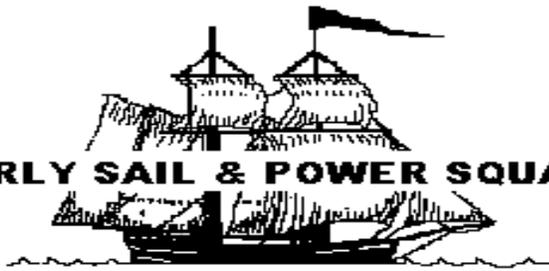




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May, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 4** Mariner's Compass Seminar – Topsfield Library – 10:00 AM -12:30 PM
- May 8** General Members' Meeting - 1830 – JYC
- June 6** E Board Meeting - Sandy Point Room - 1900 JYC
- Aug. Date TBD** - Michael T. Berry Memorial Annual Picnic
- Sept 4** General Members' Meeting - 1830 – JYC
- Oct. 3** E Board Meeting - Sandy Point Room - 1900 JYC
- Nov.7** General Members' Meeting - 1830 – JYC
- Dec. 5** E Board Meeting - Sandy Point Room - 1900 JYC

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A Word From the Commander

Life is full of deadlines. Most I dare say are not popular, April 15th comes to mind, taking the boat out of the water and winterizing her. Paying your dues to the Power Squadron (you have paid yours, right?). But there are pleasant deadlines, like commissioning your pride and joy to be splashed in Spring. Sure there is some stress to this, anxious yard owners, personal commitments to landlubbers, but the end result is freedom of the seas, and a sense of accomplishment.

It is that time of year to rub shoulders with all sorts of fellow boaters endeavouring to launch. I try and approach it in an orderly manner. First, of course, one must make sure your vessel actually floats. Basic you say, but you would be surprised at how many boats over the winter need to reaffirm this fact. I have never actually doubted that my Cal-25 would float, but I have observed questionable candidates for this challenge. I have never claimed that I am an expert at commissioning her. This feeling does not worry me when I look around the boatyard at other boats being worked on. The smell of various chemicals being employed, the tools I see being unloaded from cars, sometimes, these tools are as simple as a

six-pack of beer. Others arrive with an array of equipment that would put West Marine to shame. The sound of a hammer being lustily swung on some unseen object, followed by a blood curdling shriek of pain.

Am I the only one puzzled by bottom paint? A few years past I found the perfect paint, Oh! How happy I was. I made sure to copy down the mysterious numbers that adorned the paint can. You can imagine my puzzlement when my favourite marine shop announced that the company no longer made that paint. I put my trust in the owner of the shop, who along with her standard poodle had advised me on all manner of equipment over a period of some 20 odd years. Pardon me, if I did ask the poodle its opinion on the change of paint. The growl really did reassure me. It did work.

Then there was one Sunday morning I shall always remember. I had never seen this individual before in my life, but he was almost skipping around the boat yard and asked me if being in the yard on this sunny Sunday morning was a substitute to being in church. Well, I was not Commander of the Beverly Power Squadron at the time so an executive pronouncement was not mine to make, besides with my island sense of not wanting to tempt the Gods, I just nodded. But you must understand, yes, I had attended church, and no, I would never want to ship out with this fellow, especially in high seas, or a raging thunderstorm, because I am sure a bolt of lightning was in the wings for this mariner.

I wish all of you fair seas and a following wind this summer. May you put what you have learned through the Squadron to make each voyage, no matter how short, a truly safe and enjoyable experience.

Robere Sant Fournier, AP
Commander



FROM OUR SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Edward G. Walsh, SN

Here it is near the end of April. After completing the America's Boating Course, offered to the public in Beverly at Bass Haven Yacht Club, we are conducting examinations for this course to Students in Wenham, at the Hamilton- Wenham Library and in Gloucester at Gloucester High School. We are also starting one more of these eight session courses in Rockport at Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

We are indeed fortunate to have instructors Jim Curran, Walter Riley, Robere SantFournier, Bob Duncan, Charles DeCost, Ron Mason and Jack Reed that have volunteered their time and knowledge to assist members of the public in a safer introduction to the boating community and activity. It is very rewarding to work with these new boaters and the instructors. Please consider volunteering some of your time and skills to this effort next year. These courses do require certification of the instructors and you will note that Lynda Seal is offering a one night recertification program for eligible members in May. Let her know of your interest.



