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Bluenose Power & Sail Squadron

December 10, 2021

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The Passing of Bluenose Member Walter Soestmeyer

It is with sadness that we wish to acknowledge the passing of long-time Bluenose Member and supporter, Walter Soestmeyer. Walter died on October 25th at age 83. He is survived by his wife and first mate, Sheila, who describes Walter as a "Boatbuilder Extraordinaire". Our sympathies have been expressed to Sheila and her family. In addition the Bluenose Executive (Bridge) has authorized a memorial donation to the CPS Foundation in Walter's name. <https://cpsfoundation.ca>

Here is a link to Walter's obituary:

<https://sweenysfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3446/Walter-Soestmeyer/obituary.html#tribute-start>

“Fair winds and following seas in your final journey”, indeed!

The Bluenose Squadron serves all of western Nova Scotia from a line roughly Aspotogan Peninsula to Windsor and westward. However, students can take a course with any squadron and then join Bluenose Squadron when desired.



Most courses are done online for individuals but can be done in a classroom setting for organized groups.

Gift idea!

Any of our courses (e.g., the PCOC or Maritime Radio) would make a **great gift** for a family member or friend! To keep your gift secret until Christmas DO NOT register for it yourself; contact Education Officer, Bob Rutherford to set it up: seo-bluenose@cps-ecp.org or cell: 902-440-0312

Going to www.boatingcourses.ca will take you automatically to the CPS-ECP Course Calendar. That Calendar is now much more user-friendly.





The following courses are currently running or in planning by your Atlantic Squadrons for early 2022. In some cases Bluenose Squadron is combining and coordinating with other squadrons to offer various courses.

Pleasure Craft Operating Certificate (PCOC):

Anytime - you can do it online at www.cps-ecp.ca/. Fee is just under \$50. Sorry, no classroom courses except, perhaps, for organized groups.

Maritime Radio (Restricted Operator's Certificate):

Self-study courses are available in two formats on a continuous basis (when convenient for you). Sorry, no classroom courses except, perhaps, for organized groups.

Boating 4 (Near-Shore Marine Navigation Level 1): This Online course begins January 11th at 19:00h Atlantic time. Hosted by Bluenose and Alderney Squadrons. Please go to boatingcourses.ca to register.

Boating 6 (Offshore Marine Navigation Level 1): Begins February 8 at 19:00h Atlantic time and runs until April 24th. Hosted by: Bluenose Squadron. Please go to boatingcourses.ca to register.

Note: Various courses being offered by squadrons beyond Atlantic Canada can also be found in the Course Calendar (boatingcourses.ca)

Meanwhile, if there is something you would like to pursue, whether it be one of our core courses, Boating 1 to 7, or one of our many elective courses or seminars, please get in touch with Bob Rutherford, our

Squadron Education Officer. at seo-blunose@cps-ecp.org 902-440-0312.

We have solutions; let us know your needs.

Bob Rutherford



Happy Holidays !

Whether you are at home or away this winter we wish you good health, peace and good cheer!



If there is anyone you know who might benefit from our excellent training please refer them to our Education Officer, Bob Rutherford: seo-blunose@cps-ecp.org.

Boaters can also go to the [CPS-ECP Course Calendar](#) to select a Blunose course or one that is more convenient for individual needs.

And now, for a bit of fun:

Blunose Squadron Amateur Photo Contest



Two prizes: Win your dues for one year!

Hey Bluenose Members. Here is your chance to win one free year of Bluenose membership. We will pay your dues next year!

Two categories: Two prizes. The categories are:

- A. Best photo taken by a Bluenose Member FROM a boat.
- B. Best photo taken by a Bluenose Member OF a boat.

You choose one or both categories to enter and send your photo via email to Secretary Jim before midnight, February 1, 2022.

[Secretary Jim: ss-bluenose@cps-ecp.org](mailto:ss-bluenose@cps-ecp.org)

Winners to be announced in mid February.

