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DISTRICT 18



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HANNAH'S BANNER

SEPTEMBER 2010



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 06 Sept LABOR DAY
- 08 SEP **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Wednesday) 1830 JYC**
Speaker: Dan Tremblay, presents the film "Gloucestermen"
SILENT AUCTION - bring something nautical
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DINNER ASSISTANCE!***
Please call or email Robere Sant Fournier at 978 922-2232 - seafriendship1@verizon.net
dessert and donations welcome!
- 23 Sept FALL BEGINS! - autumnal equinox is officially at 1921 (7:21pm)
- 06 Oct E Board meeting 1900 in the Sandy Point Room at JYC
ALL MEMBERS are invited to help run the Squadron by attending E Board meetings!
- 11 Oct Columbus Day
- 03 Nov General Membership Meeting
- 17 Nov USPS DISTRICTS 12 & 18 COMBINED FALL CONFERENCE
- 25 Nov Thanksgiving Day
- 01 Dec E Board meeting
- 06 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 21 Dec Winter Begins at 1838 (6:38pm - *we are 1/2 way back to Summer!*)

EDITOR'S RANT:

Please, if you have email, save your Squadron the cost of printing and postage by choosing to receive your Hannah's Banner electronically. If you just love to have a hard copy of newsletters to peruse at your leisure, please do what we do: *print it out from the email or website.*

Besides, the newsletter, and especially the pictures, are so much better in **COLOR!**

**Please update your email address by going onto the website
and navigating to the Roster page or send me an email at arciszusps@aol.com.**

Thanks so much.

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

We are well into August, and so far this has been a great boating season weather-wise, at least from Casco Bay down to Rhode Island.

Pangea, our 36' trawler with over 7000 hours on the trusty, old Ford

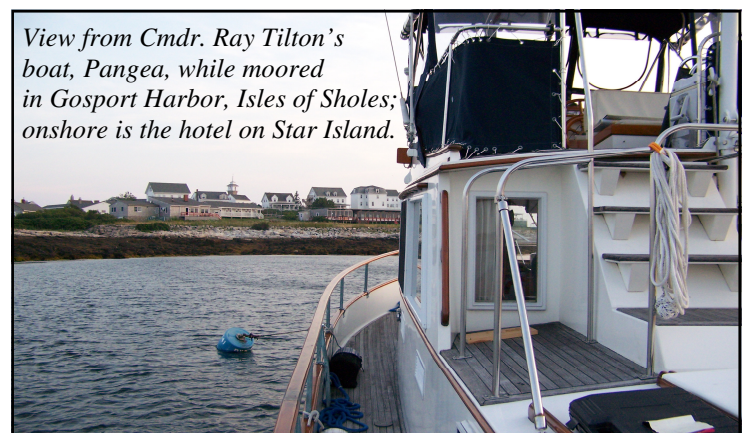
Lehman made its way up to Portland a couple of weeks ago without missing a beat. Fellow Beverly Sail & Power Squadron members Dave Delorey and Steve Brown accompanied me on the pleasant two-day trip on rolling seas which included an overnight stop in Gosport Harbor, Isles of Shoals. We explored the grand old hotel on Star Island and imagined the Isles as they were centuries ago when they served as a base for the cod fishing fleets, so highly valued by the British. After a good night's sleep to the gentle rocking of the boat caused by a light southwest wind, we headed towards Portland, assisted by a following sea. Rounding Cape Elizabeth, we passed Ram Island lighthouse (currently for sale), and spotted the first dolphin of the trip. On the port side, the magnificent Portland Head Light came into view. Shortly after, we reached Peaks Island Marina, where we expected to spend the next night.

Pangea's generator decided to take a vacation, so without electricity at the Peaks Island dock, we decided to move the boat to DeMillo's Marina in Portland, a decision that was sure to make my wife, Sally, happy. After a ride with Dave and Steve on the Downeaster back to Boston, Sally and I drove back to Portland to spend a few days cruising Casco Bay. Our son, Brian, and two of our grandsons stayed on board for the weekend; the boys thoroughly enjoying the bay, the seal sightings, starfish and all of the maritime activity in this beautiful corner of the world.

