

April, 2008
Avalon Squadron Report

Avalon Squadron is nearing the end of its winter course schedule. The Boating Course and the Piloting Course finished on April 1, and the Advanced Piloting Course will finish on April 17.

The VHF/DSC radio course will be taught during the second week of April. A GPS seminar course will be conducted near the end of April.

Fall courses were a success with nearly everyone passing the PCOC, Boating Course, and radio course.

We are now planning to add BoatPro courses during the fall, 2008, and winter, 2009, to accommodate more students as the final deadline for PCOC implementation draws near.

In November we sponsored a Dinner and Talk for members and guests. Mark and Fraser Carpenter gave the talk and a slide show. They talked of building and outfitting their steel hulled boat from scratch, and of their subsequent travels around the world over 13 years. It was one of our most interesting events yet.

We are now planning for Safe Boating Awareness Week. We have decided to sponsor a flare demonstration since last year's was so successful. Other activities will be introduced over the next month.

The Squadron AGM will be Thursday evening, April 24. Our volunteers appreciation dinner will be on May 1. This is a yearly event and a very enjoyable one.

Each year we sponsor a Cruise and Dine. This year we hope to set sail or motor for Port de Grave on June 28 for the annual event.

Gary Case
Avalon Squadron Commander