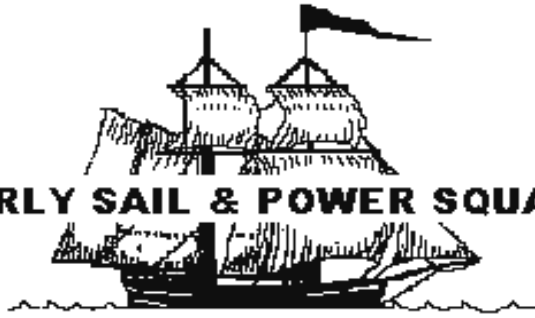




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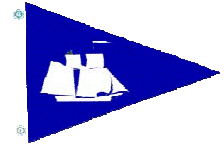


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APRIL 2009



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 06 May** **GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 1830 at JYC**
Free Supper (dessert donations welcome),
Speaker: Bob Blair, Senior State Ship Pilot for Massachusetts District Two
Meeting to follow
- 10 May** **Mothers' Day**
- 25 May** **Memorial Day (observed)**
- 03 June** **E BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, 1900 JYC Sandy Point Room**
All members are invited to help run the Squadron. Join us!
- 14 June** **Flag Day**
- 21 June** **Fathers' Day**
- 04 July** **Independence Day**
- 08-12 July** **Tall Ships in Boston - see SailBoston.com web site**
- TBD August** **Michael T. Berry Memorial Annual Picnic**
Details will be announced.
Attend the June E-Board
or call a Bridge member to contact the coordinator, and **VOLUNTEER!**

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR / ROSTER KEEPER

Please send your email address to arciszusps@aol.com and to ed.g.walsh@comcast.net.
You can also go online to www.beverly-usps.org and update your roster information there,
including phone numbers, nickname and info on your boat. Thanks!
-Karen Arcisz

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Raymond W. Tilton, AP

Spring has finally arrived and the boatyards are once again alive with boaters removing shrink wrap, installing zincs and applying bottom paint. Due to the state of the economy, there are no waiting lists for marina slips, although the wait for moorings is as long as ever.



The good news is the price of fuel, which is considerably lower than last year. By the end of May, most of us will have our boats in the water, ready for another season of exciting and hopefully safe boating.

The week of May 16th is **National Safe Boating Week**. You can do your part by ensuring that your boat is equipped with all of the required safety equipment and by having your boat scheduled for a Vessel Safety Check by one of our Vessel Examiners. If you know Walter Riley, Jim Curran, Herb Ryan, Dick Salter or Karen Arcisz, you can just ask for a VSC; or you can call Walter Riley, who is our Assistant Educational Officer and the Chair of the Vessel Safety Check Committee, at (978) 927-6332 and he will assign one of our Vessel Examiners to come out and check your boat's safety equipment.

Preparation is the key to safe boating and U.S. Power Squadron courses are an excellent way to prepare for the challenges that mariners might experience on the water. Hopefully you have participated in one of the courses that our instructors have taught over the past few months,

and you feel a little more confident about operating your vessel. A Cruise Planning course is currently underway and will help participants be ready for an exciting trip this summer. Check out the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron website for a list of courses offered and consider signing up for one.

In the meantime, come to our next meeting on the first Wednesday of May. Enjoy the meal, listen to a most interesting speaker, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow boaters.

Hopefully we will have Squadron events on the water this summer, such as a rendezvous to another port; and it does look like the Tall Ships will be coming to Boston in July. Let us know if you would like to help organize a water activity. The Squadron picnic will be held in August, so a busy and exciting summer is shaping up.

See you on the water!

Ray Tilton



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. **and where is YOUR contribution?**
Send something NOW for the Summer edition!

FROM THE AMIN OFFICER

Lt/C Robert Sant Fournier, P

GOT EPIRB?

If you have an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) on board, or even a Personal Locator Beacon, you should check to see what radio frequency it is designed to transmit on. You can find this information on the data plaque attached to the beacon.

As of February 9th, 2009, COSPAS-SARSAT, an international satellite system that can detect EPIRB signals around the world and relay them instantly to an appropriate ground station, has stopped listening to Class A & B devices which transmit on 121.5MHZ or 243MHZ.

The new radio frequency is

406MHZ and labeled as Class I and II.

It is also a good idea to register your device, which can be done by calling NOAA SARSAT at (301) 568-8649. A registration form will be sent to you (free) and should be filled out with information that will help the Coast Guard to find you should you ever have to activate the EPIRB. You can also register online by going to www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov.

