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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 06 Sep** **Squadron Meeting** – WEDNESDAY 1900 @ Jubilee Y.C. . . **FREE dinner.** Dessert donations are welcomed.
- P/D/C **Linda Seal**, SN will deliver a slide presentation on “Barging on the Belgian Canals”.
- Registration for fall classes.
- 03 Oct** **Public BOATING Course** starts. Tuesday evenings 1930 at Danversport Yacht Club.
- 05 Oct** **Executive Committee** – Thursday 1830 at Jubilee YC.
- 28 Oct** **District 18 Fall Conference at Lowell Boat Club.** Watch for the D/18 mailing with details and enrollment information. District Conferences are interesting and informative—you should plan to attend.

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

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From the Bridge

By Cdr Ed Libby, AP

Here we are - almost September and it will not be long before it is time to put the boats up for the winter season. It is also time for you to consider **furthering your education** so that the next boating season and the ones to follow are as safe as possible for you and the people on board your boat.

Please view the Educational Schedule on the Beverly Web Site <http://www.beverly-usps.org/> and participate in furthering your knowledge base. If you find that there is a subject that you are interested in and it is not listed, just click on the link to the SEO and let him know. Lt/Cdr Dick Winskowicz S.E.O. will get a course together if there is enough interest.

I would like to welcome all of the **New Members and their families**, as this does indeed become a family affair in the class room and on the boat. Regardless of how many members of a family join the Squadron, the important thing is that the boating knowledge imparted be taken to the water. I invite both new members and older members to enroll in our Advanced Courses program and continue their education in Safe and Enjoyable Boating.

Another matter is the Governing Board Meeting that has just concluded in New York City. There were some items that I and other commanders were quite concerned about. I, for one, am most eager to hear how these articles of interest were acted upon.

The Annual Picnic was a great success and I hope that all who attended had a great time. There are so many people that I would like to thank here for their help getting the picnic planned and carried out. If I listed all of these people and what they did, this news letter would become a volume. Please accept my heartfelt **thank you** to all that helped out and for those who attended and enjoyed themselves. Please check the Beverly Web Site <http://www.beverly-usps.org/> and check out the many, many pictures taken during the picnic.

Please mark your calendar for the next meeting. It will be held **September 6th at 1900 at the Jubilee Yacht Club**. There will be food put together by our calorie conscious members Colleen and Carol. Please bring a side dish or a dessert so that others may enjoy.

See you at Jubilee.....



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From the SEO

P/R/C Dick Winskowitz, SN

It's that time of year again. I hope you, as a member of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron, will enhance your boating knowledge and take a boating course. Whether it is a basic Piloting class, a specific elective, or an advanced navigation class, the squadron can probably meet your needs. If you have been a squadron member for a while, you have heard me taut the importance of maintaining and improving your boating skills both for your enjoyment of boating and safety on the water. Don't forget, GPS will not necessarily get you home if you do not know some of the basic rules of the sea. Boating ability and comfort at sea cannot be purchased at West Marine.

The slate of USPS courses offered and their description is posted on our website, www.beverly-usps.org, (navigate to the educational pages). Please visit and make your selection. You will notice that only a couple of courses are currently scheduled with a date and location. However, if you wish to take any of the USPS courses, click on the email link and let me know. If at least 5 students show interest, the course will be scheduled. Let me know your preferred evening, also. If we do not have enough students for a class, I will try and find an alternate site such as the Marblehead Squadron to provide you with a class.

If the course is being planned, please also register with the email link.

If you do not have access to the web, call me direct and we can discuss your options. My number is 978-777-4740. I am always available to discuss the USPS educational program and your needs.

Last year, our education program was very disappointing. Not because of the content, but because of lack of interest among squadron members. Unless there is interest in a course, obviously we will not plan to schedule that course. Last year, we had scheduled almost every course for the year and made classroom arrangements. Every course was cancelled due to low enrollment. We did reschedule Seamanship and Piloting, however, for our newest members and got just enough students to conduct the class. (Very successful classes for the participants I might add) To prevent this from happening again, courses will not generally be scheduled until we have enough interest to justify them.

