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January, 2017

Calendar of Events

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday - General Meeting & Supper – 6:30 PM,  
 Jubilee Yacht Club

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday – E-Board Meeting, 7:00 PM – Ward Room,  
 Jubilee Yacht Club

February 11-19<sup>th</sup> – New England Boat Show, Boston Convention Center

February 22-25<sup>th</sup> – USPS Annual Meeting – Orlando, FL

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday - General Meeting & Supper- Change of Watch - 6:30 PM -  
 Jubilee Yacht Club

March 25<sup>th</sup> - D12 Spring Conference and Change of Watch  
 Plymouth Yacht Club, Plymouth, MA

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Message from the Administrative Officer  
Ray Tilton, AP

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe another year has come and gone so quickly. The Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron had a busy 2016, accomplishing much. We had great events including a wonderful dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club and a presentation about the daring Coast Guard rescue of the crew of a tanker that split in two off Chatham in a blizzard in the 50's. We enjoyed another annual picnic at the Danversport Yacht Club, to whom we thank for their assistance in setting up the canopy, tables and grill. And we chartered the Adventure out of Gloucester for a delightful evening cruise. Thanks Commander Dave Graham for arranging the charter and Jack Reed for bringing the food.

The education department, chaired by Walter Riley, JN, has been recognized by USPS and the National Boating Federation for excellence in recreational boating education. (See page 4). More than 100 students took the ABC course this past year.

It/C Riley also heads up the Vessel Safety Check committee with a crew of seven VSC examiners. They checked out more than eighty boats on the North Shore in 2016, ensuring that boaters have the required, as well as recommended safety equipment on board. Hats off to the examiners that spent some of their summer weekend time conducting this important service of the USPS.

The feature for the January 4th meeting will be a video made by member Paul Jermain, who has made more than 170 videos on safe boating for cable TV. This one will highlight chartering a boat, both bareboat and crewed.

## **No School - No Meeting**

It's that time of year – snow, sleet, ice, etc. If the Beverly schools are closed the day of our meeting, there will be no B-M S&PS meeting that evening. If you are not sure of the school closing, call, text or email Ray Tilton. 978-578-1795 [pangea36@gmail.com](mailto:pangea36@gmail.com)



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

### **NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Preparations continue for our series of basic boating safety courses, ABC 3. The USPS course was updated in 2015 and students who successfully complete the course receive the Safe Boating Certificate recognized by all 50 states. The price of the course including all materials is \$60 per student with discounts for family members able to share materials.

The USPS 7-week ABC classes taught by certified instructors will begin after the New England Boat Show, in March 2017 at multiple locations,. The tentative schedule of classes is as follows:

Starting Wednesdays in Gloucester on March 1<sup>st</sup>. (location yet to be determined.)

Starting Tuesdays at the Hamilton/Wenham Library on March 14<sup>th</sup>

Starting Wednesdays at the Marblehead VFW Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Additional ABC classes in other locations and dates are in the works.

Upcoming courses will be listed on the Boating Education page of the squadron web-site. Most of the classes have limited enrollments. Registration can be made on-line. Contact Education Officer, Walter Riley ( [w Riley3@comcast.net](mailto:w Riley3@comcast.net)) for more details.

An additional advanced course, probably the USPS Engine Maintenance class is in preparation either in Marblehead or Beverly. Individuals interested in this 10 session course should contact the Education Officer, Walter Riley.

## **Nominations for the 2017-2018 Year**

Commander ---- Alex Pszenny, N

Executive Officer –

Administrative Officer - Ray Tilton, AP

Squadron Education Officer – Walter Riley III, JN

Secretary – Jack Reed, AP

Treasurer – Dale Smith, AP

Bill Ghen, AP, Chairman, Nominating Committee



## Boating Tips

Bob Duncan came up with the idea of including a "Boating Tips" column in Hannah's Banner. With all of the boating experience in the squadron, everyone has pearls of wisdom, perhaps learned the hard way, that can be useful to fellow boaters. Please send your tips to the editor for a future edition. Following are two from Bob Duncan.

Thanks Bob!

How does one know if the boat's fuel gauge is accurate?

A quick check is to note the gauge level before you fuel and the level after, along with the gallons of fuel added.

For example - A Boat has a 30 gallon fuel tank and the gauge shows the tank half full. You add 5 gallons and the gauge reads 3/4 full - you add 5 more gallons and the tank reads full but it's not topped off. You top off by adding 5 more gallons and the gauge still reads full.

So we now know the tank is 1/3 full when the gauge reads 1/2.

A good rule to follow is 1/3 out- 1/3 back - 1/3 reserve so when the gauge reads 1/2 it's time to fuel.

Checking the accuracy of the fuel gauge is simple and should be done each time we fuel up.

Another BOAT TIP.

Dock lines should be equal to the length of your boat to 1.5 times the boat length. When preparing to tie up, dock lines should be put on the fore and aft cleats and draped along the outside of the bow/stern pulpit and life lines to mid ship. From there you can either pass the lines to someone on the dock by standing mid ship or you can step off and take the lines yourself when single handling.

You will find that many times someone ashore will come to help when they see dock lines draped so neither you or crew will need to step off the boat while docking. It's safest to transfer to and from the boat when it's secured to the dock.

## News from National

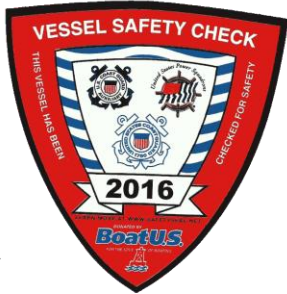
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### ON YOUR BOAT?

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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