It is a good idea to list people close to you who will know where you are likely to be on the water. The Coast Guard says that 94% of the EPIRB alerts are false and that registration data has enabled them to resolve 65% of the alerts prior to launching a search and rescue operation. This helps the Coast Guard to manage their assets for real emergencies, and of course, saves a lot of fuel.

If the unthinkable ever happens and your grandchild or guest accidentally activates the device, contact the nearest Coast Guard Station immediately, or call Coast Guard Headquarters at (800) 323-7233 (it's free). Failure to do so will set off a rescue mission that may later be treated as a hoax, which could be very costly to you.

FROM YOUR SEO

Lt/C Edward G Walsh, SN

We are entering the boat commissioning season immediately preceding the summer season. It is a great time to take the Cruise Planning Course. It will finish just in time to utilize the skills learned. The education program participation has seen improvement this year due to the hard work of our excellent instructors from both the original Beverly Sail & Power Squadron and the talent we acquired from our merger with the Gloucester Power Squadron. What is puzzling to me, however, is the lower than expected signup of new members from the Public Boating Course. Another area of puzzlement is the level of participation in our advanced courses. Though we ran Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Navigation courses, attendance was only moderate. Based on eligibility, I expected much greater participation. I monitored a number of the classes and the instruction quality was excellent and the students really seemed to enjoy the courses and the information gained.

Perhaps the problem is the difficulty we are having in getting the word out to eligible students for the advanced grade class offerings and start dates. It would be a great help if we had more of the email addresses of our members. Without the email addresses we are forced to telephone members, which is very time consuming and interrupts the daily activities of the members, especially in the evenings. We would much prefer to send emails to members that are eligible to take various courses and inform them of start dates and locations. To help me out in this matter, I would appreciate each member sending me an email with his or her preferred email address. I will see that it is included in our database and send you information regarding course availability based on your previous course completion eligibility.

My email address is ed.g.walsh@comcast.net. With this information we can get out notices of course offerings and details without the annoying interruptions to your home activities with telephone calls.

(Editor's note: also see the Roster Keeper's note on Page 1)

GETTING THEM OUT THERE

by Patrick Pearce, AP

This year I am going to do my part to promote boating. I am making a pledge to get 10 'newbies' on the water. These would be people I know who have never been boating or sailing. Ultimately we need more boaters if USPS is going to remain sustainable. This is a great way for all of us to do a small part.

It occurred to me that I am truly blessed to be able to get out the water as much as I do. I am an avid sail boater and racer. I might race 30-40 times and get out for 10 day-sails in a summer. I sail with some terrific people. Now it is time for me to give something back.

We all enjoy boating for the same combination of reasons: camaraderie, fun, pride of seamanship, adventure, love of nature and our local waters. I think we can share this with others and reconnect with family, friends, and fellow boaters-to-be. We could expose someone to boating who otherwise would never experience all that being on the water has to offer.

This year I am going to reach out to old friends and their families and get them out on the water during those great summer days. If they have kids who want to come, even better! Of course, I'll need good weather and people willing to get out there. But I think it is up to each of us to make the effort and be ambassadors to the boating world.

Here are few pointers/reminders to make inexperienced guests or crew more comfortable:

First, get a feel for the anticipated level of their comfort on the water. Some people adapt better than others. Ask a few questions to get an idea of their comfort level before leaving the dock. Nothing beats a positive attitude and a willingness to learn when it comes to new crew.

- Perhaps the person is nervous about seasickness, cannot swim or is just a bit of a klutz.
- Usually a bit of humor and some reassurance helps. It may just be that a few hours is about

the tolerance limit for the first trip. If you are on a sail boat, maybe you could put in a reef or use a smaller jib to reduce heeling. Perhaps you could motor out to set up a reach out and back to avoid a lot of tacking. On a small power boat you could try to get away from the larger boats and their wakes.

Next, determine if the person just wants to be a passenger or will be helping out at all.

- Set the expectations and take some time to explain any assigned duties.
- Try to find a way to get everyone involved. Even if the job is relatively small, everyone can do something to help out. If the you have to re-coil that tangled web of a dock line later, that's OK.
- Maybe the person could help with lunch or clean up.
- In addition, if you have a small boat there is a certain amount of shuffling to get around each other as people move about. Let them know they are not in the way, it is just the way life goes on the water.

