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# Bluenose

**Spring 2022 Edition**

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Canadian Power & Sail (CPS-ECP) Bluenose Squadron serves all of western Nova Scotia. However, students can take a course with any squadron and then join Bluenose Squadron when desired.

**You are encouraged to share our newsletters with anyone that has an interest in boating!**

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## What's the News?



1. Our Squadron's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is now scheduled for Thursday evening, May 5th. With the recent surge in covid, the meeting will be on-line again this year. Members, students and guests are welcome. You will receive an announcement and link to join our ZOOM meeting via email later this month. Meeting starts at 7 PM.

2. Following the few business items of our AGM, we will be treated to a special presentation by our Executive Officer & Past Commander, Dan White. As Nova Scotians, we have a true gem of a cruising destination right next door in Newfoundland. Stay online to join us for a closer look at the south coast of Newfoundland, as Dan White provides us with a narrative photo tour summarizing his 2016 visit to that area aboard a CS 36. After watching this presentation, you will surely want to add it to your *destination bucket list!*

3. In this issue:

- shoreline cleanup groups in Nova Scotia,
- recycling lubricants, filters, anti-freeze, containers,
- water-sport hand signals,
- a Halifax Boaters Guide,
- how to have a safe and enjoyable boating season and
- reviving our Membership Roster.

4. Online/Virtual Classrooms ARE Available. Face-to-face classes ARE again allowed. For individuals, online courses are the most workable option. Please go to [www.boatingcourses.ca](http://www.boatingcourses.ca) for the current course offerings.

5. Free to Past Students\*

\*Free Course Audit Seats are available in limited numbers to Bluenose Power and Sail Squadron members who have taken the course. Reserve your seat by communicating with the "Course Contact", identified in the Course Calendar. Why not "Brush Up?"

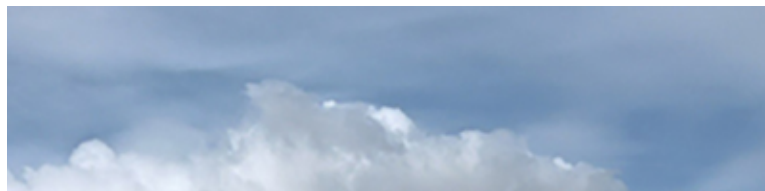
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## [Course Calendar](#)

Some Atlantic District Squadron courses are winding down by this date. Others, such as the PCOC and Marine Radio courses, are always available online and/or via home study. For the latest courses planned and available please go to the [Course Calendar](#).

**This Just In:**

[New Online Course: Weather for Boaters](#)





Winds, waves, fog, lightning, hail, tornadoes .... hurricanes! The wise boater respects and anticipates mother nature's many moods. Beyond "red sky in the morning", this course provides boaters with the tools to find and accurately interpret weather reports and forecasts, and to develop keen judgments in "reading" the sky and sea for optimum boating safety in and around Canadian waters. Newly developed for adult learners, this course will measure learning success not by closed-book, memory-work exams, but by practical, open-book applications of learned concepts to actual boating situations.

Course material is available online 24/7. This is a cohort-based format with a specific start and end date. You will take this course with a specific group of fellow students. There will be an online meeting one evening per week to answer questions that students may have.

For more information please contact our Education Officer, Bob Rutherford at email: [seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org](mailto:seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org) or telephone 902-440-0312.

## Safe Boating Awareness Week May 21 - 27, 2022

**Wear Your Lifejacket or PFD - Always!**



*“Yes, Mom, boating safety is important,  
however, a giant floaty is a little  
embarrassing.”*



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**Here, again, is the current list of CPS-ECP courses  
that are offered at various times of the year:**

Required certification courses:

Maritime Radio (Restricted Operator's Certificate [Maritime])  
Boating 1 - Boating Basics (Pleasure Craft Operator Card known as 'PCOC')

Boating Series Courses:

Boating 2 - Beyond Boating Basics  
Boating 3 - Introduction to Marine Navigation  
Boating 4 - Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 1  
Boating 5 - Near Shore Marine Navigation Level 2  
Boating 6 - Offshore Marine Navigation Level 1  
Boating 7 - Offshore Marine Navigation Level 2

Elective Courses:

Electronic Marine Navigation  
Radar for Boaters  
Boat and Engine Maintenance  
Extended Cruising (Living on a Boat)  
Sailing  
Weather for Boaters

The more knowledge you have, the more enjoyable boating becomes.

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# How do our Online Courses Work?

**Blended or Combined Learning Courses:** Online via Moodle: Students access their courses online via a program called Moodle (note: Moodle is described as the world's free learning platform that helps you create effective online teaching and learning experiences in a collaborative, private environment). Several squadrons may blend or combine resources such as instructors and tutors to offer such courses. Maritime Radio Courses are also offered as home-study if desired. Of course, the PCOC can be done as home-study online as well.