On another front, USPS is now offering a series of seminars. These short seminars are targeted

to specific topics and needs with a two-hour format. This may be an option to those of you who do not have the time or need to take a regular multi-week course. Currently there are four seminars available, VHF Radio, How to Read a Chart, GPS, On Board Weather Forecasting. For a better overview of these seminars, see the latest issue of "Currents" (link on our website, educational page and the national web site, www.USPS.org). If you are interested in one of these seminars, let me know. They sound great. I will be further promoting these to you in a future notice. Hopefully we can schedule a few of these during the year, perhaps on a regular basis.

I hope that many members will take the opportunity to participate in a class and reap the benefits of membership. I hope you had a great summer on the water and used your USPS education. #



FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

Adv Piloting: 1930 Tuesday Sep 26 @ Jubilee YC

Sail 102: 1930 Monday Oct 16 @ Jubilee YC

Boating: 1930 Tuesday Oct 03 @ Danversport YC

ADVERTISEMENTS - We welcome business card size ads only. If you would like to participate, or know of a business that would like to advertise in our newsletter, the price is \$100 per year for running the ad in every regular issue of Hannah's Banner (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov). Please **remit by June 1** to the Treasurer to keep your ad running.

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Meeting Minutes

By Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S Secretary

May 3, 2006 at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly, MA

Cdr. Ed Libby, Lt/C Alex Arcisz, Lt/C Ray Tilton, Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, Lt/C John Hagar, Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun and 1st/Lt Karen Arcisz.

Dinner:

Tonight Squadron Meeting started with a Free Macaroni & Cheese with Kielbasa dinner prepared by Colleen Libby & Ed Lamphier, accompanied by salad and bread. Donated desserts were available.

Guest Speaker:

Jim McAllister- Salem's Local Historian, Photographer, Author, Teacher and Tour Guide gave a very interesting presentation about "Life and Death at Sea - Salem Ships Out". At 1945 PM P/Lt/C Alex Pzenny introduced our speaker for this evening. Jim McAllister said that about 75% of men worked in maritime ventures. Salem's young boys were taken to work as cabin boys- most times they did not volunteer their services. The living conditions on board these ships were very crowded, had salted beef and pork, brine, hard tack, and bugs. Health conditions at sea were even worse. Some of the diseases on board ranged from small pox, yellow fever, and typhoid fever. There were many accidents in the yardarms, such as the men falling or being knocked off. Jim told stories about the pirates, and mutinies that were always a constant problem that Sea Captains had to cope with. It was not a glamorous life being a pirate in those days - nothing like what we've all seen in the movies. A rousing applause was given to our speaker this evening.

Squadron Meeting: Time: 2050: The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Commander Ed Libby thanked tonight's speaker, Jim McAllister for his wonderful stories and thanks to Lt/C Alex Pzenny for getting him to speak to us this evening. The Commander welcomed back Executive Officer; Lt/C Alex Arcisz after three months of intensive training for his new civilian position.

Thanks were given to Colleen Libby, Carol Quinn-LeBrun, and Ed Lamphier for the surprise dinner.

Committees Reports:

VSC:

Vessel Safety Check: P/C Jim Curran's article in the May Hannah's Banner stated that Pope's Landing will be closed from May to sometime in August. Therefore the Vessel Safety Check is scheduled for June 10, 2006 from 1000 to 1400 at the City of Salem Park Dept, Winter Island, Salem, MA. On June 24, 2006, we have scheduled a Vessel Safety Check for the Gloucester Marina, Gloucester, MA- from 1000 to 1300. We have four Vessel Checkers. They are Herb Ryan, Dick Salter, Dick Winskowicz and I. Anyone wishing to help pass out brochures etc; are requested to contact Jim Curran at (978) 927-2932 or by E-mail jcu@nij.net.

CO-OP CHARTING:

Co-Operative Charting: P/C Jim Curran stated that we just missed making the honor roll for the Co-Operative Charting. We had only five participants, rather than the six required, when the co-op year ended in March.

Beverly Boating Survey:

Beverly Power and Sail Squadron Survey and Questionnaire: Commander Ed Libby asked for a report from 1/Lt Karen Arcisz regarding the responses she received on the survey. Karen

said she had only received 13 responses.

Administrative Officers Report:

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Ray Tilton was introduced to the members as the new Administrative Officer. Ray said he was pleased to serve in this position and has several potential speakers to be setup for future meetings.

Educational Officers Report:

Lt/C Dick Winskowicz said that the Educational Program is winding down.

Congratulations to the following graduates:

Bob Stepanischen, John Kralewicz, and Richard Caccia for completing Advanced Piloting.

