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May, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4th - Wednesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper – 6:30 PM

Jubilee Yacht Club – Doug Stewart's presentation on the 19th century China trade in Essex County

May 20th – Friday – Spring "Kick-Off" Dinner/ Meeting – Social Hour 6:30 PM

Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead – speakers will talk about the rescue of all but one of the crew of the SS Pendleton

June 1st - Wednesday - E- Board Meeting - Jubilee Yacht Club

7:00 PM – Ward Room

August 8th – Monday – Annual Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron Picnic,

5:00 PM - Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers

August 19th – Friday – Evening cruise on the schooner Adventure, Gloucester

August 20-21 – Saturday – Sunday – 34th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Festival

Brewer Hawthorne Cove Marina, Salem

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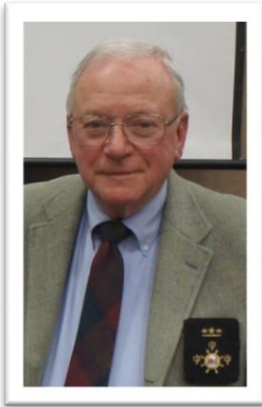
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Please join us for our annual Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron “Kick-Off” dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, Friday, May 20th. Our guest speakers will be Author Theresa M. Barbo, Capt, W. Russell Webster, USCG (Ret), and Master Chief John E. “Jack” Downey, USCG (Ret).

As you will hear at our dinner meeting, the Coast Guard played an extremely heavy role in the courageous rescue of the crewmen who escaped death by drowning and hypothermia during the dreadful storm of February 18-19, 1952 off Cape Cod. The 36’ CG lifeboat 36500 and her gallant crew of four saved the lives of all but one, from the break-up of the tanker SS Pendleton.

Having a presentation of the losses of the SS Pendleton and the SS Fort Mercer, with focus on the Pendleton, at our May dinner, some 64 years after the fact, is a high tribute to the United States Coast Guard. In my opinion, you will not want to miss this hair-raising account of Coast Guard courage and determination.

Commander Dave Graham, AP

The Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron is cruising full speed ahead. Thanks to the efforts of SEO Walter Riley and a dedicated team of instructors, approximately one hundred boaters, including several prospective Jubilee Yacht Club launch drivers, will be trained and certified through our ABC course. A Piloting course is currently underway, an Advanced Piloting course planned for the fall and an Engine Maintenance course being considered.

We continue to sign up excellent speakers for the general meetings. Author Michael Tougias spoke at a meeting last year. Doug Stewart, who has written articles for the Smithsonian magazine and is a past editor of SAIL magazine, will speak at the May general meeting. And a very interesting presentation is planned for the Corinthian dinner May 20th.

We are involved with the boating community around us including participation in Beverly’s Harborfest, The Antique and Classic Boat Show in Salem, Rockport’s Emergency Service Day (we are donating life jackets), and of course, our Vessel Safety Check program. And an on-the water training program is in the planning stages.

We also have fun! The annual BMSPS picnic will be held August 8th and an evening cruise on the Adventure is scheduled for August 19th. Come join us!

Ray Tilton, AP



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

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CLASSES ARE BLOOMING ALL OVER

Our Squadron instructors are working overtime to provide quality instruction to over fifty-seven students presently taking one of our courses throughout the North Shore. Here is what is happening education wise:

Jack Reed and Ken Littlefield are introducing eight students to inland and costal navigation concepts in the Piloting Course at Jubilee Yacht Club. The class has completed six weeks of classroom study and hands-on exercises with four more classes before their final exam.

Bob Duncan's Gloucester High School class has completed the eight-week ABC course. Nineteen students sat for and successfully passed the federal and state exams. Two additional students plan to take their exams with the Beverly class in two weeks.

Ray Tilton has been leading the ABC course at the Hamilton-Wenham Library this spring. Sixteen students in that class are preparing for their final exams next week.

Robert Sant Fournier and Jim Curran are teaching their twelve ABC students basic navigation skills at the Bass Haven Yacht Club in Beverly. The class continues with two weeks of instruction and exercises before completing the course and taking the final exams.

