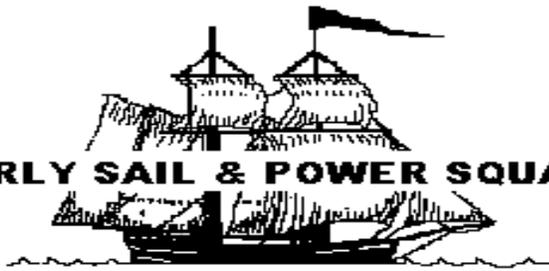




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BANNER

January, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9th General Members' Meeting - 1830 – JYC

February 6th E Board Meeting - 1900 -JYC

**February 22nd -March 2nd New England Boat Show – Boston
Convention & Exhibition Center**

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A word from the Commander

Winter arrived at 12:11pm local time on December 21st and Spring will arrive at 12:57pm on March 20th. During this period Beverly Squadron will launch an aggressive program of courses, from Piloting to a one day seminar on Weather, along with many ABC courses distributed throughout the Cape Ann area. We are casting our net into the fickle waters of the public who seem to be awash in the digital world. I would be remiss if I did not put in a wish for more of our Squadron members to step up and teach or help with our schedule of classes, the results are always rewarding. Of course I continue to have a very selfish interest in teaching, I feel it will help improve my passage home when returning to Beverly Harbor on the average summer Sunday afternoon if these classes instill some sort of courtesy at least, awareness at best, but of course, I am a dreamer!

We, as a Squadron will be manning the U.S. Power Squadron booth at the Boston Boat

show. The Bridge has been working on making the best of this opportunity that goes beyond just promoting safe boating to inviting more boaters to become part of the Power Squadron.

The birth of the new year occurred on the International Date Line in the Pacific Ocean and moved smoothly round the world passing Zero longitude and swept over our local time zone announcing itself as 2014. On behalf of the Bridge of Beverly Power Squadron we wish you a healthy and happy New Year. This year is significant in the history of the U.S. Power Squadron because it marks 100 years since its birth in Marblehead. In 1914 there was no fiberglass, GPS or cell phones. The Power Squadron made an immediate impact on yachting. The very next year of its foundation found members of the Power Squadron participating in drills with the U.S. Navy in Marblehead Harbor. It was not long that the Power Squadron Ensign was accepted as a proper replacement on member's vessels of Old Glory. We have inherited this legacy by teaching all things nautical, by example when we proceed to sea. The design of modern pleasure boats seems to have diminished the ability to fly flags that revealed to the world our place in the boating community. However, there is always a place to fly our nationality, and this year more than ever, we would honor our heritage well by flying the U.S. Power Squadron Ensign as we enjoy the waters of New England.

Robere Sant Fournier, AP
Commander. of OUR Squadron.

Winter/Spring Boating Courses

The United States Power Squadrons is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Each squadron's activities involve the three primary objectives of USPS: community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of our fellow members. The Beverly Squadron is one of the four squadrons of [District 18](#). The squadron was established in 1948 and serves Beverly, Massachusetts and the surrounding area.

Our Squadron Burgee depicts the Schooner Hannah, one of the first ships of the US Navy and commissioned in Beverly.



One of our main functions is to provide public classes in safe boating. Annually, we provide about five public boating classes in the Massachusetts North Shore.

From the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Website

BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON 2014 EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE (WINTER-SPRING 2014)

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Exam</u>
ABC 3	Hamilton - Wenham Public Library	March 4	Tue. April 15
ABC 3	Gloucester High School	March 5	Wed. April 16
ABC 3	Beverly – Bass Haven Yacht Club	March 6	Thur. April 24
ABC 3	Rockport – Sandy Bay Yacht Club	May 1	Thur. June 19
Piloting	Beverly – Jubilee Yacht Club	Feb. 10	Mon. April 14
Weather Seminar	Beverly – Jubilee Yacht Club	April 19th	Saturday

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL BEVERLY SQUADRON COURSES AND SEMINARS: WRILEY3@COMCAST.NET



A Word from the Executive Officer

Jack Reed, AP

The next member meeting of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron is on January 9th, Thursday, at the Jubilee Yacht Club.

Our speaker will be Jeremy D'Entrmont, a leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses. Jeremy's talk will be, "Lighthouses of New England and the People Who Keep Them." This talk will focus on the colorful and dramatic stories of the lighthouse keepers and their families. He will feature past and present images of the lighthouses as well as video clips. There will also be a discussion of the present day lighthouse preservation efforts of the American Lighthouse Foundation and other organizations..

Supper starts at 1830 at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.



Grand Banks Dory – Gloucester, MA

**A word from:
Acting Squadron Education Officer
Walter Riley III, JN**



NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 2013 – A BANNER YEAR

Under the extraordinary guidance of our Education Officer, Ed Walsh, SN the Beverly Squadron offered America's Boating Courses last spring at multiple locations on the North Shore. Thirty-six students received classroom instruction conducted in Gloucester, Hamilton-Wenham, Beverly and Rockport in preparation for their exams and awarding of their USPS Boating Certificate. Also in the spring the Squadron conducted advanced classes in Piloting and Sail. A total of 14 students completed those courses.

