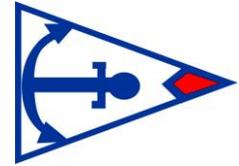




The Bitter End

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From the Bridge...

My wife and I were watching a TV mystery show the other night and we heard the FBI agent say to one of his colleagues, "It must be Russian lobsters behind the violence." Later in the same show, we were surprised to learn that "drunk dealers" were involved in the crime. We looked at each other and began to laugh. Yeah, we're getting older but I suspect these misheard lines stem from too long on the couch. Winter is over! It's time to turn off the TV and get to the boat!

Last month we held our graduation ceremonies and AGM. Congratulations to the students who completed the Boating Basics, Boating Essentials, Seamanship and VHF Radio courses this spring. Thanks to Ian Ferguson and Scott Gibson for volunteering to teach classes at Dr Denison HS and make it possible for new and experienced boaters to learn valuable skills and knowledge about safe boating. We celebrated the success of our graduates with a brief ceremony at which Richard Bee, Past Chief Commander, pledged the graduates and welcomed them to CPS. After our elections, Attila Solti, Past District Commander, pledged the new Bridge.

By now most of us have our boats in the water and are looking forward to enjoying a relaxing time on the water far from the daily grind. Since launch though, we have had a dramatic mix of weather. Hot, humid summer-like days which push us to turn on the air-conditioner are followed by cold, blustery days when we rush to switch the furnace back on. Eventually though, the temperatures will level out and we will be able to get down to enjoying the best time of the year.

We wish you a wonderful and safe summer on the water.

On behalf of the Bridge,

Bill Reynolds, AP
Squadron Commander

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Fall Boating Courses

Our Training Officer is organizing courses for this fall. If you wish to participate in our programs, check out our website at <https://www.cps-ecp.ca/Newmarket/> and register for the course that meets your needs. Our classes run on Tuesday evenings at Dr John Denison HS in Newmarket. Details of the Fall and Winter programs will be included in the September Bitter End. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Doin' That Crazy Hand Jive!

By Les Sauer

If it isn't the international sport of boating, it should be. It doesn't have an official name, but it's the late afternoon spectator sport of watching other boaters struggle to anchor or to dock in a new marina.

From the security of your own boat, you can hear the increasingly heated invectives flung from cockpit to foredeck and back, and the roaring of their engine in reverse. You can watch the resetting of the anchor, or the far-too-short line toss, as their plans and tempers go down the drain. On one memorable day, a beleaguered wife on the foredeck yelled at her husband, "Fine, you know so #\$%* much, anchor it yourself!" before diving overboard and swimming ashore.

Shown here is a set of hand signals that have worked for other boaters, but don't be shy about making up your own. Just be sure everyone understands them clearly. If you make up your own, be sure they can be made with just one hand so the crew has a free hand to hang on, either for safety or to a docking line.



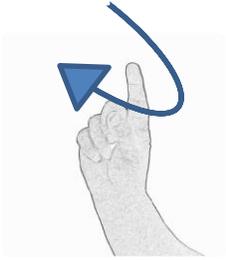
Pointing Finger

If there is one universal sign, it is pointing. Use this to point at a mooring buoy that is out of sight of the skipper, or use it to direct the boat to turn in a particular direction when raising or lowering the anchor. Ideally, use the arm on the side you want the boat to go: right arm to go to starboard, left to port.



Clenched Fist

This is equally important signal and one that should be heeded immediately to stop. Directed to the skipper, it means stop the boat right here. To the crew, it means to stop hauling in a line or halyard, or raising or lowering the anchor. No questions: see a closed fist and stop what you're doing!



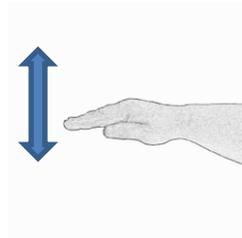
Pointing Up and Spinning

This means continue going or doing just as you are, whether you're steering the boat, trimming in a sheet or halyard, or raising or lowering anchor.



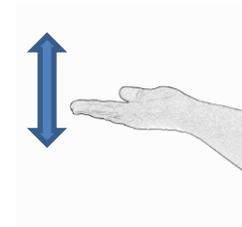
Hitchhiking

This is the classic roadside "need a lift" gesture but, on boats, the thumb out and clenched fist over the shoulder means to go into reverse and back down.



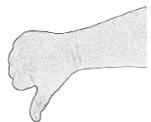
Hand Open, Palm Down

Slow down. Moving the palm up and down faster or slower can signify how much slowing is needed.



Hand Open, Palm Up

Speed up. Moving the hand faster or slower up and down can mean increase the speed more or less rapidly.



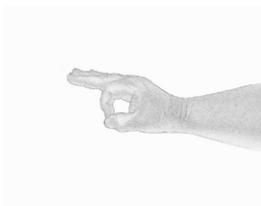
Thumb Down

From the skipper, this means drop the anchor at this point or lower the appropriate sail. From the crew, it tells the skipper that the anchor is on its way down.



Thumb Up

From the skipper, it means he's ready for you to start hoisting the anchor or raising a sail. From the crew, it means the anchor is coming up or that the mooring line has been dropped.



OK Sign

This universal sign means that everything is ok. It can mean that the anchor is up in the bow-roller; that the anchor has set firmly on the bottom; or it can indicate that the skipper is right on course.



Open Fist Moving Upward

This is the most important signal, since it means time for a beer or piña colada. It is often signalled by both skipper and crew within moments of anchoring or mooring. Speed of upward movement signals the urgency of the need.

- From Charter Savvy, Summer 2015

You've taught them all you know about fishing, including wearing their lifejackets.

Fishing is a wonderful sport; an activity you and the kids can enjoy. They look up to you for information and guidance on something you can share together. You've got them hooked on fishing. The Canadian Safe Boating Council thanks you for getting them 'Hooked on Lifejackets'.

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Rendezvous 2015 Cancelled

As reported in the April Bitter End, a committee of the Bridge was looking into organizing a Rendezvous for a weekend in July. Unfortunately there was insufficient interest from our members so the plans for a Rendezvous have been cancelled. We hope everyone has a great summer wherever you plan to be boating.

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