



LOOKOUT

The Newsletter of the Calgary Power and Sail Squadron

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Commander's Column

Greetings, fellow cruisers!

Fall is here, and amid the great autumn colors we had this year, we are into our off-season training and social activities. This summer, I had the chance to do some cruising on one of the canals of France; this whilst I was on a month long thousand kilometer bicycle tour of Germany, France, and Luxembourg.

The prime mission of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, to be Canada's classroom education provider for recreational boating, is certainly being accomplished in the Calgary Squadron. Calgary's TO had all his ducks in a row last spring before the summer boating season commenced.

Training Officer Steve has been doing an exemplary job with assembling the courses. The whole season's schedule is already in place. Be sure to see his full fall and winter calendar-style schedule, available for download in PDF format on the CPS Calgary Squadron's web site. Steve is the envy of the WCID.

Students may register for all Calgary courses on the National CPS web site. It is so automated that you can even pay in full with your credit card and receive your confirmation by e-mail! So much easier for pupils; they can sign up for everything from the convenience of their home! And, at any time, the TO can get an up to date list of the class muster list. The Boating course is now held at Rosscarrock School, in the SW, just west of Westbrook shopping centre, where free parking is available just outside the door. Other courses continue to be at the Gemini office downtown.

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We've gone GREEN...

Welcome to the October issue of the **LOOKOUT**—our first newsletter that is fully distributed via email and fax.

We are pleased to announce a real time and cost savings to the Squadron from no longer reproducing, preparing, labeling and snail-mailing the newsletter.



Thanks to everyone who has gotten on board and supplied us with their email address this month!

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Commander's Column - continued

The modern CPS Training Officer has much more to master than just setting up the schedule and then find volunteer instructors. Nowadays, the TO needs to learn the web based admin system. A short learning curve; followed by many time saving benefits.

Don't forget to register for the Instructional Techniques training session in November. Be a CPS Instructor and actualize your dream of sharing your boating experience with new mates coming into the cruising world. Yes, you can do this on the course registration page on the CPS National's web site. There is no cost to take the CPS IT course. This will be team taught by (former Calgarian) Doug Stewart, WCID Commander, now of Vernon, and our very own Lawrence Head. The venue will be downtown.

More new instructional DVD's are on the way. Our Assistant Training Officer, Dan Zdrlek, is expanding the library of loaner videos, available free of charge to members.

Open positions on the Bridge include the 'Social Officer' (organizes the monthly socials and the annual banquet, in a committee style modus operandus) and a second 'Officer at Large' (a chance to ease into Bridge activities without having a formal 'role'). Please let Commander Peter know if you are interested in joining the Bridge. This is a great opportunity to get to know many more people in the recreational boating world.

In other news, we will be continuing with the 'Reaping of the Rewards' program, where we have a committee-driven initiative to acquire assets that benefits the members. Last year the Bridge added many training aids to the inventory such as computers, a digital projector, rescue aids, GPS, electronic charting, VHF/DSC radios, and the like. We are truly a well equipped training source for recreational boaters!

Don't miss the October social where Kaye James will present '2008 Flotilla Memories'. Socials are still at Mewata Armory, centrally located downtown. See you there. :-D

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Mission Statement

To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.

The Bridge meets once a month, September through May, currently at an office board room downtown, and a fine dinner is served. After the May meeting, we boat our brains out all summer.

Members interested in joining the Bridge should contact the Commander, Peter LaGrandeur at lagrandeur@techworld.ca or (403) 969-7411.





Ahoy! From the Classroom

The fall Boating Course has gotten off to a very strong start with 24 students taking the course. However, the Advanced Piloting and VHF courses planned for October have been cancelled due to low registration levels. Marine Maintenance, with 9 students currently registered, will start on Oct. 22 as scheduled.

Looking ahead at November, the PCOC courses scheduled for November 15 and 29 both have strong registration levels and will proceed as scheduled. Also, the Instructor Development Course (IDC) and Officer Training Course originally planned for September are now rescheduled for the weekend of November 22 & 23. The training calendar and registration website have been updated to reflect these new dates. Again, if **you're interested in teaching a course this year** please consider attending The Instructor Development Course, and remember, there is no cost for this course.