Delivery Details:

- 1) Instructional videos available online (24/7).
- 2) Instructor-lead online sessions (Weekly - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Atlantic Time).
- 3) Personal online tutor sessions by an instructor from a local Squadron.

Additional student material (charts, etc.) are sent via Canada Post to students from the National Office.

**Virtual Classroom Courses:** Course material is sent via Canada Post to students. Meetings are via video app.

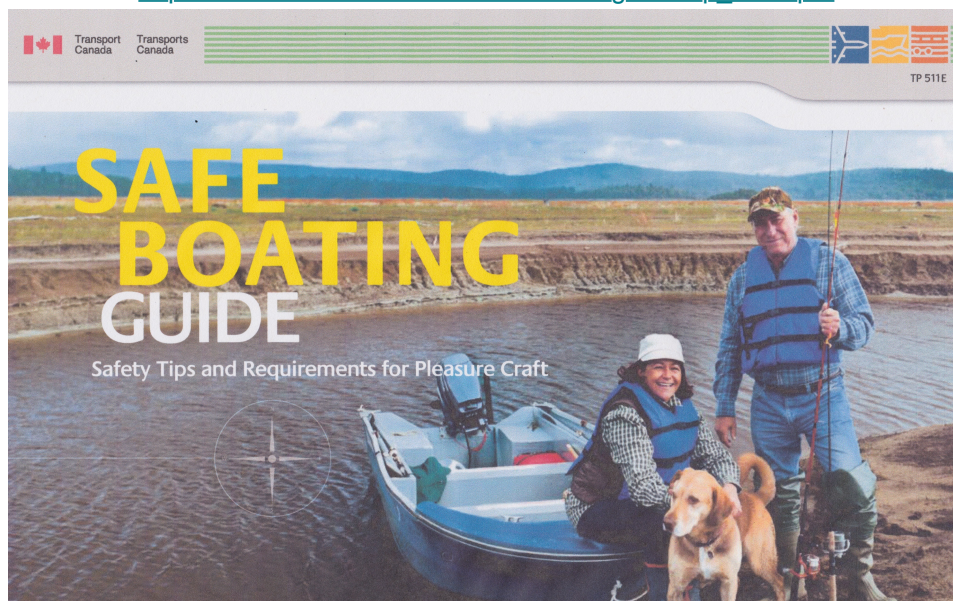
**Home-Study Courses:** The student receives the course material via Canada Post and can proceed at his/her own pace.

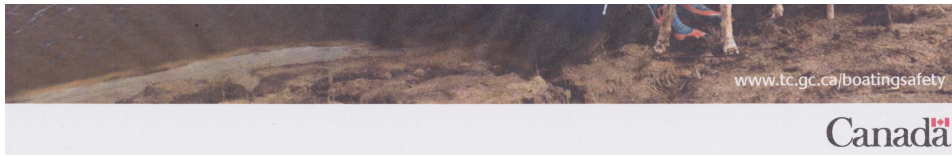
In the case of the Maritime Radio Course, in order to receive the required 'license' (credit-card size), a student will need to successfully complete an online exam that would be scheduled at an appropriate time.

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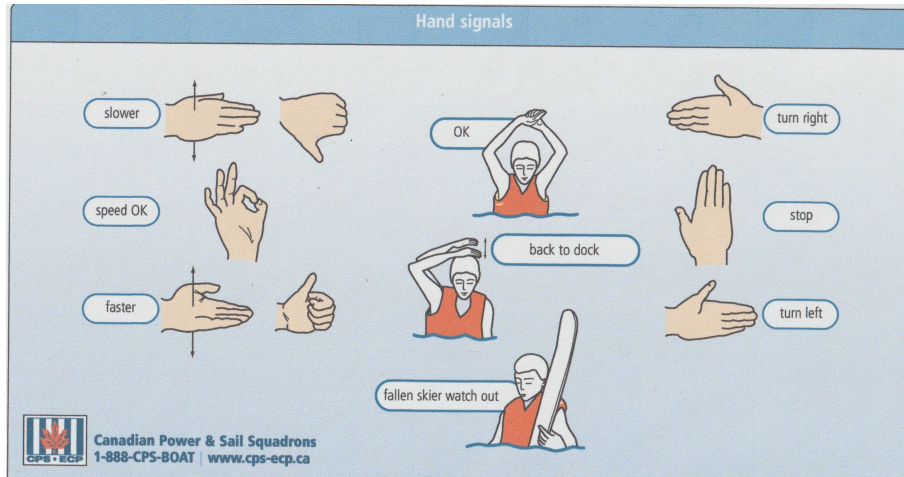
## Canada's Safe Boating Guide:

[https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp\\_511e.pdf](https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp_511e.pdf)