You should also spend a few minutes orienting your guests on the basics.

- A few quick pointers on safety procedures, personal gear stowage, food and drink locations.
- Operating the often cantankerous marine head would be a topic worth spending some time discussing.

In general, as long as it is not a safety issue you might have to let those little pet peeves about everything being 'ship shape' go for the day. You can always square it away later.

If you can offer a great a day on the water you could make a big difference to someone.

Lastly, have fun and enjoy another great season.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter F. Arlington, N passed away in February. He had earned 27 Merit Marks in the 63 years that he was a member of Gloucester Power Squadron. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

IT'S NOT JUST THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S JOB!

We have made it easy for YOU to invite your friends to join us. There are only 3 steps:

1. Access the membership application [online](http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html) at <http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html> and print it out for your friend to complete. (Hard copies available at meetings or phone Miriam Shafner at 781-334-6478 to mail you a copy.) It would even be a good idea to keep one with you, just in case....
2. Collect a check made out to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron. for either \$72.40 (Primary member) **OR** \$96.10 (Family Membership). *(This includes the \$25 one-time application fee.)*
3. Send both the application and check to Miriam Shafner at 67 Pillings Pond Rd, Lynnfield MA 01940.

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A FEW WORDS ON BOAT INSURANCE

by Claire M. Gerrish

This is a good time to discuss boat insurance. Since we all know how soft the market is it's not surprising that the carriers are responding. Zurich Marine is pulling out of the Marine insurance market effective May 1st. 2009.

When looking for insurance for your vessel make sure you know the carrier's rating in the Best Book. Going through an Agent is always a good way to go. Your Agent will keep up with the carrier's ratings and premium rates, which have recently increased. Some companies' premiums look like they have decreased, but have also reduced their coverage. This makes it very important to READ your new or proposed policy in detail, and carefully compare it to your current policy.

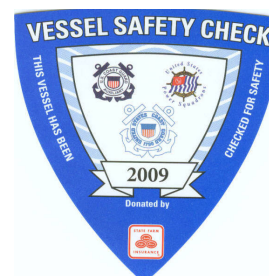
As a Marine Insurance Agent, I have found it important to check all my policies against last year's rate and to work with the underwriters to keep the premiums down. If I find that the premium is too high and cannot get the carrier to budge I pull the policy and re-market with another carrier. The most important thing to ask your Agent is whether the policy is an Agreed Value or Actual Cash Value. This will greatly affect you if you were to have a loss.

These are very hard times for all boaters in trying to keep costs down. Do not be afraid to ask questions. Make sure you have the best possible coverage.

Have a Great Boating Season!

Editor's note: You can reach Claire at the Burke Insurance Agency in Salem or by email at claire@burkeinsagcy.com

IS THIS STICKER



ON YOUR BOAT?

NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS

GREETINGS FROM FLORIDA

Ray Wlodyka, formerly a member of our Squadron, who has transferred to a Squadron in Florida, sends his best to all his old friends up North, along with the news that **Lois** is recovering well from shoulder surgery. After a minor setback right after returning home, she's getting better all the time. They did 'reverse replacement' surgery on her shoulder, putting the ball where the socket was, and vice versa. She's expected to get back 90-95% of the normal range of motion. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to them both!



DAYTON SHIPS OUT!

By Dick and Miriam Shafner

AND FROM WASHINGTON DC

In January, **P/Lt C Alex Pszeny, N**, moved to the Washington, DC area to begin a two-to-three year assignment as Director of the Atmospheric Chemistry Program at the National Science Foundation. This Program funds research on all aspects of the composition and chemistry of the troposphere and stratosphere, including sources and sinks of "greenhouse" gases, stratospheric ozone depletion, and the impacts of pollution on regional/global air quality.

Upon completion of the assignment he plans to return to his position on the research faculty at the University of New Hampshire.

