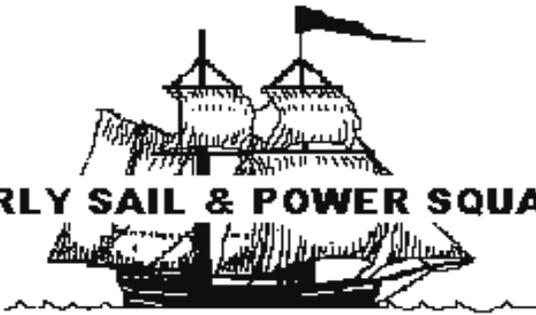




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BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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HANNAH'S BANNER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01 January NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- 08 January GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING - THURSDAY 1830 at Jubilee YC**
Free Supper (dessert donations welcome), Speaker, Meeting
Salem Harbormaster, Pete Gifford
- 19 January MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY**
- 21 January District 18 Council Meeting—Calitri's, Rt 1 Danvers 1800 dinner & meeting**
(arrive by 1745 to order 'Early Bird' dinner)
- 26 January LUNAR NEW YEAR**
- 05 February E-BOARD MEETING THURSDAY 1900 Sandy Point Room JYC**
- 14 February VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 16 February PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- 05 March ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION and CHANGE OF WATCH**
THURSDAY 1830 at JYC
Free Supper (dessert donations welcome), Speaker, Meeting
- 21 march DISTRICT 18 SPRING CONFERENCE (Merrimac River Squadron hosting)**
Watch for details (by email and in the February Hannah's Banner)

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

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Alex Arcisz, JN, Commander, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

I write this report after some of the worst and best winter weather we've seen, especially so early in the season. Two weeks ago, we had an epic ice storm, from which thousands are still without electricity; and then we had about two feet of snow in the next storm. Now the sun is out, there are bare patches of ground showing and it's nearly 50 degrees and it's the end of December.

Karen and I had a wonderful Christmas with our family and look forward to a Happy New Year. We wish the same to all of you.

There isn't a whole lot to talk about this time of year although there are two noteworthy discussions Karen and I have been having:

The first is about the General Meeting, which is scheduled for January 8 at 1830 with Linda Seal and Joan Bonner coordinating the meal (as usual, dessert donations are welcome). We'll have Peter Gifford, the Salem Harbormaster, with us to speak on the role of a harbormaster and security in our area. During the question and answer time, perhaps we'll talk about the pumping stations' hours, an issue raised at the end of last year's boating season.

The other subject of conversation was centered on the new communication possibilities with VHF radio. We purchased a new radio last season, and got our MMSI (Mobile Maritime Service Identity) number and would encourage all of you to do the same. This number allows you to use the DSC (Digital Selective Calling) feature of the new radio. The automated distress call identifies your boat by name and



description as well as sending out your exact GPS location. The other feature of having this number is that it works pretty much like a telephone number

when you use it to hail another craft. Only the craft you are calling will hear the hail, though the conversation after contact is established is still an open (heard by all on that channel) communication. It would be a great way to contact other USPS members while out on the water and might even lead to impromptu rendezvous (sounds like fun, huh?). With this in mind, we would like to have a database compiled of the MMSI numbers for the squadron. If you already have one or when you get one, please forward it to the roster keeper (Karen Arcisz) to log. For more information about MMSI, you can use this link: <http://www.usps.org/php/mmsi/home.php>

Finally, it's hard to believe this is my next to last newsletter entry as Commander of Beverly Sail & Power Squadron. Over the next two months we will do our final preparations for elections and installation of new officers and committees in March.

If you desire involvement, please contact the Nominating Committee: Bob Mazzarino (978-774-1375), Ed Libby (603-501-0201) or Bill Ghen (978-922-3258). You will see a list of opportunities in this newsletter. Remember our byline: **"The success of USPS depends on member participation"**.

Safe Boating,
Alex

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Submitted by

Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP



The USPS Boat Operator's Certification Program was developed to certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. The plan is to have certain USPS certifications meet the requirements of UN Resolution 40, International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft.

Certification could be beneficial when renting or chartering a boat, especially in foreign countries. There could be other advantages, such as obtaining insurance and speaking in public.

