

### Special points of interest:

- We offer safe boating courses all year.
- Christmas Social Thursday December 3, 2015
- Chief Commanda Dinner Cruise didn't happen this year.
- Lake Nipissing water level very low this fall
- Be Safe!!

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## Fall message from Commander

As your new Commander, I would like to extend the squadron's greetings and wishes for another great year. The long awaited boating season is over and it is now time to winterize your boat until next year.

We have a few social events planned this year. For starters, our annual Christmas social will be on December 3 at 7pm. Please try to join in future events; it will provide an opportunity to renew past acquaintances and to socialize with other members of your squadron.



I would also like to welcome our recent graduates to the North Bay Power and Sail Squadron. Our Education Officer, Doug Hay, always ensures we have excellent courses. If you know any new boater, please encourage them to take a course.

Remember to be safe and courteous on the water as well as on land. Hope you had a safe boating season and hope to see you and many CPS flags on the water.

**Anne Taylor AP**  
**Commander, NBPSS**

Annual Christmas Social—Thursday December 3rd, 2015

*At the North Bay Yacht Club*



**Come join us at our Annual Christmas Social  
Thursday December 3rd, 2015  
at 7.00 p.m. at the North Bay Yacht Club**

**No Reservation required**

No admission fee

Cash Bar.

Special presentation by Doug and Sandra Hay.

Topic: Adventures in boat shopping

*Pizza and Snacks  
provided!*

*Cash Bar  
supporting  
the Yacht  
club*



# What happened to the summer?:

Well, summer is over and most of use have our boats put away for their long winter nap.

Your squadron was busy planning events this past summer, but unfortunately many of our summer activities didn't happen this year for a variety of reasons.



First off, the Annual Chief Commanda dinner cruise fell short of the minimum people to run it. Thank Mike for organizing it anyway, and we will try again next year.

Sadly, Our newsletter editor Shayna Hall had to step away for personal reasons and we haven't been able to get a news letter out since the spring. We are looking for a volunteer to help with the newsletter. If interested, please contact any bridge member. Thanks Terry for stepping up and taking over temporarily.



Summer rendezvous and cruises. Doug organized a couple of cruises (up the south river, etc) but due to schedule conflicts and some bad weather and health issues, they never happened. Again, we will try next summer.

Stay tuned for details and upcoming events. Hopefully we have a bit better luck next summer.





# Boat Maintenance Course



CPS Boat and Engine Maintenance course

Taught by Rick Taylor Feb-June, 2015

You will want to sign up for this one next time we run the class!!!!

Our Winter 2015 Engine and Boat maintenance course started mid February at Chippewa High School, and ended in June in Rick's Garage. The exam was written at Rick and Anne's kitchen table, which seems to be a

make it a one of a kind—NBPSS original course.

Rick took the time to research and show the class YouTube video of how all the parts went together, he'd then explain the concept with the book, then demon-



bearings with new grease, he stepped thru the key troubleshooting techniques. ie. Did the engine sputter then quit? Or did it just die? One means a gas issue, the other electrical Rick explained

Rick dedicated his time and energy relentlessly making this a truly unique experience for the students. One they won't forget.



bit of a tradition.

Rick's garage is a boys play land, according to one of the students! Complete with overhead hoist! Rick even took apart a small outboard engine for the class and showed them how to fix a fuel pump. This isn't in the course content, but Rick adds his own experience and flare to the course to

strate it.

From showing the class sparks from the igniter, doing a 'hands on' packing



# REACHING OUT WITH OUR CPS-ECP TEACHING

## Background Info

Our greatest strength as a boating organization is that we have a variety of quality courses to offer taught by our excellent instructors in the classroom. Some squadrons are doing very well continuing to deliver this way. This is wonderful and we hope to always do it this way!

## Educational Dept Development

To enhance our classroom instruction we have developed an Outreach Education Program to help reach out to even more people. I am currently the Chair of this committee.

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## Why Have We Done This?

We have used many sources of information.

- Sales of course materials have decreased

- Our membership numbers are declining

- We conducted a survey of our members – they told us they would like to take more elective courses, which are approximately 7 or 8 weeks long, but we're not offering them in their locality

- We conducted a survey of potential customers not already members – we found that they are interested in taking courses, some would like them to be short courses, some would like the courses to be available online

- We read the book *End of Membership As Know It*, by Sarah Sladek, and others – here we found that if we wish to draw new, younger members (generations X, Y and the Millenials) into CPS-ECP we must look at the new environment that they, and we, are living/working in. These are our children and our grandchildren!

- Due to sophisticated communication ability the "9 to 5 working day at the office" is rapidly changing. Cell phone communication is immediately at hand, everywhere – morning, noon and night. Different obligations are expected of them "being at work". Regularly scheduled classes in a specific location become extremely difficult for the student to commit to.

We must become proactive in responding to our new environment we find ourselves living in.

## What are our options?

- Use professional people to prepare our courses, self-directed lessons online, e.g. PCOC

- This is very expensive – for a one-hour session it takes 120 to 140 hours of professional preparation – cost would be \$12 000 to \$14 000

- This would not be using our cadre of excellent volunteer instructors available in our squadrons

- Put our courses in eBook format and sell them through a distributor, like Amazon

- Amazon receives 30% of the price charged

- eBooks are sold cheaper than hard copies – high volume of sales are not expected for special interest courses

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Change is in the air! A note about the changing world of boating training

Prepare our courses to be a combination of instructor-directed and self-directed lessons

Currently we are piloting this type of delivery with OntarioLearns.ca, through St Lawrence College – here one instructor prepares the lessons and assignments and provides regular feedback to the student re his/her assignments

This requires one or two instructors giving very regular feedback – great demand for one or two volunteer instructors for two or three month period of course length

This would not be using our cadre of excellent volunteer instructors available in our squadrons

Purchase software program(s) that allow our many excellent instructors from our squadrons/districts who are willing to teach our courses online

Four instructors from the Rideau District worked this spring to prepare and offer our Seamanship Course online using GTT. Their course began in May using the three types of learning – lessons online once a week, recordings of lessons that they felt could be self-directed learning, and voluntary weekly mentorship sessions. Since this was a district initiative the mentorship sessions occurred with different squadron personnel across the district.

