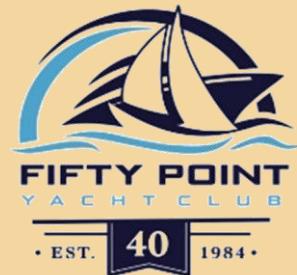




# Scuttlebutt



February 2026

**FIFTY POINT**  
YACHT CLUB

2026 Issue #2

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photo by Julie Wickett



[Showing Off at Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club](#)

Want to submit a Photo for our Contest? Sent the Picture with background information (Location, boat name, photographer's name, caption, etc. to [info@fpyc.ca](mailto:info@fpyc.ca) – Thank you!

## Commodore's Message



Hello February. The Boat Show has come and gone. That reliable milepost representing the halfway point between haul out and launch. While it was a bit disappointing to see only one sailboat on display (a carry-over from last year), it's always fun to browse the aisles of the Mariner's Marketplace for new product ideas and meet up for lunch with fellow Club members. A big thanks to the Fifty Point Marina for providing us all with free tickets.

As you may have noticed, we are now firmly in winter's icy grip. Our old snowblower (me) has had a good workout these past few weeks. Even last Sunday's storm forced us to change our Annual Members Meeting to an on-line only format, but in the interest of everyone's safety, it was the right thing to do.

Looking back to January, the "Learn to Curl" event at the Grimsby Curling Club (GCC) was a huge success, with forty members gathering on January 17 to trade their non-slip decks for very slippery sheets of ice. Besides enjoying some pizza and laughs, many of us discovered how physically challenging curling can be and how hard that ice can feel when you lose your footing. In the end, we all left with a new-found respect for the sport and for the skilled members of Team Canada as they get ready to compete for Olympic Gold in Milano this month. Special thanks go to Peter Collins, Dave Brutch and the GCC volunteers for their hospitality and expert instruction.

As you well know, FPYC held its Annual Members Meeting (AMM) last Sunday with 26 members attending (plus 14 by proxy). The Board provided Members in attendance with a high-level summary of the Club's achievements in 2025 along with a glimpse of what to expect in 2026. All in all, the Club had a very successful 2025 - highlighted by a 27% increase in membership over 2024. This gain can be attributed to our reimagined social and cruising activities and our strong efforts to boost membership value and communications. Of course, the added membership revenue combined with higher event and sponsorship revenue, resulted in a net gain of \$10,086 for the fiscal year - providing the Club with a solid balance sheet for the year ahead. Given this strong position, the Board decided in January to freeze 2026 Membership Fees at last year's levels and to use the surplus funds to further enhance club activities, thus attracting more 50pt boaters to join FPYC. Nancy Arnold and Lindsey Darling were also at the meeting to provide an overview of improvements planned for the Marina such as weed control, dredging, road resurfacing and other site/pavilion improvements. Nancy encouraged FPYC members to continue submitting ideas and suggestions for improvement as they think of them.

Looking ahead to February, we have two winter events planned for the month starting with a FREE Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) Refresher Seminar at the Marina Office on February 7 at 9:30 am. Complimentary coffee and Tim Bits will be available. Only a few of spots are left so sign up before its full (See the flier inside this issue). We are also planning a Buffet/Mixer at Limani on Saturday February 21 at 5:30 pm which will then lead straight into a Progressive Euchre Tournament at 7:00 pm. More details on this event can be found in the following pages.

While you're at it, mark March 14 on your calendars as FPYC and CanBoat/NautiSavoir will hold a one-day Red Cross Marine Safety Certificate Course at Ingledale House. The cost to attend this one-day course is \$160 for members and \$185 for non-members (lunch, coffee and snacks are included). Look for the flyer in this issue. A follow-up email invite will also follow soon.