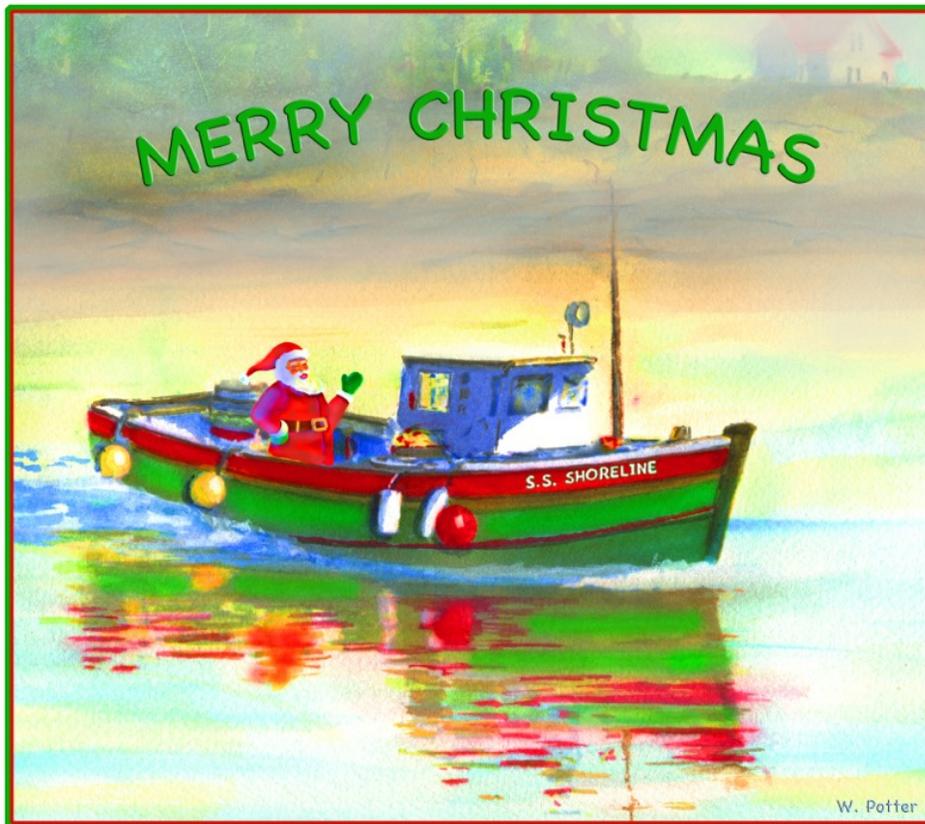
Obviously we need some rules for such a contest:

1. No entry fee.
2. Entries are limited to one per Bluenose member or Bluenose Family member per category and must be received by secretary Jim before midnight February 1, 2022. Only Bluenose Members and Bluenose Family Members are eligible to take part.
3. Can be colour or black and white digital photos.
4. Entries cannot be copied from any photo source (such as a print publication) and cannot have watermark or signatures i.e., they must be authentically your own photo.
5. Photos must be in .jpg or .jpeg format and at least 2 MB in size.
6. Although we will not be publishing the winning photos such as a magazine might do, we recommend that you have consent to display any persons or personal property that is visible in your photos. In fact only the two winning photos will be included in the mid-February Squadron newsletter. The winning names of the members who took the photos will be revealed at that time. At that point we would require that anyone wishing to use the photo for another purpose must get the consent of the photo owner.
7. Professional or semi-professional photographers are not eligible to enter this contest. This is a contest for only amateur photographers.
8. Judging: Ms. Jaimie Peerless, Kentville artist and business person, will be asked to judge the photos. She will not be given the name of the photographer or their status within the Squadron. Secretary Jim Peerless will not take part in this contest for obvious conflict-of-interest reasons. Bluenose Bridge members are eligible to enter this contest. Jaimie's website: <http://www.jaimiecorbin.com>
9. By submitting a photo to Bluenose Squadron the photographer consents to

the entry of his or her submission and agrees to abide by these contest rules.

Note: If this contest goes well we may have similar contests in the future. In future contests we may ask the membership to vote on photos submitted, for example.

<https://youtu.be/QeaBV1IpijMA>



Art & Cartoons by Whitney Potter

Wind & Weather Some Good APPS Available!

["Weather to Boat"](#)



From the Canadian Safe Boating Council of which Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons is a member!

The ***Weather to Boat*** app is now available to download for FREE in the app stores.

Dynamic, Powerful, FREE.... and most important... it could save YOUR LIFE!

Weather to Boat is sure to become your "Boating Go-To" App. More than just weather, it provides information to help make your boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Get all the key information needed in one place:

- Up to date Marine and local weather forecasts for your boating area;
 - Pre-departure checklists;
 - Geo-referenced Marinas and Boat Launches;
 - Rules of the Road;
 - Safety equipment required - specific to your boat;
- Dynamic interactive trip planner with emergency contact alerting;
 - Boating tips and videos.

