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## Hannah's Banner

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01 Mar**            **Squadron Meeting** – Thursday 1900 @ Jubilee Y.C. . .  
                          **FREE dinner.** Dessert donations are welcomed  
                          **Speaker:** Mr. Gary Cox of Raymarine  
                          **ELECTION AND CHANGE OF WATCH**
- 07 Mar**            **Boating/GPS class begins at Beverly Rec Dept at Hannah School.**  
                          Wednesdays at 1800 (6 PM) Details on our website
- 11 Mar**            **Daylight Savings Time begins**
- 24 Mar**            **District 18 Spring Conference** (0900 Saturday)  
                          Watch for a special D/18 mailing containing details and registration info  
                          A representative from the USPS National Education Office will be attending  
                          Free Continental Breakfast, Lunch at modest cost  
                          Morning Speaker: Park Ranger Marty Fucio, from the National Historic Site in Salem  
                          His presentation will be on the “Golden Age” of Salem’s maritime trade history
- 03 Apr**            **Boating Class begins at North Shore Community College, Danvers**  
                          Tuesdays at 1800 (6 PM) See website for details
- 05 Apr**            **Executive Committee** – Thursday 1830 at Jubilee YC
- 09 Apr**            **SEAMANSHIP class begins.**
- 17 Apr**            **ADVANCED PILOTING class begins**
- 02 May**            **Squadron Meeting - WEDNESDAY 1900 @ Jubilee Y.C.**

Check out the new Beverly Sail & Power Squadron web site at: [www.beverly-usps.org](http://www.beverly-usps.org)

# SQUADRON BRIDGE

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## From the Bridge...

*By Cdr Ed Libby, AP*

Ahhhh! March. The turning point of this Squadron's fiscal year, relative to leadership.

As you all know, this coming March meeting is the "Change of Watch". The new bridge will take the reigns and carry on the tradition of educating the "General Public" and "Squadron Members" in boating safely and smartly.

Three years ago I came on board as your Commander and with the help of the Bridge Officers and Committees, the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron has come a long way and I have enjoyed watching many of you grow with the responsibilities you took on and carried out smartly. I also enjoyed watching the Student/Members graduate from courses they took to increase their boating, navigation and general on-the-water awareness. Now I can be a "Past Commander" and focus on helping the New Bridge Officers and Committees. The Squadron needs your help too. **Please ask an Officer what you can do!**

I thank you all for the trust you placed in me and the opportunity to have been your Commander.

I wish the new bridge well and God Speed!

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 Lt/Cdr Dick Winskowicz SEO and let him know. The S.E.O. will get a course together if there is enough interest and the only way for him to know about the interest is for you to let him know.

I would like to welcome all of the **New Members and their families**; as this does become a family affair; in the class room or on the boat. Whether all of the family joins or just one member; taking what they have learned to the boat is the goal of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron. I invite the new members and the not-so-new members to take courses and carry what they have learned to the water.

Please check the Beverly Web Site <http://www.beverly-usps.org/> and check out the many, many pictures taken during the past year at many events.

Please mark your calendar for the **next meeting**. It will be held **March 01 @ 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 desert so that others may enjoy.

See you at Jubilee.....Cdr. Edward W. Libby, AP

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## From the SEO...

*By P/R/C Dick Winskowicz, SN*

Spring is just around the corner and I hope some of you took a course this winter to expand your boating knowledge and make your time on the water more enjoyable.. If not, it still not too late. The squadron is offering the new Advanced Piloting course starting April 17<sup>th</sup>. This ten week class adds to the knowledge you learned in Piloting with an emphasis on electronics, such as navigating by radar and the use of plotters. This course is also recommended for every member regardless of courses taken in the past. It teaches the latest in electronic technology and how to use it with traditional navigational skills. It is an excellent refresher course for those of you who have taken USPS courses several years ago, Even those with the grade of Navigator can benefit from this course.

So please let me know as soon as possible if you will attend this excellent class so sufficient material can be ordered. Call me at 978-777-4740, email me at [beverly@beverly-usps.org](mailto:beverly@beverly-usps.org).

Check our web site, <http://www.beverly-usps.org/education/member-schd.html> for the latest schedule of classes. Let me know if you wish to take a class not scheduled. If we get 5 students we will schedule it.