Lastly, please note the following administrative changes that are now in effect. First, FPYC has a new mailing address (see below). For everyone's convenience, the manila FPYC mail-drop envelope will remain on the Marina Office counter should you wish to submit anything to the Board. Second, our email address for submitting e-payments to the treasurer has changed to: [treasurer@fpyc.ca](mailto:treasurer@fpyc.ca). Please update your on-line bank "payee" information to reflect the new email address. The old [treasurer50@yahoo.com](mailto:treasurer50@yahoo.com) address has been deleted.

That's all from me this month. Keep warm and remember, only 71 days until first launch!

Phil

***New Mailing Address***

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# February 7th PCOC Refresher

Free to FPYC Members

E-Mail [ian Munro](mailto:ian.munro@fpyc.ca) to Register!!



## Burlington Power & Sail Seminar

What Safety Equipment Do You Need?  
What are the Marine Rules of the Road?  
Understanding the Aids to Navigation  
Weather Insights and Reading Charts



Canadian Power & Sail Squadrions  
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## Pleasure Craft Operator Card Refresher Boating Safety Basics

With Ian Munro and Ken Beauchamp

Join us  
09:30– 1200 hrs February 7, 2026

**Fifty Point Yacht Club  
At the Fifty Point Marina Office**

Coffee and Donuts Provided  
**FREE!**

Reserve early to ensure a seat  
Contact: Ian Munro at [igimunro2@gmail.com](mailto:igimunro2@gmail.com)

## Save the Date / February 21<sup>st</sup> Euchre Tournament!!



Keep an eye on your inbox for your invitation to register to our Euchre Tournament February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at Limani at Fifty!!

We are finalizing food arrangements with our friends George and Maria and will provide more details in a few days!

This will be a progressive Tournament – you will switch partners and tables throughout the tournament.

We will also have Prizes!!

Stay Tuned!!

# Emergency Level C Certificate



**FIFTY POINT**  
YACHT CLUB



Get your Canadian Red Cross  
Emergency Level C Certificate

**Saturday March 14, 2026**

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**“Ingledale House”**

Fifty Point Conservation Area”

## Agenda

1. Responding to Emergencies
2. EMS system available when afloat
3. Check, Call, Care
4. Airway Emergencies
5. Breathing & Circulation Emergencies
6. First Aid for Respiratory and Cardiac Arrest
7. Wound Care
8. Head & Spine Injuries
9. Bone, Muscle and Joint Injuries
10. Sudden Medical Emergencies
11. Poisons
12. Marine First Aid Kits
13. On-Water Emergencies and Scenarios

**\*\*\* Limited Seating - 20 persons \*\*\***

**Registration Fee** (includes lunch, coffee, snacks)

**\$160** FPYC and CanBoat Members

**\$185** All Others

Send E-transfers to [treasurer@fpyc.ca](mailto:treasurer@fpyc.ca)

Click [here](#) to register or scan QR code >



# How to Choose a Marine Surveyor?

*Thank you, Bill Wickett, for this submission from Marine Surveys Canada*

It seems like everyone has their "guy", usually a marine surveyor they either know personally or have been referred to by another boater (or someone in the marine or insurance industries). Marine surveyors are often hired based on this type of referral, rather than on the merits of their qualifications and skills. I often hear boaters express their displeasure about an experience where a marine surveyor "condemned" a boat, or the surveyor was viewed as unreasonable in relation to their recommendations. As a result, surveyors known to be less thorough and less detailed in their work tend to be favoured by boaters, especially for insurance surveys. That said, I have found that most boaters appreciate good information when it is presented with some perspective.

With pre-purchase surveys, cost of ownership is a key consideration for a purchaser, and detail is imperative, but the high number of findings and recommendations can negatively impact an insurance underwriter's willingness to issue a policy. This conundrum can only be resolved by the surveyor reporting findings with integrity (the detail must be in the report) and perspective (the findings must be presented in the context of whether they are safety or regulatory concerns).