Photo – Ed Walsh

In a addition to the America's Boating Course for the public, we also offer Advanced and Elective courses for our members based on their interests. This year we offered the "Piloting" as well as the elective Course for "SAIL." Even if you have taken these courses in the past

they are an excellent way to become acquainted with the current methods of navigation and with the effective use of GPS (Global Positioning System) as your primary tool for navigation regardless of whether you're a student or instructor.

Because of our relatively short and delightful Boating season, we do not offer courses during the summer. On the other hand we are here and willing to share time and knowledge with any member as well as others in the boating community. Furthermore, it is quite worthwhile to crew for another member for the experience of a different type of vessel and water bourn activity. Cruising with a group or a companion vessel also expands the pleasure of boating activity. Luke is ready for the season.

My attention is currently focused on commissioning CILISTA for the season. I always select a few systems aboard, each Spring, to renew. As you dig into them, you almost always find a few unanticipated problems or things that you would like to improve or replace. One unanticipated problem this year was CILISTA's starter motor which required rebuilding. In addition to that I decided to replace my twelve year old batteries. These, deep cycle, Golf Cart batteries were showing their age last Fall. They are designed to provide 430 amp hours of energy and are backed up with an high output alternator. It is an effective system supporting offshore sailing with Refrigeration, microwave oven, electric head, RADAR, laptop computer, instruments, bilge pump, alarms, alternating current and starting a 21 hp diesel engine. An unanticipated problem is the current batteries are seven inches in width for a very tight fit. The closest that I can find now is 7.09 inch width. Not much difference you say? Well I need four of them which is almost 3/8 inches too much. I will have to work up some kind of modification. O well that is boating.

Have a great summer and drop by to say Hello.
Lt/C Ed Walsh, SN, Beverly Sail and Power Squadron



A Word from the Executive Officer

Jack Reed, AP

The next member meeting of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron is on May 8th – Wednesday. It was changed from May 2nd due to a schedule conflict at Jubilee Yacht Club.

Our speakers will be from **Sail Salem**: Dave Smith, President of the Board, and Tristan Whitman, Board Member.

Our last seminar of the season, "**Mariner's Compass**", is coming May 4th. See page 7 for details.

ABC Course being Offered by the Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron starting on May 8th

Marblehead point of contact is Skip Whittaker at whittakerc@comast.net



A word from:

Vessel Safety Examiner Chairman: Walter Riley III, JN

Another boating season has begun so it is time to make sure your vessel fully complies with all of the state and federal safety regulations. Power Squadron members and other experienced boaters know that the easiest way to ensure your vessel complies with the regulations is to get an **annual Vessel Safety Check (VSC)**.

VSC's are offered free to the public with no strings attached. All one has to do is schedule an appointment with a Certified Vessel Examiner. The Beverly Sail & Power Squadron is fortunate to have a team of four certified examiners ready and willing to assist. They come prepared with a checklist of a couple of dozen required and strongly recommended safety items for your vessel. The examiners are available not to enforce regulations but rather ensure that your boat is ready for a safe boating season. There is no obligation should your vessel fail; the examiner will provide a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted. If you pass the VSC, your examiner will award you the 2013 blue VSC decal to be affixed on your boat for all to see your successful annual inspection.

Nationally in 2012 over 5000 vessels failed their inspections, 43% had multiple discrepancies, 19% lacked the proper number of fire extinguishers or the extinguishers were not fully charged. Other

reasons for failure were lack of a current boat registration or numbering on board (13%), or lack of an oil pollution placard (18%). Good skippers rely on a successful VSC to assure crew and friends aboard that the vessel has met all state and federal safety requirements.

There are several ways to obtain a VSC in 2013. The Beverly examiners will be available at numerous marinas and yacht clubs in the area beginning in May and throughout the season. A schedule of the times and locations is posted on the Squadron website : Beverly-usps.org under the VSC tab. Another way to schedule an appointment is to contact the Beverly squadron VSC chair, Walter Riley with your contact information (e-mail: rileyfin@shore.net or leave a message at 978-927-5189. Walter will be happy to assign an examiner near your vessel. There is also a national VSC site where you can submit a request for an examiner by clicking the VSC tab on the usps.org site or on Safetyseal.net. Both sites will direct you to a joint Coast Guard Auxiliary-USPS site. Click on the "I want a VSC" tab and follow directions.