There are four levels of navigator certification: Inland, Coastal, Advanced Coastal, and Offshore. USPS hopes to have at least one certifier per squadron.

Certifiers must meet several requirements including: Be nominated by the SEO or DEO, be a USPS Certified Instructor, hold the grade of AP or above, and demonstrate on-the-water skills. If you are interested in becoming a Certifier, please contact me. I have the Certifier's Manual and other information to get you started. You may also contact Chris Windeler, the Regional Certifier at cwindeler@embarqmail.com for more information.

Ray Tilton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

- Jan 8 THURSDAY 1830 JYC Hall
General Membership Meeting
Nominations for Election Due
- Feb 5 E-Board (Thurs)
- Mar 5 ANNUAL MEETING (Thurs)
Election and Change of Watch
- Apr 2 E-Board (Thurs)
- May 6 General Meeting (Weds)
- Jun 3 E-Board (Weds)
- July E-Board if needed
- August Picnic/ E-Board (Mon)
- Sep 9 General Meeting (2nd Weds)
- Oct 7 E-Board (Weds)
- Nov 5 General Meeting (Thurs)
- Dec 3 E-Board (Thurs)

MERIT MARKS

This is the only recognition form we have for your active participation in the Squadron. Each time you help out the Squadron, send a note to Karen Arcisz for compilation next Fall. This would be where you are recognized for leading a committee, organizing a meal, running the Silent Auction, planning a rendezvous or speaking at a meeting. Whatever you can do will help the Squadron to grow.

BOAT 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:
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Alex Arcisz, Karen Arcisz, Jim Curran, Patrick Pearce,
Ray Tilton, Carol Quinn-LeBrun
... and where is **YOUR** contribution?
Send something NOW for the February edition!

ABOUT OUR LEADERSHIP

The Nominating Committee has been working on filling the leadership roles for our Squadron. This is a tentative list held by the Secretary at this point. If there is something you'd like to do to help out in the Squadron, please call a committee member.

TENTATIVE SLATE OF 2009-2010 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Commander	Ray Tilton
Executive Officer	Carol Quinn-Lebrun
Squadron Educational Officer	Ed Walsh
Assistant SEO	Walter Riley
Administrative Officer	OPEN
Secretary	Ed Bell
Treasurer	John Hagar
Law Officer	Athan Vontzaledes
Liaison Officer	Michael Madison
Chair Co-op Charting	Jim Curran
Chair Safety	Bill Ghen
Chair Public Relations	OPEN
Chair Vessel Safety Check	Walter Riley
Chair USPS Guides	OPEN
Chair USPS Seminars	OPEN
Chair Boating Activities	OPEN
Chair Membership	Miriam Shafner
Chair Operations Training	Dick Winskowicz
Chair Member Involvement	OPEN
Chair Member Benefits	OPEN
Chair Newsletter	Karen Arcisz
Chair Roster Upkeep	Karen Arcisz
Ship Store	Dick Winskowicz
IT/Web	Dick Winskowicz

Also, the Nominating, Rules and Auditing Committees each have one person rotating off duty each year. Often they cycle right back on, but if it's something you'd like to do, offer to relieve one of them.

You can nominate people for any position by contacting the Nominating Committee with your recommendations or offer of service. They will then contact the person to see if he or she is interested.

The Nominating committee is:

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SAILBOAT RACE MANAGEMENT AND AP CONNECTED?

Submitted by Patrick Pearce

I have been having a wonderful time taking the Advanced Piloting class. The class has been great fun. My classmates and instructor, Dick Winkowicz, are all interesting and engaging. The new content and graphics in this revamped course are excellent.

Of course, I have learned all sorts of new things and relearned others. But something happened that I had not expected. I realized skills taught in AP can be used to develop Race Management Training. Until now the two worlds of Race Management and USPS Education have been very different in my mind. The light bulb has now flicked on.

I am the Chairman of the Jubilee Yacht Club's Race Committee. Part of that role involves training new volunteers on how to run a race. There are plenty of other social and management tasks but our core function is running good races. It is why we exist. It is time for this Primary Race Officer to go old school and get back to basics.

In setting up a fair and well run race it is important to set a start line that is square to the wind. If the course is going to be windward-leeward then it is also advantageous to set the windward mark perpendicular to the start line if possible. This allows the racers to compete in the fairest test of their sailing skills.