On May 2nd, Jack Reed will launch the Rockport

ABC course at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. Twenty-one students are registered for this class.

On May 11th, Skip Whittaker will be leading a team of Marblehead instructors at the ABC course at the VFW hall in Marblehead. With two weeks to go before the course starts, already 39 students have registered for the class.

With all these students taking our spring classes, there should be many more boaters prepared for a safe and enjoyable boating season. Meanwhile our instructors deserve a well-deserved THANK YOU for their efforts and a break after an exceptionally busy spring.

Submitted by Walter Riley III
Squadron Education Officer

DON'T FORGET YOUR VSC!

Boating season is almost upon us. Launch times are being scheduled at local marinas and clubs. Before you set out on your test run or first cruise, remember to schedule one of our free Vessel Safety Checks. Our Squadron has seven certified examiners who are available to check your vessel, review your required and recommended safety equipment and help you attach and display the 2016 VSC decal. Again the safety check is free and skippers are provided the federal examination form and sticker to confirm your vessel successfully completed the exam. Most safety checks are completed in 20 minutes.

VSC's are free and if your vessel does not pass, the examiner will provide you with a list of those items needed to have a successful examination. Last year the Squadron's examiners conducted over 90 VSC's. With your help we would like to hit the century mark this year.

For information or to schedule an examination, just go to the Squadron web site Beverly-usps.org and click on the "Schedule a free vessel safety check" button.

Next month we will begin to schedule our visits to local marinas and clubs. Teams of examiners will be available at these locations at various dates during the boating season. If the schedule dates are not convenient for you, just send an email or call Walter Riley, (978-927-5189) and leave a message to request an appointment. wriley3@comcast.net Individuals interested in becoming a certified vessel examiner and joining our team should contact Walter Riley, VSC Chairman.



Beverly's "Alexander Hodgdon," heading to Sumatra for pepper in 1806, undergoes mid-Atlantic repairs. (Beverly City Hall)

The speaker for the May 4th Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron General Meeting will be Doug Stewart, who will present:

ESSEX COUNTY AND THE 19TH CENTURY CHINA TRADE

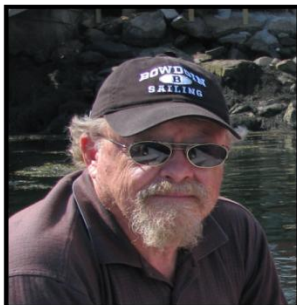
Following the American Revolution, local sailing ships returning from the Far East with tea, silk, and porcelain made the North Shore one of the wealthiest corners of the United States. Speaker Doug Stewart of Ipswich will highlight daring local sailors who made fortunes in the trade, as well as some of the heroics and calamities they experienced.

Doug Stewart is a freelance writer who has published more than 60 articles in Smithsonian Magazine, often on historical topics. **An experienced blue-water sailor, Stewart is a former editor at Sail Magazine.**

Bulletin

Just received from Executive Officer Alex Pszeny, N :

The Coast Guard Barque Eagle, "America's Tall Ship", will depart Norfolk, VA July 25th and arrive in **Salem, MA**, July 29th. It will depart Salem August 1st.



Secretary
P/C Jack Reed, Jr., AP

Rockport Emergency Service Day

BMSPS will be supporting Rockport's Emergency Service Day, sponsored by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club and Rockport Emergency Ambulance Committee. Certified Vessel Safety Check inspectors from our squadron will be inspecting children's life jackets for fit and serviceability, and those that don't have a life jacket, or whose life jacket is unserviceable or does not fit, will be given a new one. Your squadron donated \$250 towards the purchase of new children's life jackets for this event. At 4 pm, a group photo of people wearing life jackets will be taken right in front of Motif #1, and the photo will be entered into the Life jacket World Record contest for the most people wearing PDFs .

Secretary Jack Reed, Jr., AP

Help Wanted Section



Our website is critical for our connection to the public and an important tool for recruiting new members. If you have an interest in computers, your help is needed to update the BMSPS site as needed. Free training!

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The Power Squadron's main focus is Boating Education. We offer some of the best training in the field of recreational boating. The BMSPS has a very active and growing educational program and needs more instructors.

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