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Calendar of Events

August 7th – Monday – Annual BMSPS Picnic – 5:00 – 8:00 PM,
Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers

August 18th – Friday – Schooner Adventure Cruise – 4:00 – 7:00 PM
4 Harbor Loop, Gloucester

September 6th - Wednesday – E-Board Meeting, 7:00 PM – Ward Room,
Jubilee Yacht Club

September 9th – Saturday afternoon – Beverly Harborfest – Glover Wharf

October 4th – Wednesday - General Meeting & Supper – 6:30 P M, Jubilee
Yacht Club

Speaker – D/C Richard Terry, “The Little Things About a
Boat Delivery From North Carolina to Boston and What We
Learned”

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P/C Ray Tilton, AP -Editor

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Notes from the Commander

You will read inside this issue that the news for the Squadron overall is very good. Membership is up. Plans for our summer social events, fall courses, and off-season dinner meetings into early next year are in place or well advanced. However, there is one area that causes me some concern. Several Bridge members now serve in multiple capacities. Those individuals deserve our highest praise and appreciation for their efforts "above and beyond". However, in a way, their dedication masks a problem: The work of keeping the Squadron going is done almost entirely by a very small fraction of the membership. Signs of strain have begun to appear.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Ray Tilton is stepping down from his second job as *Hannah's Banner* editor effective with the mailing of this issue. Ray has done an outstanding job as editor for several years. This was recognized by National with a 2016 Distinctive Performance for Communications award for *Hannah's Banner*. And I believe that this was not the first time in recent years that Ray earned us this award! If nobody steps forward to succeed Ray as editor then publication of *Hannah's Banner* will be suspended. Squadron news and announcements will only be distributed electronically, probably in an abbreviated format similar to that of National's news blasts.

Also, Treasurer Lt/C Dale Smith is seeking help with his jobs, the second one being Webmaster, in anticipation of stepping down from both roles in the not too distant future. I note that we also received a 2016 Distinctive Performance for Communications award for our website, all due to Dale's efforts. Of greater importance, however, is that Treasurer is one of the four Bridge positions that squadrons are *required* to have filled. Lack of a successor for Dale could put the Squadron's very existence at risk.

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Commander's Notes, continued:

Finally, some words about leadership succession in general, and a plea. Most current Bridge members have served as officers previously with one of our three predecessor squadrons (Beverly, Gloucester, Marblehead). Three are Past Commanders. While having some "corporate memory" on the Bridge is essential, so is having some "new blood". It appears that we will need a new Treasurer as soon as next year. Other vacancies may also occur before next March. The only requirements for Bridge service, besides a desire to help the squadron move forward, are having passed one advanced course and having obtained one merit mark. Please, please, if you fit this description and are willing to help lead the Squadron contact me or Nominations Committee chair Bill Ghen.

A Gift to the Squadron

In mid-June the Squadron received an unsolicited gift of \$500 from a member "as a contribution towards the educational purposes of the BMSPS". The member, who wishes to remain anonymous, was inspired to offer this donation by valuable experiences in our courses. The donor's kind words and generosity are deeply appreciated!

The credit for this positive view of our educational efforts naturally goes to our excellent cadre of ABC instructors, to Lt/C Jack Reed who has taught *Piloting* more than once in recent years, and to our SEO, Lt/C Walter Riley, who coordinates and supports all of our educational activities. Well done everyone!!

