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**BANNER**



March, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday - General Members' Meeting / Change of Watch and Supper –  
6:30 PM - Jubilee Yacht Club

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – District 12 Spring Conference and Change of Watch  
Hingham Yacht Club

March ---- Piloting (March 17) and ABC Courses Begin – Details Inside

April 6<sup>th</sup> -- Wednesday - E- Board Meeting - Jubilee Yacht Club  
7:00 PM – Ward Room

May 4<sup>th</sup> -- Wednesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper –  
6:30 PM - Jubilee Yacht Club

May 20<sup>th</sup> -- Friday -- Corinthian Yacht Club dinner and speaker

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*Send something NOW for the next edition!*

Check out the Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron web site at:

[www.beverly-marblehead sail & power squadron-usps.org](http://www.beverly-marblehead sail & power squadron-usps.org)

THE SUCCESS OF USPS® DEPENDS ON MEMBER PARTICIPATION

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## BOAT SHOW SUCCESS

Last Sunday was the final day of the 9-day New England Boat Show at the Boston Exhibition and Convention Center.

District 12 arranged for a booth to represent all the eastern Massachusetts Squadrons as well as District 14 (the Cape) and District 19 (northern New England Squadrons.)

The booth was staffed by over thirty volunteer members who answered visitor questions and handed out USPS promotional literature. In addition to handouts containing the upcoming schedules of courses arranged by location, the main feature of the booth was the District's own Boating Skills Virtual Trainer.

The Trainer allows visitors a simulated experience handling the controls of an 18-foot center-console Boston Whaler. Visitors sitting at the controls could practice docking, mooring, and boat handling through a slalom course while watching water, navigational aids and features surrounding the Trainer on three side-by-side computer screens. All visitors using the controls were asked to wear a life jacket and asked to rate the level of reality of the experience.

The USPS booth attracted hundreds of visitors anxious to try the Trainer as well as obtain the schedule of upcoming courses and their locations. Visitors were asked to supply their name and email information so that local Squadrons can contact and promote their courses directly to individual visitors indicating an interest.

*Submitted by Walter Riley*

*Barbara Herrmann, District 12 Commander and Jim Blewert Staffing the District 12 booth photo by Lois Riley*



The speaker for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting will be Doug Welch, executive Director of the Maine Island Trail Association. He will show a video of his 500 mile trip up the coast of Maine, from Portland to Cutler in a 17' Whaler.

The Change of Watch will also take place at the March meeting.

The nominees for the 2015-2016 season are:

Commander --- David Graham

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



## **NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

### **BOATING SEASON ABC COURSES AVILABLE NOW!**

Starting the first week of March the squadron is offering the basic safe boating course, ABC at five separate locations as well as the much requested coastal navigation course "Piloting."

The ABC is our basic 7-week introductory course for both power and sail boaters. It is a perfect refresher for seasoned skippers as well as novice mates and young crew members. The course was updated and revised in 2015 and Massachusetts has supplied a new section and exam to compliment the federal portion of the course. Successful students receive a Certificate of Completion and wallet card confirming that the student has met the educational requirements for boat operation in all 50 states.

Schedules and locations of the ABC classes are listed in the attached flyer. Interested students should contact the respective instructors listed or register on-line at the Squadron's web-site:

**BEVERLY-USPS.ORG**

Submitted by Walter Riley, JN

## **AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE YOUR BOATING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

Beginning Thursday, March 17 we are again offering our popular inland and coastal navigation course entitled "Piloting." The ten-week course will be held at the Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly, from 7 to 9 PM. The weekly class will generally be held on Thursdays with some weeks on Tuesdays instead.

This course embraces GPS as the primary navigation tool while covering enough traditional techniques so the student will be able to find their way if their GPS fails.

The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Students learn to plot courses and determine direction and distance on charts. USPS Members receive a \$50 discount in tuition. Once again our Commander, Jack Reed will be leading the team of instructors. This is the ideal course to enhance and expand your boating skills and knowledge.

For information or to register for this course contact Jack: [jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net)  
Submitted by Walter Riley

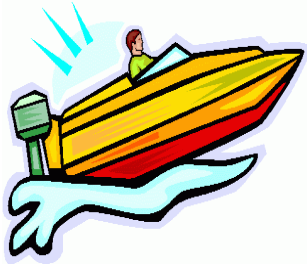
## **For Women Only!**

Want to gain your confidence boating without your spouse or significant other?