As some of you may know, SAIT periodically offers a Marine Diesel Engine Maintenance course (ENGN-115). While the course scheduled to start on Nov. 5 is already full, SAIT is planning to run another course later in November if there is enough interest.

With enough interest, SAIT is also planning on offering a 12-volt electrical system maintenance course. So if either of these two courses interests you, please give SAIT a call. Other courses coming up on the horizon are Seamanship and Extended Cruising. The new Seamanship replaces Piloting as the next course after Boating and is a course based on safe vessel management. The course includes traditional and GPS navigation and covers medical emergencies, dealing with hypothermia, man overboard situations, fire prevention, assisting a vessel in distress, towing in any sea condition and rudder emergencies, among many other topics. Extended Cruising covers passage planning, passage making, oceanography & weather, adverse conditions.



It's not too early to register if you're interested in either of these courses. That's it for this month.

*Fair winds,
Steve*



Best Photo Winner
Category:
SCENERY

by John Forsyth
"Santispac Sunrise"

Advertising

Quarter shares available in a 1994 Hunter 35.5' Legend,

new 28 hp Yanmar diesel, dinghy with 5 HP outboard, bbq, all safety gear, heater, fridge and freezer combo, 3 house and 1 engine battery, holding tank, etc. The boat has been well maintained. Each quarter share is \$23,000 with expenses of 25% of the annual moorage, insurance and maintenance expenses billed to each investor \$600.00 quarterly. Sailing performance is very good in this deep keel boat.

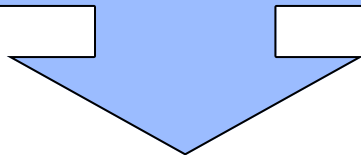
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Download This!

The LOOKOUT is now archived on the Calgary CPS website and appears in the ACTIVITIES link on the web page.

Past issues of the LOOKOUT can be downloaded in PDF format from October, 2006. The LOOKOUT is provided by e-mail, in color to CPS members.



A BOOK AWARD
will be drawn from
those sending
their new contact
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Upcoming Courses

Check out our website for course information and for the
NEW ON-LINE Registration at www.cpscalgary.com

Course Name	Dates	Times	Locations	Cost
PCOC/BOATPRO in Calgary	Sat. Nov.29/08 or March 14/09 or May 9/09	Calgary 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$60.00* Calgary
PCOC/BOATPRO in Strathmore	Strathmore Nov. 15/08	Strathmore 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Strathmore: Strath- more High School, 100 Brent Blvd.	\$65.00 Strathmore
Marine Maintenance	Wednesdays Oct. 22 to Dec. 10/08	7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$120.00 Member \$140.00 Non-member
Instructor Development	November 22 and 23/08	9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	No charge to CPS members
CPS Officer Training	November 23/08	1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	No charge to CPS members
Weather	Feb. 23 to Apr. 13/09	7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$100.00 Member \$130.00 Non-member
Radio Operator Certificate (Marine) VHF with DSC endorsement	2 Tuesdays choice of Dec. 2 & 9/08 Feb.10&17/09, or Apr.14&21/09	7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$65.00 Member \$75.00 Non-member
Seamanship (Prerequisite: Basic Boating)	January 7 to March 25/09	7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$185.00 Member
Radar for Pleasure Craft	Saturdays February 21 to March 7/09	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$100.00 Member \$120.00 Non-member
Depth Sounder	February 7 Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$35.00 Member \$45.00 Non-member

* Includes one year associate membership in CPS on successful completion of exam.



