

# CPS BOATING COURSES

**PUBLIC COURSES** require no prerequisites or CPS membership. The most popular are:

## BOATING

This is the basic course that is prerequisite to advanced courses & CPS membership. Topics include chart reading, plotting courses, legalities, navigational aids identification, collision rules, etc. Usually done over 13 weeks, one evening per week; Includes official test for the PCO card.

## VHF RADIO

This three-evening course earns the Restricted Operator's Certificate (ROC)(Maritime), which is required by law, to operate a marine radio in Canada. It includes the new DSC requirement. It is good for life.

## DSC (Digital Selective Calling)

Those already holding the ROC-M will need to upgrade to add the DSC endorsement. This will be offered as a 2 evening course or 4 hours on a Saturday.

Dates TBA

Call Bob 604 588 7187

## BOAT PRO

This course covers all the safe boating information needed to pass the Canadian Coast Guard's test to get the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card, which is required\* to operate a powered boat in Canada. This is most popular as a one-day eight-hour course. Course includes official test for the PCO card. It is good for life.

**BOAT PRO** will also be offered at NWSS by New Westminster Continuing Education on Saturday, Feb 21 and May 23 8 am - 4 pm cost TBA

Call Karen 604-577-6274 to register

**Other courses open to the public but not currently offered by BPS January- June '09:**

Offshore Sail  
Seamanship Sail  
Seamanship Power  
Marine Maintenance  
Marine Electronics  
Navigating with GPS  
Weather  
Global Weather

Call Tom 604 515 0038 or

[email:STO@burnabysquadron.com](mailto:STO@burnabysquadron.com) for latest status on these courses or check our website:

[www.burnabysquadron.com](http://www.burnabysquadron.com)

*these courses may be offered by other*

*Squadrons please refer to*

*Pacific Mainland District website*

[www.powersquadrons.ca](http://www.powersquadrons.ca)

**\*\* All courses are taught by members of Burnaby Power & Sail Squadron.\*\***

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**or info line: 604 420 8004**

**ADVANCED COURSES** are open only to members of **Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons**.

Advanced courses include:

**Piloting**

**Advanced Piloting**

**Celestial Navigation**

**Email us** by using the following abbreviations followed [by@Burnabysquadron.com](mailto:by@Burnabysquadron.com)

Commander:	Cmdr@ <a href="mailto:Burnabysquadron.com">Burnabysquadron.com</a>
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Training Boating class:	Training@
Training Boat Pro:	Boatpro@
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Training Radio #2:	VHFRadio2@
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Treasurer:	Treasurer@
Membership:	Membership@

## Members enjoy benefits

that include:

Discounted boating insurance  
(save up to 40%)

Discounts at many Marine Retailers  
Pacific Yachting magazine

Cruises and social activities with like-minded boaters.

e.g. BURNABY SQUADRON plans a cruise for most long weekends during boating season. We also schedule several land-based social activities including pot-luck dinners, dances and information evenings with subjects germane to boating.

## The Price of Non-compliance!

New for BC Boaters in 2005 was a change away from the enforcement of minor infractions always requiring a court appearance before a judge. The BC government now uses the options provided to them under the Federal Government's **Contraventions Act**. Simply stated, this means enforcing officers (RCMP and Fisheries) now **have the option of issuing a ticket** for non-compliance. These fines are mostly a minimum \$100 for each infraction, such as failure to have required equipment on board in good working order; \$200 for failure to have approved PFDs that fit, for each person on board; and \$250 for failure to produce a valid Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) or being an underage operator. Fines may be issued to operator, owner and/or person authorizing the vessel's use. These fines also apply to non-motorized watercraft such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, etc. Major infractions such as operating a vessel while impaired will still be dealt with as indictable offenses under the Criminal Code of Canada.

There are no new requirements. All that has changed is the system of enforcement.

Boaters should not be unduly concerned about the change in enforcement. There has been no additional funding for on-water enforcement and most knowledgeable boaters are already in full compliance as a result of past "courtesy checks" by Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Still, the prudent boater will want to check the requirements for his vessel as outlined in the free booklet *Safe Boating Guide* from Transport Canada. Courtesy checks will still be available from CCG Aux.. Call Transport Canada for answers to other questions.

