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FROM THE COMMANDER

Commander Robert Sant Fournier, AP



Bermuda! Well maybe the name does not conjure up too much excitement given the mild weather we have had lately. Many of you I am sure are familiar with the island, and how it is difficult to approach due to the many reefs and shoals surrounding it. But do you know that the Bermudians back in the late 17th century, and early 18th century were virtually land based pirates? During the night hours, many inhabitants of Bermuda would set out false lights, luring unsuspecting craft onto the reefs. Once hard and fast on the reefs, the Bermudians would take to small boats and help themselves to what ever cargo the luckless vessel was carrying, and the crew could do little about it!

Bear with me, as I shift you to modern day Beverly, and the stretch of water between the Beverly-Salem Railroad Bridge, and Kernwood bridge. As you proceed from the Railroad bridge, up river to the Kernwood Bridge you encounter a mid channel buoy which gives you the opportunity to turn to starboard and following a channel between two mussel beds that will lead you into the Bass River, which in turn will take you to Hill's Yacht yard and Bass Haven Yacht Club. I am fortunate to live right at the confluence of the Bass River and the Danvers River. For many years the leg from the mid channel buoy to the mouth of the Bass River had a nun buoy and can 5 marking a further turn to starboard to move up the Bass River. However, about ten years ago, another can was added about fifty feet before can 5. I surmise this was

added after the Beverly Harbormaster thought it would improve the constant groundings that occur in the area.

Over the years I have lived in my home I have constantly observed, especially in Spring and Fall when boats are departing or arriving for their winter layups, or summer moorings going aground. It has been a constant source of entertainment and sometimes bewilderment as I observe both sailboats and sizeable cabin cruisers run aground. Clearly it is obvious that the skippers of these luckless vessels are using a seaman's eye, because immediately you clear either one bridge or another, there is a tempting body of water that provides a direct route from bridge to bridge, never mind that it also crosses two mussel beds. I have seen some pretty strange behavior, several times one decent size craft made repeated attempts to go through the two cans before giving up. I have also learned a full dictionary of swear words over the years.

This is where the Bermuda pirates comes in. Late Fall it suddenly occurred to me. I am blessed with keeping our Squadron Banner. What more perfect conditions could you have than to hold up our banner, maybe ringing a bell for attention for the hapless vessel hard aground, with perhaps a few hours of being stuck on the mud and time to mull over taking a Squadron boating course.

As if I need an additional reason to look forward to Spring, we may garner more students!

Robere Sant Fournier, AP
Commander



From the Executive Officer

Jack Reed, AP

Beverly Sail and Power Squadron is in Need of Class room Space

January Is Looking UP

The first meteor shower of the new year is called Quadrantid. The best viewing the Quadrantid meteor showers will be early dawn on January 4th. You should look to the northern horizon. As meteor showers go, this is not one of the most plentiful, with an expected hourly rate of only 25 meteors expected per hour. There will also be little meteor shower activity till April.

Robert Sant Fournier, Commander

We are in need of finding additional class room space.

We want to attract non-BSPS students as a way of **growing** our membership. There are a few options we have identified, but they want to be paid for using their space, which increases the cost to the students, which is probably a deterrent to taking our courses. What we are looking for is a class room/board room/training room/conference room that may be available at your place of work or other venue that we can use without paying a fee. Chairs and tables are fine. An additional blackboard and a screen would be ideal. Please let me know if you are aware of anything!!

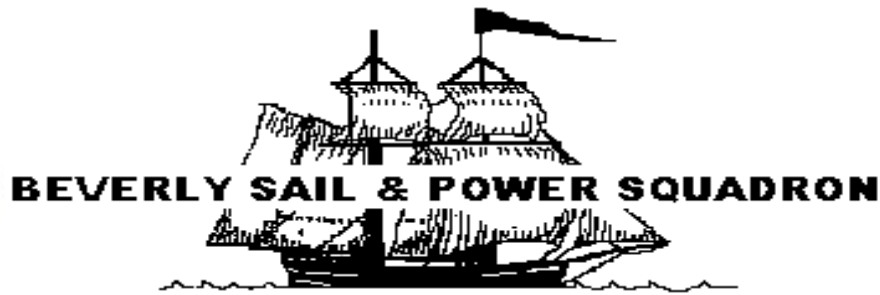
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Capt. Tim Lord - November Meeting Speaker,
Former Captain of the Adventure
And John Morris, President of Adventure



Capt. Tim Brought the Adventure to
Gloucester
Pictures by Dave Delorey, AP



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 3rd General Members' Meeting (Thurs) 1830 JYC
Speaker: *Lieutenant Garrett Meyer, Boston Sector,*
United States Coast Guard
Joan and Bill Bonner are preparing supper.
dessert and donations welcome!

