

BLUE HERON POWER & SAIL SQUADRON



CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

Blue Heron Power & Sail Squadron
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Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons.

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About the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

"Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (CPS) is a nationwide organization of boating enthusiasts. Their aim is to increase boating safety and enjoyment by providing instruction in all phases of seamanship and navigation, both power and sail. It is a charitable, membership-type organization, incorporated under the Companies Act of Canada. Except for a small paid staff in the national office, all teaching and administrative work is done by volunteers. CPS is non-governmental, non-regulatory and non-military. It is not restricted to boat owners, nor owners of large yachts. Purely and simply, it is a dedicated group interested in increasing safety and pleasure on the waterways through education."



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CPS Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week May 28-June 3, 2011

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NEW: Marine Radio "VHF" course.
Course: ROC(M) VHF Marine Radio with DSC endorsement
Date: May 24 & 25th 5:30pm
Location: Charlottetown Yacht Club
www.waveskills.ca

Call for Blue Heron Squadron History:
We are compiling a history of the Squadron for its 50th birthday party in 2011, but we need help piecing together the Squadron's history, since records are scattered in boxes of personal files in people's homes. Please check your basement and closet: If you have photos, certificates with signatures of officers, copies of old minutes, stories and other information, please contact us at web2@blueheroncps.pe.ca. We particularly want to know the names of past Squadron Commanders, so we can invite them to a Past Commanders' Reception this year.

Visit www.blueheroncps.pe.ca for news, courses & events

Membership Renewal

For your convenience, we are providing on-line membership renewal on the CPS website.

**www.cps-ecp.ca and
click on "Membership Renewal"**

Have your membership ID number and credit card handy.

If you know of a past member that would be interested in re-joining membership with the squadron or know of someone that thought it was too late to re-join, please have them e-mail the CPS squadron Membership officer web2@blueheroncpe.pe.ca

Birthday Party This Saturday at Canadian Tire

May 28th from 10am til 3pm.

Boating is a great activity, whether you take to the water to paddle, sail, fish or cruise on any shore of our island. In Charlottetown, a local group of boating enthusiasts are celebrating 50 years of increasing awareness and knowledge of safe boating. The Blue Heron Power & Sail Squadron was started in 1961 by a group of 15 dedicated volunteers, and has since helped thousands of PEI boaters learn to be better boaters.

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The volunteers that have been involved with the squadron know that learning how to boat safely will increase your enjoyment of boating. One of the best ways to learn the basics of safe boating is to take a course and write an accredited test.

In 2009 the Canadian government enacted legislation that required all operators of motorized watercraft to prove competency in boat operation by taking and passing a safety course. The Squadron has been a leader in providing the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC) course on PEI. However, keep in mind that the PCOC is just a first step in boating education. This 'legal minimum' doesn't even cover non-motorized craft such as sail, canoes, kayaks, or even any passengers in any boats. Volunteers offer one day course in Boating Basics to qualify for a Pleasure Craft Operator Card... or you can get a more in depth look at safe boating practices, VHF Radio certification, electronic navigation or for those wanting to go further the Squadron has courses to help in sailing great distances. Regardless of the choice you make, you'll learn the rules of the road, the navigation system, safe boating practices, safety equipment requirements, seamanship and basic boat handling.

The Blue Heron Power & Sail Squadron wants all island boater to be as safe as possible on the water. The more knowledge you have, the safer you and your family are. Join past and present members as they celebrate their 50th, have some birthday cake this Saturday May 28th at Canadian Tire in Charlottetown or visit their website at: www.blueheroncps.pe.ca



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Additional clothing styles are available.



Blue Heron Pennant
\$20.00

Ship's Stores

Blue Heron Squadron offers high quality clothing, and a pennant sporting PEI's own Blue Heron Squadron logo.

To Purchase Items:

- * Option 1: Use our online form to let our Supply Officer know you are interested in purchasing items
- * Option 2: Email our Supply Officer for orders.

You can also request that the CPS-ECP logo be added to garments for an additional \$7.85:

www.blueheroncps.pe.ca/Stores.htm

Prices and availability are subject to change without notice.
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CPS-ECP

Visit <http://www.cps-ecp.ca/> to purchase national CPS-ECP clothing and gear.

Membership Advantages

Use of the following benefits can more than cover the costs of your annual membership:

- ◆ Discount registration fees for Blue Heron educational courses
- ◆ Access to core courses: Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Celestial Navigation.
- ◆ Special events, like the "Winds and Waves" winter seminar
- ◆ Annual General Meeting each April.
- ◆ Free Blue Heron Squadron newsletter (Dock Lines).
- ◆ Free Canadian Yachting magazine.
- ◆ Free CPS national newsletter (Port Hole).
- ◆ CPS Group Insurance by COWAN
- ◆ Weems & Plath - Save 25% on precision navigation tools and products ordered directly from Weems & Plath
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