

## HB – Lite

### Issue No. 1 – September 2017

**Note from the Commander.** On behalf of the Executive Committee, I welcome you to the inaugural edition of *HB-Lite*, a temporary replacement for *Hannah's Banner*. This barebones format will be used until someone volunteers to produce and distribute a "real" newsletter again. Please contact me ([alex\\_pszenny@my.uri.edu](mailto:alex_pszenny@my.uri.edu)) if you are able and willing to serve in this role. This first issue is being emailed to everyone for whom we have a valid email address and regular U.S.-mailed to others. **Future issues will only be distributed by email.** If you received this issue by U.S. mail and wish to receive future issues, as well as occasional "Dear Friends" notices, please send your email address to Jack Reed ([jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net)). I emphasize that money has nothing to do with this change; we are in good shape financially. All we need is someone willing to do the work of organizing content, printing, and distribution.

#### Calendar.

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>: Members' meeting, 6:30 pm, JYC Ballroom

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: Joint D12/D14/D19 Fall Conference, North Conway, NH

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>: Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm, JYC Wardroom

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>: Members' meeting, 6:30 pm, JYC Ballroom

**October 4<sup>th</sup> members' meeting.** 6:30 pm start at Jubilee Yacht Club. One or more volunteers are needed to provide a light supper; contact Ray Tilton at [pangea36@gmail.com](mailto:pangea36@gmail.com). A "football squares" game will be conducted. The winner will take home a Schooner *Adventure* Family Membership, actual value \$180. \$2 per square; all 100 squares must be filled! Proceeds will benefit the squadron. Guest speaker D/C Richard Terry will present: "The Little Things: A Boat Delivery from North Carolina to Boston and What We Learned". Business meeting topics will include presentation of 25-year member pins to Frances Ciesinski, Rodman Forter, Brian Schanning, and Louis Schoenthal; District Fall Conference plans; December members' meeting plans; and more. Questions/comments to [alex\\_pszenny@my.uri.edu](mailto:alex_pszenny@my.uri.edu).

**District Fall Conference.** This year's Fall Conference will be held jointly with D14 and D19. It will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in North Conway, NH. A block of rooms is being held for USPS members at special rates until October 10th at the North Conway Grand Hotel. Program details, registration, and hotel link are at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d12/fallconf.shtml>.

**Advanced Piloting course.** This is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It builds coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. If you have completed Piloting this is the perfect course to expand and enhance your navigational skills. Course starts October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Jubilee Yacht Club and continues for the following nine Mondays. If interested call or email Jack Reed for more details: 978-546-3221, [jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net).

**Spring course requests.** In addition to the usual two or three planned ABC classes in the spring, we would like to offer one or two of our advanced courses or seminars to members and the public. Courses under consideration for the spring include: Engine Maintenance, Sail Trim, Weather, Marine Electronics and Cruise Planning. Offering any of these courses would depend on instructor availability as well as sufficient enrollment. If you are interested in any of these courses, or any other USPS topics, please contact Walter Riley at [wriley3@comcast.net](mailto:wriley3@comcast.net) or leave a message at 978-927-5189.

**Recruiting/Retention update.** The encouraging membership gain of last spring was erased over the summer. As of September 1<sup>st</sup> squadron active membership numbered 158, down from 160 on March 1<sup>st</sup>. *Everyone's* help is needed to attract new members and to develop and promote squadron activities that will encourage current members to renew. Please contact the Commander ([alex\\_pszenny@my.uri.edu](mailto:alex_pszenny@my.uri.edu)) or Membership Chair ([jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net)) with your ideas and offers to help.

**Assistant Treasurer needed.** We need an assistant treasurer to learn the ropes and become Treasurer at the next change-of-watch in March 2018. No financial background needed; if you can balance a checkbook and have some familiarity with Excel, you have all the skills needed. Contact Dale Smith at [dalemsmith@gmail.com](mailto:dalemsmith@gmail.com) or 617-216-8052.

**It's Merit Marks time!** The Merit Marks Committee will meet in mid-October. To insure that the committee is aware of your efforts in support of Squadron, District and/or National activities over the past year are considered please send a brief note about them to Jack Reed ([jackfreed@comcast.net](mailto:jackfreed@comcast.net)).

**NOAA proposes paper chart phase-out.** Executive Officer Ted Nigro ([tnigro@me.com](mailto:tnigro@me.com)) notes: The fact that this phase-out is coming, whether it is next year or ten years from now, is reason to push our navigation classes. Electronics failed for me three times in the first year and recently I had a progressive failure. Paper will continue to be available from Maptech and Landfall for some time to come. For more see [http://www.beverly-usps.org/pdf/NOAAClarifiesNCP\\_3.pdf](http://www.beverly-usps.org/pdf/NOAAClarifiesNCP_3.pdf).

**Marion-Bermuda Race 2017.** ASEO Bob Duncan ([rjduncan310@gmail.com](mailto:rjduncan310@gmail.com)) reports that this year's race from Marion to Bermuda had 51 boats competing and 9 of the boats, including *Tiara*, 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. There are several special race trophies within the Marion-Bermuda Race based on a boat classes A, B, C, or D, crew size, all family crew, and celestial navigation. *Tiara* finished the 645 nautical mile race and was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Class D, 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Celestial Navigation. Bob Dugan, navigator, discusses his newly acquired skills taking celestial sights during the race in an article on our web site: <http://www.beverly-usps.org/pdf/NavigatorShortVersion.pdf>.