- Jan 3 General Members' Meeting 1830 JYC
- Jan 11 New Moon
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 26 Full Moon
- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 7 E Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC
- Mar 7 General Members' Meeting 1830 JYC
- Apr 4 E-Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC
- May 8 General Members' Meeting 1830 JYC
- June 6 E-Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC

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FROM OUR SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Ed Walsh, SN

Here is the end of the year and the start of another one. The decommissioning of vessels is usually complete by this time on the Northeast Coast and we are enjoying the holidays and/or Christmas. The children are back to school and well focused on their studies and new things to consider. The greatest joys in life are learning and experiencing new activities. Most people enjoy seeking out new challenges that they are confronted with and delight in the satisfaction of successful completion they offer.

Boating is an activity that offers a never ending variety of challenges. Though most fun, some can be quite frightening and dangerous. However, statistics indicate that boating is an activity with very little injury or death. It is a healthy sport that can be enjoyed by all ages together, while developing camaraderie, teamwork and leadership. However, like anything else, the more that you know about the activity, the better you will enjoy it and the further you will wish to be immersed into it.

I have been involved in boating for over fifty years. I still enjoy and learn from it. When you board the boat you step into a significantly different environment. You find that each passage is different, to some extent, and provides variations between the best and worst of experiences. You will note that conversations amongst boating friends invariably focus on the more challenging passages. Why? Because, though uncomfortable, they are the most exciting and there is the pride of successful completion. Self completion is due to the tools that you have equipped yourself with. Those tools include the vessel, her tool box, spare parts, personal accommodation, hardware, electronics, education,

experience, preparation, and Captain and crew skill. When you come right down to it, the education, followed by experience, plays a major role in all of the joys realized in boating.

One of the best ways to get an education in pleasure boating is by taking United States Power Squadron courses. You take them with other students and instructors that have a variety of experiences and are volunteering their time and knowledge to help others enjoy boating safely. Courses are usually one night a week for 10 to 12 weeks during the late fall to early spring season. Involvement in courses will establish friendships and contacts that last for years and result in resources for assistance when addressing all types of issues from repairs to improved performance, installation of electronics, engines, rigging, living accommodations, winter layup, shore to boat access, crew relationships and choice of new vessel. In fact anything that would be of interest to a boater.

Currently we have a Piloting Course running. Piloting is the ability to determine where you are located on the face of the earth and also where hazards that could harm you are located and how to avoid them. Of course its objective is to provide methods to move from one location to another safely and with pleasure. This is the first in a series of advanced USPS courses on piloting. It is up-to-date with primary focus on the use of GPS and the related activities to assure safe passage to your destination during fair or foul weather, good or poor visibility. Successful completion of this course results in the rank of "Pilot" and provides a prerequisite for the Advanced Piloting Course, which also requires successful completion of the Seamanship Course. The Advanced Piloting Course leads to the "Advanced Pilot" (AP) rating, preparing you for coastal cruising and is a prerequisite for the Junior Navigation, followed by Navigation courses, which cover celestial navigation and provide the ratings of "Junior Navigator (JN) and "Navigator (N), supporting blue water skills.

Learning these skills is a real pleasure, providing advanced navigational skills, and a closer relationship with the celestial bodies. They have been used throughout history and to the present day, guiding mariners among the continents of the earth. These ratings with completion of Elective Courses, lead to Senior Navigator (SN) rating.

The Elective courses offered are Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, and Sail and Weather. These are all skills for the well rounded Captain and/or Mariner.

