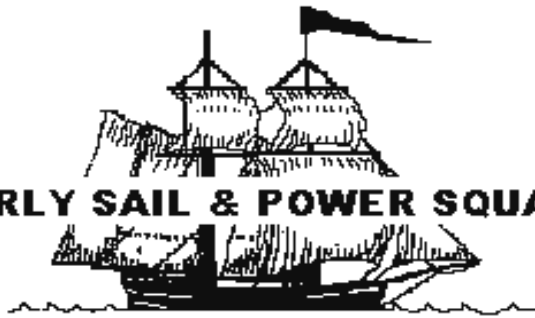




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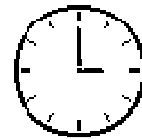
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 14 February Valentine's Day
- 16 February Presidents' Day
- 05 March **ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION and CHANGE OF WATCH**
THURSDAY 1830 at JYC
Speaker: William Jones from Ray Marine
Free Supper (dessert donations welcome), Meeting
- 08 March Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward!
- 17 March St. Patrick's Day
- 21 March **DISTRICT 18 SPRING CONFERENCE (Merrimac River Squadron hosting)**
Watch for details (by email and District mailing)
- 09 April Passover
- 12 April Easter Sunday
- 10 May Mothers' Day
- 25 May Memorial Day



Consider also, these USPS University Seminars, sponsored by Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron, to be held at Abbot Library, Marblehead MA from 1845 - 2045. Contact them at www.marblehead-usps.org

- 13 March Sail Trim Seminar
- 16 March Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio Seminar
- 23 March Onboard Weather Forecasting Seminar

Check out the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron web site at: www.beverly-usps.org

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Alex Arcisz, JN, Commander,

Hello Everyone,

Well, we're just a little closer to spring and warmer weather. I know the sun still shines and 70 degree temperatures actually exist – Karen and I just got back from Florida, and they assured me they will ship it up here in a couple of months. We'll be shaking out the boat covers soon; and not just to clear the snow!

I've been advised of two exciting opportunities on the water for all members of the boating community to consider. I work with Ginger Smith, a member of the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead; she sent me an email concerning the 2008-2009 Volvo Ocean Race, which will be making a stopover at Fan Pier in Boston. They are looking for volunteers in many areas and will need help between April 12 and May 16 – you can help out for as short or long a time as you are available. I have copies of the Volunteer Letter, Volunteer Prospect Form and Volunteer Boat Owner Form. They need the most help on the shore, but also boat owners with power boats 22-45 feet to marshal spectator boats, fulfill photo boat roles and set/retrieve exclusion buoys. Let me know if you are interested, and I will forward the forms to you. This would be a great kick-off to your boating season, or maybe an excuse to get your boat wet a little early this year.

The other upcoming event is the SailBoston tall ships visit in July. Our Executive Officer, Ray Tilton, attended a planning meeting with the Coast Guard in January. His report is in this issue of Hannah's Banner. This might be an interesting volunteer opportunity or USPS Rendezvous if someone would like to coordinate it.



The March meeting is our Annual Meeting, Election and Change of Watch, so this is my last contribution to Hannah's Banner as Commander. I want you all to know that it's been great to watch the Squadron grow and to be at the helm for these two years. We are the only Squadron in District 18 to have grown in the past two years (not withstanding the merge with Gloucester). We have had a very active Bridge and E-board with lots of fun and accomplishments; two very successful Annual BBQs and the highest number of VSC (Vessel Safety Checks) ever, with 87 done last year.

I feel our Squadron is in fine shape and ready for even more success over the next few years. I want to thank the Bridge and all our volunteers for their super efforts.

I am not going away, but will move on to the Executive Committee for Beverly Sail & Power Squadron, and the Administrative Officer's position with District 18.

Best to all, and

Safe Boating,

Alex



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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Submitted by

Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP



Representing the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron, I attended a Sail Boston 2009 seminar at Coast Guard Sector Boston on January 20th. It was an outreach session for local maritime stakeholders to discuss the visit of the tall ships, to take place in the Port of Boston July 8-13th.

Ten class A ships and more than 30 other tall ships will gather near Broad Sound on the 7th, and on the 8th a Parade of Sail, led by the U.S Coast Guard Barque EAGLE will sail into the inner harbor, as far as the Constitution, then turn around to end up at Black Falcon Pier. The ships will then tie up at various wharfs throughout the harbor. Viewing of the ships will be held at Black Falcon Pier July 9-12th and the ships will depart on the 13th. There may be fireworks on the 12th or 13th.

Proposed temporary anchorages and harbor restrictions were presented. Thirteen anchorages, some for recreational boats, others for passenger boats and other commercial vessels have been proposed. Some of the recreational boat anchorages have length restrictions (45') and superstructure limits (10'). If you plan on cruising to Boston in your own boat, it is not too early to begin researching the best place to anchor, tie to a mooring or rent a slip.

