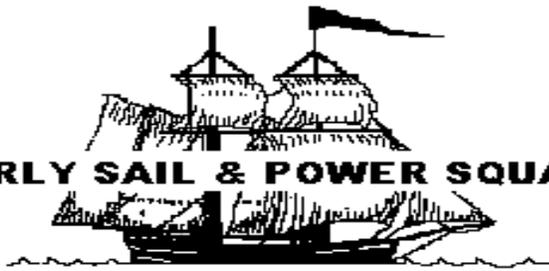




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DISTRICT 18



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BANNER

November, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Our speaker will be Rodney Kidder, who will bring us up to date on the latest boating apps for cellphones, tablets and laptops.

November 11th – Veterans Day

November 27th – Thanksgiving Day

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

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Send something NOW for the next edition!

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

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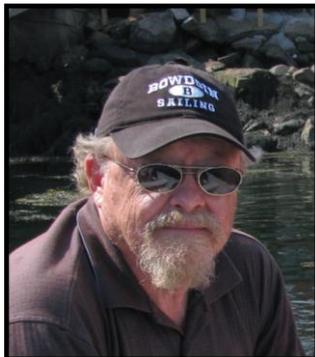
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A Word from the Commander



Proposed Merger of the Beverly and Marblehead Squadrons

Since April, we have been talking with the Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron Leadership about ways to improve attendance through joint activities. In May, we had a joint squadron dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club. In June, we chartered the "Fame" for a two-hour evening sail. In August, we invited Marblehead to join us at our annual picnic. And in September, they joined us on the cruise around Cape Ann – an event for which we had 51 participants!

While enjoying their company, we had a chance to discuss our common issues: Dwindling attendance at our meetings; difficulty in finding volunteers to serve on our bridges and committees; low attendance at our courses. Though our joint activities this past summer, we found that between our two squadrons, we could generate enough interest to sponsor some very enjoyable events that we hope to continue this next year.

At our October E-board meeting, the Marblehead leadership proposed a merger of our two squadrons. We see many advantages for this: Better attendance at meetings; having sufficient interest to offer enjoyable events (the "Fame," cruise around Cape Ann, etc.); better attendance for our courses; and more volunteers to serve on our bridge. It is hard to think of any real disadvantages!

At our November 6, 2014 member meeting, I will ask the membership to consider the merger of the Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron into the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron. If the merger is approved in concept, I will ask the membership to consider changing the name of the newly merged squadron to one of the following:

- Beverly and Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
- Salem Sound Sail and Power Squadron
- Other proposed names offered by the membership.

This merger will require changes to our bylaws. Following is an extract of those bylaws that discusses the process for making these changes:

"These bylaws may be amended, subject to the approval of the USPS Committee on Rules, by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting at any regular or special squadron meeting, provided that a quorum is present at the time the vote is taken AND (1) the proposed amendments are stated in full in the notice of the meeting at which action is to be taken thereon, or (2) an announcement of the proposed amendments was given to each member and multiple copies of the old and the proposed bylaws are made available to the members at two or more consecutive general membership meetings at least 20 days apart (the last such meeting may be the meeting at which the vote is taken)."

So we have a lot of work to do! If the membership gives us the "go ahead" at the November meeting, then we will proceed with a re-writing of the bylaws, disseminate them to the membership for their review, and have a final vote at our January 8, 2015 meeting.

Jack Reed, Commanding

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Need Your support!

- Come to the General Meetings.
- Sign up to put on a supper. Your costs will be reimbursed. It's not that hard – we'll show you how.
- Join the top Vessel Safety Check team in the District.
- Join the Education Team as an instructor.
- Join the Executive Board as an officer or fill a position on one of the committees.
- Submit an article or picture for Hannah's Banner.
- Recommend a speaker for a General Meeting.
- Offer suggestions on fun and interesting programs and events for the Squadron.

Squadron Member meeting, Thursday, November 6th

Our speaker will be Rodney Kidder, who will bring us up to date on the latest boating apps for cellphones, tablets and laptops. This is fascinating stuff – don't miss it!

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



NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education season is off to an exciting start. Two courses were successfully launched in October. On Monday nights Paul Secatore leads our advanced Seamanship course at the Jubilee Yacht Club. On Tuesday nights at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Jack Reed conducts the Marine Electrical Systems course. Both courses were heavily publicized electronically and fourteen students each have enrolled in these courses.

Preparations for the winter courses are underway. Starting on January 7th Commander Jack Reed will be conducting our ABC -3 course on Wednesday nights at the Rockport Public High School. This is an excellent course for teens seeking to earn their Massachusetts safe boating certificate. This is also a course designed for new boaters and crew who may be acquiring new vessels in 2015. Individuals interested in the Rockport course should check the Squadron web site and contact Jack Reed for details.

Additional ABC-3 courses are planned beginning in March in Beverly, Hamilton and Gloucester. Check the Squadron web site for dates and details.