In the fall of last year our Executive Officer, Jack Reed, AP unveiled and initiated a unique marketing campaign to attract non-members to select advanced courses as a way of promoting membership in the Squadron. Using localized mailing lists and discounted pricing for members of Jubilee Yacht Club the marketing effort paid off handsomely. Nine students attended and successfully completed the Seamanship course while 23 students attended the classes in Engine Maintenance. Both courses resulted in new members for the Squadron.

2014 – A BRIGHT HORIZON AHEAD

Preparations are already underway for additional advanced courses, seminars and four more ABC courses in 2014. Jack

Reed is set to conduct the Piloting Course beginning on Monday, February 10th at Jubilee Yacht Club. This course features instruction in coastal navigation using electronic aids such as GPS, digital charting and radar as well as paper charts. The course is specially designed to prepare skippers, navigators and first mates to safely navigate the waters in and around the coast. Later in April our District Commander, John Bedrossian, SN will be conducting the extraordinarily informative Weather Seminar. All members of District 18 are invited to attend this seminar soon to be scheduled at the Jubilee Yacht Club. It will be a Saturday afternoon well spent.

The ABC course is also scheduled at four locations beginning in March. ABC Classes will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning on March 4th at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library and on Wednesdays beginning on March 5th at the Gloucester High School. Additional ABC courses will be offered on Thursdays beginning on March 6th at the Bass Haven Yacht Club in Beverly and the Sandy Bay Yacht Club on Thursdays beginning on May 1st. Squadron members are urged to invite and encourage novice skippers and owners of newly acquired boats to attend this course. Seasoned and experienced instructors from the squadron will be discussing and demonstrating safe boating skills and techniques. Students will learn how to prepare their vessels for safe and enjoyable experiences on the water.

Submitted by Walter Riley, JN

A Word from the Editor

Ray Tilton, AP

The District 12 & 18 Fall Educational Conference was held at the Jubilee Yacht Club Saturday, November 16th. Nearly 100 members were treated to a series of excellent presentations ranging from “Forecasting New England Weather” by Bob Thompson of the National Weather Service to “Accident Reconstruction” by Marine Surveyor and Investigator Jonathan Klopman. The challenge was to decide which seminars to attend, as all of them were interesting.

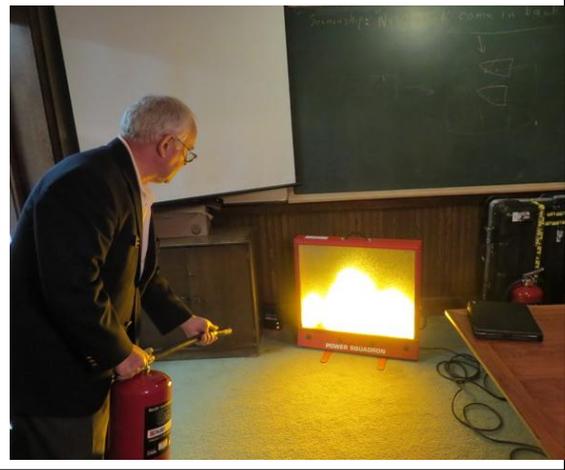
The iPads session was fascinating. Who knew the iPad and other tablets could be so useful on a boat? There are apps available for just about every nautical need from mooring availability to currents. You can download charts, use the tablet as a GPS plotter, overlay real time weather on the chart, and on and on.

NOAA is no longer printing paper charts. Electronics are the piloting tools of the future for most boaters.

Kevin Montague, owner of Northeast Rigging, gave an excellent presentation on the danger of inferior rigging on sailboats. Some manufacturers cut corners when it comes to hardware and Kevin explained what to look for when inspecting your boat.

The fire extinguisher demonstration utilized the computerized unit furnished by National USPS. The realistic simulation confirmed the difficulty in putting out a fire on a boat and the need to know where to direct the spray. The audience learned that the type of fire extinguisher carried on most small craft will only last 15 to 20 seconds once activated, so using it properly is critical.

District business meetings and instructor re-certification sessions were also held.



Bruce Theriault, Merrimac River SPS

Fire Extinguisher Seminar



Kevin Montague – Northeast Rigging

Tips on Sailboat Rigging

SEE YOU AT THE BOAT SHOW

The New England Boat Show (**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22 TILL SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2014**) is coming soon to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer St. in the Seaport District. This year again, USPS District 12 is operating a booth with volunteers participating from all the Districts/Squadrons in Eastern Massachusetts.

The materials, handouts and displays will emphasize all of our upcoming ABC courses available throughout eastern Massachusetts. Visitors to the booth will learn about our valuable ABC course and obtain schedules and contact-information for each class. Squadron volunteers will be available to answer any questions about USPS. Actual location of the USPS booth is yet to be determined but it should be in the northwest corner of the hall near the West Marine booth. If you plan to attend we hope you will stop by, say hello and direct your friends and neighbors to the USPS booth for information.

Submitted by Walter Riley, JN.



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BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 9th at 1830 (6:30 PM) – Jubilee Yacht Club

Free Supper and Social Time (dessert & donations welcome)

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