The Coast Guard will keep us up to date on further proposals and decisions concerning restrictions of harbor boating traffic, especially during the Parade of Sail. They also indicated that they would welcome suggestions from the Power Squadron and other boating organizations regarding recreational boating activity during these events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Mar 5** ANNUAL MEETING (Thurs)
Election and Change of Watch
- Apr 2** E-Board (Thurs)
- May 6** General Meeting (Weds)
- Jun 3** E-Board (Weds)
- July** E-Board if needed
- August** Picnic/ E-Board (Mon)
- Sep 9** General Meeting (2nd Weds)
- Oct 7** E-Board (Weds)
- Nov 5** General Meeting (Thurs)
- Dec 3** E-Board (Thurs)

MERIT MARKS

This is the only recognition form we have for your active participation in the Squadron. Each time you help out the Squadron, send a note to Karen Arcisz for compilation next Fall. This would be where you are recognized for leading a committee, organizing a meal, running the Silent Auction, planning a rendezvous or speaking at a meeting. Whatever you can do will help the Squadron to grow.

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Dexter Wheeler
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF Annual Meeting, Election and Change of Watch March 5, 2009 at 1830 Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly, MA

**Please Join us for supper at 1830 (dessert donations welcome),
listen to our speaker,
and attend the short business meeting,
which will be followed by the Election and Change of Watch,
presided over by District 18 Commander Ron Mason, SN.**

*Excerpts from Beverly Sail & Power Squadron's Bylaws
referring to the election of officers:*

- Section 6.8** The **Nominating Committee** shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman and members of each elective committee provided for herein, and shall submit its written report to the secretary at least 40 days prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 9.9** Voting at regular and special meetings shall be as follows:
- 9.9.1** Each active member present and in good standing in this squadron shall have one vote on each question.
 - 9.9.2** Voting shall be by voice unless a poll is demanded by an active member duly qualified to vote, in which event votes shall be cast by a show of hands. Upon a motion supported by at least one-fifth of the active members present and voting, a roll call vote shall be held. The presiding officer may require that voting be by secret ballot if circumstances warrant.
 - 9.9.3** The presiding officer shall vote only when necessary to decide a tie.
 - 9.9.4** Voting at an election shall be as provided in 11.5 herein.
- Section 11.1** Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.
- Section 11.3** If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.
- Section 11.5** At any election, each active member present and in good standing in this squadron shall have one vote for each office to be filled. Voting shall be in the following manner:
- 11.5.1** Cumulative voting is prohibited.
 - 11.5.2** Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the secretary.
 - 11.5.3** Election to a contested office shall be effected by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and not less than three tellers, all of whom shall be appointed by the commander. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.
 - 11.5.4** Polls shall remain open for no more than one hour after the election is initiated as an order of business.

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Nominating Committee Report for 2009 - 2010

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers and Standing Committee Members for election at the March 2009 meeting of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron:

Squadron Bridge

Commander: *Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP*
Executive Officer: *Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S*
Administrative Officer: *Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P*
Educational Officer: *Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN*
Secretary: *Edward S. Bell*
Treasurer: *P/C John A. Hagar, AP*

Executive Committee:

Immediate P/C Alex Arcisz, JN
P/Lt/C Dick Salter, SN
P/D/C Jim Curran, AP
John F. Reed, Jr.

General Committees

Nominating Committee:

P/D/C Ron Mason SN, 3 yr

Continuing Members

D/Lt/C Edward Libby JN, 1 yr (Chair)
Lt. William Ghen, AP 2 Yrs

Rules Committee:

P/C Dexter Wheeler, SN, 3 yrs

Continuing Members

P/D/Lt/C Arthur Bonner, AP 1 Yr (Chair)
P/R/C Richard J. Winskowicz, SN 2 yrs

Auditing Committee:

P/Lt/C Richard H. Salter, SN 3 yr

Continuing Members

Lt Theophilos Kuliopolis, SN 1 yr, (Chair)
Charles Souza, SN, 2 Yrs

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Robert P. Mazzarino, SN (Chair)
Lt. William Ghen, AP
D/Lt/C Edward Libby, JN

THOUGHTS FROM THE SEO . . .

Submitted by:

Lt/C Edward G. Walsh SN



We are 78 days past the 21st of December, which was the shortest day of the year. This winter has been somewhat more snowy than recent past years. As I wake each morning I note that the sun rises earlier and is positioned more northerly each day. Now, even when it snows, the sun can clear a shoveled sidewalk to the pavement by afternoon. In just 42 more days, March 20, the sun will be crossing the equator, will appear to us even earlier in the morning, and will proceed to a higher point in the sky near midday. Observation of the sun will continue to show its apparent path north and increased height in the sky until June 21, our longest day.