Attend the National Women's Sailing Association Women's Sailing Conference on Saturday, June 4, at the Corinthian Yacht Club. This is an all day event that includes 90 minute workshops on land and 3 hour workshops on the water. Workshops include rules of the road, heavy weather sailing, using spring lines, crew overboard, taking the helm, suddenly singlehanded...and others. We have a speaker during dinner and we also present the Leadership in Women's Sailing Award, a joint NWSA and BoatUS award. Come be inspired and encouraged. Information will be on the website in the spring.

[www.womensailing.org](http://www.womensailing.org). In the meantime, questions may be directed to Joan Thayer at [joan\\_thayer@comcast.net](mailto:joan_thayer@comcast.net).

The squadron has supported this event in the past with workshop leaders and equipment.



## AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE FIVE LOCATIONS NEAR YOU



This all new completely updated manual with outstanding graphics is a “must” course for beginners, valuable refresher for experienced skippers and perfect for 1<sup>st</sup> mates. The course is accepted by all 50 states and meets state licensing requirements including the Massachusetts State Environmental Police for power boat operators between 12 and 16. Pre-registration is a must!  
For more information go to: [www.americasboatingcourse.com](http://www.americasboatingcourse.com).

### Course Locations and Contacts

**Gloucester - Starts Wed. March 2 @ 7pm Gloucester High School 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road Contact Bob Duncan – [rjduncan310@gmail.com](mailto:rjduncan310@gmail.com)**

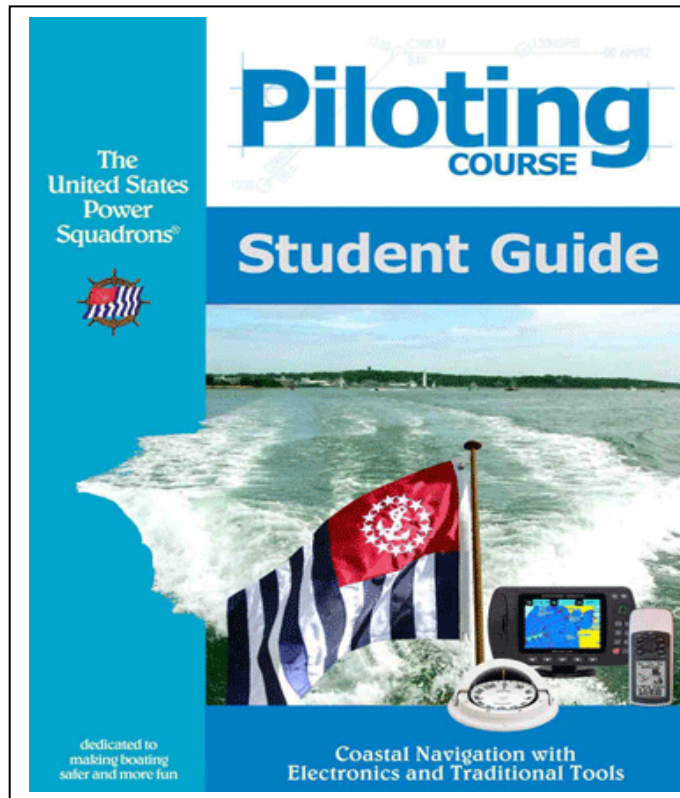
**Hamilton - Starts Tue March 15 @ 6pm Hamilton-Wenham Library 14 Union Street Contact Ray Tilton – [pangea36@gmail.com](mailto:pangea36@gmail.com)**

**Beverly -Starts Mon March 21 @ 7pm Bass Haven YC 10 McPherson Drive Contact Robert Saint Fourier – [seafriend1@verizon.net](mailto:seafriend1@verizon.net)**

**Rockport -Starts Mon May 2 @ 7pm Sandy Bay YC 5 Town Wharf Contact Jack Reed – [jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net)**

**Marblehead- Starts Wed May 11 @ 7pm VFW 321 W Shore Drive Contact Skip Whittaker – [whitterkerc@comcast.net](mailto:whitterkerc@comcast.net)**

**To Register On-Line go to: [beverly-usps.org](http://beverly-usps.org)**



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### Course Description

This course covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so that the student will be able to find their way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each are scheduled for presentation of this course. Topics covered include:

Charts and their interpretation.

