

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

06 May 2009

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BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 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 |
| Asst Education Officer | Walter Riley, III JN |

Executive Officer: Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S was unable to attend and Commander Tilton served in her role.

- During the Supper and Social time, a slide show of events and information was running.
- Guest speaker Senior Harbor Pilot Bob Blair presented a very colorful description of his job. By piloting massively large vessels into the local harbors, Bob provided insight into the challenges of currents, drafts, other boats, and knowing where the rocks aren't. His primary tools are binoculars, VHF radio, and hand-held GPS, while on-board the vessel, and the new 33' Pilot Boat equipped with all necessary electronics enables him to navigate to these vessels. Bob was very educational, and entertaining, as the entire audience appreciated his experience and knowledge.
- Meeting in Main Hall of Jubilee Yacht Club **called to order** by Commander Tilton at 20:27.
- No Roll Call; attendance sheet was passed and recorded by Secretary Lt/C Edward S. Bell; **36** members in attendance, plus **seven** visitors during the supper and speaker. *With 184 active members, a quorum at least 20 was present.*
- The Commander announced Roster Status:
 - 11 Life, 60 Paid, 2 New, 0 pending, 109 due, 1 past due, 9 non-renewal, 1 pending, 25 past members. **Please contact the Membership Chair, Miriam Shafner, to assist in reaching out to the past and non-renewals for possible reinstatement.**
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Dexter Wheeler**.
- Moment of Silence observed, for Armed Forces, government, and in memory of **Walter Arlington** who was a member of the Beverly Power Squadron for 63 years.
- **Thanks:** To the supper team: **Joan & Bill Bonner and Robert & Harriett Sant Fournier.**

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Sandwich makings, pasta & garden salad, and numerous desserts were enjoyed by all. **To assist with the September meal, please contact the Secretary, Lt/C Ed Bell.**

- To Senior Harbor Pilot Bob Blair, a **Certificate of Appreciation** was presented by Commander Tilton.
- Reading of the minutes of the March meeting were waived, and a voice vote Passed to accept as published online.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Officer Commander Tilton in lieu of Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, AP:

- **P/D/C Jim Curran, AP** addressed cooperative charting. Jim translated the need to survey the shore line between Beverly and Marblehead and will be addressed at the next E-Board meeting.
- **1st/L Walter Riley, JN** highlighted that Vessel Safety Checks will begin within two weeks and will have scheduled visits to Gloucester, Hopes Landing and other locations. The schedule will be posted on the Beverly USPS web site.
- The EPA has declared Salem Sound to be a No Discharge Area (NDA).

Safety Officer: Commander Tilton, reported that Safe boating Week is May 16-22

Education Officer: Lt/C Edward Walsh, SN

- **Seamanship**, taught by **Paul Secatore**, was successfully completed by **eight** students.
- **Piloting**, taught by **Elliott Hewitt**, was successfully completed by **six** students.
- **Advanced Piloting** was successfully completed by **five** students.
- **Instructor Development** was successfully completed by **Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN**
- **Instructor Recertification** was successfully completed by **five** students.
- **Boating Safety Course** was successfully completed by **14** students in Beverly.
- **Cruise Planning** in underway with **six** students and now entering their third session.
- **Marblehead US Power Squadron** has three seminars starting this month. Using GPS starts May 20th., Knots, Bends and Hitches starts May 25th, and Marine Radar starts May 27th.

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

- **Membership Chair, 1st/Lt Miriam Shafner, P.** Pointed out that we have **six** new people including **Claire Gerrish, Clint Gerrish, Suzanne Therrien, Paul Lindquist, Ken Littlefield and Jane Littlefield.** All will be sworn in during our next General Meeting on September 9th. Also, **Miriam** is working with **Claire Gerrish and Ed Walsh** on new approaches for members.
- **Operations Training – Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN** reported no activities
- **Instructor Certification / Re-Certification – Linda Seal** reported on the new Instructor Certification course and congratulated those students that completed the Recertification course.

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Secretary: Lt/C Edward Bell:

- **Roster:** On behalf of **Karen Arcisz**, noted that *All roster info is up to date*. Please check the roster on the web site or ask for a hard copy of your information, and note corrections if needed; those will be forwarded to her and then to HQ.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C John Hagar, AP:

- **Financial Report:** Fidelity savings account is **\$11,767.47** and the checking is **\$2,306**.
- It was moved and second to approve the Treasurer's report as summarized. ***Passed unanimously***.
- Merchandise sales were \$123.00 with some late purchases being accommodated by **Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN**. Thanks Dick!
- Donations for the dinner were \$41.
- **Lt/C John Hagar, AP** reported on his trip up the Annisquam River on May 2nd. Fifteen people attended the educational session by John and pictures are now posted on the web site.
- **Audit Report**, covering April 21-29, 2009, was approved with funds of \$11,767.47 in the Fidelity account and \$2,096.80 in the checking account, both dated April 29th.

OLD BUSINESS/ GENERAL DISCUSSIONS -- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- **District Executive Officer Alex Arcisz** presented **Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN** a Lifetime Award for his 25 merit marks during his 40+ years of membership. Congratulations Ed!
- **District Commander Arthur Yarranton, SN** highlighted that the Fall Conference will be held on October 17th at Jubilee Yacht Club (JYC)
- **Next E-Board Meeting** is June 3rd at 19:00 at JYC
- **Next General Meeting** is Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 18:30 at JYC
- **Commander Tilton** met with the Sea Scouts, affiliated with the Boy Scouts, and they've requested us to schedule a trip this summer. More information will be forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Annual Picnic** will be held in August. Both the specific date and location are yet defined.
- **Beverly US Power Squadron hats** are still available for \$15. Please see Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN.
- **Sail Boston Cruise Event**, coordinated by JYC, is scheduled for July 11th and is now available to US Power Squadron members. The cruise is scheduled to last four hours.

Motion to adjourn seconded and passed voice vote. **Meeting adjourned at 21:06.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lt/C Edward S. Bell
Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron
General Meeting May 6, 2009



District Executive Officer Alex Arcisz (2nd from left) presented **Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN** (2nd from right) a Lifetime Award for his 25 merit mark over his 40+ years of membership. **Commander Ray Tilton, AP** (left) and **District Commander Arthur Yarranton, SN** (far right)