Later in the week, Dave, Steve and I brought the Pangea back to Beverly. During the thirteen hour run, we heard Coast Guard station Gloucester talking with the Rockport harbormaster, asking for assistance in helping several kayakers in trouble off Thatcher Island. Fortunately, they were brought safely back to the mainland. It reminded me that almost every time I am out on the water, I hear calls on CH16 for assistance by boaters in distress; some taking on water, some grounded on rocks, others disabled for a variety of other reasons. These incidents are often the result of over-confident people who venture out on the water unprepared for emergencies. They often lack the knowledge and skills that might keep a serious situation from becoming worse. How many boaters could find their lat/lon position on a chart if their GPS was not working? Education is the answer and if you are reading this newsletter, chances are that you have gained valuable boating knowledge through courses offered by the United States Power Squadron. Our mission for the upcoming season should not only be to run another year of these informative courses, but to make the boating public aware of their value and fill those classes to capacity.

Safe boating!

Commander Ray Tilton



View from Cmdr. Ray Tilton's boat, Pangea, while moored in Gosport Harbor, Isles of Shoals; onshore is the hotel on Star Island.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S

The annual Michael T. Berry Memorial Picnic at the Danversport Yacht Club Marina was a great success once again. This success was due to the many members who came early to set up and stayed a few minutes after to clean up when the festivities were over.

Many thanks go out to Commander Ray Tilton, Robere St. Fournier, Karen Arcisz, Ken Rattray, Linda Seal, Theo and Mary Kuliopulos, and Walter Riley. Hope to see YOU next year!

New volunteers are always welcomed, and shown the ropes - and it counts toward your Merit Mark as doing something to help out your Squadron!

Also, the attendance of our Past Commander Ed Libby and his lovely wife Colleen was wonderful. Ed has been ill for awhile and it made everyone happy to see him again.



Annual Michael T. Berry Memorial Picnic August 9, 2010



**Thank you,
Carol!
Great Job!**



FROM YOUR SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Edward G Walsh, SN

It has been a very busy boating season. The weather has been much better than last year. On the other hand, we have had many more demands on our time. We had a requirement to meet some family obligations in early August. That is usually the middle of our desired vacation period; however, we left early for Maine preparing for a three week stay. As it turned out, we returned in two weeks due to some interesting weather conditions and that we were unable to contact any friends or acquaintances up there to share the experience. Where was everybody?



Nancy and I have been sailing for almost 50 years. We have done blue water sailing to Bermuda and back on five occasions, sailed down the inland waterway once, day sailed, were involved in local sail racing, and coastal cruising. We really enjoyed it all, but to share it with others heightens the enjoyment considerably. This is especially true when sharing the experience with Yacht Club and USPS members. Heck, they know what they are doing!

The past two years were unusual for us as we were unable to make our trip to Maine. However, though the unexpected is normal for sailing, we were

surprised by the changes we observed this year. Most notable was the lack of other cruising sailors. Generally anchorages are crowded and moorings can be scarce. Not this year. Most of the mooring areas were full of empty moorings. Pulpit Harbor had only one cruising boat anchored - and it was us. Harbors with free moorings open to cruising people were not a problem either. We were the only boat using one of the five guest moorings in Buck Harbor. Another change, in spite of the reduced demand, was that commercial interests had increased mooring rental fees considerably. For instance, Christmas Cove had increased their mooring fee to \$40 from \$20 on previous visits. They do not offer any services such as showers, or launch service. Essentially you get the privilege of tying up to a piece of chain connected to a cement block and pay what a motel might charge ashore for a room. This is an unusual way to make up profits when business is down. I suspect that it will not work. We stopped in at Camden and it was the same story. There were plenty of moorings and spaces in the inner harbor and increased fees for tieup from the previous \$30 to \$55.

I asked the local people what was going on, and they responded that business had been falling off in the past couple of years. They said that it was probably due to the bad weather and the economy.

Nancy and I hope that we will be able to sail to Maine again next year. However, if we do, we will attempt to coordinate better with members of our Yacht Club and/or Power Squadron. The scenery and experience is beautiful, pleasantly challenging and perhaps the mentioned concerns will correct themselves. And of course, there is always another way to skin a cat.

