



### Fall Message from the Commander

Welcome back to shore duty everyone. Our summer was not the greatest for being on the water but it was better than not being on the water. I'm sure everyone is in the process of winterizing and battening down for the hard water months. I like to do my maintenance in the fall, then when the water softens again all is ready to go.

District Commander Elizabeth Appleton, has been keeping me busy with emails bringing us up to date on District matters. Keep them coming Elizabeth, it is gratifying to know that one of our own is doing a fine job at District level. District Secretary Christine Brown, another of our own is also an active representative of NBPSS.

Our training staff under T.O. Doug Hay, are prepping for another season of new students and hopefully new courses for interested members. If you can drum up any students please contact Doug.

On Saturday, 13 Sep 14, George Graham and I had the honour of attending a dedication ceremony, conducted by the North Bay Softball Association, in Honour of our own "Dave Byrnes". Fortunately for us, due to the heavy rain, it was moved into the Board Room of the Palangio Arena. Both guest speakers, Police Chief Cook and Mayor McDonald used the well known phrase "Larger than Life" when referring to Dave. They obviously knew him as we did. Dignitaries were piped in by the North Bay Legion Pipe Band, which Dave was a member, and a Police Honour Guard and Colour Party were in attendance along with Daves family and many friends. It was an appropriate and well deserved tribute to our own Dave Byrnes.

I am looking forward to the improving my skills, or lack of, as Squadron Commander and encourage all members to participate when you can in any of our events or training courses. The more volunteers the less strain on everyone. And I know from experience that what you put into an organization is returned many times over. All the best to you in the next year and I look forward to getting together with you over the winter and making plans for next season.

Respectfully,  
R.L.Shortt, Commander, (Capt.Ron)



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## Summer Cruises

There was quite a turn out for the **South River day cruise!** The weather, cruise mates and conditions favourable.

Trevor shared his log notes and the following excerpt seems to sum up the day, cruise, NBPSS members and advantages of belonging to the club...

“Our crew is doing well with every mark found at the correct time interval and Roy busy with the binoculars and hand compass doing some LOP’s and dead reckoning, we all agree taking the



courses and learning the art of navigation well worth the effort. Roy has been around the area for quite a few years and has gained a lot of local knowledge, something that will prove to be a big asset later today. 46°12.5’N 79°35.0’W achieved the course turns to 225.5° with the water more at peace and a wooded shoreline to observe not much to do but listen to the drone of the Westerbeke and enjoy the sunny day. At 27 minutes after our last course change to 149.5° our

objective EA1 is sighted. There is another boat at this location, it’s the one that we sighted earlier, we did the Great White thing and circled their boat, with some old fashioned hailing or yelling as we used to call it, it was determined that yes the boat was indeed Steve and Darlene come to join the trip up the South River, but no Doug and crew. We do need to get over this not using the radio thing. Our arrival was just 6 minutes ahead of calculated time. That is what it’s about, navigating, being at the right place at the right time, well done Gail and Roy, Doug’s time and effort in the classroom bears fruit.”

The many pictures, a few included above, will be great keepsakes for all those who attended!



The **Sturgeon Falls day cruise** on Saturday August 23 had a small contingent but we braved the cooler, grey conditions and had a pleasant trip.

For this boater it was the first experience being in the new Sturgeon Falls marina and Twiggs restaurant. It was very impressive and such a wonderful spot to rest, eat and prepare for the journey back. As always Doug maneuvered us through the challenging weather and lake conditions without a hitch! Thanks Doug and Sandra for a relaxing day exploring the lake! and river!



## **Training Opportunities Fall-Winter-Spring 2014-2015**

The North Bay Power and Sail Squadron will be offering **Boating Essentials** ( Navigation and vessel handling ). This is the first course of the series and entitles successful students to become full members of CPS. Please promote your squadron by word-of-mouth to those who may benefit by taking the course. We need a minimum of five students to make the course worthwhile. For more information on course content contact Doug Hay

### **Seminars, Electives and Advanced Courses:**

There has been interest expressed for holding the Junior Navigator course, the first level of Celestial navigation for offshore boating. If you are interested please contact Doug Hay as soon as possible. We are also looking for those who have this course (or similar) already to help facilitate (not instruct unless there is a willingness to do so). Membership in CPS is not required to attend.

Other advanced courses that are available pending sufficient class size: Seamanship (Piloting) and Advanced Piloting.

Last spring there was insufficient interest to hold Marine Maintenance, however the squadron is willing to offer this informative course should sufficient interest be expressed. There may also be an opportunity to partner with the Blue Sky Sailing Club on an introductory diesel maintenance course (details to be determined)

There are a host of other courses and seminars, please contact any of the Squadron Bridge members for more info.

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## **“Lynda O'Shea's Retirement”**

At our October meeting Lynda notified us that it would be the last one she will be at as she is retiring from her position with the NBYC.

Lynda has provided us with good humour, cookies and excellent bar service for many years. We want to thank Lynda for everything and wish her many happy boating days in retirement!!

At the meeting Commander Shortt presented Lynda with a small token of our appreciation!!



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**YES IT'S ALMOST THAT  
TIME AGAIN???**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN  
NIGHT OF  
BOATING STORIES,  
GAMES, FOOD, DRINK AND  
COMRADERY !**

**NBPSS ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**THURSDAY DEC. 4, 2014  
7:00pm**

**CALENDAR YACHT CLUB  
PLEASE RSVP**

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Please Include how many  
attending in the email.**



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PICTURES, ARTICLES,  
JOKES AND  
INFORMATION SO WE  
CAN INCLUDE IT IN OUR  
NEXT ISSUE OF THE  
CROSSCHOP DUE IN  
DECEMBER. HAVE A  
SAFE SUMMER OF  
BOATING!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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