District 12 Activities

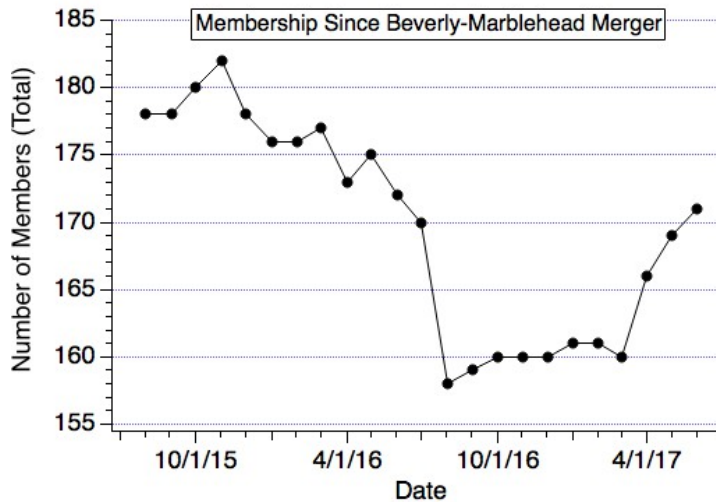
D12 leadership has urged all constituent squadrons to, when feasible, open their respective cruises, rendezvous, and other social events to members of other squadrons. In line with this request we opened our May 19th "kick-off" dinner District-wide and are now doing so with our annual picnic scheduled for August 7th at the Danversport Yacht Club Marina. Lt/C Ray Tilton is heading up the organizing committee. See his article elsewhere in this issue for picnic details.

An exciting cruise opportunity has been offered by Great Blue Hills Sail & Power Squadron. Their "Dual Bays Cruise" in the Buzzards-Narragansett bays region will occur from August 10th to August 16th. Details are available via a link on the D12 home page (<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d12/index.shtml>).

The D12 Fall Conference, organized jointly with District 19, will be held on October 21st in North Conway, NH. Details will be posted on the D12 web site later this summer.

Recruiting/Retention Update

Our member recruiting/retention effort continues to show progress – see accompanying graph! Several of the newest members are graduates of our recent *Piloting* courses taught by Lt/C Jack Reed. Our “rack cards” are now on display at many locations in the area frequented by boaters. All placement requests but one made to date have been accepted, some eagerly! An updated list is given below. I want to acknowledge Lt/C Ted Nigro and Lt/C Dale Smith for making most of the recent placements (marked with *).



Bass Haven Yacht Club, Beverly
 Beverly Harbormaster
 Cape Ann Marina, Gloucester*
 J&W Marine, Salem
 Liberty Marina, Danvers
 Marblehead Bank*
 Marblehead Harbormaster*
 Nautical Traders, Salem
 Palmer’s Cove Yacht Club*
 Richard’s Marine Service, Middleton

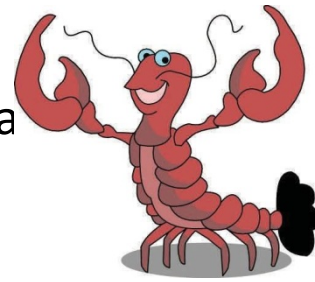
Rose’s Marine Service, Gloucester*
 Sail Salem
 Salem Harbormaster
 Salem Sound Coastwatch
 Salem Willows Yacht Club
 Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport
 West Marine, Danvers
 West Marine, Marblehead*
 Winter Island Shop, Salem*

2017 Annual Squadron Picnic

We' ll have hamburgers, hot dogs, lobster (optional \$8 extra),

sweet and sour sausages, hot and spicy sausages, kielbasa, salads, potato chips, corn, soft drinks, watermelon and lots of fun!!

Family members and friends are invited!



WHEN: Monday, August 7, 2017, 1700 until 2000. If you can help, let Ray Tilton know at pangea36@gmail.com or 978-578-1795. If you can help pack up, plan on staying until 2030.

WHERE: Danversport Yacht Club Marina. The entrance road is at the traffic light on Rt. 62 at the old two-room brick school now owned by the Art Association. Drive through the security gate and stay to the LEFT. We will be at the tent by the DYC.

PRICE: \$8 plus the cost of a lobster.

Basic cookout is \$8 per person. Kids under 12 are free (need headcount).

Additional \$8 for each lobster (including kids)

Lobsters must be pre-ordered (check in at picnic for coupon and plate). Reserve by contacting Bill Bonner at joanbillbonner@gmail.com or 978-922-1889. Payment by cash or check due upon arrival. You are encouraged to bring a desert to share. If ordering lobster bring your own shell crackers!!
Don' t forget insect spray.

