

Marie's Reflections

As I sit here preparing for the CPS Boating exam, I'm reflecting how much I am enjoying studying and reviewing the material that Commander Len and Dawna Burton and all the Brentwood Bay CPS crew have presented in the CPS Boating Course. I was out on our boat this past Easter weekend and the experience was all that much more magical because of my new skills at navigating and plotting, noting all the aids to navigation, and having more confidence because of my new foundational knowledge.

I am very appreciative and want to acknowledge and thank all of the Brentwood Bay CPS members that have volunteered their time to teach and to assist all of us in this class. Years of experience on our Gulf Islands and beyond has been shared with us, and a tremendous amount of time has gone into presenting the CPS material in a way that is meaningful, practical and memorable. PowerPoint presentations included lots of local digital images that Len and Dawna made while out on the water so we could actually see what was being taught. We visited the Canadian Hydrographic Service to learn more about charts, and met at the Central Saanich Fire Department for experience with fire extinguishers. On our student cruise, these same Brentwood Bay CPS members/now friends, kindly took us out on their own boats one Sunday to Genoa Bay Marina. We gained practical experience in navigation and at the marina, had several presentations from the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. I look forward to some of the more advanced CPS classes and recommend Brentwood Bay Squadron to everyone.