

Lazo Log



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Official handover to new Commander Lynn von Schuckmann by
Past Commander Charles Hawkswell



Commander's history

I started sailing in 1987 on an Alberg 30, Antares II. Before long I had fallen in love with sailing and Wulf the owner of the Alberg. We lived aboard Antares II and shared the dream of sailing offshore. Preparing our little boat required a total refit inside and out to make her strong and ready. Finally, mid-July 1992 came and we left Sidney, BC to head south. All the days of preparation and provisioning had come to an end. The plan was to sail to Mexico and spend the winter in the warm sun. So we "bar hopped" down the coast to San Francisco, stopping at several harbours and bays along the way. It was amazing to experience the coast and enjoy local fare. We met a tuna boat in Oregon and bought a few fresh fish that we ate and canned every way imaginable. Fried, baked, canned, sautéed, and in sandwiches. We finally reached San Francisco mid-September and raised our glasses while sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge. It seemed as if all our hard work had come to fruition. We explored the Bay Area and even traveled up the delta to Petaluma. We enjoyed Shakespeare in Golden Gate Park with several other Canadian cruisers. As Blue Water Cruising Association members, we took advantage of reciprocal moorage and enjoyed the hospitality at the Sausalito Yacht Club. The people were so down to earth and opened up all services to us. After a month of fun filled days, we slowly made our way to San Diego checking out cool harbours like Monterey, Marina Del Ray, Oxnard and Santa Barbara. By mid November we arrived in San Diego.

To be continued...

Cape Lazo CPS Events

All Upcoming Events In 2020 are cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19

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Positions Available

“The **Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society** supports the RCM-SAR Stn#60 and the two fast response vessels in the Comox Marina.

The society is now in need of a volunteer Treasurer. This position is supported by a bookkeeper and involves about three General Meetings per year.

Activities of RCM-SAR Comox can be checked out on our website at www.unit60comox.ca.

For any further questions or inquiries, please contact me a cghansen@shaw.ca or phone 250-339-1964.”

Curt Hansen

Secretary

Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society

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Boat Maintenance are you a DIY or Not

A well-maintained boat below the water line relieves a lot of stress on the water and is well worth the money spent.

Out of sight out of mind does not work well if you have been delaying a haulout. Mussels are always populating along the water line on boat hulls, props and shafts. Also, take time to care for any blisters on the hull due to osmosis.

A new player for repairs is Texada Island Boat Yard run by Al Davis. It is located in Ceaser Cove at Sturt Bay and offers DIY. You can stay on your boat in the yard while you work. A skilled and knowledgeable worker is available for hire as well. Al has built an easy access facility with buoys in the bay to await tides, paint, supplies and zincs are available. There is also a new modular bathroom with shower. An easy walk to Pub, cafe, and grocery store and an airbnb.

It is best to text/email ahead of time the side view of the bottom of your boat, draft, beam, exposure of prop and any other details that might be out of the ordinary for placement of the slings that lift the boat out. All pricing and information is on the website.

Another choice is Jack's Boatyard in Finn Cove at Lund. The four siblings that operate the yard are just the best. It is a busy boatyard with a different haulout system but again with great service, they have all the supplies you need and is within walking distance to Lund. The transit bus to Powell River operates Tuesday and Friday, departing Lund in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

The big guns are Ocean Pacific in Campbell River and Stone's Boatyard in Nanaimo. So, if you have other work that needs to be done at the same time they are a good choice as well.

Submitted by Eileen Phillips

Take Care When Renewing Your Vessel Documentation

A few words of warning for boaters needing to renew their vessel documentation. To the unwary, there have been several 3rd party vendors not affiliated in any way with Transport Canada offering services via mail and/online that can amount to triple the government charged fees. And some tout expedited processing that may not exist.

