

Marep Report



Canadian Hydrographics Service and Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons Working Together - Marep Program



For the new members in our organization, the **Marep program** is a combined effort of CPS & CHS to ensure when our boaters find anything amiss on the water that it is indeed reported to CHS for Notice to Mariners and/or for Sailing Directions for updating. Here is the opportunity to use that fine training learned and earned in classes!

Maintaining the accuracy of Canadian charts is a huge ongoing process for Canadian Hydrographics and they would appreciate the added assistance of the Power Squadron members (approx. 30,000 strong across Canada) in reporting any dangers or discrepancies on the charts or navigating our channels and marinas. Due to the original historical method of lead line sampling for mapping our charts, even in the days of side scanning and GPS today, there is still a possibility that some features could have been missed on the ocean floor.



With the combined efforts of CHS, Vancouver Island South District and Pacific Mainland District and all the local squadrons, we hope to rekindle the spirit on the West Coast of active Marine Reporting. Other projects and cruises are also planned in the future for marep activities.

Reporting Procedures: First, report any significant hazards to navigation to the Canadian Coast Guard. Then, please contact your Squadron Marep Officer with the hazard report. The report forms may be found on-line at the national CPS website (www.cps-ecg.ca), go to Members Moorings, (membership number required), scroll to Marep (Canadian Hydrographics) and download reporting forms. The form is forwarded to your local Marep officer, who forwards the report to the District officer, who in turn forwards the report to CHS.

CHS also requests that we submit as many digital photos as possible with each report.

Just remember that you could be helping some poor soul who just punched a whole in his boat who is waiting anxiously for SAR (Search and Rescue) to come. Or someone waiting in the night who has the possibility of sinking. Perhaps we could and we should try to help prevent such scenarios.



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Marep Reporting - It's a Good Thing!