Navigation aids and how they point to safe water.

Plotting courses and determining direction and distance.

The Mariner's Compass and converting Magnetic and True North.

Use of GPS—typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up way-points and routes.

**When:** Starts Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm for ten weeks, one night a week (some Tuesday classes as well as Thursdays)

**Where:** Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly

**Cost:** \$60 for USPS Members

**For more information** contact jack Reed (978-546-3221/[jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net))

## SAVE-THE-DATE

Your Squadron is planning on another spring “kick-off” social - - - one for the 2016 season. Look for details that will be forthcoming by mid-April - - - but to “whet your whistle” a bit, the date will be Friday evening, May 20<sup>th</sup> that will include a dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

The speaker program will relate to “The greatest small boat rescue by the Coast Guard” and will bring to us three individuals who will report on the loss of the Tanker “SS *Pendleton*” off Cape Cod and the nearly unbelievable rescue effort that occurred during a terrific Northeast storm of February 1952.

"Many Brave Hearts Are Asleep in the Deep" - - - Memories of the loss of the SS *Pendleton* (and SS *Fort Mercer*) remains vivid with many after all these years. 1952 was about the time your new Squadron Commander became a “weather nut” and closely followed Don Kent’s daily broadcasts, both TV and radio. In listening intently to Streeter Stuart’s “play-by-play” action on WBZ concerning his news broadcasts of the two sinkings, his reports only served to heighten the drama concerning the break-up of the two T-2 tankers “*Pendleton*” and “*Fort Mercer*” only a few miles apart, some 10 miles off Cape Cod. Both losses were later attributed to “bad steel” used in their wartime construction. The steel plates contained a high degree of carbon, giving all T-2 tankers great strength but, as was later to be discovered, the plating would also be highly susceptible to brittleness brought on by the combination of twisting action created by high seas and extreme cold temperatures. Having a presentation of the two losses, with focus on the SS *Pendleton* and the rescue of all but one of her crew by the Coast Guard “Lifesaving” boat, CG36500 some 64 years after the fact, will be a high tribute to the United States Coast Guard.



Stern section of the “SS *Pendleton*”



Bow of the “SS *Fort Mercer*”

Executive Officer David Graham, AP



## **United States Power Squadrons**

**District 12**

**2016 Spring Conference and  
Change of Watch**

**12 March 2016**

**Hingham Yacht Club, 211 Downer Avenue, Hingham, MA**

**All USPS hands are invited to attend the District 12 Spring Conference & Change of Watch. Come for the day as we welcome in our Bridge led by D/C Barbara Herrmann, N, for a second term.**

- Come out and meet R/C William Selden, AP, National Nominations Committee
- Attend Instructor Recertification or Operations Training from 0900 to 1130
- Join the Conference and COW from 1130 to 1630
- Enjoy a presentation from Bert Rogers, Executive Director of Tall Ships America (the Tall Ships come to Boston in 2017!)
- Hear about the D12 No Excuses Cruise to Maine
- Honor those receiving Awards
- Enjoy the Fellowship
- Partake of Food and Refreshments
- Support your District!

**Dress Code: USPS polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire.**

**Register On-line by going to the D12 website**

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d12/>

**Or mail-in the Form below**

**2016 Spring Conference**

**Make checks payable to D12 USPS**

**Mail to: D/Lt/C Joseph Kelliher, 3 Alma Road, Walpole, MA 02081**

**Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_**

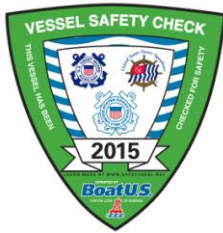
**Amount Due (\$15 each, Breakfast Pastries and Lunch) \_\_\_\_\_**

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## First Class Mail



Is this Sticker

### **ON YOUR BOAT?**

**Schedule a Vessel Safety Check**

**Before you launch this year!**

**For an appointment**

**With your nearest Vessel Examiner**

**Call Walter Riley at 978-927-5189**

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