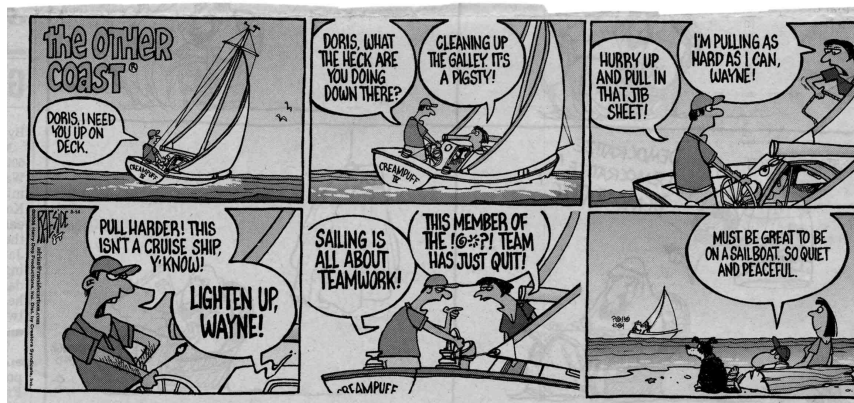


## Water Sports Hand Signals



Please pass this newsletter along to anyone who might have need of this important knowledge!

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## Halifax Boaters' Guide

Here is a link to a very colourful and useful 2021 guide for recreational boaters in Halifax Harbour (including Bedford and the Northwest Arm). Published by *Develop Nova Scotia*.

[Halifax Harbour Guide](#)



## Reviving our Member Roster

*Hello Fellow Bluenose Members*

*Welcome to Spring 2022*

We are 61 members in the Bluenose Squadron. We all share a passion for our vessels and adore our time on the water. I know you take note of other vessels and often wonder her details. Your Bluenose executive team has, in the past, compiled a list of members' vessels and shared that with interested Bluenose members. We are thinking that it would be fun to revive this idea and again share details of our vessels with each other. Therefore, for those interested, I am proposing to again compile our vessel details and share them our fellow Bluenose members.

If you prefer not to share any of your vessel details, then simply let me know in a brief e-message.

If you would like to share and be part of this notion, please e-mail the following details about your vessel to me @ [jamesivormcmillan@gmail.com](mailto:jamesivormcmillan@gmail.com):

- Your Name
- Boat Name
- Power, sail, row, paddle, etc.
- Home Port (or close to where she resides during 'the season')
- Type
- Length
- Hull colour
- MMSI number

Also, to make this even more enjoyable (and convenient), please attach a picture of your vessel to your submission. I will compile all this information and share with your fellow Bluenose members. Thank you for being part of Bluenose.

BTW: I have included a picture of my wee vessel above.

Best,  
--Jim McMillan  
Squadron Membership Officer  
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## Commander's Corner

I have been thinking a lot lately about the social aspect of our Bluenose Squadron. Yes, in person contact has been as good as nil for two years. However, I'm not just thinking about the barriers that have arisen from COVID.

I'm thinking about how, over the years, what we actually want from our boating community may have evolved. Some of us have returned home after years of adventure. Some are taking courses and dreaming of delights to come. We are a group of young and young at heart with blood in our veins that is of a bluish hue (or maybe grey on a dull day).

My point is that I want to know what you would like to participate in. Do you want in person learning opportunities? Land based social gatherings? To explore MICA islands with other CPS-ECP members?

Please tell me what you would like to have available.  
Please tell me what you would like to help organize.

Either or both will be welcome.

Thanks for reading our Bluenose Newsletter.

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As Bluenose Members, what can we do to help the Squadron to function?  
We can each recommend CPS-ECP Bluenose courses  
to any new boaters that we encounter!  
Forwarding this newsletter to them is a start.





## Quiz Time

After studying this picture, answer the three questions that follow.



1. What kind of buoy is this?
2. If you are approaching from the South, on what side should you leave it?
3. What speed (approx.) does the current likely exceed?

The correct answer can be found at the end of this newsletter. Look for this ship's wheel:

