

Blue Heron Power & Sail Squadron

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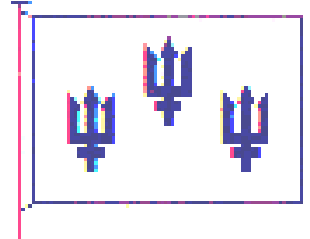


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Message From Your Commander

First I want to congratulate Ellen MacPhail on her Royal Yachting Association Yacht master Leadership Program. The course has a 50% failure rate. Ellen was chosen out of 60 hopefuls by the CYA. Great Job Ellen.



Well I hope everyone enjoyed their summer it seemed to go by so fast. I did a little more sailing this year than most with trips to Nova Scotia and also to the Madeline Islands. The only trouble I had was to replace a port nav light.

Sailing off 8ft swells with 18 knots of wind we got the boat going almost 11 knots at times what a thrill. Only 11hr from Grindstone to Souris.

The Rodney Walsh Cruise & BBQ went well thanks to Quarter Master and all who helped.

Earl wasn't what it could have been but it was great to see how both marinas evacuated in less than 56 hours. A lot of work and origination from both Marinas.

Our first meeting for the 2010-2011 seasons was held Sept 7th. We as a bridge are busy getting things ready for our fall training along with getting ready for our 50th year as a Bridge on PEI. We will need many volunteers this summer if you can offer some time please contact a bridge member.

Wellington Gay
Commander Blue Heron CPS

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Depth changes in Charlottetown Harbour

Today's electronic Notices to Mariners (17-SEP-2010 or 2010-09-17) lists new depth soundings for Charlottetown Harbour, and the locations of the extension to the cruise ship wharf. Some soundings range up to 10 feet (3 meters) shallower in parts of the harbour other than the vicinity of the wharf: <http://www.notmar.gc.ca>

The changes affect "4460 Charlottetown Harbour - New Edition - 09-DEC-2005 - NAD 1983", with the note "This notice might affect Electronic Navigation Chart: CA576177".

There are also depth changes today affecting "4466 Hillsborough Bay - New Edition - 21-MAR-2003 - NAD 1983" with the note "This notice might affect Electronic Navigation Chart: CA476179".

Good-Bye.....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for allowing me to publish the quarterly newsletter for the last ten years. It is time to pass the torch over and allow another boater to continue on with a fresh look and feel. It was great getting to know everyone over the years and I wish the squardon all the best in the future.

Andrew Cudmore - Newsletter Editor / Communications Officer

CPS Membership Renewal

For your convenience, we are providing on-line membership renewal on the CPS website. It is very easy to follow the link in the email sent to you allowing you to renew your membership in *Blue Heron Squadron* and *Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons*.

- Don't wait for an invoice to arrive by email or snail mail: Visit the national website at www.cps-ecp.ca and click on "Membership Renewal".
- Have your membership ID number and credit card handy. It only takes a few minutes, and you're done! Help us to help boaters in our community learn better boating, so they and their families can enjoy the water safely and to the fullest.

Current member renewals were issued via e-mail as well snail mailed in March. If you still have not received your invoice please contact the membership officer at web2@blueheroncpe.pe.ca. 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 and request a application for renewal.

CPS Membership Report

We must be doing something right. Wellington reports that membership is down across the country, but Blue Heron is setting membership records. As of today we have 114 regular members and 101 Associate members for a total membership of 215. There are also 69 additional that are past due.

For those who haven't renewed yet, it only takes a couple of minutes to do it online.

Graham

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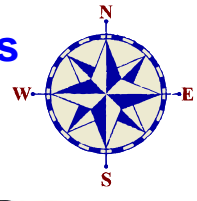
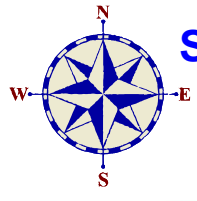
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Training Update

The training season is closing in on us again, as unfortunately the boating season is almost over. We will soon be starting the process of arranging the courses for the upcoming season, and we would appreciate hearing from any members who wish to either see certain courses offered, or who would like to volunteer to help in the instruction of any classes.

Registration will be held in November, and most courses start with 2-3 weeks of the registration date.

Please contact us through our website's "course interest" link, at www.blueheroncps.pe.ca, email us at web2@blueheroncps.ca, or contact any of us on the waterfront.

Our course selection is by no means finalized, but we are considering the following courses and seminars this fall/winter. As always, the courses we offer each year are based on your interest, and the availability of instructors.

