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### New Year Message from the Commander



Happy New Year! 100 days, or less, until boat launch date and the wonderful "life on the water" returns.

In the meantime, our own CPS boating course is progressing smoothly with expectations of successful graduates becoming regular CPS members with the next couple of months...good work on the part of the training team. Not only will these graduates be better and safer boaters, but they will also be able to save money on their boat insurance every year. This can be done by presenting their CPS boating certificate to their insurance broker. Go to our national website to learn more about this and many other great ongoing membership benefits.

Do you know of a boater, or soon to be boater, that does not have their Pleasure Craft Operator Card? Let them know if they get caught operating a vessel without a PCOC they will be paying a \$250.00 fine. Tell them to get their card from CPS in one of your classroom events or online at the national website. The CPS PCOC course is approved by Transport Canada and is the only card in Canada approved by the National Association of State Boating Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the United States Coast Guard. Another advantage of a CPS PCOC is that if the card is lost or misplaced, it is much easier to obtain a replacement as compared to some other providers. Finally, complimentary membership in CPS is available for those taking the course.

This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CPS. That is correct...Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons have been Canada's premier boating educators since 1938. In addition to purchasing anniversary pins and shirts available from CPS main stores, I hope you will join us this year in some of our social events as we celebrate 75 years of teaching safe boating.

Yours truly,

David Blahey  
Commander North Bay Power and Sail Squadron



We would like to take a moment to recognize a very significant member of the NBPSS who passed away recently....Dave Byrnes.

Dave had been a member since 1988, attained the rank of JN (Junior Navigator), and earned 19 merit marks, the last one of which was awarded in 2012. During his years as a member he served as Commander twice, Marep Officer, Environment Officer and filled many other official and non-official roles.

He participated in the following courses: Seamanship, Global Weather, Weather, Fundamentals of Weather, Marine Maintenance, Boating, Advanced Piloting, Seamanship Sail, Junior and always brought his "joie de vivre" no matter what he was doing.

Dave will be greatly missed.....



*"There are good ships and wood ships, and ships that sail the seas.*

*But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."*

*unknown*

### Alcohol And Boating, Take 2: Drunk Passengers

To reduce BUJ accidents, some well-meaning organizations and individuals have called for a "designated skipper" similar to the "designated driver" that has worked to reduce DUI accidents. *Seaworthy* has argued against the proposal if it gives others on the boat license to drink too much. Unlike in a car, passengers are not safely strapped in while the vehicle is underway, and the marine environment can be hazardous to anyone who is impaired. Another court decision handed down this fall by the Charleston Division of the United States District Admiralty Court in a civil suit(not involving a BoatU.S. insured) demonstrates the shortcomings of the designated skipper approach (*Pressly v. Kaberna*).

On July 21, 2010, Kevin Kaberna invited some friends to join him on his 28-foot Sea Ray. His friends brought some other friends, and by the time they left the dock at 12:30 p.m., there were 15 people aboard along with a great deal of alcohol. One of the passengers was Anna Truitt Pressly, a 34-year-old personal trainer and marathon runner who had never met Kaberna. The group spent the afternoon traveling to different spots drinking, swimming, playing music, and partying. By 5:00, Kaberna realized some of his passengers were drunk. He was sober — as confirmed by a Breathalyzer an hour or so later. He decided it would be a good idea to get some food into his guests.

While motoring slowly through a narrow channel on the way to a restaurant, one of the drunken passengers jumped overboard. As soon as Kaberna stopped the boat to retrieve him, several other people jumped into the water. He ordered everybody back aboard, but some of the passengers did not hear him over the loud music. Pressly was behind the boat, near the swim platform, talking to another passenger when Kaberna backed up. The propeller sliced into her left leg. Over the next two weeks, Pressly would undergo seven surgeries.

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# See how much you know???... Take our boating quiz.....

Answers on back page

**1. Before starting the engine or after refuelling, the bilge blower should be run for at least?**

- 2 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 3 minutes
- 4 minutes

**2. What channel should boats equipped with a VHF radio monitor?**

- 16
- 11
- 9
- 15



**3. What is a good use for nylon line?**

- Jack and Sheet lines
- Towing and Jack lines
- Anchoring and Dock lines
- Heaving and Halyard lines

**4. What is the background colour of a distress cloth?**

- Orange
- Yellow
- Red
- Blue



**5. Which hull can rise over its own bow wave?**

- Vee bottom
- Planning
- Cathedral
- Displacement

**6. From the manufacturer's date, how long are flares valid?**

- 4 yrs
- 3 yrs
- 5 yrs
- Forever



**7. What does a Relative Bearing of 000 degrees indicate?**

- Abeam to port
- Abeam to starboard
- An angle off the starboard bow
- Dead ahead



**8. What is the point of sail describing a sailboat sailing with the wind astern?**

- Beating
- Beam reaching
- Running
- Tacking



**9. What is a stopper knot also known as?**

- Reef
- Figure eight
- Clove
- Bowline

**10. On a propeller what does "14 x 12 LH" mean?**

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**11. Term for a sailboat that is pointing directly into the wind, so the sails will not draw?**

- In Irons
- Adrift
- Under Way
- Away



**12. Term for wind felt on a moving boat?**

- Apparent
- Offshore
- Following
- Head

**13. What is the 1/3 fuel rule?**

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**14. Global positioning, 1 nautical mile = ?**

- 1 degree of longitude
- 1 minute of longitude
- 1 degree of latitude
- 1 minute of latitude



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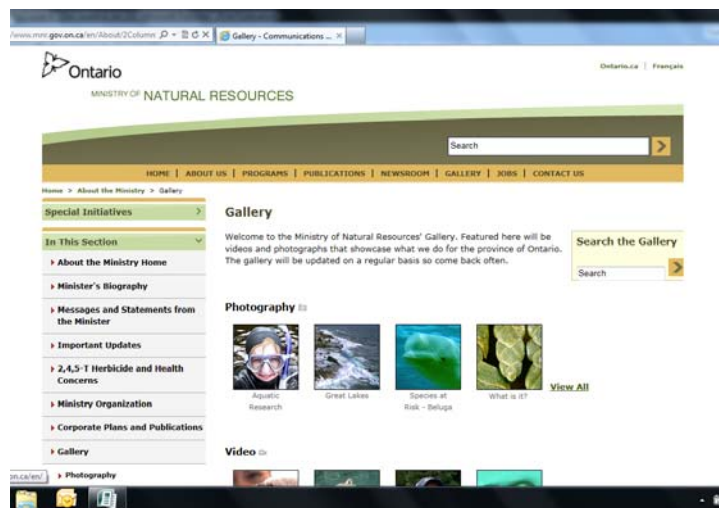
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## Environmental Info....

Found a great informative website that offered a "Gallery" of pictures and videos to show the environment/biological work the ministry is doing on Ontario waterways.

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en>

then click on the Gallery tab at the top of the page



**Boating Quiz Answers:** 1. 4 minutes, 2. 16, 3. Anchoring and Dock lines, 4. Orange, 5. Planning, 6. 4 yrs, 7. Dead ahead, 8. Running, 9. Figure eight, 10. 14 inch diameter – 12 inch pitch – left hand rotation, 11. In Irons, 12. Apparent, 13. 1/3 for trip out – 1/3 for trip back – 1/3 reserve, 14. 1 minute of latitude

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**and plenty of information will be at your fingertips.**

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