**\*\*\* From these studies the Outreach Committee has concluded that Option iv) is our best answer in order to respond to the challenge of our new environment and capitalize on the strength of our squadrons.**

## Our plan

CPS-ECP has purchased three online teaching programs – Citrix GoToMeeting (GTM), GoToWebinar (GTW), and GoToTraining (GTT). These are to be used by squadrons and districts across Canada to discover and practise teaching online using a ‘blended learning’ approach as outlined in Option iv) above. This entails teaching some of our lessons that would normally be taught in a classroom, but they would be delivering online. Other of our lessons in the course would be recorded (using our software program to do this). These lessons would be made available for students to view in their own time. Face-to-face sessions would also be included. Students would be invited to work with a mentor from his/her squadron area to practise hands-on concepts, e.g. knot tying, plotting, taking sights, etc. Using this technique our students would have the advantage of taking our courses when they have more available time, and in fact, from anywhere in the world as they require.

## Implementation

To get started teaching with this methodology:

Gather together 1 or 2 instructors from your squadron and/or district who are willing to try

Find a person who would be willing to act as the tech administrator (This person does not have to be an instructor but should be willing to learn how to work with the presentations for the instructors.)

Notify me with this ‘team’ information – [reidcar@rogers.com](mailto:reidcar@rogers.com)

I will set up GTMs to teach the team members how to implement the software

The sessions will be very informal – their purpose is to help the instructors become more confident with this type of lesson

Once confidence has been gained a member of the Outreach Ed Committee will work with the instructors to set up and practise their lessons

A committee member will assist the instructors with their presentations until they’re ready to launch out on their own!

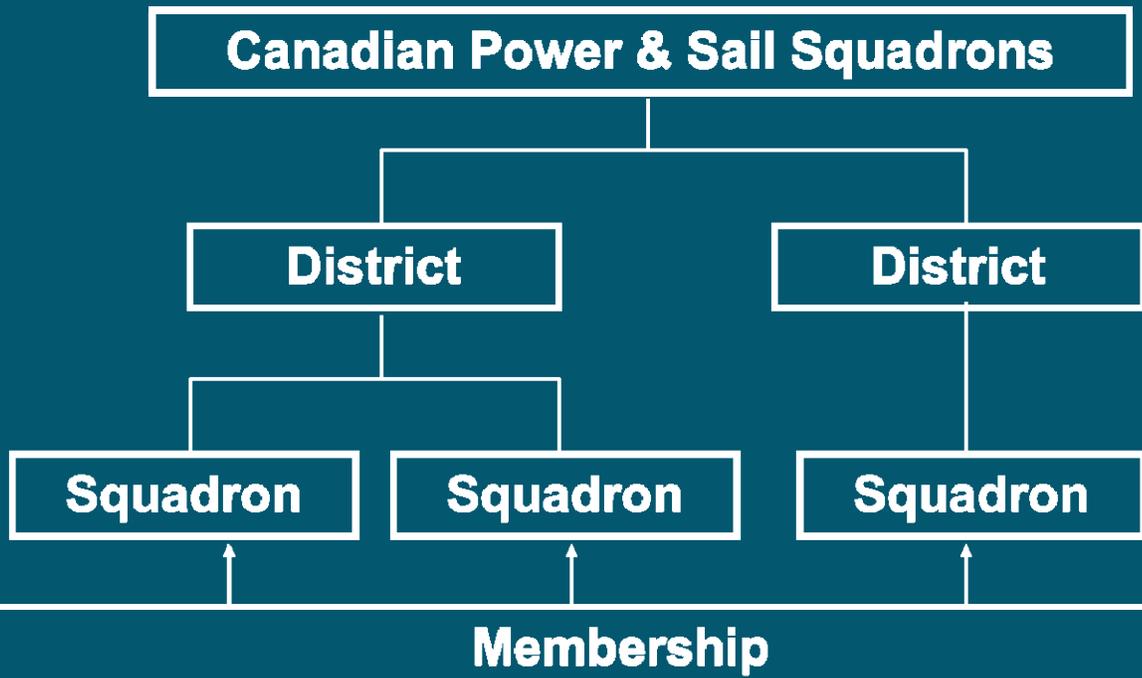
I would appreciate it very much if this information is spread out across the squadrons and districts. Members of the Outreach Ed Committee are very willing to work with you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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Chair of the Outreach Education Committee

June 21, 2015

## CPS Organization



## Organizational Overview

- 32,000 members
- 175 Squadrons
- 17 Districts
- The 17 Districts plus the 'National District' constitute the National organization

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## EVENTS CALENDAR



### 03 December

Christmas Social at Yacht Club (7:00pm)

### 07 January

NBPSS Bridge meeting 7:30 at Yacht Club

### 9-17 January

Toronto International Boat Show

### 31 January

Voyageur District Teleconference

### January, 2016

Boating course begins???

### 04 February

NBPSS Bridge meeting 7:30 at Yacht Club

### 3 April

Voyageur District Meeting in Sudbury

- COMMANDER  
Anne Taylor
- EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Vacant
- TRAINING OFFICER  
Doug Hay AP
- SECRETARY  
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- AUDIT REVIEW  
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- NEWSLETTER  
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