Have a safe boating season!

Walter Riley III, JN, VSC Chairman

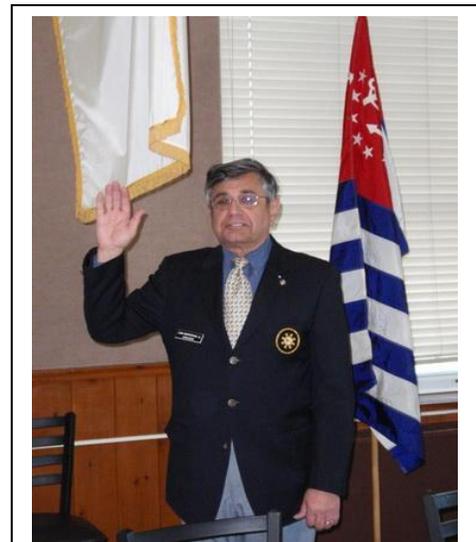


Photo – Merrimack River Sail & Power Squadron

New District Commander John Bedrossian
Being sworn in at the District 18 Spring Conference

From The Administrative Officer

Alan Therrien, JN



The General Meeting scheduled for May will be held on WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2013, not the usual Thursday. This is due to the Jubilee Yacht Club racing functions.

We will feature guest speaker(s) from the Sail Salem Organization. Sail Salem is an educational program for children, promoting positive life skills and values through the sport of sailing. In the last four years Sail Salem has introduced sailing to over 1,000 children from Salem and surrounding towns. Lessons are conducted in Salem Harbor, off Winter Island, to many children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to be on a boat. Adults are also encouraged to sail, and evening lessons for all levels are available throughout the summer.

The meal for this meeting will be prepared by Sue and Alan Therrien. Menu TBD.



Photo – Merrimack River Sail & Power Squadron

Outgoing District 18 Commander

Alex Arcisz JN

Thanks for a job well done!

The following meeting dates have been scheduled with the Jubilee Yacht Club. Please mark them on your calendar for future reference.

Thursday June 6, 2013, 7 pm, E-Board Meeting, Sandy Point Room.

Wednesday September 4, 2013, 6:30 pm, General Meeting, Main Hall.

Thursday October 3, 2013, 7 pm, E-Board Meeting, Sandy Point Room.

Thursday November 7, 2013, 6:30 pm, General Meeting, Main Hall



Photo by Dave Delorey

Linda Meyers

Preparing Supper for the Members

A Word from the Editor

Ray Tilton, AP

This issue of Hannah's Banner completes my first season as editor. Karen Arcisz, the previous editor, set a high bar for the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron newsletter and she has been a tough act to follow. The Squadron owes a lot of gratitude to Karen for the time and effort she put into making the Banner a nationally recognized publication by the United States Power Squadrons. By the way, Karen found time to edit and publish Hannah's Banner while also doing an outstanding job as the Squadron secretary and serving as a Vessel Safety Examiner. Thanks Karen!

The Banner is an important tool for communicating squadron information to the members. It helps keep everyone posted about educational opportunities, meetings, seminars, and other USPS activities. I would like to express my appreciation to the members that have contributed articles, announcements and pictures throughout the year. You are most important to the success of this Squadron communication tool. All members are encouraged to e-mail your articles, adventures, pictures and boating related classified ads to

pangea36@gmail.com.

Ray Tilton, editor



Photo -Ray Tilton

Ed Walsh checking the mast on Cilista
Getting Ready to Launch

SEO Ed Walsh, assisted by Commander Robere Sant Fournier, ran an eight week Sail course this spring. The course covered many aspects of sailing, from basic terms to racing. For me, having been a motor boater all of my boating years, learning the terms and techniques of using the wind to power a boat was like learning a new language. It was a great advantage to have such experienced and knowledgeable instructors as teachers.

This is typical of the educational opportunities in the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron. Hats off to the members that share their time, knowledge and experience make boating a safer, more enjoyable experience for all who participate in the classes and seminars.

Ray Tilton, editor

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BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 8th at 1830 (6:30 PM) – Jubilee Yacht Club

Free Supper and Social Time (dessert & donations welcome)

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