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From the Commander . . .

Hello all, and Happy Holidays!

Depending on the mail service you will receive this just before or just after the Christmas Holiday. I trust and pray your Holiday Spirit is high and that all is well with you and the world.

As I sit here thinking about what message I would like to share with you all, it occurs to me that we have some truly wonderful people that are part of our Beverly Sail & Power Squadron (BS&PS). We have people who donate large blocks of time to plan and execute the day to day and week to week activities of the Squadron. From our regular members who help with Squadron events to our Teachers who spend time not only teaching but making sure the lessons are understood by each member of the class. We are blessed with some wonderful people.

This New Year will bring new opportunities for each of us to share our talents and make BS&PS a stronger more vibrant organization.

We need:

- Volunteers to help with the General Meeting dinners and planning.
- People who want to go and represent us at the Boat Show in Boston in January.
- Some who will man an information table for a couple of hours at West Marine in Danvers in February.
- Members who would like to participate in cruise events next boating season.
- Members who can help setup or participate in upcoming educational Seminars.
- And last but not least someone who

would like to relieve Dick Winskowicz and take the reigns as our SEO (Senior Educational Officer) for the coming year.

At our January general meeting we will be voting on the slate of officers to serve us as BS&PS leadership for the coming year. Please review the list of candidates on the next page and see if there is some office or committee you would like to serve on. During the meeting, before the election is held, we will take additional nominations from the floor.

Please, get involved, we really need your help! Feel free to call me with any questions regarding this note or any other BS&PS business you would like to discuss.

I have enjoyed this past year as Commander of BS&PS and I want to wish you all a great holiday season and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Alex Arcisz
Commander Beverly Sail & Power Squadron



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Dick Winskowicz
..... and where is your contribution?
Send something NOW for the March edition!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

This constitutes the required minimum 30 day notice of our **Annual Meeting on March 6, 2008** for the purpose of electing the following officers and General Committee members.

CURRENT NOMINATIONS:

(Additional nominations may be made by contacting the Nominating Committee)

BRIDGE - Elected Positions:

Commander	Alexander C. Arcisz, AP
Executive Officer	Raymond W. Tilton, AP
Educational Officer	Edward G. Walsh, SN
Assistant SEO	Walter J. Riley III, AP
Administrative Officer	Carol A. Quinn-Lebrun, S
Secretary	Karen L. Arcisz, AP
Treasurer	John A. Hagar, AP
Nominating Committee; 3 yrs	William R. Ghen, AP
Audit Committee; 3 yrs	Charles M. Sousa, SN
Rules Committee; 3 yrs	Richard J. Winskowicz, SN

You can support the Squadron by participating in one of the **COMMITTEES** or **APPOINTED OFFICES**. The Chairperson of each is listed below or see any bridge member to offer your assistance:

Nominating Committee	P/C Edward W. Libby, AP
Auditing Committee	Theophilos Kuliopulos, SN
Historian	Raymond W. Tilton, AP
Public Relations	Dave Delorey, AP
Newsletter Editor	Karen L. Arcisz, AP
Safety Officer	William R. Ghen, AP
Membership	Miriam Shafner, P
Member Involvement	Edward W. Libby, AP
Law Officer	Edward W. Libby, AP
Cooperative Charting	James H. Curran, Jr., AP
Vessel Safety Check	James H. Curran, Jr., AP
Operations Training	Richard J. Winskowicz, SN
Web Manager	Richard J. Winskowicz, SN
Boating Activities	POSITION OPEN
Ship Store	POSITION OPEN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2008 MEETING and CLASS SCHEDULE

