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March, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 5th - Thursday - General Members' Meeting and Supper
Change of Watch -6:30 PM – Jubilee Yacht Club**

Our speaker will be Ray Tilton, who will talk about cruise planning and show slides of his family's bareboat charter in Alaska in 2014.

**March 21st – Saturday - District 12 Conference and Change of Watch
Jubilee Yacht Club – 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**March 31st - Michael Tougias, Author of "Rescue of the Bounty",
will talk about the rescue and show slides.
Jubilee Yacht Club – 7:00 PM**

April 1st - Wednesday - E-Board Meeting – JYC – 7 PM

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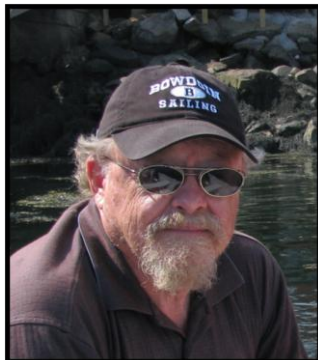
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A Word from the Commander



Beverly Welcomes Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron

Beverly and Marblehead Sail and Power Squadrons have been officially incorporated as a single entity under the corporate laws of the state of Massachusetts and are now called:

Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron Inc.

I think this is an exciting event. While some may bemoan the fact that both squadrons have significantly shrunk in size of the last 10 years, I think this is a wonderful opportunity to pool the best talents of both organizations – a synergistic event, in that the new squadron will be better than either of the two single squadrons. The new squadron will be able to offer more courses to its members due to the larger pool of students and instructors. It has been at least 10 years since we offered a navigation course at Beverly.

The two squadrons have been offering jointly sponsored events since last summer when we had a joint dinner at Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, and an evening sail on the privateer replica "Fame." In September we jointly sponsored an evening charter around Cape Ann. All events were well attended. I doubt if Beverly could have had enough participation on its own to have made any of these events successful.

At our member meeting on Thursday, March 5, we will hold our annual Change of Watch. Two Marblehead SPS members will be joining our bridge: David Graham, AP, has been nominated for Executive Officer, and Dale Smith, AP, has been nominated for Treasurer. Additionally, Dan Himes, JN, has been nominated for the Nominating Committee, which will ensure that going forward, Marblehead members have a fair shot at any of our Bridge and committee assignments.

I hope to see you at the Thursday, March 5th member meeting. In addition to the Change of Watch, Ray Tilton will give a presentation on bare boat cruising in Alaska. Don't forget supper starts at 1830. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Jack Reed, Commanding

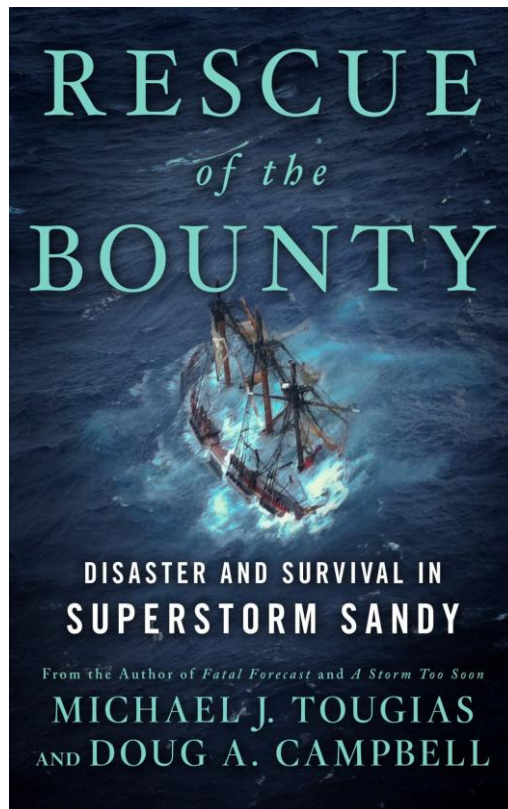
Michael Tougias to Speak at Special Event

In recognition of the merger of the Beverly and Marblehead Sail and Power Squadrons, we have decided to hold a special event. Michael Tougias, author of “Rescue of the Bounty” will speak at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Tuesday, March 31st at 7 pm. Mr. Tougias made extensive interviews with the US Coast Guard and the survivors of the Bounty sinking before writing this book. I’m sure we have all wondered why an experienced skipper would take an aging wooden vessel out into a hurricane. Michael has some interesting thoughts on this question.

The tall ship Bounty, featured in the Marlon Brando movie *Mutiny on the Bounty*, sank during Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The captain and a crewmember perished in the accident but the Coast Guard performed harrowing helicopter rescues to save the other fourteen sailors. Tougias will use slides of the storm, the survivors, and the rescue to make this “an edge-of- your seat” visual program.

Michael Tougias also wrote “Ten Hours Until Dawn”, the tragedy of the *Can Do* in the blizzard of 1978.