Now, if you are planning to take the cruise to Maine, you may want to bone up on the latest



courses and equipment that are available. I will offer all of the advanced and elective courses available by the Power Squadron



FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Jack Reed,



Our web site can provide members and prospective members with a lot of useful information, such as:

Information on the latest events,
Educational courses being offered,
Dates for General Membership meetings and information on our **guest speakers**.

On the **Squadron Roster** page, you can find detailed information on all members, create a specialized email list, and update your own membership information.

You can **link to the District 18** web page or **Link to National** and even pay your dues online.

Use the **Nautical Links** page to find out where you can purchase nautical “stuff.”

The **Ship's Store** page allows you to purchase items specific to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron - how about a hat with our logo - or a new burgee?

You might notice that our online pictures have become a bit dated. I would appreciate any new pictures of events that we have held such as the Annual Michael T. Berry Memorial Picnic, the Summer Rendezvous to Scituate Harbor, any of our meetings, or any other pictures that you think might be of interest to BPS members.

Also, if you see any errors, or something on the web site that does not look right to you, please email me at jackfreed@comcast.net

Thanks,

Jack

starting in October. However, there is a catch. We must sign up at least 10 paid students in order to run any individual course. Courses will be started after the first of October. I am sure there are some of these courses desired by each and every individual member in our Squadron. Look them over and determine which ones you would like to take this year. Then drop me an Email at ed.g.walsh@comcast.net so that I may make arrangements for materials, determine course schedules, time and place.

From my comments above you probably suspect that I like low costs. Our courses are a bargain and are conducted by instructors with vast experience. You will note that the latest technology is covered in each course. Most have been revamped recently. The courses being offered are as follows:

Advance Courses:

Seamanship

Piloting

Advanced Piloting

Junior Navigation

Navigator

Elective courses:

Engine Maintenance

Marine Electrical Systems

Marine Communications Systems

Marine Electronics

Cruise Planning


Weather

Sail

Instructor Development

Ed Walsh

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Karen Arcisz -Editor

This month's Contributors:
*Carol Quinn-LeBrun, Jack Reed, Robere Sant-Fournier,
Miriam Shafner, Ray Tilton, Ed Walsh,
...and where is YOUR contribution?
Send something NOW for the next edition!*

2010 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS SCITUATE HARBOR

Submitted by Karen Arcisz

I was sitting in on the E-board meeting, minding my own business, when Commander Ray Tilton requested a volunteer to set up an in-water event, perhaps a rendezvous; Alex looked at me, I shrugged. We got it. The thing is, he's Fleet Captain at Jubilee Yacht Club, and I'm his 'secretary', sort of . . . well, we *were* in the midst of coordinating a trip to Scituate Harbor for the Fleet, and the contact information and such was all in place, so why not?

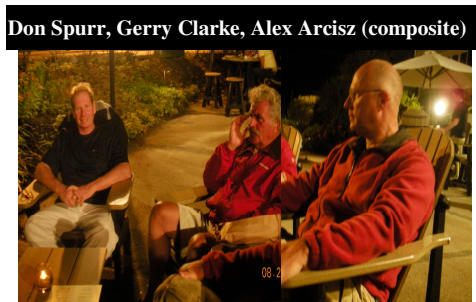
The Rendezvous was announced with an addition to our annual picnic flyer, and by email and online. The response from the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron was light, with only three Beverly boats committing to going and getting moorings. Two other members indicated they might call the marina for a slip. Alex had talked to Commander Don Spurr from Broad Sound Squadron, and he had asked to go along as well. We then decided to open it up to D18, and asked Jack Reed to send out an email blast to the District. In response, two boats from Marblehead were added to the list.

As the date neared, we worried about weather, and made the mooring reservations. We planned that we'd all meet on Saturday night and suggested that the ones arriving on Friday night get together on their own. We made sure everyone on the list got everyone else's email and cell numbers and then hoped for fair weather.