Just observing these predictable phenomena gets me looking forward to getting out on the water. Perhaps there will be those that schedule a trip of over 200 miles, the Blue water distance when Celestial Navigation is in order. Alternatively, maybe we will just go out from shore, enjoy the spectacle of the sky, and compare the viewed celestial positioning with GPS.

In another vein, boats are quite demanding in that they keep us in a continual battle with deterioration. The more effective the owner is in maintaining his vessel, the more enjoyable will be his/her time on the water in the coming season. Not only does the owner/Captain have an obligation to his vessel but also to maintaining personal skills and knowledge about what is involved. Like everything in life, the more you know about what you are working with, the greater pleasure and satisfaction you will derive from it.

The United States Power Squadron is dedicated to supporting boating safety and pleasure through education. It primarily provides these services in the classroom by volunteer instructors that have significant experience in the subjects they are teaching. Attending these classes gives the student the opportunity to share what years of experience these instructors have. It is also a great opportunity

to meet other students seeking to develop their boating skills.

The USPS education program is developed and updated by the National Organization starting with the Public Boating Course. The Public boating Course content is influenced by and required in many states for approval to operate vessels. The USPS programs go well beyond this level of education for members. It takes the students from more advanced Seamanship skills through Piloting, Advanced Piloting and even through Celestial Navigation. It provides many elective courses including Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sail, Weather, Cruise Planning and even Instructor Development. Seminars are also provided covering subjects such as Marine radio, GPS, Onboard Weather forecasting, Power boat handling, Sail Trim, Anchoring, Radar, Knots, Tailoring, and many others. It is a great bargain for the boating enthusiast and also provides boat insurance discounts.

As you can see, there is a great resource here at Beverly Sail and Power Squadron to assure your enjoyment and safety on the water. Let us know what you are interested in and it can be scheduled. It is easy to do. You can contact me at ed.g.walsh@comcast.net or through our web site www.beverly-usps.org/education.html.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Beverly Sail & Power Squadron is thriving.

Submitted by Miriam Shafner, Membership Chair

In 2009, 49 members of the Gloucester Squadron have transferred into our membership. **We welcome each and every one.**

Please make yourself a part of our education and boating community, and speak up about your particular interest /activity. Times are a-changing, so don't be shy.

Seems like lots of people are thinking ahead to warm weather and the coming boating season. Anyone ready for a course, in preparation? Check our web site www.beverly-usps.com.

2009 VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Submitted by Walter Riley III

It's a new year and the 2009 Vessel Safety Check decals have arrived.

The "First VSC of 2009" prize goes to Dick Salter who performed a successful safety check last week between blizzards. He also did the last one in 2008!

The five certified examiners in the Beverly Squadron completed a record 87 safety checks in 2008. We are hoping to increase our total to well over 100 in 2009.

We need to train and certify a few more examiners so we can meet this goal. Last year more than half of the safety checks were performed on vessels in Gloucester. Our new Gloucester members are urged to consider joining the VSC team.

Vessel Safety Checks are essential for safe recreational boating and central to the USPS mission. If you are interested in having fun and joining the VSC team or just want to learn more about the program please contact our Squadron VSC Chairman, Walter Riley (978-927-5189) or wriley3@comcast.net.

And don't forget to have your own vessel checked this year. Check out the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron web site beginning in April for dates and times for Squadron VSC's all around Cape Ann.

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CLASSES:

View full course offerings and sign up [ONLINE](#) at www.usps-beverly.org or contact Ed Walsh.

ADVANCED COURSES

Seamanship - Paul Secatore

Mondays, 10 weeks, **February 2, 2009**

Piloting - Elliott Hewitt

Tuesdays, 12 weeks **February 3, 2009**

Advanced Piloting

Currently In Session

Junior Navigation—TBA

Navigation - Dex Wheeler

Currently In Session

ELECTIVES

To be scheduled depending on interest expressed and enrollment

Cruise Planning	Ed Walsh	10 wks
Engine Maintenance	Herb Ryan	10 wks
Marine Electronics	John Graves	10 wks
Sail	Ed Walsh	10 wks
Weather	Bill Veno	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, how 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 available online. Call Dick at 978-777-4740 or email him at dick@winskowicz.com and when he has enough people he will schedule it.

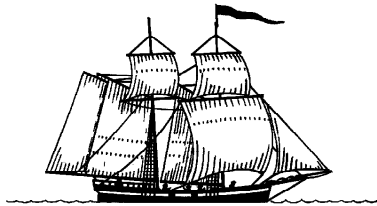
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THURSDAY, 5 March, 2009 at 1830 - Jubilee Yacht Club

Welcome to our USPS friends from GLOUCESTER!

Speaker: William Jones from Ray Marine

This is a great time to look at the latest in electronics for your boat!
Mr. Jones will discuss the newest, hottest electronics being offered by Ray Marine.
His particular focus will be on the AIS/class A and B send/receive, how to use the
C/E series for weather, and the new C-wide (if there is time).

He will also answer questions from the floor.

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