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# Hannah's Banner

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 02 May Squadron Meeting - WEDNESDAY 1900 @ Jubilee Y.C.**  
**SUPPER, SPEAKER AND SILENT AUCTION** (see page 5 for auction details)  
"Tips on Bareboat Chartering" will be presented by our own Executive Officer, **Lt/c Ray Tilton, AP**, who chartered a 45' sailing catamaran in the British Virgin Islands, and a 32' and a 52' Nordic Tug trawler in the Inside Passage in Alaska. Included will be slides of the boats along with beautiful scenes of the Caribbean and the Inside Passage.
- 12 May West Marine USPS D18 Discount Day - Bring your Membership Card!  
**NEED BOOTH VOLUNTEERS** - Contact Alex Arcisz 978 887-9057
- 13 May West Marine USPS D18 Discount Day II - Bring your Membership Card!  
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- 06 June WEDNESDAY E-Board Meeting, Sandy Hook Room, Jubilee Yacht Club, 1900hrs  
All members are welcome; this is the place where lots of the Squadron's work is done!
- 20 June D18 Meeting, Calitri's Restaurant
- 11 July WEDNESDAY E-Board Meeting, Sandy Hook Room, Jubilee Yacht Club, 1900hrs  
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- August Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Annual Michael Berry Memorial **Picnic** will be held on a *MONDAY EVENING DATE TBA*

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

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## From the Bridge...

*By Cdr Alex Arcisz, AP*

Like probably all of you, I was hoping for better weather than we've had in the last 30 days. I was looking forward to having a chance to work on my boat, but kept getting rained and snowed out.

I'm now working out the final details of a USPS D18 DISCOUNT DAYS at West Marine in Danvers for Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and May 13th. I need some volunteers for table duty. Since you'll be in the store to shop, why not just come an hour or so early to help out? Contact me at 978 887-9057 [arciszusps@aol.com](mailto:arciszusps@aol.com) to let me know when you'll be available.

On the night of April 12, we held the first E-board meeting since I took over as Commander. It was great to have a new member, Elliott Hewitt, join us and to get some input from his viewpoint. During the meeting, we discussed our charter, our goals and our short and long term objectives. You can read about the meeting in detail on the new special webpage for meeting minutes that Dick has set up. You'll find the link address in the Secretary's column. This will allow us to publish 'bullets' of important information from the meetings in the Hannah's Banner, but leave more space for articles and other information.

We can also use a consistently larger font, too, which makes a lot of us happier. If you have not got internet access, and want the minutes sent via regular mail, phone the Secretary, Karen Arcisz, at 978 887-9057.

We've begun to detail our activities for Safe Boating Week (May 19-25) and for Vessel Safety Checks at several locations in June. Details will be announced soon.

Remember that Beverly Sail & Power Squadron is our boating education base, our long term associates and our community service in the boating world. It's up to all of us to enjoy it, participate in it and help it to grow.

Best,  
Commander Alex Arcisz, AP

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

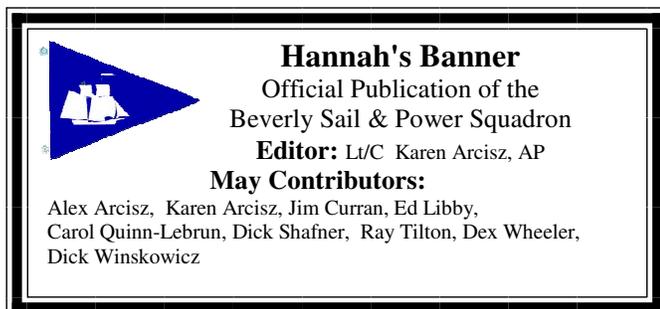
We would like to warmly greet the following NEW MEMBERS:

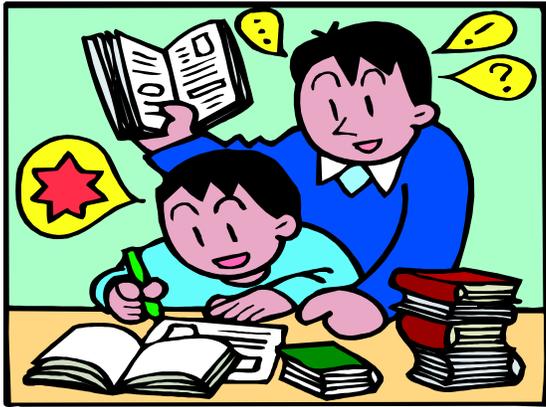
**Elliott Hewitt, Jr.**  
**Andrew Taylor**

**Alan Hezekiah**  
**Tara Taylor**

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

All current members please be sure to say hello!





## From the SEO

*P/R/C Dick Winskowicz, SN*

How's the boat coming along? Splash down scheduled yet? The squadron is finishing its academic year and for all of you who took a class this winter you will soon be able to ply all of those new found talents you learned.

Eleven members took the Piloting exam this spring and are waiting on the results from headquarters. From that class, eight members have signed up for Advanced Piloting, which started on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Although the educational year is winding up, I am planning for next fall. There's a great new Seamanship course, Engine Maintenance course, and Marine Electronics course. These courses have been completely rewritten and will provide you with the material you want and need to safely and knowledgably operate your boat. A summary of these courses as well as other educational news can be found in the National's Educational publication "Currents". The web link is:

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/misc/currents.htm>

Click on the February 2007 edition.

Junior Navigation has also been rewritten. The new course is much shorter than the old JN course and will provide you with the essentials to learn the practical integration of celestial navigation into today's world of electronics. Although you may not be planning to cruise offshore, the information you will gain

from JN will round out your boating knowledge and provide you with that little bit of an edge boaters find so useful. Check out "Currents" for more information.

UPSP University is alive and well. One of the innovative features of the University is the development of "Boat Operator Certification" We are currently recruiting certifiers to administer this program which will allow you to become a "certified operator" at one of four levels ( Inland coastal to offshore). Further information on this is also available in the February e2007 edition of "Currents"

As the Educational Officer, I could really use your inputs on class schedules and needs. Let me know what you want to get out of USPS; which courses you are interested in, best time to take a course or any other suggestions you may have. Call me at 978-777-4740 or email me at [beverly@beverly-usps.org](mailto:beverly@beverly-usps.org).

Check our web site, for the latest goings on in the squadron and our educational schedules.

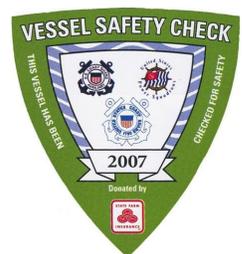
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## FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS!

Everyone loves free stuff!  
Don't forget to get your free  
Vessel Safety Check this spring.

We are working on setting up the following (tentative) locations for Vessel Safety Checks in June. Details will be posted on the website.

Gloucester Marina  
Beverly Marine  
Manchester  
Pope's Landing



This isn't just for the general public' --  
**EVERY USPS MEMBER SHOULD HAVE  
THIS STICKER ON THEIR BOAT TOO!**  
*We also would like to train a few more people to do Safety Checks. Ask about it!*  
Contact P/D/C James Curran, AP for information or to schedule an inspection.

**Jim can be reached at 978-927-2932.**

# From the Desks of the Squadron Secretaries...

The full text of meeting minutes are available online at: [http://www.beverly-usps.org/members\\_pages/minutes.html](http://www.beverly-usps.org/members_pages/minutes.html)  
You may request a printed copy of the full text by phoning Karen Arcisz at 978-887-9057.

## FROM THE MARCH 1, 2007

### GENERAL MEETING:

- ◆ The FREE SUPPER was a wonderful beef stew prepared by Colleen Libby, who was assisted by Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun. Donated desserts were available from our members.
- ◆ P/R/C Dick Winskowicz, SN, showed the PowerPoint® VHF Radio and on Digital Selective Calling Radio seminar information. The 'USPS University' Seminars are available for presenting to the general public, and we should consider using them wherever we can.
- ◆ D/C John Graves spoke about the D18 Spring Conference, which we are hosting on March 24. District Educational Officer Richard Kyle will be the Speaker.
- ◆ We will not participate in Boston Boat Show this year.
- ◆ We need one more person from our Squadron to help with Co-Operative Charting.
- ◆ 11 Students in Public Boating
- ◆ AP class starting April 17
- ◆ Next meeting (May 2) speaker is Ray Tilton, on Bareboat Chartering in Caribbean and Alaska
- ◆ New members welcomed: Gerald Byrne, Mike Madison, Anne Olenio and Robert Olenio
- ◆ Change of Watch was held, new slate of officers as presented in March Hannah's Banner were elected and sworn in.
- ◆ P/C Ed Libby and P/C John Hagar were presented with outgoing commander plaques.
- ◆ Next Executive Committee Meeting (E-board) is April 5, 2007.
- ◆ Next General Meeting is Wednesday, May 2, 2007.

Full Notes submitted by  
Secretary Lt/C Carol A Quinn-LeBrun, S.  
Excerpted by Secretary Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, AP.

## FROM THE APRIL 12, 2007

### E-BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ Meeting, originally scheduled for April 5, postponed to April 12 because many on the Board had commitments for Maundy Thursday.
- ◆ New website page for minutes to be posted
- ◆ Discussion about Fidelity Fund
- ◆ Discussion of current classes: two Public Boating classes, AP and Seamanship classes
- ◆ Dues structure change discussed. Moved and voted to "Change the Squadron Dues structure to mirror that of National; offering two types of membership: an 'individual membership' for one who chooses to join alone and a 'family membership' covering the first active member, and all members of that person's family living in one household." effective June 1, 2008
- ◆ Agreed to pursue West Marine discount day for USPS D18 - possibly May 12.
- ◆ Dex Wheeler congratulated on 2006 Distinction in Publishing Award; Dex is stepping down as HB Editor, Karen Arcisz will take over
- ◆ Next General Meeting is Wednesday, May 2; Ray Tilton speaking; Silent Auction will be held; Jim Curran will bring Safety PR materials
- ◆ Discussed major goals for Beverly Sail & Power Squadron: Membership, Visibility, Activities, Safety Education
- ◆ Discussed plans for Safe Boating Week May 19-25. Will use that time for seminars and to advertise June Vessel Safety Checks at numerous locations.
- ◆ Discussed summer activities and events
- ◆ Brainstorming session for visibility, promotion, events and membership involvement

Full Notes and excerpt by  
Secretary Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, AP.

## **ALSO FROM THE SECRETARY:**

*submitted by Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, AP*

I want to thank Carol for all the work she's done; I can only aspire to fill the position of Secretary with as much poise and grace as she has shown.

I'm very happy to know that we now have an active Membership Chair and I look forward to working with Miriam Shafner on who's who, and expanding that list with new members! She's had some terrific ideas already, and seems eager to get things done.

I want to extend thanks to Dex for coaching and mentoring me as I take over as Editor for the Hannah's Banner. Dex has upheld a standard of excellence that will be a challenge to follow. It is my goal to keep the Hannah's Banner proudly displaying the Distinction in Journalism Award emblem. You might have noticed that the newest one is now on the masthead.

Congratulations to Dex for the 2006 award!

To continue my usual rant; please, please send us your email address if you are getting the newsletter by regular mail. Hannah's Banner is posted and email notices with links go out the same day the it's done.... regular mail has to wait for it to be printed, folded, stapled, tabbed, stickered, stamped, brought to the post office and finally delivered.

The best way to contact us is to go online to our squadron's website-- <http://www.beverly-usps.org/> -- go to the Member's Page, click on the Roster (you'll need your certificate 'E number') and update your info there. You can also contact me by phone (978 887-9057) or by regular mail at 8 Chapman Rd, Boxford, MA 01921.

As a matter of form, I'd like to request that you all give me a little assistance by identifying yourselves when you speak out in the general meetings -- though I know many of your faces, I don't always know for sure what name to attach! You wouldn't want your comments attributed to someone else in the minutes . . . . or would you?

So, see you at the meetings; and remember, I'll be taking names, notes, and sometimes, even pictures!

## **BRING SOMETHING MAY 2 FOR THE SILENT AUCTION**

*submitted by P/C Dexter Wheeler, SN*

At the May meeting, we will conduct a 'Silent Auction'. We haven't done this for a few years, but this type of auction is always fun. You can bring as many of your unwanted/unneeded items as you wish. You get the proceeds of the sale minus a 10% commission which goes to the Squadron. The items don't necessarily have to be related to boating, but it will make it a more interesting activity if most items are nautical in nature.

The way it works is this: all items up for auction are displayed on tables. Beside each item is a sheet of paper on which the seller has written a brief description of the item. Use lined paper, and below the description, number the lines from one to ten or so. It is on these lines that bidders write their names and their bid prices. The seller's name should be on the back of the paper.

The auction usually is scheduled to last for about 30 minutes. During this time, prospective buyers mill around, examining the items, and writing their bids. The excitement builds as more than one person has interest in a particular item and the interested parties have to keep checking back to see if they are still the high bidder, or, if not, to raise their previous bid. New bids always go on the lowest unused line, so everyone can tell at a glance what the current bid is.

As the end of the half hour bidding period nears, the conductor starts a countdown: 5 minutes left, 4, 3, 2, 1minute, 30 seconds, 10 seconds. **BIDDING IS CLOSED!**

The conductor then picks up all the bid sheets and announces the successful bidders for each item. The Treasurer collects the money from the buyer, withholds 10% for the Squadron, and pays the balance to the seller.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of some stuff you no longer want while helping a fellow member who may have an excellent use for it...and it's a fun fundraiser for the Squadron. So check around your boat, garage, cellar, attic – wherever you keep your “stuff”, and if it's useable, bring it to the meeting.

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## 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 the six regular issues of Hannah's Banner (July, Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, ).

Contact Karen Arcisz at 978-887-9057

## AN ELIAS STORY



Elias, our "*Guiding Eyes for the Blind*" dog has been attending our monthly USPS meetings for the last few months as part of his training in socialization skills. Miriam and I have been raising him for over a year, but it is time for him to head back to New York. He will be tested for his ability to do guide work and then enter field training in preparation to be a guide dog.

Miriam and I have enjoyed having Elias on our boat, car and airplane. I hope members of the squadron have fond memories of him at our meetings cleaning up the floor under the tables after those great dinners. During Elias' stay with us we had a lot of fun and some great stories. The following story is one I think everyone will get a kick out of.

It was the day I had to renew my drivers license down at the RMV. With an early start, Elias and I went to our favorite Starbucks here in North Reading. I get the "Coffee of the Day" and Elias gets all the attention. After getting my coffee, we went another mile or so and stopped by the RMV to renew my license.

Elias and I went into the office, me with my Starbucks coffee and Elias with his nice clean jacket. We got our sequence number and entered the queue to be called in. When I was called, Elias and I went over to the room where a guy sat behind his desk with a grouchy looking face. He was in a position where he could not see Elias as we walked in. I told him I wanted to renew my license. He said I needed to take an eye test and had me stick my face into this machine and read the top line of print, which I did without a flaw. I then sat down and Elias repositioned himself so the guy could see him. The guy looked at Elias and I could see his lips moving. He was obviously reading Elias' coat: "*Guiding Eyes for the Blind.*" He finally blurted out "*How did you do that? How did you pass the eye test? Did you memorize the test?*" "No," I said, "I can read it fine." Being the wise guy that I am, I asked him if he saw many seeing eye dogs at the RMV; he said, "No, this was the first one."

We both had a little chuckle and then I had to go through the whole story of "*Guiding Eyes for the Blind*" with him along with passing out a few cards to the by-standers who were watching the whole episode intently.

I am telling you, this is just too much fun.  
Dick Shafner, AP

## IN MEMORIUM

Please take a moment to remember

Anthony DeLorenzo, S

and

Robert W. Wellmann, AP

who passed away during this last year

## FREE WANT ADS!

By Cdr. Alex Arcisz, AP

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? You can bring it to a General Meeting Silent Auction or use the Hannah's Banner Want Ads - it's free either way 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 15th of each month to Karen Arcisz by e-mail at [arciszusps@aol.com](mailto:arciszusps@aol.com) or by snail mail (by the 15th of the month) at 8 Chapman Rd., Boxford, MA 01921 so it can be formatted and we'll get them into the next publication of Hannah's Banner FREE OF CHARGE! Good Luck!

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### BOATS FOR SALE:

"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.. \$115k.

Contact: Dexter Wheeler 781-245-2926



"SAVOR" Lear Seigler Cal22 1985 Sailboat. Fin keel, main, jib, blooper; VHF radio; GPS/depth/fish finder installed; V berth with privacy curtain; 2 quarter berths; porta-potty; jack stands; new Nissan 6hp outboard. \$5700. Contact: Alex Arcisz 978-887-9057



## IN AN EMERGENCY USE YOUR VHF RADIO, NOT THE CELL PHONE!

*The below is an article that I saw in "SOUNDINGS"; [January 2007 Currents – In the News -page 20]; and thought it would be good information for all that use a cell phone and are thinking of using the \*CG keying sequence when an emergency arises.*

### CELL PHONE PROVIDERS ASKED TO CUT \*CG SERVICE

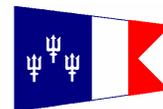
The Coast Guard has asked all cell phone service providers to remove the \*CG keying sequence (except in Alaska) as a method of requesting emergency maritime assistance.

Boaters are urged to use a VHF radio as their primary means of making distress calls on the water. However, if a cell phone is the only means of communication available, the Coast Guard wants boaters to dial 911 directly, rather than \*CG. As an interim measure, the agency has requested that cell phone providers reroute all \*CG calls to the nearest 911 operator.

The \*CG feature was introduced by some cell phone providers in the early 1990s but never developed into a nationwide service. As providers moved to digital systems, some no longer included the \*CG feature, creating a patchwork of service that can delay response times significantly.

The sole exception to the change is in Alaska, where \*CG will remain active. Cell phone service providers operating there all include the feature and route calls to a single Coast Guard emergency line. Calls are not missed and cannot be misdirected.

P/C Edward W. Libby AP



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**Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Meeting**

FREE SUPPER & SOCIAL WITH SILENT AUCTION

FEATURED SPEAKER:  
LT/C RAY TILTON, AP

TIPS ON BAREBOAT CHARTERING

**WEDNESDAY, 02 May 2007**

**1900 - Jubilee Yacht Club**

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