

2011/12

Dear Winter Program Participants,

Below is the schedule for this year's winter program. Those of you who participated last year know that you will receive a detailed email a few days before the program starts, outlining what time the event starts/ends, and what you should bring. It is very important to read these emails...really, it is :)

In addition to lessons that will help you get ahead on your logbooks levels, each weekend also commits time to working in the BBI shop, doing a group activity or outing, and some handy courses. Among the courses this year will be Basic Marine First Aid, which is a whole weekend, and Marine Advanced First Aid which is 5 days total, spread over two weekends. For those working on their logbooks, note that Basic First Aid is a Level 2 requirement and Advanced is a Level 3 requirement. Those who have taken a two-day Advanced Course should check their certificates to make sure they have not expired. Cost for the Advanced First-Aid course is \$310. The Marine Basic costs \$155.

The VHF Restricted Operators Course costs \$50 for two days of instruction. The license does not expire. The Safe Food Handlers course is \$45.25 for one day instruction and is valid for 5 years. WHMIS, Fall Arrest, and Firefighting will be held later in the spring.

The upkeep of our whalers is a vital part of winter program, as they get a lot of wear and tear during the summer. This year they really took a beating, especially red whaler as many of you know, but we want them back in action for next season! On that note, the culminating event of winter program is the Great Whaler Expedition. Each spring, the whalers, with you as their crew, take on a unique voyage that is planned, funded, and executed by the crew. In the past this has included such trips as trucking the whalers to Halifax to participate in a re-enactment or a 4-day voyage through the 1000 Islands.

Next summer is 2012, the bicentennial of the War of 1812. As such, every port with its salt on both the Canadian and American sides of the Great Lakes will be holding celebrations. Black Jack, Fair Jeanne, and the whalers have all been invited to participate in a re-enactment at Lake Simcoe at the beginning of June. It will be quite a feat and an incredible experience if we are up to the challenge! As yet we have few details of the re-enactment itself, but there promises to be a lot of guns, cannons, American and Canadian tall ships, and everyone in period costume.

All overnight winter programs cost \$10, plus any additional activity costs. The \$10 includes food, but make sure to have dinner before arriving Friday. Many weekends are sleepovers on Friday and Saturday nights, so make sure you bring a change of clothes, sleeping bag, etc. You will also want work clothes that can get dirty to wear in the shop.

Winter program is a good opportunity to get your menu planning signed off in your logbook. This way you will be planning food for a real event and it had better be good because we'll all be eating it!

Please be advised that there are bursaries available for most winter program costs. Contact Mary Acton-Bond to receive information on bursaries at least 2 weeks before the beginning of the selected course/s.

I look forward to an exciting winter with many faces old and new. Thanks 'for being part of the crew!'

Christine Chesterman,
Winter Program Coordinator

Navigation Night, Bowling, Terms, and Sleds	09:00 Saturday Nov. 5 th – 12:00 Sunday Nov. 6 th (sleepover)	BBI Office 10\$ + \$12 for bowling	Coming? _____
<p>Come to the Bytown Office for a fun-filled weekend, complete with bowling, sled-making and a lesson on Navigation any future officer can't do without. Saturday morning we will meet at the office and walk down to the Yacht Club to tarp Black Jack for the winter. Hopefully no one will be crushed this year. Just kidding. Then we will walk back to the office for a nav lesson and go bowling in the evening. On Sunday we will split into sled racing teams and have a lesson on parts of ship while they are still fresh in everyone's mind.</p> <p>Navigation - Time to brush up on those navigations skills with a nail-biting jeopardy style Navigation Symbols Game. Following this will be a navigation lesson, to ensure that you are ready to tackle next summer's navigation.</p> <p>Bowling Night - Who's up for some bowling? Bring your smile jokes and get ready for a good time! We'll be going to 1916 Merivale road. It costs \$12 / person for two games with shoe rental.</p> <p>Sled Challenge - The boating season may be done now that snow is on its way and the river's freezing up, but we can still sail down the frozen slopes! We'll divide into teams to design the fastest, most creative sled. In previous years building materials have included everything from two-by-fours to old skis. Sled building begins ASAP and we put them to the test in January when there will be plenty of snow!</p>			

Collision Regulations, Shipyard Work, and Marlinspike Seamanship	09:00 Saturday Nov. 20 – 16:00 Sunday Nov. 21 (sleepover)	BBI Office \$10	Coming? _____
<p>Saturday we will work on repairing whaler sails and lines and start some work on the whalers themselves. We will also start brainstorming goals and fundraising ideas for the whaler expedition.</p> <p>ColRegs - Just like there are rules of the road for driving a car, there are rules of the water if you want to drive boats! Saturday afternoon will be a lesson to make the International Collision Regulations less daunting – plus Colregs are a part of every level in the logbook!</p> <p>Sunday will be hands-on learning marlinspike seamanship. In a nutshell, it's all the useful and decorative things you can make with rope and twine. So, we will be whipping and splicing it up at the office! Marlinspike seamanship is a key skill for any tall ship sailor and is part of Level 2.</p>			

Model-building & Buoyage, Shipyard Work, and Sledding	09:00 Saturday Dec. 3 rd – 12:00 Sun. Dec. 4 th (sleepover)	BBI Office \$10 + cost of model boat	Coming? _____ Model? _____
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In addition to Colregs, a good sailor must be able to recognize and obey the different buoys she may come across! The Canadian Buoyage system is pretty straightforward, and to help you learn it, everyone will be building a model boat under the expert guidance of Mr. John Grahame, who built all the models of Fair Jeanne and Black Jack that you see in the office displays.

Saturday morning you will have a lesson on the buoyage system, then anyone interested in building a model will do so. Those not building models will undertake a project in the shop. We will then have a Buoyage Obstacle Course, where you will each have to navigate your ship safely through a buoyed channel set up in the office. On Sunday we will work on the sleds and finish the models if they are not done.

Pancake Breakfast	Saturday December 17 th at 10:00	BBI Office \$7	How many are coming? _____
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Come on down to the office for a morning of good company and more pancakes than you can shake a reef at! This is a fun morning for the entire family - volunteers, participants, and parents get together to say goodbye to 2011 before winter program takes its Christmas break.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Kingston Weekend	17:00 Fri. Jan. 13 th – 17:00 Sun. Jan 15 th	Kingston ~\$90 TBC	Coming? _____
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Join us on a road-trip to Kingston, a historic port city on Lake Ontario and Fair Jeanne's summer home! Arguably the coolest weekend of winter program, we will be making ditty bags and learning about sailmaking at the Kingston Sail Loft, visiting a professional shipyard which builds fire fighting vessels, and spending a night at Fort Henry to experience the life of a soldier in 1867. Bring the usual change of clothes and sleeping bag as we will be sleeping in the living room of a house in Kingston for the first night and Fort Henry the second.

We would also be looking for volunteers for drivers and vehicles in order to transport everyone down cost-efficiently as possible. Any help is appreciated!

WHMIS, Fall Arrest, Skate-a-thon	0900 Sat. Jan. 21 st – 16:00 Sunday Jan. 22 (sleepover)	BBI Office & Rideau Canal \$10	
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One day this weekend (tbd) will be the WHMIS and Fall Arrest training at the office, while the other day will be the Skate-a-thon to fundraise for the whaler expedition. WHMIS stands for Workplace Hazardous Material Information System and along with Fall Arrest is mandatory for all crew and OTs. Reminder: it must be renewed every year!

VHF Radio Course and Sled Racing	09:00 Sat. Feb 3 rd – 16:30 Sun. Feb 5 th	BBI Office \$50	Coming? _____
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This course certifies you to use the VHF radios on board the ships and whalers. As such, it is a requirement for anyone working towards their Level 2 and will also come in handy in your

personal boating activities The fee covers two days of instruction, the course handbook, and the exam. The VHF licence is valid for life.

Saturday night is the night you've all been waiting for. In honour of Brown Thunder, the Bytown Sled Challenge will be held at Mt. Carling. May the best sled take the glory.

Food Handler Course, Shipyard, Anchoring	08:30 Fri. Feb. 17 th – 16:00 Sat. Feb 18 th (sleepover)	BBI Office \$10 + \$45.25	Coming? _____
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On Friday we have a food handler's certification course, so that all everyone will be able to help prepare delicious meals in the galley. This course will provide certification on the principles and practices of handling food in order to reduce the risk of food borne diseases.

This course is open to anyone who is interested in becoming certified.

Saturday morning there will be a lesson on anchoring. You may have helped drop or weigh the anchor this summer, but what is the Captain actually thinking about when he gives those orders? Saturday's lesson will be all about which anchor to use where, when, and how to get the job done right. The rest of the day will be devoted to working in the shop.

Meteorology and Rigging	0900 Sat. March 3 rd – 1400 Sun. March 4 th	BBI Office \$10	Coming? _____
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Saturday morning there will be a lesson on clouds: how do they look before a squall? Why do we care about a cold front? How does fog form? With this lesson you'll never need the weather channel again! In the afternoon we'll be working on the whalers in the shop.

Bring your ditty bag, rigging knife, and any other gear that's good for ropework for Sunday. The sailing season is fast approaching and we must ensure that Fair Jeanne and Black Jack's rigging is up to snuff. Learn how exactly the sails are rigged, and why they're rigged the way they are. Then help finish gaskets, heaving lines, and whaler painters or rigging.

MARCH BREAK CAMP MARCH 12-16. Please contact the office to register.

This camp is pretty legendary and features such staples as sleeping on ice in the bunk barge, building a take-home project such as a hammock or sea-chest, Bronze Medallion certification, and laser tag. Cost is about \$400/person for the week.

Marine Basic First Aid	08:30 Sat. Mar 24 th – 16:30 Mar 25 th (sleepover)	BBI Office \$10 + \$155 fee	Coming? _____
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Learn how to fix up your crewmates in an emergency! This course is being run through St. John's Ambulance and is open to parents/guardians as well, just let the office know how many people would like to take it as there is a maximum of 18 participants. Please note that First Aid is a requirement for Level 2. In order to keep the course on schedule, it is very important to be ON TIME this weekend!

Marine Advanced First Aid	08:30 Sat. Mar 24 th – 16:30 Mar 25 th AND 08:30 Fri. Mar 30 th – 16:30 Sun. April 1 st (sleepover)	BBI Office Coming? ____ \$20 + \$310 fee
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This is a significant step-up from the basic course and teaches invaluable skills as well as requirement for Level 3. his course is also open to everyone, but the maximum is 12 participants so make sure to get in touch with the office if you are interested. You must be at least 16 for this course and it is valid for 5 years. Please note it is 5 days long, and be ON TIME to keep the course on schedule!