### Some of the penalties are:

\$250: Vessel operator cannot show Pleasure Craft Operator's card\* or Underage operator, including PWC operators under 16. or Failure to have on board proof of age of operator or Failure of non-residents to have on board proof of residency \$250 each offence

\$200: Insufficient PFDs, /Lifejackets  
Insufficient fire extinguishers  
Careless operation of a vessel  
Removal or tampering with hull ID or capacity plates, etc. \$200 each offence

\$150: Placing unauthorized sign restricting boating or Mooring to buoys other than mooring buoys

\$100: Operate in contravention of an authorized sign; speeding or Operate vessel without required equipment in working order or Operate vessel not meeting prescribed safety standards or Operate without prescribed equipment bearing official stamp, or label or No rigid International flag code "A" on vessel when diving. All refueling infractions, inside or outside vessel. Failure to comply with a Peace Officer or failure to produce license papers; or no hull ID#, No noise abatement device within 5 miles of shore \$100 each offence

All towing of people infractions: (spotter, seat, after dark,) or Failure to exhibit proper lights at night or in limited visibility \$100 each offence

Failure to have on board as prescribed for your vessel: 15m heaving line, manual propelling device, bailer; flares, watertight flashlight; sound signaling device; anchor& rode : This includes unpowered canoes, rowboats, etc \$100 each infraction

\* PCOC needed now for vessel operators born after Apr. 1, 1983; and for operators of all powered boats 4m & under (about 13' 2") includes PWCs & most dinghies. Operators of powered vessels over 4m have until 2009 to get the PCOC (includes canoes over 4m that have small electric or gas motors.)

\*\* **Speeding over 10 km/hr within 30m of shore (in BC on non-tidal waters) ..... \$100**

\* \* This speed limit is not posted. It came into effect two years ago and applies to all non-tidal water in BC. Exemptions apply to some very narrow fast rivers. Water skiers may start near shore, but the boat must go straight out at 90 to shore, not speed over 10km/hr closer to any shore than 30m (100) including when dropping skier off. The speed limit is 5 knots or 6 mph or 10 km/hr (these are rough equivalents). Note: This is the speed limit for BC lakes and rivers unless there is a different speed limit actually posted.

***The Pleasure Craft Operator's card can be obtained from Burnaby Power and Sail Squadron***

PCOC tests are in ENGLISH; ORAL TESTS are available for English speakers who are poor readers. [special request]. **challenge tests** are available at 3:30pm on days we teach Boat Pro (*see front*) cost \$40.

**Training Officer: Tom 604 515 0038**

**Boat Pro Officer: Jack 604 434 3280**

**Commander: Bev 604 520 1490**



## Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

CPS is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with over 31,000 members.

Our primary concern is

## **BOATING SAFETY**

*Burnaby Squadron is a unit of CPS*

### **BURNABY SQUADRON COURSES for 2009 include:**

**BOATING** Jan 13 to Apr 14, 2009

Repeats Sept 13 to Dec 8, 2009 ; 7-10 pm (Tue.)  
Cost: \$275 per person or \$450 per couple (includes one year membership with CPS upon successful completion) For more information or to register Call Tom 604 515 0038

**VHF RADIO** 3 evenings: February 18, 25 & March 4. 7-10 pm; repeats Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 2009.  
**Also DSC upgrade**

Call Bob 604 588 7187 for info or to register.

**BOAT PRO** offered as a one day (8:00 am - 4:30 pm) Saturday course most months Jan. thru Sept. at BCIT.

Next Dates: Jan 17; April 4; May 2; June 6; July 11; Aug 29; Sept 26.

Cost: \$85 per person. \$75 for others in family at same time. \$65 each for groups of eight or more, \$50 for Burnaby school students (*show ID*) or CPS members' children. (*Show Membership card*)

Call Bev 604 520 1490 or Jack 604 434 3280 to pre-register.

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