Upcoming Courses - continued

2008 - 2009				
Course Name	Dates	Times	Locations	Cost
Extended Cruising	Thursdays January 15 to April 2/09	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$120.00 Member \$140.00 Non-member
Basic Boating & Safe Navigation	Thursdays January 8 to April 9/09	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Roscarrock School 1406- 40th St. S.W. Calgary	\$275.00 member**, Additional family member \$225.00***
GPS/Navigating with GPS	Saturdays March 21 to April 4/09	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$100.00 Member \$120.00 Non-member
Electronic Charting	Saturdays April 18 to May 2/09	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Gemini Corporation 400, 839 - 5 Ave. SW	\$100.00 Member \$120.00 Non-member

** Includes one year Full membership in CPS on successful completion of exam.
Includes all course materials book, chart, plotter, CD, divider kit.

*** Additional family member rate is sharing course materials and plotter.

Courses are offered when sufficient students are enrolled.

Contact Steve Dubec at 240-9327 or email boatinged@cpscalgary.com to register.



Best Photo Winner
Category:
PEOPLE

by John Forsyth
"The Good Life"



CPS Monthly Socials

September 2008 - May 2009

CPS Calgary hosts a social event on the 4th Tuesday of most months. CPS members, their partners, guests and the general public are invited to meet and mingle then listen to a presentation on a boating-related topic.

Socials are held at Mewata Armoury, second floor Sergeant's Mess, located at the corner of 9th Avenue SW (Bow Trail) and 11th Street SW. There is a pay parking lot at the corner or limited free parking on the north side of the building.

Doors open at 7:30, formal presentation begins at 8:00 PM.



Date	Time	Topic
October 28	7:30 - 10:00 pm	2008 Flotilla Memories with Kaye James
November 25	7:30 - 10:00 pm	TC Receiver of Wrecks Information Session - Speaker TBA
January 27	7:30 - 10:00 pm	TBA
February 24	7:30 - 10:00 pm	Barge & Yacht Cruising Europe Canals with Peter LaGrandeur
March 24	7:30 - 10:00 pm	TBA
April 28	6:00 - 10:30 pm	Annual General Meeting, Spring Banquet & Silent Auction

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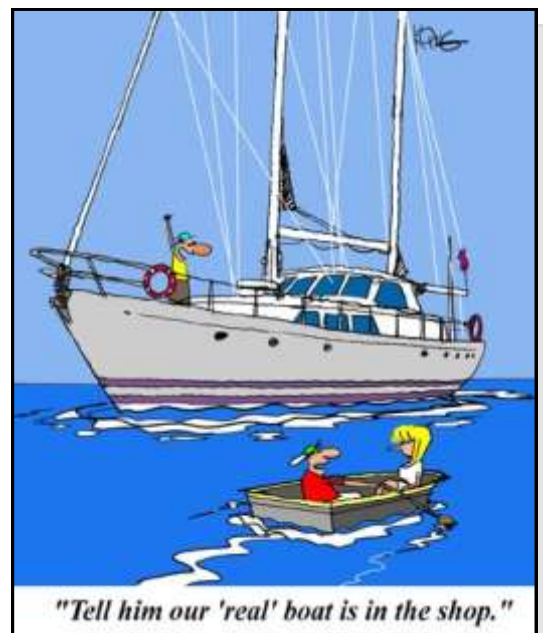
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Your email address will be kept confidential; for use by the Squadron only.

We look forward to your ideas, stories and photos in upcoming issues as well!

Send us your favorite pics or tips and see your name in print!





Who We Are

The **Calgary Squadron** of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons is part of a nationwide non-profit organization emphasizing boating education and safety, power and sail navigation and offering accredited boating courses.



Since 1938, the volunteer trainers of Canada's largest association of boating enthusiasts have offered safe boating courses across Canada. Successful completion of the qualifying examinations for Boat Pro and the Boating Course lead to full or associate membership. Basic courses in Calgary are currently offered in conjunction with Chinoook Learning Services.

Information regarding basic and advanced courses can be obtained by contacting the Squadron Training Officer by email at: boatinged@cpscalgary.com.

The squadron hosts a social event on the 4th Tuesday of most months, featuring a guest speaker. Special events are planned throughout the year.

Check the website activities and announcements section for updates.

www.cpscalgary.com

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Calgary Power & Sail Squadron Training Schedule 2008 / 2009



September							October							November							December											
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					