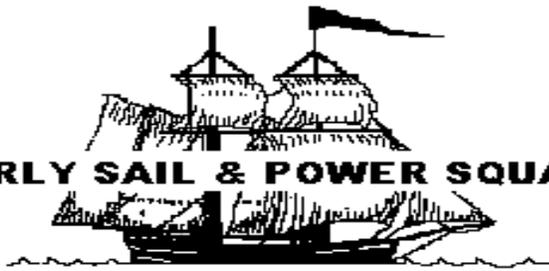




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September, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 3rd - Cruise Around Cape Ann – 5 – 7 PM - Wednesday /
General Members' Meeting – See Article Inside**

**September 6th - HarborFest – Beverly Waterfront, Glover's Wharf
Saturday – 3 – 6 PM**

October 1st - E-Board Meeting – JYC – 7 PM

**November 6th - General Members' Meeting and Supper
6:30 PM - JYC**

December 4th - E-Board Meeting – JYC – 7 PM

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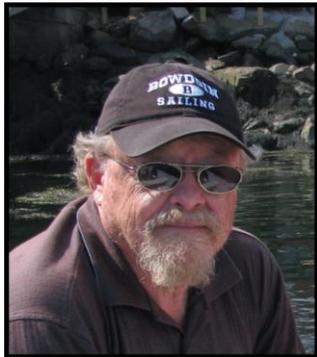
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A Word from the Commander



Squadron Cruise Around Cape Ann, September 3rd

Beverly and Marblehead Sail and Power Squadrons are jointly sponsoring this event. We have chartered the vessel "*Yankee Clipper*," a 75—foot excursion vessel that can carry over 100 passengers. It will leave from the wharf at 121 East Main Street, Gloucester, at 5 pm on September 3rd, returning at 7 pm. The vessel may be boarded starting at 4pm that day.

The cruise will completely circle Cape Ann, passing close by all of the lighthouses on Cape Ann. Of special note will be the part of the trip that covers the Annisquam River. The tide will be almost at its high point for the day, and with the setting sun, the views will be spectacular!

The *Yankee Clipper* serves food and beverage for a price on board. However, we will procure platters of hors d'oeuvres. You may bring soft drinks with you if you would like, or you can procure them on board. **No alcoholic beverages may be brought on board!** However, they may be purchased on board.

Your executive committee is looking for new and interesting activities for our member gatherings. Your attendance at this event will give us some indication of whether we should continue with such events in the future. Another thought for a member meeting would be to have members bring a flash drive with some of their favorite boating pictures to share. We are thinking about doing this for our November meeting at Jubilee Yacht Club. Please give us some feedback as well as suggestions for future events.

Jack Reed, Commanding



The 75—foot/115 passenger vessel "*Yankee Clipper*"

Beverly Sail and Power Squadron
And
Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron

Cordially invite you, friends and family to attend a cruise chartered by the Beverly and Marblehead Sail and Power Squadrons:

A two-hour cruise around Cape Ann, Wednesday, September 3rd, 5—7 pm.

- ▣ Cost of the cruise: \$20 per person.
- ▣ To make a reservation, send a check made out to Beverly Sail and Power Squadron, and mail to Jack Reed, 7 Mount Locust Avenue, Rockport, MA 01966
- ▣ Drinks/sandwiches can be purchased aboard the boat.
- ▣ Boat docks at 121 East Main Street Gloucester. Board any time after 4 pm.
- ▣ More info—Call Jack Reed at 978-5465-3221 or email jackfreed@comcast.net



The 75-foot, 115 passenger "Yankee Clipper"

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



NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

We are preparing to offer two new Squadron courses this fall:

SEAMANSHIP will be offered for 9 Mondays beginning October 13 from 7 -9 pm. This is a comprehensive course for the new boater and an excellent refresher for serious skippers and crew. The classes will be held at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly. The cost is \$66. for Squadron and Jubilee members and \$86. for non-members. See below to register.

MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS will be offered for 9 Tuesdays beginning October 14th from 7 to 9 pm. The classes will be held at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly. This is the first of three Marine Electronics modules. Classes in Marine Communications and Electronics for Navigation will be offered later. This is a comprehensive but basic course in shipboard electrical systems. The cost is \$ 60.for Squadron and Jubilee members and \$ 80. for non-members.