- Jan 3 THURSDAY 1830 hrs JYC Hall**
General Membership Meeting
- Feb 7 THURSDAY 1900 hrs JYC Sandy Pt*
E-Board Meeting
- Mar 6 THURSDAY 1830 hrs JYC Hall**
Annual Meeting
- Apr 3 THURSDAY 1900 hrs JYC Sandy Pt*
E-Board Meeting
- May 1 THURSDAY 1830 hrs JYC Hall**
General Membership Meeting
- Jun 4 WEDNESDAY 1900 hrs JYC Sandy Pt*
E-Board Meeting
- Jul No meeting scheduled at this time*
E-Board Meeting if required
- Aug Annual Picnic Date TBA**
E-Board Meeting if required
- Sep 3 WEDNESDAY 1830 hrs JYC Hall**
General Membership Meeting
- Oct 1 WEDNESDAY 1900 hrs JYC Sandy Pt*
E-Board Meeting
- Nov 6 THURSDAY 1830 hrs JYC Hall**
General Membership Meeting
- Dec 4 THURSDAY 1900 hrs JYC Sandy Pt*
E-Board Meeting
- Jan 8 THURSDAY 1830 hrs JYC Hall**
General Membership Meeting

CLASSES:

Sign up [ONLINE](#) or see Dick Winskowicz

ADVANCED COURSES

- Seamanship** 10 wks beginning Jan 29, 2008
- Piloting** 12 wks beginning Feb 4, 2008
- Junior Navigation (currently in session)

Advanced Piloting and Navigation Fall 2008

ELECTIVES

- Instructor Recert** (1 evening) Jan 28, 2008
- Operations Training** (1 day) March 29, 2008
- Engine Maintenance (currently in session)

Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics, Sail, Weather, Instructor Development, Scheduled for Spring 2008

From the Squadron Secretary

The full text of meeting minutes are available online at:
http://www.beverly-usps.org/members_pages/minutes.html
You may request a printed copy of the full text by phoning
Karen Arcisz at 978-887-9057.

NOTES FROM THE

NOV 1, 2007 GENERAL MEETING:

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 2115 hrs.
- ◆ Boat Show volunteers requested for January.
- ◆ Update on dredging in Danvers rivers.
- ◆ Operations Training will be in Spring 08.
- ◆ Need an SEO nominee.
- ◆ Need volunteers for West Marine in Feb.
- ◆ Five members going to 4 Distr. Conference.
- ◆ Next Hannah's Banner Deadline is Dec. 15.
- ◆ Next General Meeting is January 3, 2008
- ◆ Next E Board is Feb 7, 2008
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 2132 hours.

*Full Notes and excerpt by
Secretary Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, AP.*

NOTES FROM THE

DEC 6, 2007 E-BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 1902 hrs.
- ◆ Discussion on Waste Water bill
- ◆ Discussion about election/ change of watch
- ◆ Comment: we should mail newsletter to all members
- ◆ Danvers West Marine having USPS Days in February
- ◆ Report taken on 4 District Conference
- ◆ Setting up seminar at DYC - Andy Taylor will be working on that
- ◆ Public Service Announcement scripts have come in
- ◆ Suggestion for a purely social meeting - see if JYC will invite us to Buffett night; have a salsa contest; turn picnic into a party.

*Full Notes and excerpt by
Secretary Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, AP.*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BOAT OPERATORS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

At the Boat Operators Certification Program seminar held at the Four District Conference in Woods Hole, November 12th, I learned that the United States Coast Guard has asked Congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters.

The United States Power Squadron intends to have USPS certification be accepted as proof of proficiency and as the national certificate for the USA. At this point, four levels of Boat Operator Certification for USPS are being planned, ranging from Inland Navigator to Offshore Navigator.

One of the advantages of certification include recognition of skills when chartering a boat, especially in another country. The plan is to be certain USPS certification meets or exceeds the requirements of UN Resolution 40, *International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft*".

The certifiers must be trained and certified first in a program that includes demonstration of on-the-water skills. I hope to present the details of the exciting program at a future Squadron meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting. We need *all* of you to keep the important USPS educational programs going for current and future boaters.