Ultimately, a good marine surveyor will identify both the obvious and the developing issues that could have some safety implications. Such issues may be found within the boat structure, rigging, electrical and fuel systems, machinery, and any other component of a vessel. If a marine surveyor cannot do this, there is no point in undertaking the marine survey.

So, how does one identify a good marine surveyor? Well, ethics and integrity are critical. Marine surveyors should be selected based on the following minimum criteria:

1. The surveyor should be accredited, or at the very least a member in good standing, in a recognized association of surveyors (Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors, National Association of Marine Surveyors, International Institute of Marine Surveying). These associations have user-friendly websites that include membership directories to help you find an Accredited Marine Surveyor in your area.
2. The surveyor should have technical certifications, preferably training offered through the ABYC (American Boat & Yacht Council)

3. The surveyor should be fully insured for the type of work they are doing (many are not)

In addition to the above minimum criteria, I recommend that boaters avoid hiring a marine surveyor that falls into in any of the following categories:

1. A marine surveyor recommended by your insurer who is not accredited or a member in good standing of a recognized marine surveyors association (such as SAMS, NAMS, or IIMS). Insurance companies and insurance brokers do not certify or provide accreditation for surveyors.
2. Any surveyor who cannot provide proof of insurance
3. A surveyor who cannot provide a sample survey
4. Any surveyor who appears to have bargain rates (these surveyors are often not carrying the costs of association memberships and are frequently uninsured)
5. The surveyor who advertises that they also do boat repair or service work, towing, lawn mower repair, hair styling, tire repair or liquor delivery service (or any other service that clearly demonstrates the surveyor is not fully engaged in the profession). This is particularly

important in situations where the surveyor is prepared to charge you for repairs related to their own survey recommendations, which is clearly a conflict of interest.

6. Surveyors who cannot provide a timely report (typically within three business days of inspection), or those who charge extra for issuing a report in timely manner. Reporting is a significant part of the job, and the job is not complete until the report is finished.

7. Surveyors who charge a premium for "emergency surveys."

8. Any surveyor willing to sign-off their report on repairs they have not witnessed first-hand

9. Any surveyor advertising "virtual marine surveys" where they issue a report without inspecting the vessel

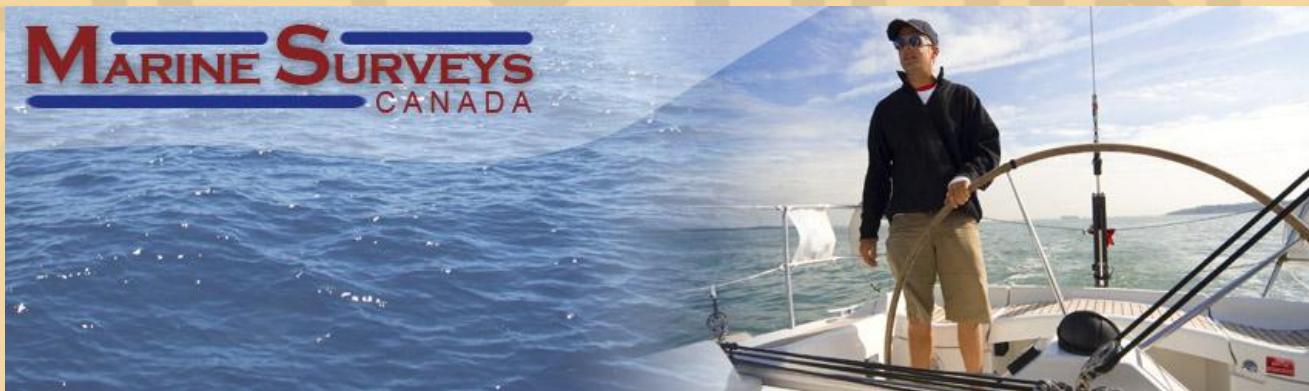
Care should be exercised when selecting a marine surveyor. Of late, we are seeing an uptick in the number of unqualified people fraudulently advertising membership in a marine surveying society or association. This trend seems to be prevalent in Ontario, likely due to opportunity created by increased boat sales activity of the past couple of years.