A skewed start line can determine the outcome before the race even starts. The boat starting on the end of a line favored by 10 degrees can have as much as a five boat length lead. This advantage could be even more, depending on the length of the line.

Setting a square line requires taking bearings on both the start line and the wind. This data changes, so it must be monitored and recorded to account for the trends; mostly it requires using a hand bearing compass to measure the angles. This procedure calls for a standard technique and some hands-on skill building similar to Power Squadron

training methods. Just winging it by the seaman's eye is not accurate enough anymore.

In this age of electronics, traditional navigation techniques seem to be slipping away; but the old methods have stood the test of time and still have a place in the navigator's toolbox. Getting a hand bearing is almost a lost art in our high tech GPS world. There is no denying that electronic navigation is very helpful and efficient, but the computer still cannot take a hand bearing on a start pin, feel the breeze on the ears, anchor to set a start line, reset in response to a shift, see the fog coming on a shift to the east, see the sea breeze building with little ripples on the water from the southeast, or sense that the summer breeze tends to die and go right at nightfall.

By combining the wonders of electronic navigation with the time tested art of hand bearings maybe we can set a few a more good races. After all, it's really about getting out on the water and having fun with boats.

IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S JOB

*We have made it easy for YOU
to invite your friends to join us.*

There are only 3 steps:

1. Access the membership application [online](http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html) at <http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html>
2. Print it out for your friend to complete. (Hard copies available at meetings or phone Miriam at 781-334-6478 to mail you a copy.)
3. Collect a check for \$74.60 (single member) or \$91.40 (family membership). *(This includes the \$25 one-time application fee.)*
4. Send both application and check to Miriam Shafner at 67 Pillings Pond Rd, Lynnfield MA 01940.

**DO IT TODAY!
SUPPORT YOUR SQUADRON!**

COOPERATIVE CHARTING

Submitted by P/D/C Jim Curran,

Last Spring, our District Commander asked me to take over as chair of District Co-op Charting Committee. I agreed to, with reservations.

In the late 1980's, when I first started working on this committee, it was done using paper and pen. For the last few years, data input is done entirely on the computer. This is a much faster and more efficient method, dependent on the skill, or lack thereof, on the part of the person doing data input. I was surprised to observe that no one else in the district had submitted a report this year. Several years ago, each squadron was able to do some of these reports each year.

In May, Bob Mazzarino and I did two marina reports for updates to the Small Craft Chart, Portsmouth Harbor to Boston Harbor, Nautical Chart # 13274. However, upon submitting the reports, it was determined that one required attachment is a "chartlet", or a small portion of the chart in question, to be attached to the report. The chartlet would show the location of the marina in the report.

If any of you have, or know of someone with, skills just slightly beyond e-mail please contact me for some tutorial assistance.

Personally, I feel that this process is a valuable public service, especially for new boaters or for people going through our area. At our recent District Conference, I mentioned the two charts adopted by District 18 – 13274 (mentioned above) and 13275, Salem and Lynn Harbors. Two of the reports submitted reported changes to the docks shown on the charts so significant that it might confuse a travelling boater. For the two adopted charts, we must submit periodic chart corrections in order to maintain our "adoption" of the charts. Also, reports must be timely, or the report credit will be reduced to zero after 90 days.

Some of you may not realize that commercial shipping, such as the coal ship going to the power station next to Winter Island in Salem, gets the first attention of NOAA ships for chart corrections. When the Harbor Pilot reported shoaling in the channel used by the coal ship, the

channel was dredged quite quickly, as opposed to the recreational channel in the Danvers River, which took years to dredge. If more boaters realized where they stood in relation to commercial ships, they might understand the importance for boaters to pay attention to and report chart changes affecting recreational boating areas.

During a snow storm this winter, you might visit: www.usps.org. Check the listing for Cooperative Charting under the Executive Department or within the overall index listing.

Call or email me at 978-927-2932 or jcur@localnet.com to be part of this important effort

BOAT SHOW AT THE CONVENTION CENTER IN BOSTON

Submitted by P/D/C Jim Curran,

The Boat Show will be held at the same location as last year; however the dates have been changed from January to February, 2009. District 18 has tentatively been scheduled for booth duty on the last day, February 22.

