

BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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HANNAH'S BANNER

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DISTRICT 18



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 07 Sept Labor Day
- 09 Sept **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Wednesday) at 1830**
Brian and Susan Schanning, from Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron, will speak about their ICW/ Bahamas trip
FREE SUPPER (dessert and donations welcome)
SILENT AUCTION (Please bring nautical stuff - new or gently used)
- 13 Sept Grandparents' Day
- 07 Oct **E BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, 1900 JYC Sandy Point Room**
All members are invited to help run the Squadron. Join us!
Merit Mark discussion at this meeting -send your accomplishment list and what you've seen other members doing for USPS to Karen at arciszusps@aol.com
- 12 Oct Columbus Day
- 17 Oct **District 18 FALL CONFERENCE - we are hosting this at JYC**
 Details will follow in a separate district-wide mailing and email.
- 31 Oct Halloween
- 01 Nov Daylight Savings Time ENDS (Fall back! Move those clocks)
- 05 Nov **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Thursday) 1830 JYC**
- 11 Nov Veteran's Day
- 26 Nov Thanksgiving Day

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR / ROSTER KEEPER

Please send your email address to arciszusps@aol.com and to ed.g.walsh@comcast.net. You can also go online to www.beverly-usps.org and update your roster information there, including phone numbers, nickname and info on your boat. Thanks! -Karen Arcisz

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

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Raymond W. Tilton, AP



"Where did the summer go?"

Our boating season was somewhat limited this year by an extra rainy season, dense fog and a couple of storms that delayed more than one vacation. Hope you were able to take advantage of some of the nice days, including most of the week that the Tall Ships visited Boston. The weather was perfect this past week for boaters cruising down east or out to Cape Cod, but Hurricane Bill put a damper on the weekend.

Listening to channel 16 while cruising on the Pangea, I heard many reports of boaters in trouble up and down the coast. In fact, numbers of boating accidents and fatalities have been running above average in Massachusetts this year, emphasizing the need for boater education.

Ed Walsh and his team are gearing up for a busy fall. Please take advantage of the expertise of the instructors that willingly share their time and sign up for one of the courses to further your boating knowledge. Education will be the theme of the District Meeting, which will be held at the Jubilee Yacht Club October 17th. The Beverly Sail & Power Squadron is the sponsor this year.

The annual Michael T. Berry Memorial Picnic was a big success August 10th, with about 60 members and guests attending. Executive

Officer Carol Quinn-LeBrun did a great job coordinating the event. Thanks to all who helped and to the Danverport Yacht club for the use of their facilities.

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S

The recent Michael T. Berry Memorial Picnic was a great success on August 10, 2009. All those Squadron members and family who attended had a great time with plenty to eat and time for a little socializing too. The day was a little **hot and humid- no rain**, but those who came didn't seem to mind.

A very big **THANKYOU** to all those who helped make this picnic a success whether it was helping to setup the food tables, cooking, husking the corn, being a cashier or staying after the picnic to clean up and leave the NYC Marina area as clean as we found it.

Many thanks to the Danversport YC Marina Staff for all their help in providing the tent area, grill, tables, chairs, etc. Also, a very great deal of appreciation to Ed and Colleen Libby, Karen Arcisz, Linda Seal, Robere Sant Fournier, Ken and Claire Rattray, Dick Salter, Bill and Joan Bonner, etc.

Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S
Executive Officer,
Michael T. Berry Memorial Picnic Chairperson



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Lt. Miriam Shafner, P



This last year Beverly Sail & Power Squadron grew in membership, largely from welcoming former Gloucester members, in total, and some who transferred from other squadrons. Welcome to all.

We are fortunate to have Claire Gerrish working on membership enrichment. She has a wealth of experience, and will welcome your input/ideas. Come speak with her at a meeting, soon!

Since *regulations have changed*, and completion of a boating course is not necessary for membership, please reach out and invite both those who have recently completed boating courses, and others who are interested in boating, but who have yet to benefit from our educational opportunities.

Now new members can join by going online to www.beverly-usps.org (secure payment site), or go to the national USPS site, choose "*How do I*", and print off the needed form. Once completed, mail to Miriam Shafner, 67 Pillings Pond Rd., Lynnfield, Ma. 01940, with a check made payable to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron. (Fees are listed on the web page.)

Questions?

E-mail mshafner@verizon.net. Please put USPS in subject line, or it may not be opened.

As well as the paper method, renewal of current members can be accomplished online at www.USPS.org/dues.

FROM YOUR SEO

Lt/C Edward G Walsh, SN



I have been at boating activity for more than 45 years. However, this year seemed quite different. Weather was cool and wet most of June and July. Then August came with a lot of heat and a threat of a hurricane. On top of all that, demands on our time from non-boating related activities were incredible. In spite of all this, boating activity resulted in a lot of new questions and searches for answers. I even upgraded my GPS with an additional handheld unit that included a chart display for which Nancy made a transparent envelope that could be easily tied to the steering pedestal and used in limited vision conditions such as when entering tight quarters or harbors. This turned out to be inexpensive and though we never got away to Maine this year, we found it useful on a few foggy evenings returning to Beverly Harbor. We also did our annual brush up on paper charting skills. I am looking forward to using all these tools on an extended vacation next season. Perhaps you would like to look us up on a trip to Maine next summer.

As always, the current boating season stimulates me to want more knowledge to assure greater enjoyment and safety. I have received a number of requests for the Sail Course and I will be offering that this year. It is a two-part course of at least 10 lessons each and will take a good part of the fall, winter and spring season to complete. I really enjoy teaching this course and expect to have a good turnout. We will start the initial session in early October and will complete the second session about early March.