For members of the Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron and for members of the Jubilee Yacht Club, this event is offered without charge. However, attendees are asked to pre-register with Ray Tilton at 978-922-2562 or pangea36@gmail.com so that we do not exceed capacity of the JYC hall. Please leave your name and phone number.



**A word from:
Squadron Education Officer
Walter Riley III, JN**



NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF LAST FALL'S ADVANCE COURSES.

ALL TEN students of last fall's MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS class passed their exam and completed the course with honors. Kudos to the students and their instructor Cdr. Jack Reed! Also, ten of the twelve Seamanship students passed and completed their course at the year-end as well.

Despite the weekly blizzards on the north shore this winter, ten students are enrolled and shoveling their way to Rockport High School on Wednesday nights to receive basic boating knowledge in our America's Boating Course. Instructors Jack Reed and Tom Ostrowski have kept their snowshoes ready while passing on basic boating knowledge and skills to the class.

America's Boating Course Coming Soon Near You!

Beginning next month the Squadron is offering the following ABC classes:

In Gloucester, 8 Wednesdays beginning March 4, 7 PM at the Gloucester High School

In Hamilton, 8 Wednesdays beginning March 18, 6 PM at the Hamilton Public Library.

In Beverly, 8 Tuesdays beginning March 24, 7 PM at the Bass Haven Yacht Club.

In Marblehead, 8 Wednesdays, May 6, 7 PM at the VFW Post.

These classes are designed to equip your shipmates and crew with the knowledge and skills and to assist the skipper and enhance the boating experience for all.

PILOTING COURSE IN MAY

Many graduates of our recent Seamanship courses have expressed interest in the USPS Piloting Course. Preparations are underway to schedule and arrange this 10 week course in coastal and inland navigation in early May. Students learn navigational skills using GPS and other electronic devices as well as hands-on chart work using navigational tools.

For registration and further information regarding ABC Courses and Piloting see the Squadron web pages regarding "Education Courses" or email Walter Riley, Squadron Education Officer, at rileyfin@shore.net.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

When spring does arrive and the boating season begins don't forget to have your annual Vessel Safety Check.

Our newly merged squadron now has seven members located around the north shore who are certified to give your vessel a thorough Vessel Safety Check (VSC.) Several squadron members will soon be preparing to qualify as additional certified examiner this boating season.

After fitting out your vessel for that first cruise, be sure to have a certified examiner give you a thorough VSC. When your vessel successfully passes the Examination, you receive the current VSC decal to be prominently displayed on your vessel. The Coast Guard, harbormasters and your crew will all appreciate your diligence by having all the required and recommended safety equipment aboard your vessel this season.

There is no penalty if your vessel fails the VSC. Your examiner will provide a helpful checklist of the safety items required to pass and will be happy to reschedule a re-exam at your convenience.

Come spring, our examiners will be scheduling visits to yacht clubs and marinas throughout the area. Our examiners are also available to schedule appointments to examine your vessel at a time and location more convenient for you. To find a scheduled examination date at a location near you, click on the "Vessel Safety Check" button on the Beverly – Marblehead - USPS.org web page. If you don't see a convenient examination near you call or leave a message with Walter Riley, VSC coordinator (phone 978-927-5189 or email rileyfin@shore.net.)

Boating is Fun – We'll Show You How!

New England Boat Show 2015 – District 12 Booth



The New Boating Skills Virtual Trainer Was a Hit With Families

**BEVERLY-MARBLEHEAD SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
CHANGE OF WATCH**

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One vacant slot

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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3 Years P/C Daniel E. Himes JN E213742

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Respectively submitted,
P/D/C Linda Seal Chairman
P/D/C Ronald Mason
Lt. William Ghen

Spring Conference and Change of Watch

March 21, 2015

[Jubilee Yacht Club](#), 126 Water St., Beverly, MA

All USPS hands are invited to attend the District 12 Spring Conference & Change of Watch.

- Come out and meet [R/C Kay Simkins](#), AP, Chairman of the Planning Committee
- Attend Instructor Recertification or [Boating Skills Virtual Trainer](#) training from 0900 to 1100
 - Join the Conference and COW from 1115 to 1700
 - Honor those receiving Awards
 - Enjoy the Fellowship
 - Partake of Food and Refreshments (lunch)
 - Support your District!

Dress Code: USPS polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire

Cost for Lunch is \$15/person. Dinner is on a pay on your own basis. To pay on-line, click on "Pay Now" to pay using PayPal. You can adjust the number of people on the PayPal screen.

If you wish to pay by check, please mail your check to:

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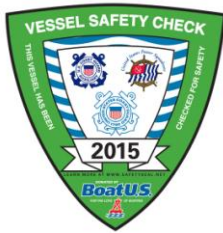
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ON YOUR BOAT?

Schedule a Vessel Safety Check

Before you launch this year!

For an appointment

With your nearest Vessel Examiner

Call Walter Riley at 978-927-5189

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