

# Beverly Sail and Power Squadron – June 2009 E-Board Meeting

MINUTES OF E-Board MEETING

03 June 2009

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## **PRESENT:**

Commander: **Cmdr Raymond W. Tilton, AP**

Executive Officer: **Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S**

Administrative Officer: **Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P**

Educational Officer: **Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN**

Secretary: **Lt/C Edward S. Bell, S**

Treasurer: **L/C John A. Hagar, AP**

**P/D/C Jim Curran, AP SN Coop Chart**

**1st/L Walter Riley, JN, Asst SEO, Vessel Safety Chair**

**1<sup>st</sup>/L Miriam Shafner, P, Membership Chair**

**Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN Operations Training Chair**

**John F. Reed, Jr., P**

**Claire Gerrish**

**Dick Salter, SN**

**Linda Seal, N**

Meeting in the Ward Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by **Commander Tilton** at 1902.

No Roll Call; attendance recorded by **Secretary Ed Bell**; 14 members; quorum of the Executive Committee achieved.

Moment of Silence to honor our men and women in uniform.

Reading of the Minutes waived, as they have been posted on the website.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP:**

- Financial statement from checking account totaled: \$2,522.93
- Equipment lists from all holders only account for pots & pans. Everyone who has equipment are asked to please provide John their list.

### **Executive Officer Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S:**

- Feedback was very positive on **Senior Harbor Pilot Bob Blair** who spoke at the May bi-monthly USPS General meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Education Officer Ed Walsh, SN:**

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- Scheduling for the VHF with DSC seminar is tentative for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July and would be held on one night for two hours.
- A lot of interest has surfaced on having a course on *weather* and might entice more people to join the squadron. Great idea, Ed!
- Getting student materials from National generally takes at least three weeks but the number of people attending the course isn't confirmed until a few days ahead of the course date. Ed is trying to work with National to improve the delivery time, even accounting for their busy time.
- Advertising for increased membership raised a lot of discussion. Numerous ideas were discussed ranging from advertising the squadron discounts at retail stores and financial firms to increasing information distributed at Power Safety and other courses.

### **Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P:**

- Speakers for the September General meeting will be **Brian and Susan Schanning** from the Marblehead Power Squadron. They will discuss their sailing trip to ICW and the Bahamas.
- Potential future speakers for General meetings include personnel from the **Friendship**, berthed in Salem, and **Mr. Jimmy McCallister** who writes a weekly column in the Salem News related to Salem's history. Robert is also attempting to contact the **Trustee's of Misery Island** as this area is very active for our boaters and understanding their unique history and environments could be beneficial for all. **John Newman** was recommended by **Walter Riley** and will contact him to see if he's interested.
- Volunteers for coordinating the General Meeting meals are more difficult to find. Anyone interested in helping can contact Robert.

### **Membership Chair 1<sup>st</sup>/L Miriam Shafner, P:**

- New members and transferees will be sworn during the September General session and include **Stan Burbemb, David H. Johnson, Carolyn B. Johnson, Jane E. Littlefield, Raul W. Lindquist, Anna M. Lindquist, Marzenna Raffaelli, and Suzanne Therrien. Robin Hamilton** will be transferring in too. Welcome to the team!
- A great deal of discussion centered around the annual dues increase of \$5.80, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. The primary concern is a rate increase causes greater challenges of retaining existing members and attracting new members.
- Two members have 24 merit marks, falling one short of receiving an individual lifetime membership. **Dexter Wheeler** and **Robert P. Mazzarino** had all attendees of this meeting cheering for them!

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### Vessel Safety Chair, Walter Riley, JN:

- Ten (10) Vessel Safety Checks have already been conducted this year.
- Marblehead now has two Examiners, Gloucester has one potential while Beverly has five.
- Walter informed the group that visits to yacht clubs will start shortly and include the Lynn Yacht Club.

### Other Topics:

- Coop Charting from NOAA was addressed by **P/D/C Jim Curran**. NOAA wants to drop “supplies available” from the charts. Jim also suggested forming a committee to provide NOAA corrections and will address this topic in our next meeting.
- Next USPS Beverly General meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> and **Executive Officer Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun** will act on behalf of **Commander Raymond W. Tilton**, as Ray will be unavailable that night.
- **Sea Scouts**, affiliated with the Boy Scouts, requested us to sponsor a troop (ship) this summer. The benefits to USPS is greater awareness of the Power Squadron for young adults ages 14 to 21. Sponsorship would require a Skipper, Committee Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and would provide leadership and training on various topics twice a month. Annual dues would be \$11.25 and the insurance would be covered by the Boy Scouts. A committee comprised of **Robert C. Sant Fournier, Clare Gerrish, John Graves, Dick Salter, Arthur Harrington and Commander Tilton** will meet and propose an approach. **Commander Tilton** will coordinate the meeting and provide an update at our next meeting.
- Coordination meeting for the Annual Picnic has been scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1830 in the Jubilee Yacht Club.
- Ideas for “On The Water” activities are being addressed. More information to follow.
- National Marina Day is August 8<sup>th</sup> and will include conducting a Vessel Safety Check, handouts that promote the Power Squadron, and promoting youth involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 2054.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edward Bell  
Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

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