Broad Sound Squadron
Cmdr. Don Spurr

Saturday was not bad for going across Mass Bay, but we were coming out of Hingham Bay, so the wind wasn't quite right and we motor-sailed a good part of the way. We arrived in late afternoon to find that Lamberto Raffaelli and his son, Marco, (*Marzenna*), and Gerry Clarke (*Prelude*) were already there from Beverly; Commander Donald Spurr and his wife, Beth, (*Our Child*) from Broad Sound, and Mike and Janice Merriman with another crew member (*Finesse*) from Marblehead were all on their moorings. Joe Maletz and Coleen Kelley (*Wave*



Don Spurr, Gerry Clarke, Alex Arcisz (composite)

Magic II) from Marblehead had been in on Friday, but headed off for Cape Cod early on Saturday, so we missed seeing them.

We gathered at Satuit Boat Club and grazed on shared appetizers; we thought we'd grill our suppers later, but by then we found we'd all filled up already. The *Finesse* crew joined us for a bit, then went off to visit local friends. After supper the Raffaellis went back to *Marzenna*, and the rest of us took the launch into town. We walked around a bit and later decided



Scituate Harbor Sunrise and Clouds

to stop at the Inn on Scituate Harbor for a nightcap - at this point, I remembered that I had my camera, so I took a few shots despite the bad lighting. We walked back to the Boat Club (by way of the sports pub) and got back to our boats for the night.

Alex and I had decided to leave about 0700 the next morning because of the weather forecast, and woke to a pretty, red sky - warning us of the day ahead. As we left, we noted that *Prelude* and *Marzenna* were already gone; though *Our Child*, being a power boat, would wait until a little later.

The ride back was cool and breezy and very grey. There was a little rain toward the end, but all in all, we were very comfortable aboard *Anastasia*.



D18 AO Alex Arcisz
aboard Anastasia

We are hoping that next summer will bring yet more boats to a D18 rendezvous - and that we remember to get a full group photo while the light is good!



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Lt. Miriam Shafner, P

Fall is here already!

This has been a busy and exciting summer for the Membership Chair. This is largely so because of

the new ability for people to sign up online through the national USPS site. To come in through that manner, they are put in an “Internet Member Status” and Given the names of local Squadrons. We are notified that there is a potential new member for our Squadron. We try to be the first to send them information and invite them to transfer their membership to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron; which can be done with a mere \$2.00 fee, and a form filled out by the Squadron Secretary and the Membership Chairperson, and faxed to National.

We have one definite new member from the internet this year, and 7 other recent possibilities that just need to say “yes” to transfer to our Squadron! **Please welcome Carl Kooyoomjian who has transferred to our Squadron..**

During the summer, we also welcomed “Mac” **McKinley**, who retired and moved to Peabody, after being a longtime active member of the Hartford CT Squadron. He and his wife were able to join us for the Annual Picnic in August. It was so nice to welcome them. (His brownies were of prize winning quality! Hope you had one – or two!)

Please pass on the information that our current membership fee, when application is made directly to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron is:

\$55.00 for Single member,

\$82.50 for Family membership

(Primary active plus all family at that address)

This includes

National, District and Squadron dues.

WHY SO LITTLE?

As voted by our E-board:

The usual \$25 application fee has been waived for all new members for 2010.

So please tell all your non-member boating friends who desire more educational courses and/or to share experiences eye-to-eye with other boaters while enjoying a meal and speaker at a meeting.

This offer is time limited!

Check out additional benefits for members on www.usps.org. Since they do change over time, everyone would do well to check this information periodically.

New members can also join through our local website: www.beverly-usps.org.

A COUPLE OF SUMMER SHOTS FROM JACK REED



**Jack Reed and son, Justin,
at Boothbay Harbor, ME**



**Jack Reed's 10 yr old grandson, Benjamin
Adams, sailing an Opti at Sandy Bay YC**

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AND SILENT AUCTION

(please bring an auction item)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8, 2010 at 1830 (6:30 PM) - Jubilee Yacht Club

FREE Supper (dessert & donations welcome) and Social Time

Speaker: Dan Tremblay

Local filmmaker **Dan Tremblay** presents "**Gloucestermen**," an historic account of the local fishing fleet and fishermen in the Cape Ann area. The film is 30 minutes long, and chronicles the work and daily life of Gloucester fishermen and the perils of the profession. There will be a question and answer period as well.

This is one of Tremblay's most popular presentations, for which he received an award last year from the Gloucester Historical Society for its concept and presentation.

"Boating is fun; let us show you how"

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