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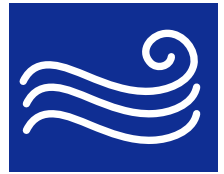
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Paul M. Rellinger, Editor-in-chief, The Port Hole

In my previous existence as a community newspaper editor, one of my tasks – besides writing, editing and ensuring coffee supplies were replenished – was interviewing, and hiring, newsroom staff.

During that process, rightly or wrongly – rightly, I think – I didn't dwell on candidates' submitted writing samples. Why? Because, first and foremost, I was looking for good people that would be a great fit with our team. And I was looking for people with passion: passion for writing; passion for telling people's stories. Only when it came down to a hiring choice between two or three applicants did I take a look at their writing samples. That was the tiebreaker.

For the most part, that approach worked out pretty well. Many of those I brought on board long ago remain in the media business and are at the top of their game as journalists and, in some cases, as editors. That remains a happenstance I take great pride in.

Why am I sharing this with you? Simple. I'm 'hiring' once more.

When I came aboard as Editor-in-Chief of The Porthole in the fall of 2019, I pledged I'd make every effort to see more of members' contributed articles on these pages. Yes, The Porthole is a terrific vehicle for sharing news of CPS-ECP courses, events and milestones, and yes, that should remain a focus. What I wanted to help do was add to that by gathering and publishing your stories.

Let me tell you about Jeff Evans. He's a member of the Sarnia Power and Sail Squadron. That's pretty much all I really know about Jeff, beyond the fact that I know he

has a passion for boating. How do I know? It's evident in the articles he regularly sends to me. He's not paid to do so. He does it because he loves writing and, I assume, because he shares my view of what The Porthole can and should be - entertaining as well as educational.

As an editor, I'd give my kingdom for a few more Jeffs. I know they're out there, and they share his passion for boating and all things on-water recreation-related. Is Jeff a great writer? That's quite a tag bestowed upon few people I've worked with. What I can attest to is Jeff is a most capable wordsmith, and is reliable, conscientious and passionate about the subjects he takes on.

To be clear, Jeff volunteers his time and talent to the benefit of The Porthole and to you, its readers. He does so because he cares for the quality of the content published six times annually.

Are there other Jeffs out there? I know there are and I'm anxious to hear from them in 2023 and beyond. No, I can't promise you riches but I can assure you of my full attention and gratitude for your contributions.

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# NEW FOOTING ON VERY FAMILIAR AND WELCOME GROUND

- by Marie Dosso, National Administrative Officer, CPS-ECP



Hello and happy autumn to you all.

I am the newly appointed National Administrative Officer for Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, having taken on the mantle at the National Conference and AGM in Toronto back on October 29.

I became a member of CPS-ECP in April 2011 upon the completion of the Boating Essentials course offered through the Port Credit Power and Sail Squadron in Mississauga, Ontario. My husband and I had just purchased a new boat, a 39-foot Cruiser's Yacht. Having taken the course years earlier, he said it was time for me to do the same and so I did. I found the classes very enjoyable indeed.

One of my instructors was the late Pauline Wettlaufer, a wonderful person whose knowledge and passion for boating and CPS-ECP was, and remains, legendary.

As a former Squadron Commander and District Commander, and a prolific instructor, Pauline encouraged me to join the Port Credit bridge. She was my mentor as I rose through the ranks to Education Officer, Squadron Commander, District Commander, and now as a director and National Administrative Officer. I wish Pauline could see my progression as she encouraged me every step of the way.

In 2017 I retired, so for the past five years I have been able to dedicate more time to the organization and take on more senior roles.

CPS-ECP has provided excellent guidance and support to the boating public for more than 80 years. I am very invested in the success of the organization and want to see it regain, and maintain, its top place in the boating world. There is work to be done. We need people who can help make that happen.

In my career as a retail management professional, I was involved in training, finance and real estate – the myriad of roles encompassed by that profession. Thus the education portion of the organization is of great importance to me. It is where we offer true value with the so many stellar courses we offer, particularly now with so many new boaters on the water.

By encouraging people to become members of CPS-ECP, we're also offering them the enjoyment of great friendships that will last for years. For me, that is the crux of what CPS-ECP is really all about.

In my new position, which encompasses Marketing, Communications, RVCC, and Safety and Flares, I am committed to the goal of providing communication and support. I look forward to meeting many of you and to help make CPS-ECP successful and enjoyable.

All the best to all and happy boating! ■



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**District of the Year**

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**Squadron of the Year**

**Gabriola Squadron and North Shore Squadron**

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**Brian Reis**  
Owen Sound Squadron

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**(Best District Membership Renewal)**

**Vancouver Island South District**

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**25th Anniversary Plaque**

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