Reservation deadline is August 4th



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

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

It was another very active school year for the Education Department. Squadron instructors led four ABC introductory boating classes at four different locations in Gloucester, Beverly and Marblehead. Of the eighty-five registered students for these classes sixty-six completed and passed the course.

2017 saw a decrease in enrollment in our ABC classes, no doubt due to the additional competition from lower priced courses offered by both the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Massachusetts Environmental Police. Classroom instruction however still appears to be favored over on-line courses especially since all New England states require mandatory proctored exams in order for students to qualify for certification. Also, students appreciate instruction from experienced teachers with local knowledge.

The squadron also offered our Piloting course again this spring at the Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly. Eleven students took and completed the exacting 7-day exam this month. An additional six students have postponed their exams to later in the year. Several of these students were unable to take the exam due to their participation in the Marion to Bermuda sailing race.

The squadron is also launching a special two-day (8 hour) ABC class sponsored by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport. This is an accelerated ABC class starting mid-July geared for students 12 and older who desire to earn their Massachusetts Safe Boating Certificate. P/Commander Jack Reed will be leading the instruction.

The Education Department is grateful to the Squadron for the purchase of brand new Dell laptop computer and projector. Both pieces of equipment performed admirably during the Piloting course this spring.

Finally, **hats off to all the squadron instructors** who volunteer their time and efforts to support our excellent educational program. It was another fine year of instruction.

Submitted by Walter Riley, SEO

A FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK FOR YOUR BOAT

Please don't postpone getting your free VSC for your boat from one of our squadron's six certified examiners. Before you embark on that cruise; don't forget to get a 2017 VSC. Vessel Safety Checks are simple, free and can save you time and money. These are voluntary exams and there is no penalty should your boat fail. Your examiner will provide you with a detailed list of deficiencies that need to be corrected in order to comply with state and federal safety regulations.

Our Squadron VSC examiners will be available this summer at various marinas and clubs in the area. Check times, dates and locations of VSC visits on the squadron web site. Our examiners can also schedule an individual VSC on your boat if that is more convenient for you.

Despite the chilly rainy spring our examiners have completed over 30 VSC's to date.

Please don't miss the opportunity to have a free VSC. To schedule an individual 2017 VSC call or leave a message with Walter Riley, VSC Chair 978-927-5189 or at rileyfin@shore.net.

Marion to Bermuda Race by Bob Duncan, SN

The 40th Anniversary Marion Bermuda race started a June 9. The 51 boat fleet in the 645 nautical mile race from Marion, Massachusetts headed south out of Buzzards Bay to the finish line of St. David's Lighthouse in Bermuda.

51 sailboats entered in the FOUNDERS DIVISION which is for yachts 32 to 80 feet that wish to race with a cruising sail inventory. Nine of the boats, including Tiara, a 36' Cape Dory with a crew of 6 out of Beverly's Jubilee Yacht Club, sailed in the Celestial Navigation Division using only celestial sites. The Marion to Bermuda yacht race is the only ocean race to Bermuda that offers a celestial navigation prize. The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club hosts the race in Bermuda and there are several special race trophies within the Marion Bermuda Race based on a boats class A, B, C, or D, crew size, all family crew and celestial navigation.

Tiara finished the race and awarded 2nd place in Class D, 2nd place overall and 2nd place in Celestial Navigation.

Our son Brian Duncan was asked by the owner and captain of Tiara John Ring to crew and of course he accepted. We wanted to be part of the cheering crew and as such went to the kickoff ceremony at the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion on June 8th and enjoyed a buffet dinner. On June 9th, dockside, we watched the crew finish stocking the boat. Bonnie made a fish chowder which was frozen and also picked up three loaves of Italian bread from Virgilio's in Gloucester which was stowed below.

Forecasts earlier in the week called for a northeaster to pass off the coast but fortunately that weather system passed more to the south. Looked like the start would be typical for Buzzards Bay with increasing SW winds during the day but more about that in the next Banner from Bob Dugan the navigator.

