. Grease the wheel bearings and replace if necessary.

If at all possible, store your boat undercover. If you need to leave it outdoors you'll require a boat cover. A good quality 8- to 10-ounce canvas boat cover should be adequate for most situations. Even undercover the boat should be covered to protect against dust and dirt, pests and bird droppings. For extreme conditions you could consider shrink-wrapping the boat. Do-it-yourself kits are available.

Chris Miley is the owner of Marine Diesel Secrets where you will find information to assist you in maintaining your own marine diesel engine and The Pontoon Boat Site where you will find additional information on winterizing your marine engine.



Come Join Us at our Christmas Social.
Pizza and Beer at the North Bay Yacht Club.
Thursday December at 7:30 PM

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