

DISTRICT 18

# BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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## HANNAH'S BANNER

AUGUST 2008



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01 September** Labor Day—go boating!
- 03 September** **GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1830 at Jubilee YC**  
FREE SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, SPEAKER, MEETING  
*Remember, we will only have a Silent Auction in September and May*  
*To volunteer to help with supper, contact John Graves; (978) 526-1400*  
*dessert donations always welcome!*
- 11 September** **Patriot Day—Fly the Flag** 
- 13-14 Sept** West Marine (Danvers) USPS DAYS **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
*Contact Karen Arcisz (978) 887-9057 and choose a 2-4 hour timeframe*
- 23 September** **Autumn begins; volunteer for helping at a meeting or event, sign up for a class**
- 24 September** **D18 Council Meeting - Calitri's Danvers**
- 01 October** **E-BOARD MEETING-WEDNESDAY, 1900 Jubilee YC, Sandy Point Room**  
**MERIT MARK RECOMMENDATIONS and NOMINATIONS DUE!**  
*All interested members are encouraged to join the Bridge and Committees in making decisions and running our Squadron!*
- 13 October** **Columbus Day—boat still wet? Take a "Color Cruise" to do your leaf peeping**
- 06 November** **GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING - THURSDAY 1830 at Jubilee YC**  
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- 04 November** **ELECTION DAY! — DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** 
- 11 November** **Veterans Day—Fly the Flag**
- 14-16 November** **MULTI DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE**  
WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DETAILS!  
Volunteer to help!

Check out the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron web site at: [www.beverly-usps.org](http://www.beverly-usps.org)

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Alex Arcisz, JN

Commander, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

As I write this, I've been thinking about the sailing season that seems just now to be starting as the kids are just ready to get back to school. To say this summer has been less than all we would have expected would be a great understatement; however, Karen and I have taken the short snippets of good weather and managed to squeeze in a number of shorter, very enjoyable cruises.

I'd like to tell you about our most recent adventure exploring the islands of Boston. We started early Friday morning taking *Anastasia* on a cruise with two boats from Salem Willows Yacht Club, *Daria* and *What's the Rush*. We motor sailed into Boston Harbor, up the South Channel and threading our way through Lovell, Gallops, and Georges Islands past Rainsford and through Hull Gut into Hull Bay. We passed Bumpkin, Grape and Slate Islands and chose to have lunch rafted on a Hingham Yacht Club mooring over anchoring at World's End (low tide and Karen's a chicken sailor). After lunch, we sailed back out past Bumpkin and turned in Hingham Bay between Grape and Sheep Islands into the Weymouth Fore River. Our friends knew someone in Weymouth Harbor who had moorings for us overnight. By this time, we were joined by a fourth boat (power), from Bass Haven, named *Crack O Dawn*. After settling our sail vessels onto the moorings, we took a short cruise in the power boat up the Weymouth Fore River past the Quincy Shipyard. We putted around the battleship *Salem* for a bit, and looked at the shipyard cranes then motored further in, ending our tour at Metropolitan Yacht Club. We returned to our moorings and settled in for a fine dinner and social hour(s) and retired for the night.

On Saturday, we had a hearty breakfast and set off in search of an anchorage site that would afford

good swimming. We chose to anchor off the south side of Lovell Island. *Crack O Dawn* had to return to Beverly, so *Anastasia* set anchor and the three sail boats rafted for a BBQ and swim party. At 1600, we set off for Spectacle Island where we were due to meet 12 other boats, mostly from Jubilee Yacht Club for a fantastic overnight, with too much food, just about enough drink, a movie on the ferry pier, a bonfire on the beach and lots of social time. On Sunday, a few friends showed up early at *Anastasia*, bringing their coffee, and that suddenly grew into a smorgasbord breakfast feast, with everyone sharing their food and friendship. We cast off at 1035 and enjoyed a great sail back to Beverly, waving to and watching our friends who sailed along nearby (and waving to our power boating friends who passed us on the way back).

Why did I tell you about all this??? The answer is simple; with a little effort and some coordination, there is no reason why our Power Squadron couldn't initiate a couple of cruise events through the summer of 2009 that would afford us this much enjoyment.

See you at the meeting on September 3, where Emily Murphy will present another educational chapter in local maritime history.

Safe Boating,

Alex



Swimming off Lovell Island in Boston Harbor

**FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**



Submitted by  
Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP

Most of my "on the water time" this summer has been aboard this craft: a 40' Duck Boat.



