

[Canadian Power and Sail Squadron \(CPS\)](#) is a nationwide organization of boating enthusiasts. Our aim is to increase boating safety and enjoyment by providing instruction in all phases of seamanship and navigation, both power and sail.

We are a non-profit, membership-type organization, incorporated under the Companies Act of Canada. Except for a small, paid staff - all teaching and administrative work is done by volunteers. CPS is non-governmental, non-regulatory and non-military. It is not restricted to boat owners, nor owners of large yachts. Purely and simply, it is a dedicated group interested in increasing safety and pleasure on the waterways, through education.

The CPS mission statement:

To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and by establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.

Victoria Power and Sail Squadron was formed in 1958 as part of the of Vancouver Island District of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. In 1996 when the Vancouver Island District was split it became part of the [Vancouver Island South District \(V.I.S.D.\)](#) The V.I.S.D. consists of five squadrons covering Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands.