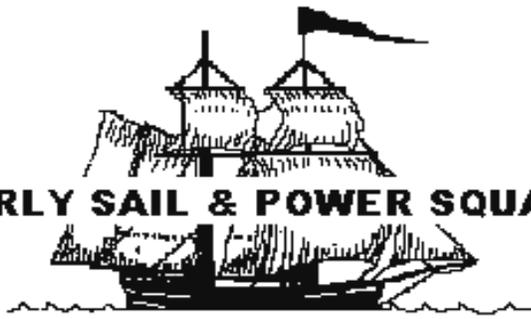




DISTRICT 18

BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



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HANNAH'S BANNER NOVEMBER 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01 November** **General Meeting – THURSDAY 1830 at Jubilee Y.C.**
 FREE DINNER, GPS SEMINAR (*DETAILS ON PAGE 3*)
 SILENT AUCTION (bring something!) and ABBREVIATED MEETING
- 04 November Daylight Savings Ends
- 9, 10 & 11 Nov** **Multi District 18 Fall Conference at Wood's Hole, MA**
- 11 November Veterans' Day
- 22 November Thanksgiving Day
- 04 December Chanukah begins at sundown
- 06 December** **Executive Board Meeting – Thursday 1900 @ Jubilee Y.C. Sandy Point Room**
- 07 December Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 22 December** **Winter begins - just 90 days 'til SPRING!**
- 25 December Christmas Day
- 31 December New Year's Eve
- 03 January** **General Meeting – THURSDAY 1830 at Jubilee YC**

FREE DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, SPEAKER, ABBREVIATED MEETING

Our speaker in January will be Ronald Gilson, author of the book "An Island No More". It is a memoir of Gloucester's fishing industry. It is a deeply moving essay of an author's experience of the fishing industry as it affected the everyday life of its citizens. Gilson transports the reader into decades that cover depression, war, prosperity, and finally, decline. Mr. Gilson will do a book signing at this meeting for anyone interested in his book. This should be an interesting event for our January meeting. Come one and all and bring a friend to hear our speaker and have a good meal, too..

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From the Bridge...

By Cdr Alex Arcisz, AP

Hello Everyone!

As this letter reaches you, most of us will have reluctantly put our boats up on the hard. Karen and I put Anastasia to bed last Wednesday, so it's time to shift our thinking towards Fall and Winter activities.

At our October E-Board meeting, we decided to schedule as much of the year as possible, and announce it in advance so you'll know what's on the agenda and plan your participation in our squadron events. Our November General Meeting is a bold new experiment. We are going to present an educational seminar instead of a speaker, and invite non-member interested people to join us.

As you may know, USPS has introduced the **USPS University Seminar Series** - a number of 2 hour Seminars on various topics; we will be offering one of them at the November meeting - **Using GPS**. This seminar discusses the technical aspects of GPS, using GPS and selecting your GPS. Since this is our last General Meeting before the holidays, it may help those of you who will be shopping for the right gift for that special person.

Please invite any of your friends and family who may be interested in this presentation. Dick Salter and Dick Winskowicz will be instructing at this seminar.

We have two motives for this departure from the usual speaker format - the first is to see how our regular members feel about an educational course in a 2 hour presentation; the second is to offer the opportunity for non-members to experience an educational USPS seminar and to potentially join our organization. We will offer a special membership incentive; see the announcement elsewhere in this edition.

So, bring someone with you and let's make this a success!

Alex

USPS University – Seminar Series



USPS University is here with new programs targeted to a range of boaters and types of boating. The hallmark of this concept is the *Seminar Series*. These short seminars are targeted to specific topics and needs with a two-hour format, and valuable take-away guides. Each seminar provides credits toward the soon to be released *Boat Operator Certification* program, and credit toward elective courses.

The first six of these seminars are available now.

- **Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio**
- **Using GPS**
- **How to Use a Chart**
- **Onboard Weather Forecasting**
- **Boat Handling under Power**
- **Sail Trim and Rig Tuning**

Several more seminars are nearing completion and will be available soon: *Knots for Mariners*, *Onboard Emergencies*, *Using Digital Charts*, and *Heavy Weather Sailing*.



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..... and where is your contribution?
Send something now for the January edition!

From the Squadron Secretary

The full text of meeting minutes are available online at:
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.

NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2007

E-BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 1902hrs.
- ◆ No Treasurer report, as John Hagar was absent.
- ◆ Next General Meeting is November 1.
- ◆ Discussion on meetings for the year yielded the decision to hold one of the USPS University Seminars - GPS in November; to have a speaker in January and March, and another Seminar in May. Those attending the November Meeting will be polled as to their choice for the May Seminar.
- ◆ Steve Brown and Ray Tilton are studying to become Vessel Examiners.
- ◆ The idea to have a Fall sale and presentation at West Marine in Peabody fell through, but we will have one in early Spring at Danvers.
- ◆ The Four District meeting in November was discussed briefly; one item to bring up at that time will be late class materials from National.
- ◆ We would like to see a cruise/rendezvous set up for next Summer, as well as a purely social event perhaps in mid-Winter. Idea presented to have abbreviated general meetings with more emphasis on the social/educational aspects.
- ◆ PR/newspaper insertions were discussed.
- ◆ Merit Marks were discussed.
- ◆ We need to appoint a new SEO, as Dick Winkowicz' tenure is up.
- ◆ Next E Board is Dec. 6, 2007 1900hrs Sandy Point Room at JYC.
- ◆ Next Hannah's Banner Deadline is Dec. 15.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 2045hours.

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

GPS SEMINAR AT THE NOVEMBER 1 General Meeting

GPS has become a common tool for navigation; however, using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts which provide essential information about what is around you.

The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. A handheld GPS is used as the demonstration model, but all GPS receivers function similarly. By the time you have completed the seminar, you will be able to store waypoints into your GPS, activate them for navigation, and use GPS to keep you on a safe, pre-qualified course of your choosing. You'll also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you don't currently own one.



This supplementary material is available from national - the complete seminar package includes a copy of the *USPS GPS for Mariners Guide* and a waterproof McGraw-Hill *Captain's Quick Guide for Using GPS* to take aboard to remind you of the steps, or to show another of your crew how to use your GPS.

The complete package can be ordered at the meeting for just \$30, (\$20 for USPS members)

SPECIAL OFFER!

**A limited number of the
USPS GPS for Mariners book only
will be available at the meeting.**

Members' Price: \$15; \$20 for non-members.

**NEW MEMBERS WHO JOIN AT THE
MEETING PAY THE MEMBER PRICE!**

So bring your boating friends!

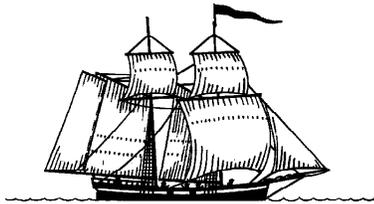
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General Membership Meeting

THURSDAY, 01 November, 2007 at 1900hrs - Jubilee Yacht Club

FREE Supper, Social and Silent auction

GPS SEMINAR

(See details inside)

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