It has been a lot of fun, cruising Boston Harbor as well as the streets of Boston and quite an experience with fireboats putting on shows, porpoises and sea turtle rising to the surface, orders on channel 16 from the various authorities to stay clear of the LNG tankers, and dozens of aspiring sailors from the Courageous Sailing School who like to use the Ducks for target practice. It has been an enjoyable way to spend time on the water while making a little extra money to pay for fuel for my own boat, the *Pangea*.

Hope everyone has had a great summer. Looking forward to seeing you this fall.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
NOW!  
2008 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Sept 3      **WEDNESDAY 1830 JYC Hall  
General Membership Meeting**
- Oct 1      *WEDNESDAY 1900 JYC Sandy Pt  
E-Board Meeting*
- Nov 6      **THURSDAY 1830 JYC Hall  
General Membership Meeting**
- Nov 14-16 **FALL CONFERENCE**
- Dec 4      *THURSDAY 1900 JYC Sandy Pt  
E-Board Meeting*
- Jan 8 2009 **THURSDAY 1830 JYC Hall  
General Membership Meeting  
Nominations for Election Due**

**Tentative dates for 2009:**

- Feb 5      E-Board (Thurs)
- Mar 5      **ANNUAL MEETING (Thurs)**  
*Election and Change of Watch*
- Apr 2      E-Board (Thurs)
- May 7      **General Meeting (Thurs)**
- Jun 3      E-Board (Weds)
- July        E-Board if needed
- August    **Picnic/ E-board (Mon)**
- Sep 9      **General Meeting (2nd Weds)**
- Oct 1      E-Board (Thurs)
- Nov 5      **General Meeting (Thurs)**
- Dec 3      E-Board (Thurs)
- Jan 2010 **General Meeting**  
*Nominations for Election due*
- Feb        E-Board
- March     **ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Election and Change of Watch*



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*. . . . and where is YOUR contribution?  
Send something NOW for the October edition!*

**BOATING SAFETY NOTICE**

"Waypoints" online safety letter was discontinued as of April 2008.  
Use the web site for CG Boating Safety  
<http://www.uscgboating.org/>  
to stay in tune with the latest information.

## FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICER

*Submitted by: Lt/C Edward G. Walsh SN-Education Officer,*

The summer seems much too short this year. Perhaps it was the rain, but we also got many good boating days. Perhaps it was just me. We had scheduled to paint the boat this year but because of delays in launching of vessels positioned around us in the yard, we were delayed until June. However, the re-commissioning was completed except for the painting. When we had the space, Nancy and I erected the staging, sanded the hull and recoated it with two coats of polyethylene red with gold cove stripes and gold lettering on the transom. We then had to wait for the paint to harden to minimize the damage from the lifting straps. I considered ourselves lucky as we had four good days and in spite of the pollen and bugs it looks pretty good.

The Squadron scheduled a two-hour Sail trim seminar at Jubilee Yacht Club that was attended by 18 interested persons. The two-hour Power Point presentation held the attention of the participants and there was good interaction with many excellent questions, which greatly enhanced this seminar.

Though it was not boating oriented the next time consuming demand on me was the unexpected death of "Easy" our Rat Terrier Companion of 12 ½ years. Easy was a great sailing companion as he went with us everywhere. We had planned our usual trip by boat to Maine, which he truly loved. He barked at sound buoys long before we could hear them and really liked to hike ashore when we made harbor. He always assured that we got sufficient exercise. He was a great Pal. We canceled our cruise this year, as it would not be much fun without "Easy". I used close to a month to search the country for another American Rat Terrier with traditional markings and the temperament and intelligence we obtained from "Easy". Finally, with the assistance of the North East Director of the American Rat Terrier association we found a puppy in Shorter, Alabama that met most of our specifications. He is 9 pounds now and we expect "Luke" to reach 20 pounds at adult growth in another 7 months. He is

kind of a handful now but loves people, children and dogs and has a lot of energy.

This year, as usual in the Squadron, we are planning a full boat training program. Training that makes boating more enjoyable because the more that you know the more you appreciate and the safer you and your family and friends will be. Furthermore, the classes are interactive with volunteer instructors with many years of experience, willing to share with you skills that enhance the class material from National USPS. It is also a great way to meet classmates that wish to expand their skills, knowledge and friendship. Our web site is a great source of information on courses offered and a place to get answers to specific questions. <http://www.beverly-usps.org/>. You can reach me directly at [ed.g.walsh@comcast.net](mailto:ed.g.walsh@comcast.net).

If you have a desire for a class that is not listed, please contact us and if we can get enough students we will run the course. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to Boating Safety through Education. Our instructors are not paid. They volunteer their time. In many cases, the space we teach in is donated. Therefore, when you are looking for a bargain in boating you will not find one better than this. On top of that, it is fun, as it should be. Members of USPS should check, <http://www.beverly-usps.org/education/member-schd.html>, for the advanced Grades Courses scheduled so far.

