

# SISC Safety Day

## April 19, 2024

According to one participant, Safety Day at the Sailing Club on April 19 was a fascinating and most beautiful day requiring sunscreen! Organizer Tom McKeachie was initially a bit worried that no one was going to sign up for vessel safety checks, but in the end the RCMSAR inspection team did nine Pleasure Craft Courtesy Checks.



The fire extinguisher station set up in the turnaround by the gatehouse dealt with ten fire extinguisher checks.



Diver Chris West was busy until about 2 pm inspecting below the waterline on about a dozen boats, seen at left after a look at the hull of Flying Fifteen Robyn Hood, owned by Jill Oakes.

The Coast Guard visit on F Dock by the 47 foot motor lifeboat Cape Naden and the 7.53 metre Zodiac Hurricane fast rescue craft attracted a steady stream of interested people. There were four Coast Guard crew members giving individual tours of both boats, including the rescue and medical evacuation equipment they use. The crew were kept busy from 10:00—12:00 with a continuous stream of Club members wanting to to learn about the technical aspects of the boats and equipment and training that goes into each call out. It was a real eye-opener for many to see the vast array of equipment and to appreciate the enormous amount of training and skills that our local team has. Officer in Charge Tyler Payne said, "We all had a fantastic time, met many great people and had a lot of good questions."

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