Full Courses

Boating

Seamanship

Advanced Piloting

Extended Cruising

Junior Navigator (NEW)

Seminars/Short Courses

VHF Marine Radio with DSC

Navigating with GPS

Electronic Charting

Distress Signaling (Use of Flares)

Firefighting

Radar (NEW)

A complete list and description of the available courses can be found on the CPS web-site (www.cps-ecp.ca), or the Blue Heron website (www.blueheroncps.pe.ca).

If interest warrants, we may also hold a Boating course in Montague this winter. If you are from the eastern end of the province, and would like to take this course, let us know.

BUY & SELL SECTION

This area is dedicated for any marine items you wish to buy or sell.

Instructions: E-mail Newsletter Editor Andrew Cudmore at web2@blueheroncps.pe.ca with the following info:

- Brief description of marine item, Asking price, Contact name, phone number and/or e-mail
- Picture (optional - in JPEG format)

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Annual Rodney Walsh Cruise and Barbeque for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada

This'll do... * We lost Rodney from our boating community at Quartermaster Marina when he passed away suddenly after the end of the 2002 boating season. An avid boater and great marina neighbour, he had long been involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Charlottetown. So it seems natural that the Blue Heron Squadron and Quartermaster Marine would jointly sponsor a cruise for the kids in his memory. The August 2010 inaugural cruise was a big success

Cruise Date and Time...every year since 2003

Usually second-last Wednesday in August.

Cruise 1000-1200 on *Fairview*, courtesy of Quartermaster Marine.

BBQ 1200-1300, courtesy of Blue Heron Squadron.

Pics of 2010 event.....



More Pics from the Annual Rodney Walsh Cruise and Barbeque for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada - August 2010



Open house for sailing for persons with disabilities on August 21, 2010.

We had 2 boats over from the Able Sail in Shediac for demonstration. August 21, 2010 was an exciting day for new sailors at the Charlottetown Yacht club. Parasport and Recreation Prince Edward Island with the Help of Sail Able Prince Edward Island hosted an open House. The purpose of the open house was to demonstrate the sport of Sailing and how it can be accessed by Persons with Disabilities.

We were honored to have assistance from our friends at Able Sail Shediac. They brought with them two boats from their New Brunswick program that were specifically designed for Sailors with Disabilities. The first vessel, a *Freedom 21* (see photo below), was staffed by two experienced instructors from the Shediac program during the afternoon of the open house. The instructors were able take four separate groups of participants sailing throughout the afternoon. The sloop rigged *Freedom 21*, with its low gunwales, heavy keel, and supportive seats was noted to be easy to board and stable to sail by the Charlottetown participants. Our Shediac friends brought their sporty *Martin 16* for the event as well. The centerboard sloop *Martin 16* was not launched, but rather displayed to show the racing possibilities of the sport of sailing for persons with disabilities. The entirely hand controlled *Martin 16* is a frequent site at the yearly national racing event, the Mobility Cup.

Building on the Success of our open House, Sail Able PEI is currently looking for interested persons to join our efforts to bring the sport of sailing for Persons with disabilities to Prince Edward Island. If you are interested in joining our committee, please feel free to contact Grant MacLeod at (902) 629-0235



RYA Yachtmaster Training Leadership Report

I wish to give you a report of my recent hurricane infused sail training odyssey.

Others across Canada are updating their provincial associations, home yacht clubs, and national governing body of CYA on our recent adult training - this is my report to you given your connection to either club, association or of general interest in furthering sailing and education on PEI.

We are all familiar with CYA, Canadian Yachting Association, and it's national staff of 7, the program I was recently trained under was RYA, Royal Yachting Association with a staff of 155 in Britain. It is the global leader in education, and has a presence in over 40 countries, and CYA is hoping to have as part of their future curriculum. They demand excellence and self-discipline in all aspects of sailing practice and education.

This past spring, I was selected to the top 16 out of 60 Canadian applicants from CYA to participate in a Royal Yachting Association Yachtmaster Leadership Training Program out of Britain. With much trepidation, I accepted and was one of 8 in a clinic out of Halifax-during Hurricane Earl.

My instructor evaluators were from Australia and France and are touted as the top in the world skippering in such world-renown races as The Fastnet, Sydney Hobart and Clipper Around the World races (all 60ft plus boats) & were known to present awards with known Monarch, Princess Margaret. Between excursions I ran into Derek Hatfield (Canada's Premier Solo sailor) who spoke highly of the RYA training, and remarked he met my instructor through Sir Robin Knox at a Celebrity dinner in Australia. Yikes, I simply read about these people!

After three months of intense studying I had shakily taken off for Halifax in late August and met with the others from across Canada. Fellow crew would be deemed leaders in the sport where I was very much an amateur amongst professionals. The other participants were ocean going professionals, double handed racers, and master mariners aboard large ships - at the end, they coined phrases on the 7 day course as "The Devil Course", "Can't believe we are paying for this", "Outbound course", and a "Game of Survivor".

The 7 day intense experience further proved my thought this would be one of the highlights of my own sail training career as the British regime demanded excellence in sailing standards as they set the world education and safety standards.

RYA Yachtmaster Training Leadership Report continued.....

The first day saw us sailing to 1am in swells, climbing wind and dropping barometer just hours prior to Hurricane Earl's coming, and we were immediately out the next day. We sailed at night, day, thick fog, and were expected to perform perfectly in all assigned tasks such as MOB in thick fog, tricky navigation often without the aid of GPS and sleep. One first 'easy' task I was assigned was to simply take the 40foot Swan like (Avance model) to an assigned spot on a chart, unaided. Using 3-point fix, depth contour (with a broken depth sounder) and 1997 chart I was 200 feet off. Quite pleased with myself by Canadian standards, I was politely and gently advised it wasn't good enough. It got much harder after that for us all.

It was extremely challenging given 5 hours sleep in 60 hours(!) during one duration, and in some cases others also feeling emotional charged under the duress of the mentally challenging week had actually declined in finishing during the training/evaluation or had succumbed to behaviour outside their normal demeanour.

As a result of this experience and in addition to our race connection, Charlottetown Yacht Club and Royal NS Yacht Squadron have now formed a very close knit education relationship and hope to develop further initiatives in years to come. PEI is definitely on the map, as well with the two top Chief Instructors from Britain. With RYA's stringent rules, Canada is a few years away from having a RYA school.

However it is my hope RYA will become a part of the CYA curriculum at the Offshore level and hopefully a school will be in the East Coast and at the RNSYS where there may be the much needed financial resources to house such an education facility.

I am pleased to report, with over a 50% unsuccessful rate worldwide, I am the proud yet very humbled recipient of professional designation RYA/MCA Yachtmaster level & CYA Advanced Instructor level!!! I have learned more then ever imagined. I am also very appreciative of the opportunity in having exposure to this level and have built a larger tickletrunk of tools to pass onto students.

Have to admit however, after over 9 days of afloat sailing clinics, I couldn't even operate an ATM machine once ashore and the spelling of C-A-T seemed tricky. The message from my 'holiday' -we can achieve anything we put our minds to-and no matter how much we think we know, we (I) have only begun to learn how to sail.

Cheers to all our goals no matter how small or large they may be, and thank you very much for your continued support of education goals for PEI.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Mac Phail

What's New?
Blue Heron Power and Sail Squadron
Charlottetown, PEI, Canada

NEW: Our Winter Schedule: The Squadron Bridge has been busy planning this winter's courses and social events:

Course Registration: Wednesday November 10, , 7-9 PM, Haviland Club, Haviland Street, Charlottetown. Cash or cheque only for registrations, please. Drop by to talk to us about the various courses, and sign up. Courses will be offered depending on interest and instructor availability. You can also indicate your interest in courses by filling out the form at this link: <http://www.blueheroncps.pe.ca/Forms/CourseInterest.htm>.

Annual Winds & Waves Seminar and Social: Saturday, February 12, 7-10 PM, Haviland Club, Haviland Street, Charlottetown. Join us to hear a speaker, mingle with boaters, and relax for the evening.

April 2011: Graduation, Instructor Appreciation, Annual General Meeting and the Squadron's 50th birthday party! This will be a very special event, combined with the Atlantic District annual meeting. Join local boaters and representatives from the 12 Atlantic Provinces Squadrons. April, date and location to be announced.

NEW: Celestial Navigation split into two courses again -- Junior Navigator and Navigator: [Click Here](#).

NEW: Our Squadron Commander returned from the District Meeting honouring the Kennebecasis Squadron's 50th anniversary in Saint John with lots of news:

- * Blue Heron Squadron was again given the A.H. Mitton Achievement Award, presented to the Squadron with the highest membership retention percentage and highest student ratio in the previous year.

- * District will hold their annual meeting in Charlottetown in the spring of 2011, in honour of our Squadron's 50th anniversary.

- * The CPS-ECP national AGM and conference will be held in Halifax October 19-23, 2011. Blue Heron Squadron will be assisting.

NEW: Blue Heron Squadron turns 50 years old in 2011: We are compiling a history of the Squadron for its 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 at blueheroncps.pe.ca. View our Squadron's History: [Click Here](#).