I hope that you will consider taking a class this spring. I believe you will not be sorry and will find it to be a rewarding experience.

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## From the XO...

*By Lt/C Alex Arcisz, AP, Executive Officer*

On behalf of Beverly Sail & Power Squadron, I want to thank Commander Ed Libby and his wife, Colleen, for all of their long hours and diligent work done for the good of the membership of our squadron.

As Ed is retiring from his position of Commander in March (a position he has held for the last three years) and even though he says his greatest pleasure will be his new title of Past Commander, don't expect to see him or Colleen disappear from view. Commander Libby will be mentoring our new Commander, working with the membership committee and I know will find other ways to be active among us. We hope Colleen will continue to shower us with her smile, her pictures and perhaps occasionally, some of her great food.

While they have been an invaluable asset to the Squadron it is sometimes good to take a little break. I know Colleen and Ed will be doing that, but we all trust it will be just a LITTLE BREAK.

Ed and Colleen, we thank you, we love you and we need you to continue to be with us.

Submitted with the deepest appreciation,  
Alex

# From the Desk of the Squadron Secretary...

*Minutes: January 4, 2007 at the Jubilee YC, Beverly, MA*

Commander: Ed Libby, Lt/C Alex Arcisz, P/R/C Dick Winkowicz, P/C John Hagar, Lt/C Raymond Tilton, Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun and 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Karen Arcisz.

**Free Dinner:** Tonight Squadron Meeting started with a Lasagna dinner prepared by Colleen Libby, and assisted by Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, with salad and bread. Donated desserts were available.

**Guest Speakers:** Time: ( 1945) Capt. Norman LeBlanc, Marine Surveyor: A presentation on the boat damage caused by the Danversport Explosion on November 22, 2006. Lt/C Ray Tilton introduced Captain Norman LeBlanc along with his colleagues Bob Gallagher and Andy Angelico, representing the boat owners Bob Gallagher, Mike Angelo, and Jay Michaud who represents the CAI Chemical Company.

Capt. Norman LeBlanc clarified what a marine surveyor does. A marine surveyor does a very detailed assessment of a boat for a boat owner or a would be owner. The survey helps you on your boat insurance, the detail lets you know what your vessel has or needs. It can let you know of any possible problems, etc. Today's boater must have insurance.

Captain LeBlanc mentioned two associations of Marine Surveyors -SANDS and NAMS. He has 25 years experience and is full time surveyor. Must be able to explain and show, handle fiberglass, wood, sailboats, etc.

The Danversport Liberty Marina damage is a once in a lifetime occurrence. Insurance adjusters come in the interest of the insurance company and assess the damage to your boat and they either write it off or deny your claim. The insurance companies are quick to assess damage and settle. The surveyors on the other hand are there to see the damage and assess whether the boat is worth saving or at least give the boat owner a detailed report of what they found. A lot of the damage is unforeseen, such as the ballasts, bilge hoses, etc. Cannot say if a boat looks ok that down the road - say in the Spring when a boat is put back in the water it won't have a problem.

At the Liberty Marina a lot of boats have been completely totaled. They all (speakers ) expressed a Buyer's Beware and it will be a can of worms. That is another good reason to survey a used or new boat.

Some older boats escaped a lot of damage. Those boats that kept their boat tanks full and not empty did better. Even though, it is known requirement to empty boat tanks for the winter months when they go into storage.

Like the homes in the area of the explosion, you need insurance, but the insurance companies are not opening cases they closed. The speakers all thought that the boat owners should combine together to make their cases and fight for what they believe is a fair decision. The use of a Marine Surveyor could greatly improve the boat owners advantage as a instrument of leverage with the insurance companies.

A lot of the damage that has been found by the surveyors is not so much an explosion, but rather an implosion. When the explosion occurred it sucked up the air in the area, and then let the air out causing implosion to occur. Those boats with big glass windows or sliders were completely blown inside.

The Danversport YC and the Riverside were not damaged from the explosion.

The newer boats suffered the worst of the explosion.

A question and answering period followed at the end of the speakers. A lot of our members in attendance had their boats stored at the Liberty Marina and wanted to know how many boats were damaged or destroyed. It was estimated that 50% or 120.