For more course information or to register contact Walter Riley at wriley3@comcast.net or 978-927-5189 .

BEVERLY 2014 HARBOR FEST

The Beverly Sail and Power Squadron will have a booth at the upcoming Beverly Harbor Fest on Saturday, September 6th (from 3 to 6pm). The event is held annually on Glover's Wharf behind the old McDonalds next to the Salem Bridge. We will be handing out USPS membership materials, fall course schedules, Vessel Safety information and coloring books for the kids. This is a great annual event with over a thousand residents attending. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in our booth and pass-out materials please contact Walter Riley at wriley3@comcast.net.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Time and decals are running out fast . This is your final chance to get a free, voluntary Vessel Safety Check while supplies last during the 2014 boating season. Why not have a friendly Beverly or Marblehead inspector visit your vessel before you embark on your next cruise. The Beverly Squadron examiners have provided over 60 vessels with the 2014 decal. Our examiners also have 10% West Marine discount coupons for safety items required to pass the inspection. To schedule a no-obligation vessel inspection (VSC) contact Walter Riley at rileyfin@shore.net or 978-927-5189

“What I Did on My Summer Vacation”

The courses and seminars that I have taken over the past twelve years or so have enhanced my boating experiences in countless ways, not the least of which was a bareboat charter in Alaska this August. My wife Sally and I took eight members of our family, including five grandkids on a seven day adventure on the Inside Passage on the “Stickeen”, a 42’ Nordic Tug.



The charter company requires a “Skipper Resume”, a form that the company provides which includes the question “Have you completed America’s Boating Course” and other USPS courses? Those courses gave me the confidence to explore some of the most beautiful waterways in the world.

We brought charts of the areas to be travelled and the two chartplotters on the boat were excellent. I had also downloaded “Navionics” charts on Sally’s Ipad; good quality charts of the entire country that I learned about at a District USPS seminar. The Ipad receives GPS signals so the computer served as another chartplotter with additional functions. A \$50.00 app that was most useful.

Being a rainforest, we had some rain and dense fog a couple of mornings but the radar worked well, picking up everything from breaching humpbacks to cruise ships, making it possible to stay on schedule. As the fog lifted in Frederick Sound, a ten mile wide section of the Passage favored by humpbacks and orcas

because of the abundance of herring, we started seeing the spray from the blowholes and before long we were in the midst of several humpbacks breaching and diving, putting on a magical show in the wilderness. The crew’s favorite sighting was a pod of humpbacks bubble-net feeding in Chatham Straight while simultaneously watching a pod of Dall’s porpoises bow ride the boat. During the days ahead we spotted harbor seals, sea lions, eagles, and otters while cruising at a leisurely and economical pace of about 8.5 knots.

NOAA paper charts, electronics and the Coast Pilot 8 were very useful as well as a book of tides and currents of the area. But information about coves and inlets to spend the night in came from an invaluable book “Exploring Southeast Alaska” by Don and Reanne Douglass. This couple spent months taking depth soundings and documenting obstructions, currents, etc. of just about every possible anchorage in the area we travelled. An extraordinary resource! I carried the 3 ½ pound book in my luggage only to find two of them on the Stickeen.

The wildlife, the natural beauty of the mountains, waterfalls and glaciers that surround this part of the Passage make up the Tongass National Forest, the world’s largest remaining intact temperate rain forest. Experiencing it on a small boat versus a cruise ship gave us the opportunity to get up close to the wildlife, hear the sounds of whales blowing in silent waters, watching eagles dive for bits of fish that sea lions were wrestling with, and falling asleep to the gentle rocking of the boat in an isolated cove in the last great unspoiled wilderness in America. An adventure we will always remember.

Ray Tilton, Editor



Future USPS Members

Our Annual Picnic

Our picnic was held on August 11, 2014 at the Danversport Yacht Club, 5 – 7 pm. We also dedicated the picnic to a farewell for District 18, which will be retired by the end of this year. We invited all District 18, family and friends to attend. The weather was almost perfect, although a thunderstorm or two threatened, but never hit us. We had 34 attendees. Many thanks should go to Ed and Linda Myers who did most of the grill cooking. But a lot of people helped out including Linda Seal, Dave Delorey, and John Hagar. All in all, it was a very successful event and a great time was had by all.

Jack Reed, Commanding

Photos by Dave Delorey



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