David Lucier, Scott Israel, Paul Jermain, Pat Pearce and Steve Brown for completing the Piloting Course

David Lucier and Paul Jermain successfully completed the Instructor Development class. Pat Pearce completed Seamanship with Marblehead Squadron. Boat Smart and Basic Boating classes are winding down. We had 21 students in Basic Boating - 3 signed up. Boat Smart had nine students. Boating Course: P/C John Hagar spoke about getting publicity out on **Safe Boating Day** of May 22, 2006, as mentioned above. Coast Guard required life preservers especially the newer **SUSPENDER TYPE**, they are not on the person they do not count as a count toward the required on board amount. Other problems with kids drinking and boating, etc were mentioned.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of our last meeting - were published in the May 2006 issue of the Hannah's Banner and were approved at this meeting.

Treasurer's Reports:

Lt/C John Hagar, Treasurer reported that the Squadron dues will be going up. Breakdown: District was \$2.50 to go up to \$6.00. National was \$30.00 to \$31.80 - overall the dues will be \$43.80. The Squadron itself will not be going up. Checking account is in good standing. Cost of Seamanship was free.

Auditing Committee Report:

Chairman, P/Lt/C Charlie Souza reported as follows: As required by the By-Laws of the Beverly Power Squadron an examination of the books, bank statements, checks and invoices of the Treasurer was conducted. The audit was done on April 24, 2006 for the period April 30, 2005 through April 24, 2006. Everything we examined was maintained in proper order. Audit Report is hereby submitted for approval. Approval of the Audit Report was given, and a copy was submitted to the Squadron Secretary.

Old Business:

Squadron Picnic: Commander Ed Libby told the members at tonight's meeting that we used to have our picnic at Mike Berry's place. We are presently looking for a place to have it. The Bridge is looking for suggestions. Dex Wheeler is checking with the Danversport Yacht Club, etc. Karen Arcisz has offered her place for the picnic. This matter will be brought up at the E-Board meeting in June. I really do not want to cancel this great event.

Recognition:

Power of One: John Graves, Jim Curran, and Alex Arcisz for enrolling new members in the Squadron. Sad Note: Commander Ed Libby said he recently received a call from Ray Simpson of Broad Sound that Bob Allen had died. He came to every District Luncheon, got seriously ill a year ago and his health declined. Ray died last month. Another sad note to report: Commodore Tom Bartlett and his wife Barbara of the Jubilee Yacht Club; who used to do the raffles at our Squadron Meeting. Some of our members know them. Barbara's father passed away and is being waked this evening and a funeral tomorrow. There is a notice on the bulletin board in the hall.

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New Business:

Dues Renewal: P/C John Hagar brought up the subject of dues renewal. There are several options to pay for them, by check, credit card on line, or the Treasurer can collect it directly from you. Members can exercise whatever method they want, but dues are due by June 1, 2006.

Roster:

Anyone who wants a copy of the Roster, please see 1/Lt Karen Arcisz. For those that have a computer this roster is available with the aid of DB2000.

Next Squadron Meeting:

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 2006. Watch for more details in the upcoming Hannah's Banner.

Executive Committee Meeting:

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2006, Thursday, 1830 at the Jubilee Yacht Club. All members are welcome to attend

Meeting adjourned at 2120. #



The great GPS hunt

By Lt/C Alex Arcisz, Exec Officer



Have you been in the market for an inexpensive fishfinder/ GPS/ Depth sounder? I want to share some information with the members that might be as useful to you as it was to me.

I bought a used 22 foot CAL sailboat in good condition this spring and have sailed by compass since I was a kid, so I didn't need one of those new fangled GPS things. My wife, on the other hand, likes toys and also would feel much more secure if she knew each second of every day her exact location on this round globe -- so we compromised and got a GPS (which I think takes all the sport out of sailing).

Now the pressure was on: she wanted a GPS; I wanted a depth sounder and I also didn't want to spend an arm and a leg to get one. So, let the shopping begin.

I looked at units that would do all the above and ranged from a low of 400-500 dollars to a high into the 1500 to 2000 dollar range. Just as I was ready to plead my inability to meet her needs (a functional GPS) and my needs (cheap), lo and behold I was in Dick's Sporting Goods and found the Eagle model "Cuda 250 S/Map" that cost me all of \$199 (on sale and on tax free day) with GPS (WAAS) depth finder/ fish finder. 1000 waypoints and about 30 other goodies that I would not have expected to find on such an inexpensive device. So, I BOUGHT IT!