Allowing and encouraging unqualified marine surveyors to submit opinions on vessel condition and value significantly increases risk for boaters and insurers in the coming years. Professional marine surveying associations maintain an updated membership roster, along with recognized qualifications for each surveyor on their list. If in doubt, reach out to the marine surveying associations providing accreditation (or certification). Web links to the three primary marine surveying associations in North America are provided below .

### Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors - SAMS

[NAMSGlobal | An International Association of Marine Surveyors | The National Association of Marine Surveyors, Inc. | Find A Marine Surveyor Near Me | Training | Education | Certification | Referral | NAMS | NAMS-CMS](http://www.sams.org)

<https://www.iims.org.uk/>



Marine Surveys Canada, like our namesake, performs marine surveys on yachts and small recreational craft, with offices near Toronto, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta. Our marine surveyors are well-versed in vessel construction, ABYC, NFPA, NMEA and Transport Canada standards. Many years of marine industry experience are brought to bear on every marine survey commissioned by our customers. Whether you are seeking sound advice on a boat purchase or renewing your insurance policy, Marine Surveys Canada will provide unparalleled expertise and value. Visit their website [here](http://www.msc.ca).



# PHOTO CONTEST

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!**

**SUBMIT YOUR BEST PHOTOS TO  
INFO@FPYC.CA**

**YOUR WINNING ENTRIES WILL  
BE FEATURED IN SCUTTLEBUTT**

# VC17 Discontinued in Canada

## **VC Offshore:**

Interlux (AkzoNobel) has formally discontinued VC17m in Canada due to regulatory changes and material sourcing challenges. Their official bulletin recommends [VC Offshore](#) as the direct replacement, and it can be applied directly over VC17m with proper sanding and cleaning.

### **Why it's the closest match:**

- Same “VC family” hard, smooth finish
- Compatible over sanded VC17m
- Designed for performance hulls
- Similar hydrodynamic profile (race-boat friendly)

## **Micron CSC-CA (Ablative, Long-Lasting Option)**

Although not compatible directly on top of VC17m, many Canadian sailors report excellent multi-season performance after removing VC17 fully.

### **Pros:**

- Multi-season antifouling
- Works in both fresh and salt water
- Popular throughout the Great Lakes

### **Cons:**

- Requires complete removal of VC17 before use

## **Interlux Bottomkote-CA (Hard Paint Alternative)**

A smooth-finish, hard antifouling paint available in Canada that can replace VC17m *once the old coating is removed.*

## **What does NOT work directly over VC17m**

According to [canadianboating.ca](#), most paints are not compatible over VC17m because it is a thin Teflon-based coating.

This includes:

- Micron paints (unless VC17 is removed)
- Pettit antifouling (if incompatible substrate)
- Ablative paints generally

VC Offshore is currently the only product confirmed as a direct overcoat.

Sources: [rigginshoppe.com](#), [cdn.shoplightspeed.com](#), [sailnet.com](#), [ca.binnacle.com](#), [canadianboating.ca](#)

## Buy and Sell Space

You can submit your ad via [info@fpyc.ca](mailto:info@fpyc.ca)

This Buy & Sell Space (“**This Space**”) is provided as a community service for the purpose of connecting individuals who wish to give, trade, or sell items. By participating, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

### 1. No Guarantees or Endorsements

FPYC does not verify, endorse, or guarantee the quality, safety, legality, or condition of any items listed, nor the accuracy of any descriptions provided by users.

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FPYC assumes no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury, disputes, or dissatisfaction resulting from interactions, transactions, or communications arising from this platform.

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**This Space** is intended strictly for nonprofit community use. Commercial sellers, resellers, or businesses are not permitted to post listings. No Motor Vehicles, No Watercrafts – Personal Dinghies and Outboard Engines are permitted, No Real Estate.

