



R.C.A.F. Trenton Power and Sail Squadron

NOTICE:

Twoney Tuesday

March 07, 2023

7 p.m. CFB Trenton Yacht Club

SAR in Canada

How does your rescue happen?

RCAF Trenton Squadron, of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, would like to remind local boaters, as we approach the new boating season, to ensure that you have your ROC(M) radio operators' card and know how your radio, either ship mounted or hand held, is used to correctly request assistance in the event that your boat requires a distress call. We are providing you with a great opportunity to hear how the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) works from the time you either dial *16 on your cell phone or use digital channel 70 on your DSC maritime VHF radio to make a distress call.

Samantha Sterling (D/RSMS and Maritime SAR Coordinator) of the Canadian Coast Guard from the SAR unit located within the JRCC at 8 Wing Trenton, will talk to us about what happens in her unit when that little red button on your DCS phone is activated or you push *16 on your regular cell phone and who comes to help you. She will explain to us where SAR units are located across the country, what is the JRCC and where our help comes from. She will talk about the importance of having an EPIRB/GPIRB/SART, especially when beyond sea area 1, as well as the importance of knowing how to properly use your onboard flares and why your radio needs to be registered in the name of your boat.

There will likely be 8 Wing SAR fixed and rotary wing pilots in the audience as well as members of the local Auxiliary Coast Guard units-BARU/QSAR, which will provide a good mix for a Q&A session after the talk. This session will be sent out on ZOOM for those in other provinces who have expressed an interest in attending remotely.

We expect a good turnout for this as the boating season is just around the corner and this session will fill in some of the blanks not fully covered in the ROC(M) course. The practical information gained here about the use of flares will further enhance our recent FLAREX demonstrations.

Since we do expect a large number of boaters wanting to attend and since the Yacht Club venue can hold about 60 folks there will be a registration list for this event. If we have more than 60, we will provide a second event at the Yacht Club. We are certainly hoping that the bar will be open, but have not yet received confirmation from the Yacht Club. Please RSVP to john.sandy2006@gmail.com and we will take the first 60, with the others on a waiting list. The registration will close at 1800 on Sunday, March 05, 2023 and names will be taken at the door. The price at the door will be a Twoney (\$2.00)

