

**Beverly Sail and Power Squadron  
April 4, 2013**

The Executive Board of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron was called to order by the commander at 1900.

Present:

Commander: Robert Sant Fournier, AP  
Executive Officer: Lt/C Jack Reed, AP  
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Aan Therrien, JN  
Educational Officer: Lt/C Edward Walsh, SN  
Treasurer: Lt/C John Hagar, AP  
P/D/C James Curran, AP  
P/C Ray Tilton, AP  
Walter Riley, JN

A moment of silence was held to recognize our men and women in uniform.

Commander's Remarks:

No minutes of the General Meeting on March 4, 2013 were taken. The scheduled speaker, Gary Williams from GDF Suez failed to show up due to a family emergency. Attendance at the meeting was low due to inclement weather. Matters of general interest were discussed by the members present. A meal was prepared by Ed Meyers. Donations were collected by Linda Seal, on behalf of Financial Officer John Hagar, who was not present.

Commander Sant Fournier advised that he is arranging for one or two speakers from the Sail Salem Organization to speak at the May 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Sail Salem is an educational program for children promoting positive life skills and values through the sport of sailing. In the last four years Sail Salem has introduced sailing to over 1,000 children from Salem and surrounding towns. Lessons are conducted in Salem Harbor off Winter Island for many children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to be on a boat. Adults are also encouraged to sail and evening lessons for all levels are available throughout the summer. Details of the Sail Salem speakers will be forwarded upon confirmation.

The squadron will arrange to obtain the USPS laser fire extinguisher from HQ to provide a joint training session for members of the squadron and members of the Jubilee Yacht Club. The cost will be between \$250 - \$350 for use and shipment of the equipment.

The squadron plans to participate in the annual Gloucester Safe Boating activities. Walter Riley has not heard any additional details since last meeting at the Bass Haven YC. As of the last meeting, the Safe Boating day was scheduled for May 3, 2013. Jim Curran volunteered to assist at the squadron booth.

Ray Tilton provided an overview of the On-The-Water-Training Certificate Program. Additional training is required before any of our squadron members will be certified as trainers. It is an extensive process.

Executive Officer Report: Lt/C Jack Reed reported that he will be meeting with Representative Bruce Tarr this coming Thursday to discuss our request to obtain a listing of registered boat owners in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Once the listing is obtained, the plan would be to mail notices to registered boat owners, informing them of the training opportunities offered by local USPS squadrons.

Education Officer Report: Ed Walsh advised that the ABC course has been completed at Bass Haven. The ABC courses are ongoing in Gloucester and Hamilton, and the course in Rockport will be commencing April 30th. The Sail course is being attended by eleven students, and is being well received.

Walter Riley offered to provide copies of recent articles from the Salem Evening News regarding a sailor who recently ended up in the 40 degree water while sailing. The article provides some good examples of what to do in case of similar emergencies, as well as what not to do. Copies will be provided to instructors of the ABC courses.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C John Hager reported the squadron checking account balance is currently \$1,857. The Fidelity account balance is \$25,890.

Alan and Sue will be preparing the meal for the General Meeting on May 8, 2013.

All articles, photos, and submissions for the Hannah's Banner should be forwarded to Ray Tilton by April 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

The meeting adjourned at 2001.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Alan Therrien, JN  
Administrative Officer