Bonnie and I cruised to Bermuda on the BREAKAWAY a 4000 passenger cruise ship out of NYC departing Sunday June 11 arriving Bermuda June 14 and thought that should be the earliest the boats racing from Marion would arrive. We met with Brian's wife Tricia who flew to Bermuda on Wednesday to join the celebration.

Tiara crossed the finish line around midnight on Wednesday June 14 and after crossing, was required to head off shore since no boats are allowed to enter harbor after dark. We met with Brian Friday after he cleared customs and congratulated him on Tiara's unbelievable finish. Our ship departed Friday afternoon at 3:00. Brian and Tricia took a plane back Sunday.

Everything worked out so well. Couldn't have been any better.





Beverly – Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron



Come join us for another sailing **ADVENTURE!!!**

Flushed with the success of last year's cruise, your squadron has organized another 3-hour sail aboard the 122-foot Schooner "ADVENTURE" out of Gloucester. The cruise date will be on the Friday afternoon of August 18, 2017. The 91 year-old Schooner "ADVENTURE" is *the* last of the famous Grand Banks fishing schooners that sailed out of Gloucester and Boston. For decades, she fished the Banks under the watchful eye of Captain Leo Hines before she was sold In 1964 to Captain Jim Sharp who had her rebuilt and sailed her as a windjammer for nearly twenty-four years out of Camden, Maine. In 1988, Captain Sharp donated "ADVENTURE" to the people of Gloucester to be preserved as Gloucester's historic tall ship and to be used to inform and educate the public about the important role of fishing in American history. "ADVENTURE" was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1994 and has recently received an extensive restoration.

Again, the sailing date will be Friday late afternoon on August 18th. Boarding will be at 3:30 and we will plan to depart her pier at 4 Harbor Loop in Gloucester by not later than 4:00 PM for our 3-hour sail.



To join us for the sail, your reservations found on the next page of this announcement will be "a must"! Please be certain to use the page for making your required reservations. Please note that "Walk-Ons" will not be permitted for boarding this cruise.

The price will be \$30.00 per person, which will include plated hors d'ouvres and soft drinks, both of which will be available once we are underway. If you desire something other than soft drinks, you will be required to BYOB.

CRUISE RESERVATION FORM

USING THIS FORM IS "A MUST" IF YOU ARE TO JOIN US FOR THE "ADVENTURE" CRUISE. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE EARLY RESERVATIONS, AS COAST GUARD LICENSING OF "ADVENTURE" WILL ALLOW 60 PASSENGERS, BEYOND WHICH WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A WAIT-LIST.

I am planning to join my fellow BMS&PS members and friends for the summer cruise aboard the Schooner "ADVENTURE". Therefore, I am enclosing my check for \$30.00 per person, which will include hors d'ouvers and soft drinks. Please note: For an adult beverage of your choice, "BYOB" will be the policy.

My Name:

My Guest's/Guests' Name(s):

MY E-Mail address and phone #:

My check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$30.00 per person) is enclosed, made payable to the squadron or simply to "BMS&PS".

Note: We ask you to understand that your reservation(s) must be received by the Squadron Past Commander, not later than Friday July 28, 2017. Please also understand that boarding "ADVENTURE" will commence at 3:30 PM, for a scheduled departure at 4:00 PM (REPEAT: 4:00 PM) from 4 Harbor Loop. This is also a reminder that "Walk-Ons" will not be permitted for this cruise and that reservations are A MUST!