**Squadron Meeting:** Called to Order at 8:45 (2045) PM

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.** A moment of silence was observed for the men and women serving our country, as well as, our deceased members.

**Commander:** Commander Ed Libby thanked the speakers for coming to our meeting and enlightening our members of that fateful day in November in Danversport.

**Secretary's Report :** Minutes of our last meeting in November- were published in the January issue of the Hannah's Banner and were approved at this meeting.

**Executive Officer Report:** Lt/C Alex Arcisz had a couple of items to bring up at this meeting. 1. Co-Operative Charting needs to be done on three Charts-Salem Harbor, Lynn, and Coastal Chart Boston to Portsmouth, NH. Jim Curran said we need more advertising, and more promotion given to it. Cost is \$100, but get it back. 2. The Boston Boat Show is coming up in February 16 -18, 2007, at the new Boston Convention Center. Some boats will be the water. If interested in attending, please see Jim Curran. Those who volunteer their time at the show will be able to see the boat show for free.

**Safety Officer:** Commander Ed Libby made an official announcement that the Safety Officer position has been filled by Lt. Bill Ghen.

Also, the Commander mentioned that we now have 1<sup>st</sup> Lt C Karen Arcisz greeting people coming to our meetings, and giving out name tags so all can get to know each other at our meetings.

The Commander wants to hear from our members. We want to make our meetings and gatherings special. Please get back to the Bridge Officers with any and all ideas, about the picnic, boat cruises, Misery Island, etc. Also on the back page of the Hannah's Banner we have a detailed itinerary of upcoming events in advance. The Boston Harbor Cruise was a great thing, but we need members involvement.

**Educational Officer Report:** P/R/C Dick Winskowicz referred to the Hannah's Banner that gives the upcoming boating courses. Piloting will be starting up on January 23, 2007. Dick Salter will be offering GPS Courses. Seamanship will be starting on April 9, 2007, and on April 17 will be offering Advanced Piloting. We need to have at least 5 students sign up in order to have the classes. Please let me know tonight what classes you are interested in -in order to get the training materials ready. Check our website, <http://www.beverly-usps.org/education/member-schd.html> for the latest schedule of classes. You can e-mail me at [beverly@beverly-usps.org](mailto:beverly@beverly-usps.org) or call me at (978) 777-4740.

Alex Arcisz mentioned the CD of courses he received and reviewed. Seminars shown were GPS, Weather, and Radio. They were very good. If you get your friends interested in these seminars, please let us know. We will be glad to offer them - if interest is shown.

**Administrative Officer Report:** Our next scheduled Speakers for March is Raytheon-Chart Plotters and Radar, and in May on a Wednesday Bare Boat in the Caribbean and Alaska.

**Treasurer's Reports:** John Hagar gave the Treasury Report as follows: As of December 20, 2006 we have \$1,238.17, we had big bills to payout such as the Cook-out \$500.00.

Fidelity has grown to \$20,260.00.

We have also placed a basket on the Coffee table for donations toward the food and related material.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** District Commander John Graves offered a slate of Bridge Officers for the next upcoming Nominating Committee to approve:

Commander: Alexander C. Arcisz, AP  
Executive Officer: Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP  
Educational Officer: P/R/C R. J. Winskowicz, SN

Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S  
Treasurer: P/C John A. Hagar, AP  
Secretary : 1/Lt Karen L. Arcisz, AP

Nominating Chair: P/C Edward W. Libby, AP, 3 Yr  
Planning: Bill Bowen  
Auditing : Charles Souza

**Next Squadron Meeting:**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **March 1, 2007**. Watch for more details in the upcoming Hannah's Banner or check the Squadron Web Site.

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The next meeting will be on **February 1, 2007, Thursday, 1830** at the Jubilee YC. All members are welcome to attend.

Commander Ed Libby wished all members in attendance a Happy New Year. The commander mentioned and welcomed new members Jerry Burns, Ed and Laura Madison. Also, that twenty names were submitted for Merit Marks to National and approved .

District Commander, John Graves recognized L/C Dick Salter for the District Award of Excellence in Teaching. Dick Salter accepted the award and said that if it wasn't for the support of the Squadron members and what he learned from his students, he would not be standing here and receiving this award. The District Commander said this award does not come easily. Have to have letters from students, colleagues, members, Recipient of Chapman Award. It took a lot of effort to get to present Dick Salter's name to District for consideration of the award.