Ray Tilton, AP

FROM THE SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Tis the holiday season and all of us boaters are waiting for spring. It is also the start of the second half of our educational; year and I hope a few of you will take a class to further your nautical knowledge.

We completed the new Engine Maintenance class this fall and all 5 students passed with flying colors. Instructor Herb Ryan had a lot of good words for the new class material. The New Junior Navigation class is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and is receiving excellent reviews by the instructor, Dex Wheeler, and the students taking the class.

We are planning to offer Piloting and Seamanship this winter. Seamanship, Tuesday, January 29th and Piloting Monday, February 4th. I hope several of you will sign up for these classes. So please let me know as soon as possible that you will attend these excellent classes so sufficient material can be ordered. Call me at 978-777-4740, email me at beverly@beverly-usps.org.

The seamanship course has been re-written and has a much greater depth than the previous course. Check our web site, <http://www.beverly-usps.org/education/member-schd.html> for the latest schedule of classes. Let me know if you wish to take a class not scheduled. If we get 5 students we will schedule it.

There has been some interest in the Weather class. The Marblehead Squadron will be offering it this spring. Let me know if you are interested.

I hope that you will consider taking a class this season. I believe you will not be sorry and will find it to be a rewarding experience.

P/R/C Dick Winskowicz, SN

**This message arrived by e-mail from
P/Cdr Edward Libby:**

Good Evening Brothers and Sister Members
This message arrives with some sad news. It is tougher because of the time of year.

For all of you that knew; have met or have heard him talk at some of the USPS Meetings. He was a great speaker and had some of the best displays I have ever seen and some of the best Sea Stories I have ever heard.

Of course I am talking about Rev. William Fleming; (Chaplain Bill to some and Captain Billie to others).

Captain Billie has been working the waterfront taking care of Sailors & Merchant Mariners who were away from home and lending a hand in helping the communicate with home from our ports. He also helped many in communicating with their Lord.

Well it seems that the Lord has deemed it necessary for him to come and take care of others in ports that we will all visit at some time or other.

Captain Billie lost his battle with Cancer.

He will be missed around the waterfront and in the communities he served as well as all the hearts that he has touched in USPS.

Please keep a spot for him in your hearts and in your prayers this season!

P/Cdr Edward Libby

NEW MEMBERS

Just having successfully completed the Public Boating Course.

Look for them; greet and congratulate them at the meeting!

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ACTION ALERT!

CALL OR WRITE YOUR US REPRESENTATIVE AND US SENATOR IN WASHINGTON!

House Bill H.R. 2550 is to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels. It should be passed in order to exempt recreational boater from the permitting process meant for cargo and cruise ships. It relates to all water discharge from your boat, including deck runoff.

This bill is in the first step in the legislative process. It was introduced May 24, 2007, and referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment on May 24, 2007.

Introduced bills go first to committees that deliberate, investigate, and revise them before they go to general debate. The majority of bills never make it out of committee (Last update online was Dec 9, 2007)

[H.R. 2550: Recreational Boating Act of 2007 \(GovTrack.us\)](#) - use this link to view and track this legislation.

The related bill in the Senate is S2067: Recreational Boating Act of 2007. It is in the same stage of the process.

NATIONAL MEMBER SURVEY

Please go online and respond THE SUCCESS OF USPS® DEPENDS ON MEMBER PARTICIPATION

The National Planning Committee is conducting a survey of members. To maximize the amount of member input and get a better cross-section of opinions, we have been asked to make sure all our members become aware of and have an opportunity to participate in this survey.

Please link to:
[USPS® Planning Committee Survey](#)

We also have learned that some members are not receiving Compass AND their email address is correct. If you are not receiving Compass please be sure that your address is correct on our roster and that your spam filter is set up to accept email from ensign@hq.usps.org.

USPS DAYS AT WEST MARINE IN DANVERS

Special offers on Saturday and Sunday

February 23 and 24, 2008

Get your boat ready to launch!