### 5. Safety & Conduct

Participants are expected to communicate respectfully and meet in safe, public locations when possible. FPYC reserves the right to refuse ads or block individuals who violate guidelines or engage in unsafe or inappropriate behavior.

### 6. By Using This Board

You acknowledge these terms and agree to use this platform at your own risk.

# Why Sponsor FPYC???

Our Social Committee is working hard putting together a great slate of activities for FPYC Members in 2026. We are continuing efforts to seek out sponsors to help keep event costs to a minimum. Krista Toussaint is leading this initiative to propose suitable Sponsorship Opportunities. If you know any organization who would be willing to Sponsor FPYC, please reach out to Krista directly!



Fifty Point Yacht Club is nestled within the scenic Fifty Point Conservation Area, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and modern convenience. Ideally situated just off the QEW Niagara, it provides easy access to nearby shopping, amenities, and vibrant neighboring communities.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR SPONSORSHIP - KRISTA

- 905-973-1324
- krista\_toussaint@yahoo.ca
- www.fpyc.ca
- 1479 Baseline Rd., Stoney Creek

## WHO WE ARE

A thriving non-profit yacht club with nearly 100 members and growing, located in a marina featuring 336 boat slips. Boaters from near and far gather to enjoy a fun season filled with social events and exciting cruises. The majority of our members reside within a 30-minute radius, primarily from the Hamilton and Niagara regions. We welcome all ages and host many families!

## WHEN OUR SEASON OPERATES

Our boating season runs from April to October, with events and membership perks offered all year round.

This year we have weekly and monthly events planned along with five cruises to neighbouring yacht clubs.

## WHY SPONSOR US?

With close to 100 members and growing PLUS access to 336 Boat Slips plus visiting friends and families...

*The possibilities are endless!*

- We are a close-knit club built on strong community connections, with referrals playing a key role—especially for boat-related services, local dining, activities, and shopping.
- Our members share common interests, a passion for boating, and an appreciation for the finer things in life. Many spend weekends and extended stays at the club, seeking local places to dine, shop, and explore.
- We host a variety of weekly and monthly events, providing a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to showcase their brands through promotional items, prizes, signage, and giveaways.
- Our diverse membership spans all ages, including many families. Additionally, we welcome social members from the local community who may not be boaters but enjoy being part of our vibrant club.

## Levels of Sponsorship

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB



#### PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1000

- Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Official sponsor of One Event/Directional Sandwich Board
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - two ads per month from May to September
- Signage as Co-Host at One Major Event



#### GOLD SPONSOR \$500

- Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - one ad per month from May to September



#### SILVER SPONSOR \$250

- Business size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$275 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - two ads per season (from May to September)



#### BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

- Business size ad in Scuttlebutt during one month of our busy summer season (from May to September) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - one ad per season (from May to September)



#### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide prizes for events (gift cards, promo items, etc)
- Provide membership perk

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## Members Perks Program



- GTHN Boat Polishing - 10%
- Pita Pit- 10%
- Kelsey's - 20%
- Freshii - 15%
- DNA Pizza - 10% on orders over 15.00
- Booster Juice - 15%
- Sunset Grill - 15%
- Lazeez Shawarma - 15%
- Pho Huy - 15%
- Marine Doctors – 10% off labour
- imPerfect Fresh Eats, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%
- Noodlebox, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%

Members must present their membership cards to the server to receive the discounts.

If you have any “Perk” suggestions, please send us an e-mail at [info@fpyc.ca](mailto:info@fpyc.ca)

# GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue

## Help Support GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue

There's a popular saying in the search and rescue community: "Every successful rescue has a thousand fingerprints on it." It's a short way of saying it takes a large, complex, multi-talented team behind the scenes of every mission to make it successful. So, it's not surprising to learn that not all of the action for the volunteers of South Shore Search And Rescue happens out on the water. Sometimes what goes on ashore is every bit as important as our adventures on Lake Ontario.