He can still be reached at his old email address, as listed in the roster.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

- May 6** General Meeting (Weds)
- Jun 3** E-Board (Weds)
- July** E-Board if needed
- August** Picnic/ E-Board (Mon TBD)
- Sep 9** General Meeting (2nd Weds)
- Oct 7** E-Board (Weds)
- Nov 5** General Meeting (Thurs)
- Dec 3** E-Board (Thurs)

Well, Dayton, the yellow Labrador retriever frequently seen at the USPS functions last year, has shipped out. Dick and Miriam Shafner delivered Dayton back to his breeding center in Patterson, NY at the end of January. Dayton spent the last fourteen months with the Shafners to be "socialized" as part of his training to become a guide dog. He spent last summer lounging around Pelagic Joy, their sail boat, in Salem Harbor. He could be seen riding the launch out of Congress Street on most weekends. He enjoyed the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Annual Picnic at the Danversport Yacht Club Marina and many fine meals at the Squadron's meetings at the Jubilee Yacht Club. He especially liked the meals at the Jubilee. He was usually left alone to clean the floor of all the food droppings during those long business meetings.

After Dayton was dropped off at "Guiding Eyes for the Blind" he was given a complete physical and then tested to see if he was capable of entering harness training. We are happy to report that he passed his test with flying colors. He will now enter his final phase of harness training which will take another five to six months. Maybe someday you will see Dayton guiding someone along a pier or street in Beverly or Salem. If you do see him, say, "Ahoy Mate, I knew you when you were a pup at the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron."

D18 SPRING CONFERENCE AWARDS



P/C Alex Arcisz, JN (center) accepted Life Membership status certificate for our SEO, Ed Walsh, SN, presented by

V/C Dave Hinders, SN, (left) and D18 Cmdr Ron Mason, SN (right)

Not pictured: P/Lt C Karen Arcisz accepted the 2008 Distinction in Journalism Award as Editor of the Hannah's Banner newsletter.

Not pictured: Dick Winskowicz accepted the 2008 Web Site Excellence Award.



National Secretary VC Dave Hinders, swearing in D/C Arthur Yarranton



DISTRICT 18 CHANGE OF WATCH

National Secretary V/C Dave Hinders, D/C Arthur Yarranton, Secretary Bruce Theriault, DEO Dex Hyland, Asst Secretary Steve Jerome, DAO Alex Arcisz, DExO Ed Libby (absent when picture taken: Asst DEO Gin Osmand and Treasurer Barry High)

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Bob Manning, Merrimac River SPS and Karen Arcisz, Beverly S&PS

CLASSES:

View full course offerings and sign up [ONLINE](http://www.usps-beverly.org) at www.usps-beverly.org or contact Ed Walsh.

ADVANCED COURSES

Currently In Session

Cruise Planning Ed Walsh

ELECTIVES

To be scheduled depending on interest expressed and enrollment

Engine Maintenance	Herb Ryan	10 wks
Marine Electronics	John Graves	10 wks
Sail	Ed Walsh	10 wks
Weather	Bill Veno	12 wks

Instructor Development Linda Seal 6-7 wks
Mondays at 7 PM, Starting May 4

Take this course if you are interested in teaching any of the USPS courses, or Public Boating.

OPERATIONS TRAINING

This is the best way to learn **how the Squadron works**, how the offices are set up, how committees work and some protocol.

*It is a great seminar for **NEW MEMBERS** in particular or **ANY MEMBER** who has never taken it.*

Dick Winskowicz teaches this one day seminar as needed. The PowerPoint presentation and Operations Manual are available online. Call Dick at 978-777-4740 or email him at dick@winskowicz.com and when he has enough people he will schedule it.

MERIT MARKS

This is the only recognition form we have for your active participation in the Squadron. Each time you help out the Squadron, send a note to Karen Arcisz for compilation next Fall. This would be where you are recognized for leading a committee, organizing a meal, running the Silent Auction, planning a rendezvous or speaking at a meeting. Whatever you can do will help the Squadron to grow.

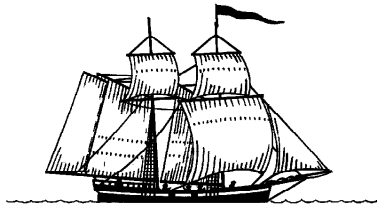
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Speaker: Bob Blair

Senior State Ship Pilot for Massachusetts District Two

Massachusetts District Two encompasses all state waters from Nahant to New Hampshire. Bob will be speaking about the coexisting relationship of large ocean vessels and recreation boaters. He will provide some show and tell on his perspective and on some examples of incidents which can occur. He has been recently trained by the National Transportation Security Board as a marine accident investigator and could discuss current and or recent NTSB reports or investigations.

He has been doing this job for 25 years and his dad was a pilot before him for 22 years. His son is presently attending Maine Maritime Academy, so we will see if the tradition continues.

“Boating is fun; let us show you how”

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