Many boaters have experienced the unpredictability of Canadian weather conditions. Sometimes what can start out looking like the nicest day for boating can quickly turn into one of the worst weather days.

Unsure whether to boat? Download the NEW 'Weather to Boat' app today to help keep you safe on the water!

The Weather to Boat app is developed and promoted by the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC), a registered charity, with support from its members, partners, Environment and Climate Change Canada and funded through the Search and Rescue New Initiatives Fund (SAR NIF), Public Safety.

Available on the App Store or Google Play.

See the video on their Home Page: www.weathertoboat.ca

["Windy"](#)



From their website: Windy.app is a professional weather app, created for water and wind sports: sailing, surfing, fishing, and etc. Get detailed weather forecast, live world wind map, and local weather reports.

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Our Commander says. If you want an AMAZING App for the weather windy gets my money. If you zoom in you can put a pin exactly where you plan to sail and watch as the direction and intensity changes through time. We have been experimenting with it and are finding it super for wind and rainfall. But almost everything is there. It just gets better and better. The Windy.com App is red with two white sort of Nike-like swooshes on it."

Available on the App Store or Google Play.

View their overview video: <https://youtu.be/Cfte7b3nFvo>

"Predictwind"



PredictWind.com
THE WORLD LEADER

From their website: Outstanding Forecast Accuracy

PredictWind provides the top ranked forecast models globally. These leading models are only available through PredictWind, giving unparalleled weather data. For High Resolution coastal forecasts the PWG & PWE proprietary models offer unparalleled forecast accuracy, complemented by the regional NAM, HRRR, and AROME models.

Your Squadron Secretary, Jim, has been using this app for wind forecasts all around Nova Scotia this past summer. Note that the basic App only allows two site selections at a time which he found to be adequate. "I found the forecast winds to be very accurate. They are updated at least twice each day. Much better than using the more generalized Marine Winds for Atlantic Canada."

View their overview video: <https://youtu.be/QeaBV1lpjMA>





Santa Came Early for This Bluenose Couple!

Congratulations to our Environment and RVCC Officer, Marcel Simard, and his First Mate, Rachelle, on acquiring this fine Mirage 25 sailboat! It seems they both caught that common virus known as six-foot-itus. There is no vaccine for this condition. Here is a photo of "Meridian 63".



Brand New Rules: Electronic Visual Distress Signals

From: Joseph Gatfield
Past Chief Commander
External Relations
Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (National)

The following link to new policy regarding Electronic Visual Distress Signals was reported in late November during the Canadian Marine Advisory Council's Standing Committee on Recreational Boating session. Mr. Gatfield says that he knows that many are not aware of this Policy change, including Chandleries. The online Safe Boating Guide is not yet updated. As more information becomes available, we will keep you updated.

[Tier I – Policy – Acceptance of Electronic Visual Distress Signals in lieu of Pyrotechnic Distress Signals \(smoke signal or flare\) on pleasure craft \(canada.ca\)](#)

Hurray, this gives us a choice other than having flares on board!

Quiz Time

Christmas Colours!



1. What are the above markers?
2. When returning upstream, what is the recommended side to pass them... on your port or starboard side?

The correct answers can be found at the end of this newsletter. Look for this ship's wheel:



Halifax Boat Show

What about the Halifax Boat Show? Well, it is scheduled for February 3-6 at the Halifax Exhibition Centre. You can check [this link](#) for current details:

Nova Scotia Squadrons will be taking part in the Boat Show. Halifax, Alderney and Bluenose Squadrons will host a display and information booth at the Show. Maybe we will see you there!

MORE INFO AT:

[Halifax Boat Show](#)

LOCATION

Halifax Exhibition Centre
200 Prospect Road
Halifax, NS B3T 1P2
(902) 876-1811
www.hfxec.com

DATE & TIME

Thursday, February 3
12 noon - 8:00pm

Friday, February 6
10:00am - 8:00pm

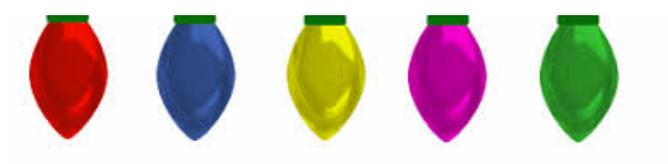
Saturday, February 7
9:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday, February 8
10:00am - 5:00pm



1. These are starboard bifurcation buoys. 2. With a red top it is recommended to leave them on your starboard side when proceeding upstream.





Happy New Year to All Bluenose Families!

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