Photo- Christian de Stradis / Unsplash



Long-time members are quick to acknowledge that it takes a lot of work on land to support their efforts on the water. In the same way that the Coxswains (captains) need to manage complex training and rescue missions aboard their stalwart rescue vessel GAMRU 240, leadership ashore plays a key role in training members, equipping them with the gear and equipment they need, keeping the vessel rescue-ready, handling the finances, maintaining relationships with the communities and, crucially, raising funds.

In March of 2026, the organization will welcome new members to the Board of Directors. The search is on for people with those skills. Hopefully, some will come from outside of the organization's membership: as an Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation, board members can come from outside the unit. Board terms are for two years. Volunteer board members with specialized skills can contribute to positions like treasurer, secretary and fundraising without having served as crew on the water. While experience with boating is helpful, you don't have to be a boater to be a good manager.

Or, as we're fond of saying, "Heroes on the water need Heroes ashore!"

Anyone interested in learning more about a position as a Director of South Shore Search And Rescue should contact unit leader Ben Upper by email to [ben.upper@gamru.ca](mailto:ben.upper@gamru.ca) or deputy unit leader Ed Cook at [ed.cook@gamru.ca](mailto:ed.cook@gamru.ca) before the end of January. A small anchor icon is positioned at the end of the sentence.

# Update from CanBoat/NautiSavoir

## SAILING COURSE

This sailing course covers the practical and theoretical basics of sailing and sailing seamanship.

No prerequisites required

- Course length 10-11 weeks, Thursday nights
- Start Date Thursday February 5, 2026
- Start Time 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton
- Last day to register, January 1, 2026 (takes 4 weeks to receive materials)

Cost: \$165.00

Includes Instruction, Book and Quiz

Book Online at [www.canboat.ca](http://www.canboat.ca)

Note: Under all courses, click Course Calendar, scroll down to find Sailing, Click Find a Class, Click Classroom, Click Hamilton

Never taken a CanBoat course: Click sign up and create an account.

Need assistance: Contact Ron Warby 905-389-5719 or [ronwarby46@gmail.com](mailto:ronwarby46@gmail.com)

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### Upcoming Classes

#### Basic Navigation and Boat Handling

Improve your boating experience by registering for this online informative course.

Check it out at [www.canboat.ca](http://www.canboat.ca) Click All Courses, Course Calendar

Course starts January 29, 2026

Need assistance: [ronwarby46@gmail.com](mailto:ronwarby46@gmail.com)



# Practical Weather for Boaters

Thank you Ron Warby

Practical Weather for Boaters – Online (V2025\_09) X



Practical Weather for Boaters – Online (V2025\_09)

**Suggested Prerequisite**  
none

**Details**  
Courses material is available 24x7. This is a cohort-based format with a specific start and end date. You will take this course with a specific group of fellow students. You may also have one on one meetings with a local tutor to cover topics that are difficult to teach online.

**Additional Information** ^

Here is a course you can study the clouds in your own time.

Burlington - Mar 17th, 2026 ^

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Start Date:</b><br>Mar 17th, 2026   | <b>Pricing and Packages:</b>                      |
| <b>Start Time:</b><br>7:00 PM  | Practical Weather for Boaters - Online (V2025_09) |
| <b>Contact:</b><br>Ray Kirkham<br>(905) 523-9721<br><a href="mailto:burlingtonpowersquadron@gmail.com">burlingtonpowersquadron@gmail.com</a> | <b>Non-Member Price</b><br>\$160.00               |
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# Amendments to Small Vessel Regulations

## **News Release from Transport Canada (January 6, 2026 – Ottawa, Ontario)**

Canada is a maritime nation, with more coastline than any other country in the world. With approximately 12 million boaters navigating our waterways, recreational boating is a favourite pastime. Transport Canada continues to strengthen rules and regulations to keep Canadians safe and ensure our marine safety system remains among the best in the world.