John Graves, District Commander brought up that the next District 18 Meeting is coming up in two weeks at Calitri's Restaurant and he invited all those in attendance to come and enjoy. Second opportunity to attend a District Conference in Jacksonville, Florida-April 20-25, 2007. No charges for the meetings, but a charge for meals. If you are going to be in the area, try to attend. Also, there will be Multi-Conference in the Fall with five districts. (District 18, 12, 19, 14, and 1)

Last but not least, Commander Ed Libby thanked Colleen Libby, Colleen's mother Ann and Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun for providing a wonderful evening dinner. The Commander also thanked those members who brought the wonderful desserts, too. There are lots of leftovers, and everyone was requested to take some home.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:35 PM (2135).

# Report of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with our bylaws, the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers and Committees for election at the 1 March 2007 meeting of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron:

Commander: Lt/C Alexander C. Arcisz, AP  
Executive Officer: Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP  
Educational Officer: P/R/C Richard J. Winskowicz, SN  
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S  
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Secretary : 1/Lt Karen L. Arcisz, AP

Executive Committee: 1/Lt Richard Salter, SN  
Cdr. Edward Libby, AP  
D/C John Graves, JN  
P/C Dexter Wheeler, SN  
P/D/C James Curran, AP

Nominating Committee: Cdr Edward W. Libby, AP, 3 yr  
P/C Robert Mazzarino, SN, 2 yr  
William Ghen, AP, 1 yr

Rules Committee: P/C Arthur W. Bonner, AP, 3 yr.  
P/C Dexter Wheeler, SN, 2 yr  
P/R/C Richard J. Winskowicz, SN, 1 yr

Auditing Committee : Theophilos Kuliopolis, SN, 3 yr  
1/Lt Richard Salter, SN, 2 yr  
Charles Souza, SN, 1 yr

Respectfully submitted,

D/C John Graves, JN, chairman  
William R. Ghen, AP  
P/C Robert Mazzarino, SN



# 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!)

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# 01 March Meeting

By Lt/C Ray Tilton, Exec Officer

The speaker for the March 1st meeting will be **Gary Cox**, a representative from Raymarine. He will talk about the latest technology in GPS chartplotters and RADAR and how to use these wonderful marine electronic "toys" on your boat safely and wisely.

So come to the meeting, enjoy a wonderful free meal, swap tales with fellow boaters, and enjoy an informative talk on the latest in marine electronic instrumentation and navigation.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to warmly greet the following NEW MEMBERS:

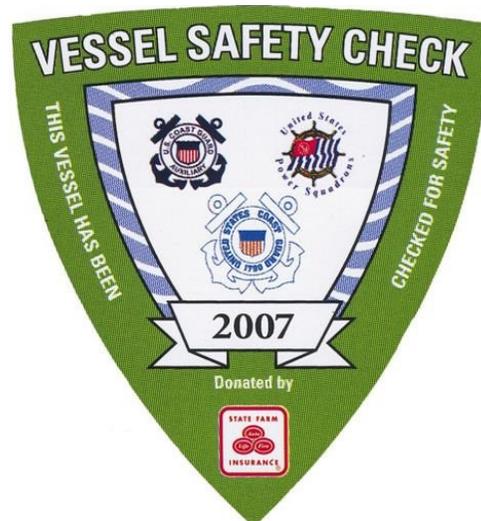
**Gerald Byrne,**  
**Anne and Robert Olenio.**  
**Laurie and Michael Madison**

PENDING MEMBERSHIP:

**Elliott Hewitt, Jr.**

We wish you many happy voyages with Beverly Sail & Power Squadron.

All current members please be sure to say hello!



## **Beverly Sail & Power Squadron**

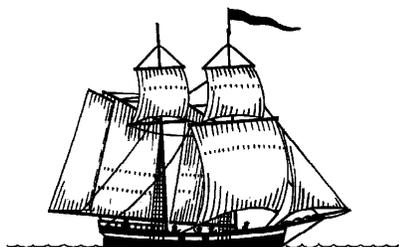
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# **Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Meeting**

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**Thursday 01 March 2007**

**1900 - Jubilee Yacht Club**

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