Please mail your reservation request to:

David W. Graham

7 Batchelder Road

Marblehead, MA 01945-1524

AGAIN, THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING THE REQUIRED RESERVATIONS WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

Volunteer Days at Bakers Island Light Station, Salem

Essex Heritage is seeking volunteers to help this summer with maintenance and repairs at the Bakers Island Light Station. The volunteer work includes hauling lumber and other supplies to the property, mowing, clearing brush, removing bittersweet, cleaning, scraping and painting (exterior and interior), gutter repair/replacement, and more. Unskilled labor is welcome. Skills in carpentry and plumbing are always appreciated too. The light station is located on Bakers Island about 4 miles from the port of Salem. Volunteers will be transported from Salem to the island aboard *Naumkeag*, a 32' landing craft, which is the same vessel used for the public tours. The boat trip takes about 20 minutes each way. *Naumkeag* departs from the dock next to the Salem Ferry on Blaney St. and drops volunteers at the light station beach. There is no dock available on the island.

If you are interested in helping out at Bakers Island, please contact Ms. Meredith George at Essex Heritage to find out when volunteer days are being scheduled - by email or phone meredithg@essexheritage.org and (978) 740-0444. Please mention that you heard about this opportunity through the Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron. If you want to organize your own special workday for 10 or more friends, we will be happy to try to accommodate this.

Background: The Bakers Island Light Station is owned and operated by Essex Heritage, the regional non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance the important historic and natural places of Essex County. The property was deeded to Essex Heritage in 2014. Essex Heritage offers tours of the property on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from mid-June to early September. For tour pricing and other details go to - <http://essexheritage.org/boat>. Sorry but no private boats are allowed to land.



Positions Opening Up

There is an old saying, “Many hands make light work”, and it is certainly true for doing the Squadron’s business. Dale Smith has been involved in the squadron executive committee for over 10 years, starting with the former Marblehead squadron and continuing with the merged Beverly-Marblehead squadron. He’s been the treasurer and webmaster since the two squadrons merged. Dale will be stepping down from these roles, so it is now time for another member to step forward and help out.

The Squadron is therefore seeking a new assistant Treasurer and Webmaster to learn the ropes and transition into these roles. Dale will provide training free of charge! Neither job is hard, but they do require attention to detail and a dedication to accuracy and timeliness. You can do it! They are very fulfilling in their own ways. Here is a chance for you to pitch in and help an organization that has made a difference and continues to improve the safety of boaters.

With mixed emotions, I am retiring from my position as editor of Hannah’s Banner. I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together and keeping members informed of the services and events of the squadron, but I have become involved with other projects that are taking much of my time. I hope that one (or two) of you keep the Banner going, as it is an important communication tool for the squadron. If you are interested, I will be glad to show you how to put the newsletter together, which usually is done five or six times a year. So as I pass the baton on to the next volunteer, I would like to thank all of the members that have provided me with articles, news and pictures that have made Hannah’s Banner an informative newsletter for the Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron.

Lt/C Ray Tilton

AN ADDITIONAL GIFT TO THE SQUADRON

Students and instructors of our Piloting course this spring each received a complimentary copy of the 2017 Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book generously donated by the publisher. Some of the squadron members may remember a presentation by Ridge White, former publisher of ‘Eldridge’ given at a Joint District Conference several years ago. Ridge is a long-time member of USPS and has turned over the publishing chores to his daughter, Jenny White Kuliesis. We are most grateful to Jenny and her Dad for this generous gift to our students to aid in their understanding of coastal navigation.

Lt/C Walter Riley

BEVERLY HARBOR FEST

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend and participate in the 6TH Annual Beverly Harbor Fest. This year’s event will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, September 9th. The Squadron will again be hosting a booth to handout literature about squadron programs and activities. Volunteers are needed to help the public complete Visitor Information Cards. The event attracts over a thousand Beverly residents interested in boating activities and courses. Contact Walter Riley at wriley3@comcast.net to volunteer to represent the squadron in the booth.



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South Coast Cruise Opportunity

Great Blue Hill Squadron is organizing a “Dual Bays Cruise” in the Buzzards – Narragansett Bay area from 10 to 17 August 2017. A flotilla of sail and power boats will cruise from Hadley Harbor down to Jamestown and back up to Cuttyhunk with several great harbors on the way. The cruise is open to all squadrons in the region. For details and contact/registration information see <http://www.usps.org/localusps/gbh/cruise.htm>.



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