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Important Message from your North Bay Power & Sail Squadron

We are asking that all members please forward their email addresses as it is the most efficient and economical way for the squadron to reach its members. Cost of postage is once again increasing and mailing information is impractical especially for short notice events such as boat cruises that are weather dependant. The squadron wants the members to receive more for their membership fee than the "Crosschop" and a boating magazine.

The financial support for producing and distributing our newsletter "CrossChop" from a very generous corporate sponsor was recently withdrawn due to their need to respect current economic conditions.

We are very appreciative of all the help and support this local company has given our squadron.

To help reduce the costs of producing and mailing physical copies of "CrossChop" we are asking members who have access to the internet to send us their email address so we are able to send out an electronic versions of the quarterly issues.

You can give your email address to Suzanne at slafontaine3@cogeco.ca, any of the bridge members and they will make sure that your address is recorded ...or you can go to

<http://www.nbpss.on.ca/ContactUs.aspx>

and fill in your email address along with any comments you would like to make and then send.

Thank you.





New Year Message from the Commander



Happy New Year!

Time to say good bye to the past accomplishments and memories of 2013, and to say hello to the new opportunities, resolutions, and dreams of 2014.

Some of those opportunities might be found at the Toronto Boat Show which is on from January 11 to 19th. I hope you are able to attend.

Or perhaps you are like me and resolve to improve your boating skills by taking a CPS boating course. I am looking forward to our squadron line up of courses which begin shortly starting with the "Weather" course lead by Terry Lang, along with a "Marine Maintenance" course conducted by Rick Taylor...there will also be a VHF radio course a little later in the year. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, please do not hesitate to contact any of the bridge members...they will get you any information you require. I also wanted to let you know that the new Boating Essentials course has a great bunch of students this year and it was a real pleasure meeting many of them at the Squadron Christmas social back in early December.

Finally, during these especially cold days, I will dream and plan of the wonderful boating adventures and joyful experiences to come in the not too distant future...maybe dream of a new boat as well...hmmm Toronto Boat Show in January...coincidence I think not.

May this New Year bring you immense joy, good health, and may you reach new heights of success. Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

David Blahey

Commander: North Bay Power and Sail Squadron.



North Bay Power and Sail Squadron Annual Christmas Social:

Members took time out of their busy Christmas schedules to socialize and celebrate on Thursday December 5th at 7 pm at the North Bay Yacht Club in Callander.

Everyone enjoyed the pizza and beverages and back by popular demand was the Marine Trivial Pursuit game, with the students giving the veteran boaters a run for their money! The evening was enjoyed by all.

TRAINING:

Fundamentals of weather is planned for March 18

Marine VHF Radio is planed for February 25

If people are interested or better, refer a friend, please contact Doug Hay via squadron website or 705-752-3670



NOAA announces end of traditional paper charts

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, which creates and maintains the nation's suite of over a thousand nautical charts of U.S. coastal waters, announced Oct. 22, 2013 major changes ahead for mariners and others who use nautical charts. Starting April 13, 2014 the federal government will no longer print traditional lithographic (paper) nautical charts, but will continue to provide other forms of nautical charts, including print on demand charts and versions for electronic charting systems.

See additional information at:

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2013/20131022_nauticalcharts.html

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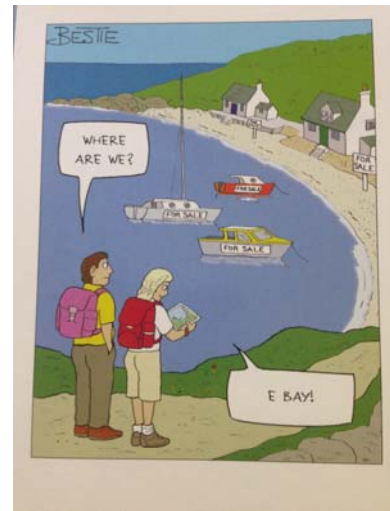
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A little boating humour to hold you till the spring.....



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"I'd love to sell you this boat...however, I doubt the bank will allow you to finance it for 3,000 months."



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"It's come to my attention that one of you got behind on your work because of looking at boats on the Internet."



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"Tell him our 'real' boat is in the shop."



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"I think we'd have more fun if we invested in a real boat."



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."