The boat show chair, from District 12, (Boston area), has suggested that two or three volunteers per hour would likely be acceptable to cover the booth. I think that the results from last year were generally favorable, except for the Patriots playoff game on the same day which distracted everyone there and kept a lot of people home.

We always benefit by signing up extra boating course students and booth duty participants have a lot of time to check out the boats.

Please let me know if you are interested in working at the booth, perhaps for two hours, depending on the number interested.

After December 28, you can contact Karen Arcisz, who will take over the D18 volunteer list and send the names to District 12 to obtain IDs. We will not know the cut off date probably until early in January.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Submitted by P/D/C Jim Curran,

With the pending merger of the Gloucester and Beverly Squadrons, we have gone up to a fifty percent squadron safety check participation rate within D-18. In reality, Beverly and Marblehead are still the only two squadrons participating in the Vessel Safety Check program; Broad Sound and Merrimac Valley have no Vessel Examiners.

In practical terms, this also means Beverly has about 50 more members, and should train another five or so Vessel Examiners as soon as possible.

Over this coming winter, please consider reviewing the VSC Manual, which you can download from the VSC site at www.usps.org. You can take the on line exam as many times as needed to get a passing score. If for any reason the on line exam does not work for you, please feel free to contact me beginning in early February. I will help you secure a 'pencil and paper' test.

Early in the boating season, we can begin doing the required five supervised VSC's for those who pass either exam.

Also, Walter Riley of Beverly and Alexander Falk of Marblehead might be able to be of assistance with your study or scheduling.

Editor's note:

You can also support the VSC program by scheduling your Vessel Safety Check with any of our Vessel Examiners: Jim Curran, Walter Riley, Dick Salter, Herb Ryan, or Karen Arcisz. The Vessel Check can be done after January 1, as soon as you have all your safety equipment onboard – you don't even have to be on the water yet.

Every Power Squadron member's boat should have a sticker.

CLASSES:

View full course offerings and sign up [ONLINE](#) at www.usps-beverly.org or contact Ed Walsh.

ADVANCED COURSES

Seamanship - Paul Secatore

Mondays, 10 weeks, **January 5, 2009**

Piloting - Elliott Hewitt

Tuesdays, 12 weeks, **January 6, 2009**

Advanced Piloting

Currently In Session

Junior Navigation—TBA

Navigation - Dex Wheeler

Currently In Session

ELECTIVES

To be scheduled depending on interest expressed and enrollment

Cruise Planning	Ed Walsh	10 wks
Engine Maintenance	Herb Ryan	10 wks
Marine Electronics	John Graves	10 wks
Sail	Ed Walsh	10 wks
Weather	Bill Veno	12 wks

Instructor Development Linda Seal 5 wks

Take this course if you are interested in teaching any of the USPS courses, or Public Boating.

Instructor Re-certification, Linda Seal, 1 day

OPERATIONS TRAINING

This is the best way to learn **how the Squadron works**, how the offices are set up, how committees work and some protocol.

*It is a great seminar for **NEW MEMBERS** in particular or **ANY MEMBER** who has never taken it.*

Dick Winskowicz teaches this one day seminar as needed. The PowerPoint presentation and Operations Manual are available online. Call Dick at 978-777-4740 or email him at dick@winskowicz.com and when he has enough people he will schedule it.

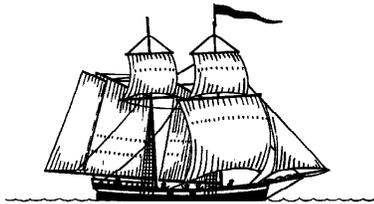
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BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEETING with

FREE Supper (dessert donations welcome), Social Time
THURSDAY, 08 January, 2009 at 1830 - Jubilee Yacht Club

Welcome to our USPS friends from GLOUCESTER!

Meeting Speaker:

Salem Harbormaster Peter Gifford

Mr. Gifford will give a general overview of what a Harbormaster's duties are, talk about the pumping station and security in our area. He will have a question and answer period after his talk.

So come one and all to our squadron meeting for a great time.

“Boating is fun; let us show you how”

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