Friends that are not yet members can check the Boating Course Schedules at <http://www.beverly-usps.org/education/member-schd.html>

### MERIT MARKS

This is the only recognition form we have for your participation in the Squadron. Please send the Commander or Secretary a list of things you've done for the Squadron this year. You can also send information about another member if you've noticed they are doing something good for the Squadron. Not everyone honks their own horn, so you may help them get their deserved recognition. The list will be compiled and presented at the October 1st E-Board meeting .

## CLASSES:

View full course offerings and to sign up [ONLINE](#) or see Ed Walsh.

## ADVANCED COURSES

**Seamanship - Paul Secatore**  
Mondays, 10 weeks, **October 6, 2008**

**Piloting - TBA**

**Advanced Piloting**  
Mondays, 10 weeks, **January 5, 2009**

**Junior Navigation—TBA**

**Navigation - Dex Wheeler**  
Tuesdays, 20 weeks, **October 7, 2008**

## ELECTIVES

To be scheduled depending on interest expressed and enrollment

<b>Cruise Planning,</b>	Ed Walsh,	10 wks
<b>Engine Maintenance,</b>	Herb Ryan,	10 wks
<b>Marine Electronics,</b>	John Graves,	10 wks
<b>Sail,</b>	Ed Walsh,	10 wks
<b>Weather,</b>	Bill Venno,	12 wks

**Instructor Development,** Linda Seal, 5 wks  
*Take this course if you are interested in teaching any of the USPS courses, or Public Boating.*

**Instructor Re-certification,** Linda Seal, 1 day

### OPERATIONS TRAINING

This is the best way to learn **how the Squadron works**, how the offices are set up, committees work and some protocol. *It is a great seminar for **NEW MEMBERS** in particular or **ANY MEMBER** who has never taken it.*

Dick Winskowicz teaches this one day seminar as needed. The PowerPoint presentation and Operations Manual are online at

Please contact him if you are interested. Call Dick at 978-77-4740 or email him at [r.winskowicz@comcast.net](mailto:r.winskowicz@comcast.net) and when he has enough people he will schedule it.



## VESSEL SAFETY

*The following is excerpted from notices that were forwarded from National through Jim Curran and the Vessel Safety Committee:*

Everyone should check every flare gun they own to assure it will open far enough to insert a flare cartridge. The defective ones will not open far enough to do that. While checking the Orion Flare Pistols for proper opening, it is suggested that it also be cocked and dry-fired (***with NO FLARE IN PLACE!***) while holding the hammer and letting it down slowly, followed by a visual inspection of the general condition of the pistol and pay particular attention to the barrel.

### ***Orion Flare Launcher Recall***

A defective opening mechanism in some 12-gauge plastic flare guns manufactured by Olin (now Orion Safety Products) prior to 2000 may not open wide enough to accept a flare cartridge. Guns with a modification to correct the possible problem are marked with U.S. Coast Guard approval code 160 028//12/1. Boaters with older flare guns should check the operation of the opening mechanism now and at the start of each boating season. If the breech will not open wide enough to accept a cartridge, the gun should be sent back for a replacement. Send defective guns to:

**ORION SAFETY PRODUCTS, MARINE DIVISION**  
3157N. 500W  
PERU, IN 46970  
1-800-851-5260.

## Experiencing the 2008 Newport to Bermuda Race

*Submitted by Patrick Pearce, P*



In June, I participated in the 2008 Newport to Bermuda race on Abigail. My friends, colleagues and family often have interesting questions from the non-sailor perspective. Many of the questions are fairly simple inquiries. They are not always so easy to answer. But I have had the sailing and racing bug for some time. It is not easily overcome. Here are some of the questions and my answers.

**How did you get a spot on such a great boat ?** *I happen to know likeminded sailors. But it takes a lot of luck to get an invitation like this.*

**What about accommodations, food and the bathroom ?** *The food was terrific. Yes, using the head on a 20 degree heeled sail boat in 10-12 foot seas is a challenge.*

**How about seasickness.** *Yes, I have sent unsatisfactory meatballs to the deep.*

**My mother even reminded me that I could drown in the ocean.** *I will try to stay on the boat, Ma.*

**Where do you tie up ?** *There is no place to tie up or anchor. You just got to keep rolling.*

**Who cooks and cleans ?** *We had a great cook and provision plan. Everyone helps with the cleaning. Stews, pasta, frozen meals are all easy to prepare. But the grilled cheese was a treat. Pressing it with the tea kettle was brilliant.*

