



Guelph Power and Sail Squadron

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Starting in September, 2006

The Boating Course

From the Guelph branch of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron

Whether you are interested in powerboats, sailing vessels or kayaks, this course is for you!
Enjoy boating activities year round by taking The Boating Course this fall.

The Boating Course provides in depth boat operation and safety training. As well, you will experience the challenge of plotting and navigation. Best of all, you will interact and make new friends with fellow recreational boaters while taking part in **Canada's premier boating course.**

Successful completion of the accredited examination (midterm) will allow you to receive your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). Passing the final exam allows you the opportunity to join CPS-ECP (Canada's largest association of recreational boating enthusiasts) and receive the benefits of membership.

Guelph CPS has been teaching Safe Boating and other advanced courses for over 40 years. The squadron is a leader in interactive instruction.

Subject Areas

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Characteristics of boats• Licensing, registration, and other requirements• Mandatory equipment• Optional equipment• Ropes, lines, and knots• Handling a boat under power• Handling a boat under sail• Weather• Preparing to launch• Skipper's responsibilities before setting out• Skipper's responsibilities when under way• Collision Regulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian aids to navigation• Emergencies• Canals and locks• Tides and tidal currents• Trailing• Winter lay-up• Waterskiing• Auxiliary boats• Checklist for lay-up• Pre-launch checklist• The magnetic compass• Anchors and anchoring |
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REGISTRATION : SEPTEMBER 13 FIRST CLASS: SEPTEMBER 20

Registration and all classes are at Centennial High School, College Ave, Guelph at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Squadron Training Officer Nick Wenzler for further details at 519-837-1517 / email: nwenzler@hillson.ca

Safer Boating

Those of us that are fortunate enough to spend time on the water are witness to some marvelous sights. How about a monarch butterfly keeping pace and finally flying along inside your dodger? Check. I've heard of folks that have had flocks(?) of them cling to their sails. The sound of a loon on Lake Ontario? You bet.

Or how about keeping pace with two other boats, spinnakers flying proudly for hours?. Check. Meeting new friends at an anchorage or visited marina.

I am sure our Power Boating friends have even more "stories", as they get there faster.

Unfortunately, we also witness boaters from both groups doing really stupid things.

Children allowed to perilously dangle their feet at the bow of a fast moving cruiser. What is the skipper thinking? Or venturing out when thunder storms are forecast or even nearby.

Sounds like they could make use of the Boating Course. Odds are that they haven't had it.

What can we do? As much as we are tempted, we can't go around planting a few swift ones to the stern.

We *can* make sure we set a good example when we are on the water and around the dock.

Make sure our friends know we are involved with CPS. Pick up some CPS brochures, to have on your boat and post at your marina, your store, etc. (I have some available now, John Keleher and John Hunter should have some soon).

If we all use our imaginations to "spread the word" we can fill the classroom in September and it will be safer on the water for all of us.

Members are always welcome to sit in on any class. It's a great way to brush up on the things we have forgotten but are too proud to admit.

Enjoy every moment.

Ernie Whalley AP
SQ Commander

Boating Buy Sell or Trade – Advertise for free in the Blinkin' Buoy. Email to bb@guelph-power-sail.ca
Squadron members may list any boating related items that you want to buy, sell or trade.

Advance Notice - Squadron Christmas Dinner Dance– Dec. 2, 2006. Cocktails at 18:30, dinner at 19:30
\$35.00 per person at Guelph ICC. More details to come in the fall.

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