This year we are offering the Elective Course covering Sail, starting on March 4, 2013 continuing to May 19. This new sail course is created to serve the needs of both the novice and experienced sailor, as well as the non-sailor, for basic skills and knowledge. The course starts with basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, safety, and sail processes and then tackles the physical aspects of sailing forces and techniques, sail applications, marlinspike, helmsmanship, and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing. Appendices provide an introduction to sailboat racing. Be sure to let me know if you plan to take this course. We are always looking for new and good crew.

Another activity of our Squadron is the civic effort toward public instruction in the fundamentals of Safe Boating. This course is usually 12 hours and is recognized in most states as qualifying for certification to operate watercraft. The subjects covered are:

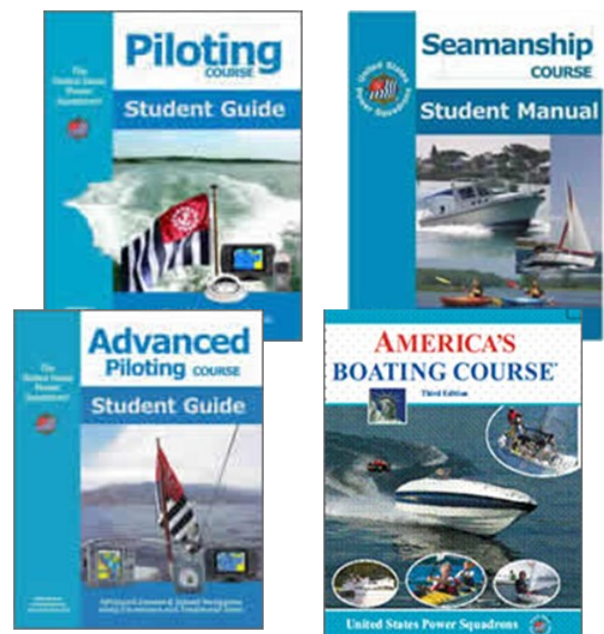
- Boat handling under normal conditions
- Adverse conditions and emergencies
- Types of boats and boating terminology
- Required and recommended equipment
- Boating regulations and navigation rules
- Lines and knots
- Charts and aids to navigation
- Piloting techniques
- Marine radiotelephone usage
- Trailer boating

We currently offer the “America’s Boating Course”

in classes being held in Beverly, Hamilton, Gloucester and Rockport. Students from these classes are invited to join our Squadron to further develop their maritime skills and take part in our General Membership Meetings to enjoy a light dinner and interesting guest speakers.

As a member of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron I encourage you to let me know what courses you would like to take. We will get them scheduled. I can be reached at Email USPS.Beverly.Ed@comcast.net We are looking forward to discussing marine subjects with you.

Lt/C Ed Walsh, SN - SEO Beverly Sail & Power Squadron.



From the Administrative Officer

Alan Therrien, JN

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3rd. The next speaker will be Lieutenant Garrett Meyer, who oversees the Search and Rescue, Homeland Security and Pollution Response Missions along the coast of Massachusetts at Boston Sector, USCG. Lieutenant Meyer grew up on Camano Island, WA and is a 2004 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy and earned his Masters in Management from the University of Phoenix in 2007. His tours of duty include three years in St. Petersburg, FL prosecuting Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement cases; three years in Yorktown, VA where he taught at the National Search and Rescue School; and he is currently finishing a three year tour at Sector Boston.

Lieutenant Meyer will address the First District's assets, communications systems, response parameters, and typical rescue missions performed in our area.

Anyone with Speaker suggestions for future meetings should provide the necessary information to Administration Officer Alan Therrien at altherrien@verizon.net.

Photos by Alan Therrien



The HMS Bounty leaving
Gloucester Harbor
Summer, 2012

Lost at Sea October 29, 2012
90 miles off Cape Hatteras
Capt. Robin Walbridge and Crew Member
Claudene Christian Perished

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January 5, 2013: Using GPS
**February 2, 2013: Using VHF and VHF/DSC
Marine Radio**
March 2, 2013: Basic Weather and Forecasting
April 6, 2013: How to Use a Chart
May 4, 2013: Mariner's Compass



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BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 3rd at 1830 (6:30 PM) - Jubilee Yacht Club
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