**Where do you sleep ?** *If you are clever you get a bunk amidships. But mostly wherever you can.*

**Can you use the motor ?** *Not unless you are ready to pack it in and give up. We do run the generator to charge the batteries.*

**What kind of communications equipment do you have ?** *VHF Radio, limited bandwidth satellite email and internet.*

**What if the boat starts to sink ?** *We try to keep it floating if desperate, deploy the life raft, grab the ditch bag, and the epirb.*

**What if the wind stops ?** *Then we start drifting and start engaging any number of superstitious rituals.*

**What do you wear ?** *Good foul weather gear is a must. The first night is chilly so fleece is good. But after crossing the Gulf stream it is usually very hot so shorts and t-shirts are good. If you are fair skinned you do everything you can to keep from getting sunburn.*

**Do you do any training and preparation ?** *We have attended safety at Sea training, run through safety drills, man overboard drills, drafted safety procedures, many had team meetings, attended weather briefings, studied the gulf stream, made travel arrangements, reviewed customs procedures. Owners spend even more time making any number of changes to the boat systems.*

**How rough does the weather get ?** *We have actually seen more light air than heavy wind. This year we did get a few periods where the winds were 20+ knots and waves were around 10 feet.*

**How long does it take ?** *Most boats finish in four to five days.*

**How are the parties on Bermuda ?** *The Royal Bermuda Yacht squadron is a great host and the island is beautiful destination no matter how blurry it might get after a few dark and stormies.*

**Do you see any wildlife ?** *We did see dolphins, whales, Portuguese man o war, and*

*all kinds of birds.*

**What is the gulf stream ?** It is a very strong ocean current that can run up to five knots. There is lot of data on the web but it is still a bit of a mystery. The stream is known to make the race a navigator's race.

**How does everyone get along in such a cramped space ?** *I think every crew has its moments. So far I have been lucky to have sailed with very amiable crew.*

**Is there a chain of command ?** *It is not the marines but the owner has the final say. Our crew is fairly open to ideas and discussion. But sooner or later decisions on tactics need to be made and the crew needs to sail the boat. The owner, navigator and two watch captains are the boat management so to speak.*

**What about fear ?** *Yes, we all know there is risk in going to sea. You really cannot be too careful or prepared. There is definitely a respect.*

**How did you do in the race ?** *Whenever we do not win I just say we had a good time. It has always been true.*

**Would you do it again ?** *You bet, in a second.*

## IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

*We have made it easy for YOU to invite your friends to join us.*

*There are only 3 steps:*

1. Access the membership application [online](http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html) at <http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html>
2. Print it out for your friend to complete. (Hard copies available at meetings, also.)
3. Collect a check for \$74.60 (single member) or \$91.40 (family membership). *(This includes the \$25 one-time application fee.)*
4. Send both application and check to Miriam Shafner at 60 Pillings Pond Rd, Lynnfield MA 01940.

**DO IT TODAY!**

**SUPPORT YOUR SQUADRON!**

## BREAKING NEWS

*from the Membership Chair –  
Miriam Shafner, P*

[mshafner@verizon.net](mailto:mshafner@verizon.net) – 781-334-6478.

As of the August 2008 Michael T. Berry Memorial Annual Picnic, we just regained a former member: **Larry Durkin**, and added a new member: **Mr. Dale Spencer**.

We welcome them, and expect to see them in boating education classes and USPS events and functions!

Please welcome them at the next meeting, September 3.

See you there!

Miriam

## ... And from the Membership Chair's Husband!

*Dick Shafner, AP*

Thought you would like this great picture of Miriam with Dayton after a day on the water. Dayton is the dog. He had just received his jacket indicating that he is a guide dog and is now at a point where "Guiding Eyes for the Blind" (GEB) feels he has enough confidence and manners to allow him into public buildings and will be an ambassador for GEB

Dick



Editor's note: We hope to see Dayton at the meetings; please ask permission before petting him, though, so as not to interrupt his training.

Thanks.

(PS, I did not take the picture nor did I cut off Dick's head.—K)

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WEDNESDAY, 03 Sept, 2008 at 1830 - Jubilee Yacht Club

FREE Supper, Social and Silent auction

Featuring

**Emily A. Murphy, Ph.D.**

Park Ranger (Historian) at the Salem Maritime National Historic Site

**Topic: Revolutionary Naval Activity of Massachusetts**

During the American Revolution there was as much action going on at sea as there was on land. Privateers, the Massachusetts Navy, "Washington's Navy," and the Continental Navy were all plying the seas off the coast of New England. Join Salem Maritime National Historic Site's Historian, Emily Murphy, as she explores some of the Revolutionary naval activity of Massachusetts, and introduces you to the politicians, generals, and captains who challenged one of the most powerful navies in the world

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