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

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

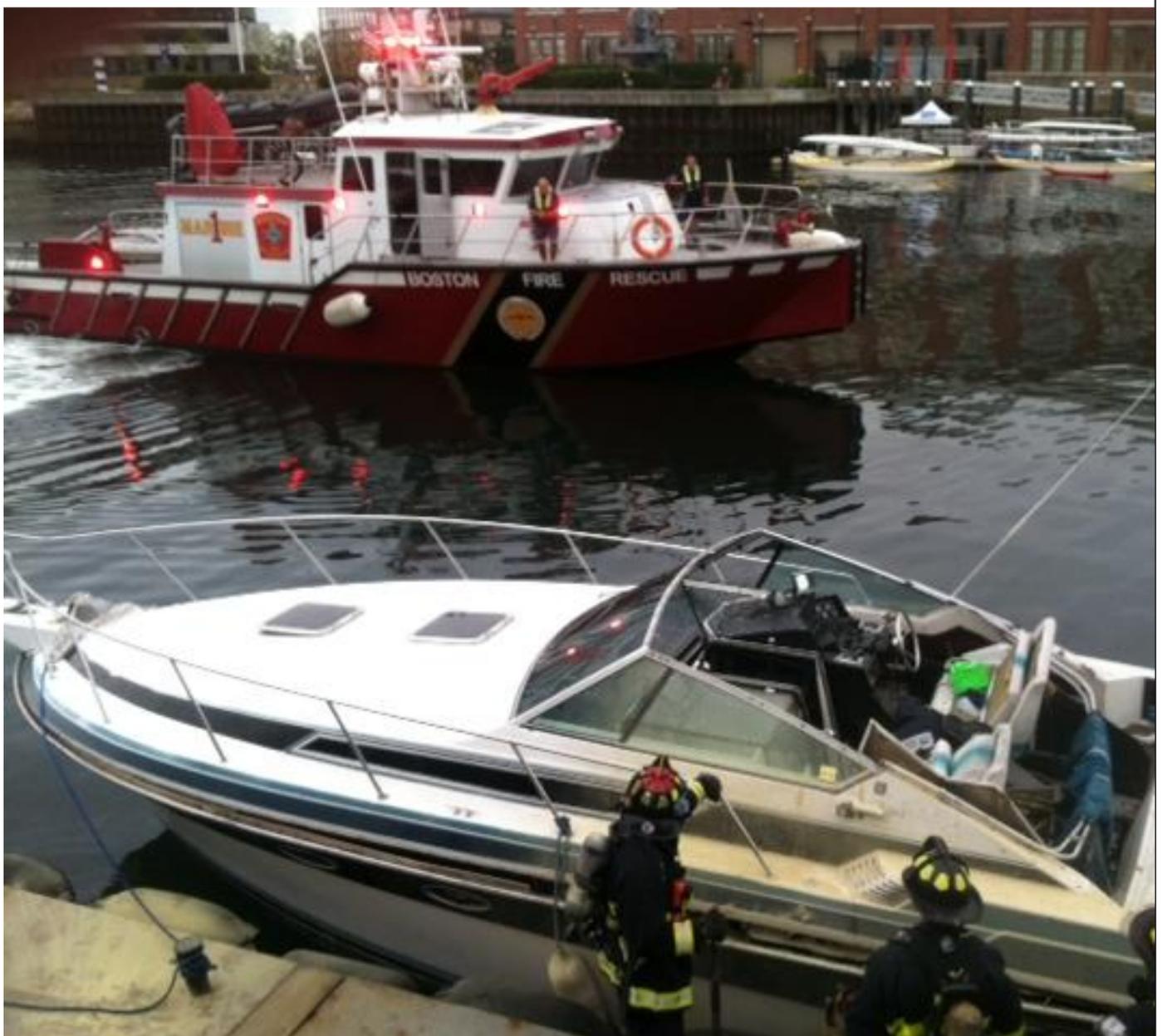
BEVERLY SQUADRON LEADS THE DISTRICT

As we know the Beverly Squadron transferred into District 12 in September. Thus the five Beverly examiners and their safety check results were transferred into the larger District 12 data base for 2014. As a result the Beverly team has completed the highest number of examinations in the whole district (74.) The Old Colony Squadron is next with 45 VSCs. Beverly VSC's make up over 46% of the total examinations in the new District in 2014.
Congratulations Beverly team of five!

Also during the summer all five Beverly examiners were successfully recertified. A new revised VSC manual and exam is being prepared for 2015. Individuals interested in learning more about this program and how to become an examiner should contact Walter Riley, VSC Chair at wriley3@comcast.net.

A Word from the Editor
Ray Tilton, AP

On a late September afternoon as I was leaving work in Charlestown, I heard a muffled explosion across the street at the Mystic Fuel Dock. Dozens of fire trucks and ambulances quickly responded. Fortunately none of the seven people on board were seriously injured although one girl was blown off the engine box into the water. The gas attendant put the fire out with an extinguisher. Our basic boating course, ABC, instructs boaters with boats that have built-in gas tanks to ventilate the bilge by running the blower after fueling for five minutes and sniffing for gas vapors. The Coast Guard checked the boat and found the blower switch in the off position.



September 3rd Cruise Up the Annisquam River and Around Cape Ann – Combined General Meeting of the Beverly and Marblehead Sail and Power Squadrons



Photo by Ed Myers



Commander Reed in the Pilot House

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Photos by Skip Hoblin



Entering Rockport Harbor – Dave Delorey Photo



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