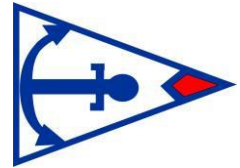




The Bitter End

Editor: Bill Reynolds AP



September 2015

Newmarket Power & Sail Squadron
P.O. Box 93090 1111 Davis Drive
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8K3

Web Site: www.cps-ecp.ca/newmarket
E-mail: npsinfo@mailonly.ca

From the Bridge...

September is here. That means the kids are back to school, cooler weather is here and we boaters are preparing to put our toys away for the winter. When you think of lift-out, it might be wise to make a list of the must do jobs. I have a check-list of all the tasks that need to be done in order to ensure my boat is ready to survive the cold and snow, but inevitably I leave it at home or misplace it only to discover (usually in February) that I've forgotten something. Fortunately the forgotten tasks have been inconsequential (like leaving the batteries in the smoke detectors) so nothing serious has resulted from my lapse. This year (as I promised last year too) I will have my check-list ready to use.

This summer as I was getting the dinghy ready I was dismayed to discover that the transom was growing mushrooms. After only 6 years, the plywood transom had begun to rot. Since we take our puppy, Lollypop, sailing on weekend cruises, we needed a dinghy to get her to shore for her exercise and toilet breaks. I was lucky to get the last inflatable at the Midland West Marine store before they closed and saved a bundle. We will miss West Marine. It seems that the marine parts stores are having some challenges. Another chandlery, The Sail Loft, is closing as well leaving Barrie with no local retailers for sailing equipment. Although the internet gives us access to many suppliers, it has always been nice to be able to browse the stores and see the parts and equipment in person.

Your Squadron is offering boating classes again this year at Dr. John Denison HS in Newmarket. Classes begin after the Boat Show on January 19, 2016. For those of you who have been around for a while will remember the Boating Course. It became Boating Basics (PCOC) and Boating Essentials. This year the Essentials class has been divided into two new courses: Beyond Basics and Introduction to Navigation. Beyond Basics provides an opportunity for new boaters with their PCOC to learn more of the skills and knowledge needed to handle their boats safely. For more ambitious boaters, the Introduction to Navigation course deals with reading charts and plotting cruises. If you have family or friends who are getting into boating, let them know about these classes.

If you are still on the water, remember to dress for the weather and keep your PFD handy. As the temperatures drop, the risk to surviving a fall overboard increases. Stay safe.

On behalf of the Bridge,

Bill Reynolds, AP
Squadron Commander

The Newmarket Power & Sail Squadron Bridge 2014-15

Commander	Bill Reynolds, AP	Secretary	Ian Ferguson, AP
Financial Officer	Barbara Dodds	Education Officer	Ian Ferguson, AP
Asst. Education Officer	Stuart Denny	Membership Officer	Scott Gibson, <u>AP</u>
Administration Officer	Peter Heard, <u>AP</u>	Public Relations Officer	Marilyn Ellison, <u>AP</u>
MAREP	Dixon Hunt, S	Editor	Bill Reynolds, AP
Historian/Flag Officer	Gerry Duffy, S	Social Officer	Janet Heard, AP
Webmaster	Alan MacDonald, AP	Quartermaster	Sherry Casey, S
Officer at Large	Teresa Hunt	Officer at Large	Richard Bee, <u>AP</u>
Officer at Large	Bill Forbes, <u>AP</u>		

Boating Courses 2016

Our Training Officer is organizing courses for this year. 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.

- Boating Basics (Pleasure Craft Operators Card): January 19
- Beyond Basics: February 23
- Introduction to Navigation: April 5
- Advanced Piloting: January 19
- VHF Radio (Radio Operator's Certificate/Marine): May 10

Dear reader:

If you have comments or suggestions for The Bitter End we would love to hear from you. Share your comments by sending them to *The Bitter End* at npsinfo@mailonly.ca.