I would also like to host a Seminar on VHF Radio. Though many of you are familiar with VHF radio, there have been many changes in technology regarding this basic electronic tool for boating. Virtually all new VHF sets are equipped to provide Digital Selective Calling (DSC) at low cost. This is a system the Coast Guard encourages be used to greatly assist them in locating and assisting distressed vessels. In short, the VHF radio is tied into your boat GPS

(Global Positioning System) and when an emergency call is made it will provide the Coast Guard and other DSC equipped vessels with your GPS location. It also offers other features such as a means of directing a telephone type audible signal and coordinating channels to acquaintances with DSC equipped VHF radios. These VHF Radios cost about \$150 and in most cases can be connected to your current GPS.

We would also like to offer the Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation courses. Every Sail and Power Squadron member should take these Basic Advanced courses as a good foundation for further learning. We have excellent instructors, for each of these courses. Based on demand, we will be teaching them at locations from Gloucester to Beverly.

There are also Elective Courses covering Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning, Weather and Instructor Certification. Instructor Certification is required for members that wish to teach and gain an even greater understanding of the subjects we cover. No matter how many times you teach you will always learn from the questions of your students and gain great satisfaction and further understanding.

This identifies some of the instruction we plan to provide for our USPS Member Courses. There is much to learn that will provide satisfaction and safety. Furthermore, you will certainly gain a lot of enjoyment in becoming more acquainted with other member students and the instructors. You will find that many will share solutions to problems that you are confronted with.

During the coming weeks I will be listing the details of the courses time and locations in the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Web site. A direct Link is:

<http://www.beverly-usps.org/EducPages/upcomingClasses.html>

Furthermore, drop me an Email as to the courses you would like to take. We will definitely try to accommodate you if possible. Ed Walsh ed.g.walsh@comcast.net

The Friendship Up on the Hard!

Miriam and I were in Boothbay during early August at our semi-annual “Island Packet Rendezvous”. We have been attending the event for the last ten years and have always enjoyed the harbor.

During breakfast on Saturday I noticed the masts of a schooner off in the distance on the other side of the harbor. I was told by one of the local “Maniacs” that was the “*Friendship*” out of Salem. I asked the Maniac what they were doing to her. With the typical Maine scowl on his face he said “*Who ever heard of building a wooden sail boat in New York?* Then they end up bringing it to Maine to fix it where it should have been built in the first place.”



As we surveyed the *Friendship* early the next morning, we saw some large pieces of timber with rot and paint over it.

There was a lot of planking in the bow area with large “X” and lines drawn towards the bow. I think it meant that the planking had to be replaced from the “X” point forward.
(see superimposed ovals on right photo. Ed.)

The hull and keel area looked fine as far as we could see. The damage and the work area appeared to be centered on the bow.



I guess the moral of this story, based on the comments of the locals, is that if you are going to build a wooden boat let the time proven craftsmen of Maine build it for you. Even if they are not the low bidder.

Dick (AP) and Miriam Shafner (P)

IT'S NOT JUST THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S JOB!

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> and print it out for your friend to complete. (Hard copies available at meetings or phone Miriam Shafner at 781-334-6478 to mail you a copy.) It would even be a good idea to keep one with you, just in case....
2. Collect a check made out to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron for the proper fee listed on the web page or info sent to you.
3. Send both the application and check to Miriam Shafner at 67 Pillings Pond Rd, Lynnfield MA 01940.

DO IT TODAY!

The one-step process is -- direct your friend to the web site!

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“CUBIT” 44 foot trawler yacht. 1980 Marine Trader w/ single Ford Lehman diesel. Very pretty, classic trawler—great live-aboard—economical long range cruiser. Full complement of electronic nav aids and many other extras.. \$95K. Contact: Dexter Wheeler 781-245-2926



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CLASSES:

Be sure to read Ed Walsh's column on page 4 !

View full course descriptions [ONLINE](http://www.usps-beverly.org) at www.usps-beverly.org

Please look online and talk to Ed at the September meeting about which courses you are interested in.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Sep 9 **General Meeting (2nd Weds)**
Oct 7 E-Board (Weds)
Nov 5 **General Meeting (Thurs)**
Dec 3 E-Board (Thurs)

2010 dates will be announced in the next HB

MERIT MARKS

This is the only recognition form we have for your active participation in the Squadron.

We will be discussing Merit Marks at the October E-board meeting.

You will be recognized for such things as leading a committee, organizing a meal, running the Silent Auction, planning a rendezvous, manning a booth or speaking at a meeting.

National looks for at least *twelve cumulative hours of active Squadron-building effort* in order to consider a Merit Mark, so submit your list of activities, and we'll see that you get credit for your labor.

**Send your list now
of what you've done this year (Jan-Dec).**

Next year, each time you help out the Squadron, send a note to Karen Arcisz for compilation and that will make next Fall's report easier!

BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S 2009 MICHAEL T. BERRY MEMORIAL PICNIC

At Danversport Yacht Club Marina
August 10, 2009



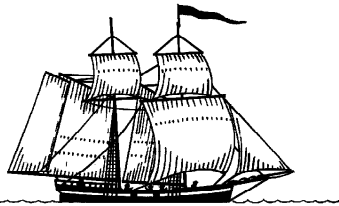
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**BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

at 1830 (6:30 PM)- Jubilee Yacht Club Main Hall

FREE Supper (dessert & donations welcome), Social Time

Bring some nautical stuff for our semi-annual SILENT AUCTION!

Speakers:

Brian and Susan Schanning

Members of Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron, Brian and Susan
will tell us about their trip on the ICW and to the Bahamas.

“Boating is fun; let us show you how”

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