SPECIFIC DISCOUNTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Bring a friend!

If your friend signs up for membership and a class,
you'll both get a free gift!

Questions? Want to volunteer for the info table? Call Karen Arcisz at 978-887-9057

ELIAS HAS GRADUATED TO THE BIG LEAGUES

Miriam and I wanted to update those of you who shared our meeting time at the Jubilee Yacht club with Elias over the year and a half he spent with us. Elias, the yellow Labrador retriever, who quietly joined the Power Squadron festivities and was the center of attraction at our cook out and lobster feed, has graduated from his class at Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) today. Miriam and I met his new partner during a trip to the school this week. Kathy Nimmer is a thirty-eight year old high school English teacher. She started losing her sight at age seven. Elias is her third guide dog and her first from GEB.

As a teacher who has been without a guide dog since June of this year she started her own Blog on the Internet. (<http://guidedogjourney.livejournal.com/>) She used the Blog to help her high school English students learn about her and what she was going through after the sudden retirement of her last guide dog and her anticipation of her new one. This is an open Blog and I would encourage everyone to read it. I have taken some excerpts from one entry for you.

Dick And Miriam Shafner

The Day I Started Loving Elias

- ◆ When he stopped me from stepping across a driveway where a car was backing out, even though the car was still several feet away from the sidewalk.
- ◆ When he took me across a street and showed me a police car that had pulled over a speeder, as if to say, "Here is someone watching out for people's safety, just as I am doing for you."
- ◆ When he followed my commands, even though my voice was next-to-absent due to a bad cold.
- ◆ When the Assistant Director of Training said to us following our afternoon walk, "That was more like a follow-up walk with a seasoned team than a walk from a team that has only been together for five days."
- ◆ When another trainer told me that the expressions Elias makes with his face are a total crack-up, very unique.
- ◆ When Elias backed away from the stand of candy near a cash register, as if to emphasize that he wasn't getting anywhere near that and wasn't even going to let me near it.
- ◆ When he looked up at me for a solid minute in the van coming back to campus, staring and thinking heavens knows what.
- ◆ When I learned that his puppy raisers who are from Eastern Massachusetts are journeying many hours to see him and me tomorrow because he was such a special dog to them.
- ◆ When he stepped proudly between two different trainers working two new dogs, hardly glancing at the dogs as he parted the way and strolled onward.
- ◆ When he accomplished yet another traffic check as a car came tearing out of a parking garage in front of us.
- ◆ When a trainer said, "I hope I get to meet the puppy raisers since I started the training for Elias and want to thank them for doing such a good job."
- ◆ When he nibbled at the ring hidden below my glove while we waited for service in the store, somehow knowing there was something under that glove other than a finger.
- ◆ When he kissed the inside of both of my ears in a moment of playful affection.
- ◆ When he blew past one curb on a walk, reminding me that he is not perfect just like I am not perfect.
- ◆ When I wiped a single tear away in gratitude that my journey moves onward, step by step ... by step by step by step by step.

.When did I start loving Elias? TODAY!

“Guide Well Elias”

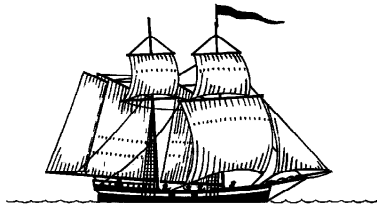
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JANUARY 2008

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**Beverly Sail & Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting**

THURSDAY, 03 January, 2008 at 1900hrs - Jubilee Yacht Club

FREE Supper, Social and Silent auction

Speaker: RONALD GILSON

Ronald Gilson is the author of the book "An Island No More". It is a deeply moving essay of the experience of the Gloucester fishing industry as it affected the everyday life of its citizens. Gilson transports the reader into decades that cover depression, war, prosperity, and finally, decline. He will be available to sign his books after the presentation.

“Boating is fun; let us show you how”

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