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May, 2017

Calendar of Events

May 3rd – Wednesday - General Meeting & Supper – 6:30 P M, Jubilee Yacht Club  
Speaker – Ray Bates, Jr.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Dinner at Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead – Cash Bar 6:00 PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday – E-Board Meeting, 7:00 PM – Ward Room,  
Jubilee Yacht Club

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## **Notes from the Commander**

After painting a rather dire picture of our membership trend in the previous newsletter issue I am pleased to tell you that we have seen a small but significant upturn in squadron membership over the past couple of months! Please join me in welcoming our new members: Michael Phelan, Brendan Tierney, Don Richards, Dan Altieri, Kathy Dahlstrom, and the David Patch family. Our new "rack card" recruitment flyers have been printed and are being placed with local harbormasters, boat dealers, yacht clubs, marinas, and boating supply stores.

ABC classes are nearing completion at Bass Haven Yacht Club in Beverly and at Gloucester High School. A *Piloting* course is also underway at Jubilee Yacht Club. An additional ABC course starting May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marblehead VFW hall is now open for registration. Tentative course plans for next fall include an ABC offering in Salem and, for the first time in several years, *Advanced Piloting*.

Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will feature supper provided by Kathy Dahlstrom. Guest speaker will be Marblehead lobsterman and professional diver Raymond H. Bates, Jr., who will introduce his new book: *"Shipwrecks North of Boston, Volume 2: Cape Ann"*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$20) and signing by the author. Copies of an accompanying decorative chart will also be available (\$10). Our business meeting will include awards presentations, the annual Auditing Committee report, and presentation of a proposed 2017 budget for membership consideration and vote.

Our summer "kick-off" dinner will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead. P/C Dave Graham is once again organizing it. Featured speaker will be Capt. Stefan Edick of the Gloucester schooner *Adventure*. The squadron will partially subsidize this event. However, this year there will not be a dedicated mailing of invitations. Instead, details and a cut-out-and-mail reservation form are included in this newsletter issue. Attendance is limited to 50 persons by fire laws so please be sure to register early!

District 12 has asked all of its constituent squadrons to share information on meetings and social events. Starting with this issue we will routinely send *Hannah's Banner* to the District Commander and other squadron commanders. Look inside this issue for an announcement regarding an August cruise being organized by Great Blue Hill squadron.

Plans for our other social events later in the summer are still being worked out by the Executive Committee. Details and registration information will be provided in a special issue of *Hannah's Banner* to be published sometime in June.

**Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron  
Annual Spring "Kick-Off" Dinner, May 19, 2017  
Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead  
Cash bar starting at 6:00 PM  
Dinner at approximately 7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:  
Capt. Stefan Edick  
of the  
Gloucester schooner *Adventure***



**Advance dinner reservations are required and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis up to a limit of 50 persons imposed by fire laws. Please detach and complete the reservation form below and send it to P/C David Graham at the address shown. As we need to provide Corinthian with an accurate dinner and entrée count, reservations must be received by P/C Graham no later than Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Cut  
Here.....**

**Cheese & Crackers**

**Mixed Green Salad, Balsamic Vinaigrette**

***Entrée Selection:***

**New England Haddock - # Requested: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Roast Sirloin - # Requested: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chicken Franchise - # Requested: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chefs Choice Potato & Vegetable**

**Chocolate Mousse**

**Coffee & Dessert**

**\$ 30.00 per person**

**My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name(s) of guest(s) in party: \_\_\_\_\_**

**My check is enclosed made payable to "B-MS&PS": \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: P/C David W. Graham**

**7 Batchelder Road**

**Marblehead, MA 01945**

**Reservation form and check must be received no later than May 12<sup>th</sup>!!**



**A word from:  
Squadron Education Officer  
Walter Riley III, JN**

## **NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

### **GRADUATION SUCCESS**

Last Wednesday all 14 students in the Gloucester High School ABC class completed and passed their final exams. One additional enrolled student will be taking his exam with the Beverly ABC class in May.

The Gloucester ABC class led by Bob Duncan was the first course offered by the Squadron this spring after the New England Boat Show in February. The Gloucester classes were again held at the High School with the generous cooperation of the Gloucester School District.