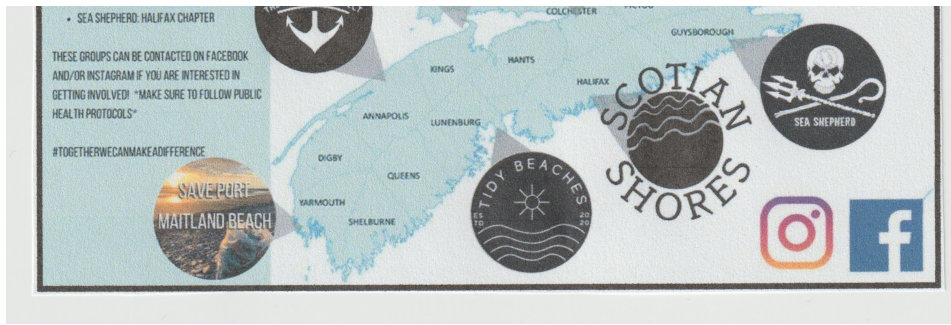


## Shoreline Cleanup Groups

**SHORELINE CLEAN UP \*GROUPS\* IN NOVA SCOTIA**  
LAST UPDATED: MAY 27TH 2021

- GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP
- CAPE BRETON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION
- SCOTIAN SHORES
- TIDY BEACHES
- SAVE PORT MAITLAND BEACH
- CLEAN UP PROJECT
- FRIENDS OF THE SCOTS BAY SALT MARSH

The graphic also features a map of Nova Scotia with several logos placed over different regions: 'Friends of the Scots Bay Salt Marsh' (Cumberland), 'GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK-ME-UP' (Pictou), 'CAPE BRETON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION' (Cape Breton), and 'CLEAN UP PROJECT' (Richmond). Other regions labeled on the map include Antigonish and Richmond.



The following link shows Shoreline Debris Collection Data for the last 3 years in Nova Scotia.

- [Shore line debris collection data](#) is tallied via a standardize [Data Tally Card](#).

The plastic pollution problem in all our oceans has caught the attention on several well known sailing Vbloggers / influencers and created the **In Mocean Recycling Fleet** and we encourage you to [check out their videos](#) on Youtube starting with their [short 5 min intro video](#).



### [Atlantic Used Oil Management Association \(AUOMA, NS\)](#)

This is **interesting... and useful recycling information**. Just put in your postal code to find the places near you. Hint: there are many of them! [Click here for more](#).

## Have an enjoyable boating season!



5 Things You Can Do To Have a Safe and Enjoyable Boating Season	Required Equipment				
	Canoes, Kayaks, Row Boats	Personal Water Craft (PWCs)	Powered up to 6 meters in length	Powered over 6 up to 9 meters in length	Powered over 9 meters in length
<p><b>1. Wear your Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or lifejacket.</b> Regulations require that you carry a properly fitting PFD or lifejacket that is Canadian approved and in good condition for every person on board. They only work when you wear them and usually by the time you need them it is too late to even find them and then struggle to put them on. In over 80% of boating related drowning people were not wearing their PFD.</p> <p><b>2. Don't Drink and Boat!</b> Now you could lose your driver's license. Over 40% of all boating fatalities involve alcohol.</p> <p><b>3. Everyone who operates a powered recreational vessel requires proof of operator competency.</b> Don't get caught without it. Get proper training, take a course and get your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC).</p> <p><b>4. Don't boat in poor weather.</b> Water conditions can...</p>	One Canadian approved PFD or Lifejacket for every person on board	✓	✓	✓	✓
	At least 15 meters of buoyant heaving line	✓	✓	✓	✓
	A manual propelling device or anchor with at least 15 meters of line		✓	✓	✓
	A watertight flashlight (don't forget the batteries) or 3 approved flares of type A, B or C		✓	✓	✓
	Plus 6 approved flares of type A,B or C				✓
	A sound signalling device	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Navigation lights if operated at night or periods of poor visibility	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Magnetic compass unless operating in sight of navigation marks			✓	✓
	Bailer or manual water pump with sufficient hose to reach overboard	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Escape if person is wearing their PFD		✓		

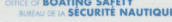

change very quickly, especially on large shallow lakes like Rice Lake and Lake Simcoe. Check weather reports before you leave shore and return to shore as soon as good conditions begin to change.

5. Get a Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC) and ensure that you have the proper safety equipment on board, it is accessible and it is in good operating condition.

Exempt if everyone is wearing their PFD				
One class 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with an inboard engine, fixed fuel tank or fuel burning appliance		✓	✓	✓
Exempt if everyone is wearing their PFD		✓		
Plus one 5BC fire extinguisher if there is a fuel burning appliance				✓
Reboarding device if climbing distance is over 0.5 meters				✓

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Above is our Bluenose Squadron burgee! Looks great, doesn't it?! If you want one please contact Financial Officer, Dan White. He has a few left in stock. The price is currently \$30 which is a tiny bit more than they cost to produce. When we order a new batch the price may have to rise as necessary to cover Squadron cost.

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## Next Newsletters?

The next Bluenose Squadron Newsletters being planned for October 2022 (Fall), December 2022 (Seasons Greetings), February 2023 (Winter) and April 2023 (Spring).

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The correct answers to our quiz this time:

1. **West** Cardinal Buoy (see page 75 of the Safe Boating Guide)
2. Leave it on our **Starboard** side (safe water is West of a West Cardinal Buoy)
3. Three knots (a 1 to 2 knot current wouldn't cause this much heel).

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