I mounted it on the CAL 22 at the bulkhead where the old (defunct) depth finder was. The manual shows the transponder mounted off the transom of a power boat, but also shows how to use it as a shoot-through-hull unit. I mounted the transponder against the hull under a quarter berth with marine epoxy that I bought at ACE Hardware for 6 dollars and I am thrilled with the results. So is Karen. If you want a great and inexpensive GPS (it includes the power boat mounting bracket which I didn't use) go get yourself an Eagle Cuda and tell 'em Alex sent you. Their website is www.eaglesonar.com. By the way the warranty info indicates that Eagle units are actually made by Lorance of Canada; a very solid name in the marine electronics business. Enjoy !

P.S. if you have similar tales to tell about great equipment buys, solving problems you encounter on your boat or handy tips to use "on the water" please share them with us. We can all use a little help from time to time. #

FREE WANT ADS!

By Lt/C Alex Arcisz, AP, Executive Officer

Did you ever want to sell or buy a boat or a mooring? (Of course you have!)

Do you have anything 'Nautical' you wish to buy or sell? Use the Hannah's Banner Want Ads - it's free and it works. The Hannah's Banner is circulated to over 150 local Power Squadron members and is now online for hundreds of others to view. Send your ads by the 20th of each month to Dex Wheeler by e-mail at dex.cubit@verizon.net or by snail mail (by the 15th of the month) to Alex Arcisz, 8 Chapman Rd., Boxford, MA 01921 so it can be formatted and sent to Dex and we'll get them into the next publication of Hannah's Banner FREE OF CHARGE! Good Luck!

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A request has been made to have hard copies of the Membership Roster available should anyone want one. These will be on hand at all General Meetings; just ask me for a copy.

Those of you who have Internet access are, of course, always able to print them from the Squadron website at <http://www.beverly-usps.org/>.

All you need is your name and E number. When you visit, be sure to check and update your own information, so it will be added to the National Database. As always, if you have an email address, make sure I get it. Thanks.

1st Lt Karen Arcisz, AP #

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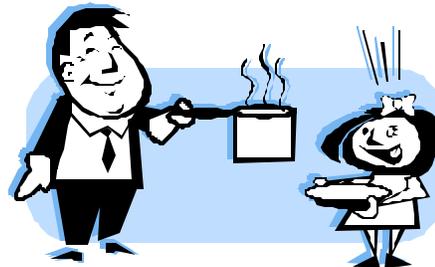
By Lt/C Alex Pszemny, N

The meeting will begin at 1900 and will feature a FREE supper, wonderfully prepared by John Graves, with assistance of Coleen Libby and Carol Quinn-LeBrun.

Following the meal, the SEO and various instructors will discuss the Squadron's fall educational program. This will be your opportunity to register for classes.

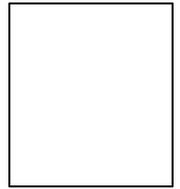
Our own Linda Seal, past Commander of District 18, will tell us of her recent experiences in Belgium, piloting house-barges on the canal system. Linda will illustrate her talk with a slide presentation

Dessert donations are always welcomed. #

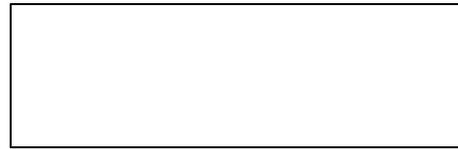
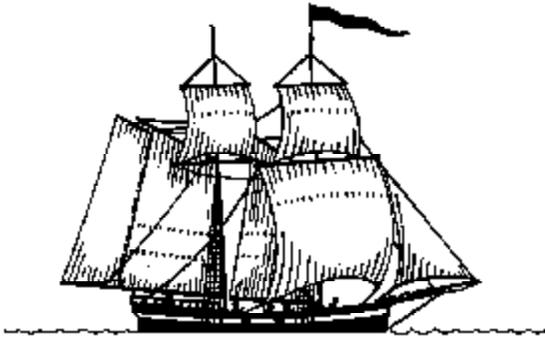


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A slide presentation by P/D/C Linda Seal, SN

Wednesday 06 September 2006

1900 - Jubilee Yacht Club

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