Today, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, announced amendments to the Small Vessel Regulations that will modernize Canada's pleasure craft licensing program and database.

The Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL) is a unique identification number for recreational boats that have one or more engines whose combined power is at least 10 horsepower- similar to a car's license plate. It allows emergency responders and law enforcement to quickly identify the owner of a boat, which improves response times in urgent situations and supports efforts to address unsafe or abandoned boats.

The following changes have taken effect as of December 31, 2025:

- new and renewed pleasure craft licences will only be valid for five years
- current lifetime licences will be gradually replaced with licences that must be renewed every five years.
- a \$24 service fee will apply to issuing, renewing, transferring, or replacing a Pleasure Craft Licence. This fee will be updated annually for inflation.
- licence holders must now update their information within 30 days of a change in their name or address, instead of the previous 90 days.

These changes will make boating safer, protect the environment, and ensure licence holders share the cost of administering the program fairly. This will also help the Government to tackle wrecked, hazardous, and abandoned vessels by keeping ownership information accurate and up to date.

### **Associated links**

- [Full Press Release](#)
- [Apply for a new licence or manage an existing licence](#)
- [Pleasure Craft vs. Non-Pleasure-Craft](#)

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# Crêpes Suzette

Jacques Pépin's recipe for these classic buttery, citrusy crêpes are ideal for entertaining a group.

Total Time 45 Mins | Yield 6 Servings

## Ingredients (Crêpes)

- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted, plus more for skillet

## Ingredients (Orange-Butter Sauce)

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (4 ounces), softened
- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided
- 1/2 tablespoon finely grated orange zest
- 1/3 cup fresh orange juice (from about 2 medium oranges)
- 3 tablespoons (1 1/2 ounces) orange liqueur (such as Grand Marnier or Cointreau)
- 1 tablespoon (1/2 ounce) Cognac



## Directions

1. Make the crêpes: Whisk together eggs, flour, milk, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl until smooth; batter will be thick. Whisk in water, oil, and melted butter until well combined.
2. Heat a 10-inch crêpe pan or nonstick skillet over medium-high and brush with butter. Add 3 tablespoons batter and quickly tilt skillet to evenly distribute batter. Cook until the edges of the crêpe curl up and start to brown, about 45 seconds.
3. Flip the crêpe using a long spatula; cook until a few brown spots appear on the bottom, 10 to 15 seconds. Transfer the crêpe to a baking sheet. Repeat process with remaining batter to make about nine more crêpes, wiping skillet clean and lightly buttering skillet a few times as necessary between crêpes.
4. Make the orange-butter sauce: Process butter, 1/3 cup sugar, and orange zest in a food processor. With processor running, gradually add orange juice until incorporated.
5. Spoon butter mixture into a 12-inch flameproof skillet; cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until bubbling, 2 to 3 minutes. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is syrupy, about 3 minutes.
6. Reduce heat to low. Working with 1 crêpe at a time, dip both sides of crêpe in sauce using 2 forks or silicone spatulas; fold into fourths with prettiest side facing outward. Lift and let excess sauce drip off; transfer folded crêpe to a baking sheet. Repeat process with remaining crêpes, scraping down sides of skillet as needed.
7. Transfer folded crêpes back to skillet, overlapping slightly as needed to fit all 10 crêpes in skillet; scrape any excess sauce on baking sheet back into skillet. Sprinkle crêpes with remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.
8. Increase heat to medium. Add Grand Marnier and cognac; carefully ignite sauce using a long-handled lighter. Carefully spoon flaming sauce over crêpes using a long-handled, heatproof spoon until flames subside, about 30 seconds. Transfer crêpes to a platter; spoon any extra sauce over top. Serve immediately.

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