In Beverly an ABC class is underway on Thursday nights at the Bass Haven Yacht Club. There are ten students enrolled in the Beverly ABC class with a team of instructors let by Robert Sant Fournier. An additional ABC class will commence on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Post in Marblehead. The Marblehead ABC will be held on Wednesday evenings and will be ably led by Skip Whittaker and his team of experienced instructors.

Meanwhile in Beverly, our Piloting course is underway on Monday evenings at the Jubilee Yacht Club. The classes, including hands-on exercises are led by Jack Reed assisted by Bill Bonner. There are sixteen students enrolled in this course. Three of the enrolled students have taken advantage of our member discount tuition offer and enrolled as USPS members as well.

Following up on our Commander's message this issue, several of our new Squadron members have joined this year as a direct result of the personal interaction with our knowledgeable instructors in class, membership discounts and our new marketing initiatives.

In general, demand for our classes however, has been lighter this year after the record breaking, award-winning enrollments last year. It appears that this year we are heavily competing for students with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Mass Environmental Police, and local harbor masters who are also offering several safe boating courses this spring after a year of almost no other competition. Despite the competition however, if we can continue to recruit new members through our courses, the efforts of skilled instructors will prove to be beneficial.

**Hats off to all our dedicated instructors.**

## DON'T FORGET YOUR VSC THIS SPRING

With the boating season almost here please remember to have your boat examined by one of our certified squadron VSC examiners. A Vessel Safety Check of your boat this spring can save you serious time and headaches this boating season.

Several individuals who missed getting a VSC before cruises last season reported to us that they were hailed and boarded for lengthy inspections last year. Vessel Safety Checks are free and are an easy and painless way to correct any deficiencies before heading out for that cruise.

Our certified VSC examiners will be visiting and available at many local marinas and yacht clubs this season. You can view our schedule of VSC site visits on the Squadron web-site [www.Beverly-USPS.ORG](http://www.Beverly-USPS.ORG). Our team of examiners is also eager to offer individual VSC visits for you and your boat at times or location convenient for you. Please don't pass up this free opportunity. Individual VSC visits can be scheduled through our VSC Chair, Walter Riley at [Rileyfin@shore.net](mailto:Rileyfin@shore.net).

## Recruiting Update

The initial phase of our new member recruiting effort is to place "rack cards" on display at locations in the area frequented by boaters. The two-sided cards outline squadron activities and course offerings (see photo). All placement requests made to date have been accepted, some eagerly! A list is given below. I want to acknowledge Lt/C Jack Reed, Lt/C Ray Tilton, Lt/C Dale Smith and P/C Robere Sant Fournier for effecting many of these early placements. Other Executive Committee members will be making additional asks over the next days and weeks, mainly in Marblehead and Gloucester. And Lt/C Walter Riley, our SEO, will insure that all ABC students this spring receive one!

Bass Haven Yacht Club  
Beverly Harbormaster  
J&W Marine, Salem  
Liberty Marina, Danvers  
Nautical Traders, Salem  
Richard's Marine Service, Middleton  
Sail Salem  
Salem Harbormaster  
Salem Sound Coastwatch  
Salem Willows Yacht Club  
Sandy Bay Yacht Club  
West Marine, Danvers  
Marblehead Bank  
Marblehead Harbormaster  
West Marine, Marblehead





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## First Class Mail



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**ON YOUR BOAT?**

**Schedule a Vessel Safety Check  
Before you launch this year!  
For an appointment**

**With your nearest Vessel Examiner  
Call Walter Riley at 978-927-5189**

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### **South Coast Cruise Opportunity**

Great Blue Hill Squadron is organizing a “Dual Bays Cruise” in the Buzzards – Narragansett Bay area from 10 to 17 August 2017. A flotilla of sail and power boats will cruise from Hadley Harbor down to Jamestown and back up to Cuttyhunk with several great harbors on the way. The cruise is open to all squadrons in the region. For details and contact/registration information see <http://www.usps.org/localusps/gbh/cruise.htm>.



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