They have very official looking website addresses and names that look official but can easily be mistaken for the actual Transport Canada site which offers complete information on renewing a vessel's documentation, registering, transferring, and other services at: www.tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/canadian-register-vessels

Boaters may receive forms and other materials in the mail too from these private vendors as one skipper did shortly before his renewal was due. If you examine any forms or letters, as well as clearly printed on the website or materials, there will be the required consumer disclosure that " _____ is NOT Transport Canada. It is a 3rd party agency."

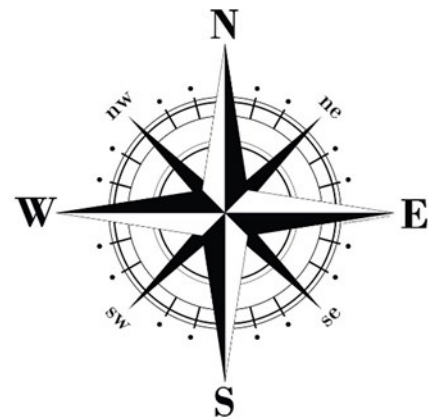
Look carefully before you click on a website or complete any mailed application or form. Not only could you pay more than necessary, but personal and payment information may not be secure. Something important to keep in mind.

Joan Wenner, J.D. is a longtime and widely published marine safety writer with a law degree. She wrote *Good Samaritans - Rules and Risks* in the June 2019 CANADIAN YACHTING.

Comments welcomed at joan_writer@yahoo.com

New Directions for Power Squadron Training

It has been strangely quiet for most of us in the Education team this year with face-to-face sessions completely shut down as required for COVID-19. Normally we'd all have been involved in a flurry of Radio, Radar and PCOC sessions as boaters get ready for the summer boating season. This is not to say there is nothing going on!



The National Education team has been pressing on with expedited development of blended learning and online training materials. Currently Boating 2 & 3 materials are available. Boating 4 is in development and will hopefully be available for fall sessions with Boating 5 following potentially in the New Year. A ROCM program is in the final stages of having the kinks worked out, with the exam process being the most labor intensive. Several of the other 'shorter' courses are in the works as well.

This new mode of training is accomplished by 'host' and 'mentor' squadrons. Training is delivered by the host squadron who host a weekly online session to review the past week's readings and exercises. Students read their texts (e-books or hard copy) complete their homework and review online videos, much like the slide presentations they would see in weekly classrooms. We will be using Microsoft's Moodle platform to accomplish this. Moodle is the most popular platform in the world for blended learning and allows us to easily develop new learning materials and to share them throughout all squadrons. We don't need to be network experts or graphics designers to use these tools.

Mentor squadrons match students with local instructors who are available to coach students through any parts of the material they may need help with and to support the final exam process. This mentorship is the most important part of the training because the knowledge that experienced boaters can share with students has more value than you know. As a new boater to the west coast I can attest that some of the most valuable information I received was the 'local knowledge' scribbled in the margins of my notes.

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...New **Directions for Power Squadron Training** continued

We will need to put on our mentor hats to keep the knowledge base growing. The national team is also currently developing 'training for trainers' to ensure we are all comfortable with the new tools and training environment. Courses are hosted from various time zones (eastern and western time zones) to make sessions accessible to students all across Canada, and give some flexibility on times.

The top priority throughout all of this is the safety and wellbeing of all students, instructors and members. We cannot currently offer any face to face instruction or testing.

Remember the **free seminars** being put on by National. These take place in English the second Wednesday of the month and in French the second Tuesday of the month. These are easy to register for once you have logged into your account. Click on Courses and Seminars, then go down, way down to the bottom of the page.

If you would like more information regarding future training contact:

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More information will be posted as it becomes
available to our
website, capelazocps.ca
and to our
Facebook page Cape Lazo Squadron.

Be well, be safe, we'll see you soon

Education Officer

Leslie Giebelhaus

Membership Renewal

Dear Members,

The time has approached for you to renew your CPS-ECP Membership.

When you renew your membership, you help CPS-ECP as it supports the development, promotion, and delivery of safe boating knowledge to the boating community.

Please note that Life Members need to complete the renewal process each year, so their contact information will remain current and accurate, and they are assured of receiving all CPS-ECP communications.

CPS-ECP is continually evolving and changing to be in step with our changing world. We are reviewing and revamping our course offerings based on member feedback. We are also adding many special interest Seminars for our members to enjoy, at the same time updating their knowledge on many topics.

We are also very proud of the increased benefits from our sponsors that you will be able to continue to enjoy, exclusively, as a member:

- Cowan Home and Auto Insurance – 10 to 15% discount
- Cowan Boat Insurance – up to 25% discount
- C-Tow Membership packages for on the water assistance – 25% discount
- Sunsail – 15% discount
- Salus gear – up to 30% discount
- ICOM radio equipment – discounts and savings
- Canada Rope and Twine Ltd. – 10% discount
- Dock Links Membership – discounts and savings
- Weems and Plath purchases – 15% rebate
- Canadian Yachting Magazine – at no additional cost!
- Canadian Yachting's CPS-ECP On Board e-newsletter

For any questions about membership, please contact your local Membership Officer, or check the National Website: www.cps-ecp.ca or email National at: membership@cps-ecp.ca.

...Membership Renewal continued

Once again, for the coming year, Sunsail is sponsoring a contest for all those who renew their membership. The prize is a \$7500.00 US Charter voucher.

Remember, if you renew, you continue as a member of a nationwide boating fraternity that has great rewards. encourages boating safety, and fosters great friendships.

Sincerely,

Peter Bolton, SN
Chief Commander

Call before you cruise

The status of Salish Sea marinas, docks and marine parks in BC and Washington is in a state of flux as the COVID-19 crisis changes conditions daily, sometimes hourly.

- Marine fuel supply maybe in short supply
- Water may not be available

Here is a link to stay updated on Salish Sea marinas, docks and parks in BC.

https://salishseapilot.com/covid-19-closures/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pandemic_forces_salish_sea_closures&utm_term=2020-04-02

Transiting Boaters during Covid– 19

Foreigners may still navigate through international or Canadian waters while in transit directly from one place outside Canada to another place outside Canada, if the transit is:

- Direct
- Continuous/uninterrupted
- By the most reasonable route

Transiting travelers may only make non-discretionary (essential) stops along the way including to use facilities, refuel or for essential supplies. They must practice social distancing and wear a non - medical mask or face covering during these stops.

If you see a US boat in our waters not complying to the regulations, call the RCMP @ 1 888.502.9060.

Members Benefits and Discounts

Discounts on CPS-ECP courses across Canada

- ◆ **CPS-ECP Group Insurance by Cowan 1.800.268.2628**
Boat insurance. Save up to 25%.
- ◆ **C-Tow Marine Assistance– 30% discount.**
- ◆ **Fugawi– 15% off on all Fugawi marine products.**
- ◆ **Weems & Plath– Save 25% on products ordered directly from Weems & Plath.**
- ◆ **ICOM Canada-Save on selected radio equipment with instant rebates at selected dealers.**
- ◆ **Salus Marine Wear– 30% discount on Salus Marine products in the CPS-ECP Ships Store.**
- ◆ **Canadian Yachting Magazine Subscription at no additional cost.**
- ◆ **Ports Cruising guides– 25% exclusive discount to CPS-EPS members.**
- ◆ **Steveston Marine and Hardware- 8% discount on all Steveston Marine online and in-store products plus 2% rebate shall be returned to member's squadron.**
- ◆ **Natural Marine and Fortress Marine Anchors- \$20 Manufacturer's Mail-in Rebate on any three products sold by Alex Marine Associates Ltd.**
- ◆ **National Car Rental (Canada)- Affinity and Association Benefits Program.**
- ◆ **CPS-ECP Choice Hotels Program– Visit member services at www.cps-ecp.ca.**
- ◆ **Comox Marine and Woodworking provides discounts to all members.**
- ◆ **Ocean Pacific provides discounts to members.**

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