



HANNAH'S BANNER

February 2023

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Hannah's Banner Comeback !

The Hannah's Banner has been "out of print" for a few years. We are hoping to bring it back in a new email only version. Ideally distribution will be quarterly with ad hoc updates in-between. Like all newsletters it will need an editor and writers. Every little bit helps !

April Change of Watch Meeting

Jack Reed, Secretary

We will hold our annual **Change of Watch meeting at the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, on Friday, April 21st, starting at 1800.** Our guest speaker will be Bob Begin, a noted after dinner speaker on a variety of maritime subjects. He will speak on the sinking of the heavy Cruiser USS Indianapolis by the Japanese on July 30, 1945.

Dinner will be a buffet. More details to come, but **Save the date!!**

Boat Show Volunteers Needed

The New England Boat show will be on Wed. 2/15 to Sunday 2/19.

Volunteers to work at the D34 booth are needed on all days. A link to the sign up sheet is below. Volunteers will receive a free admission pass to the show. PLEASE NOTE: after adding your name to the time slot(s), click on the tab at the bottom labeled 2023 BOAT SHOW CONTACTS. Fill out all fields so that you receive your pass on the day you work the booth.

For information contact Boat show Chair Joe Frawley at 617-212 0103 or jfrawley928@gmail.com

Click here to volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17y962X2FLXHdtGXk3zTlwdYyhH_lm089tlccWNBZgQ/edit?usp=sharing

District Meeting - March 25, 2023

This is an advance notice that the **ABClub Southeastern New England District 34 Spring Conference will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott in New Bedford on March 25, 2023.**

Please mark your calendar today so you don't miss this conference.

The conference will be an all-day event on Saturday including morning and afternoon sessions, election of SNE District 34 Bridge officers, a Change of Watch and of course lunch. The agenda details and conference fee will be announced later. All members are encouraged to attend not just squadron and district officers.

As has been the custom for many years, conference attendees are encouraged to book a room on Friday night and arrive before 6pm to participate in a social hour at the hotel before going out to a local restaurant for a group dinner. Some members may also choose to stay Saturday night in which case there will be a social hour at the hotel after the conference concludes followed by a Saturday night group dinner. The discounted room rate (15 rooms) is \$139.00 per night. Last date to book with discounted rate February 24, 2023.

Book your group rate for America's Boating Club

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1672756671092&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Other ABClub SNE District 34 events to be added to your calendar in 2023 include:

- New England Boat Show - Boston Convention and Exhibition Center - February 15–19, 2023
- USPS-ABClub Annual Meeting – Orlando, Florida - February 19-26, 2023
- ABClub District 34 Spring Conference - New Bedford – March 25, 2023
- ABClub District 34 Founders Day - Newport Elks Club - May 20, 2023 TBA
- Newport International Boat Show (NIBS) – Newport, Rhode Island, September 14-17, 2023

Education Committee

Walter Riley, SEO

The Education Committee is planning several courses including ABC, Engine Maintenance and Advanced Marine Navigation.

There are three virtual ABC classes scheduled.

Cost \$65 On-line, Pre Registration Required, 4 Thursday evening Sessions and live proctored exam

- ABC Virtual Course Starting March 9th 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- ABC Virtual Course Starting April 6th. 6:30- 8:30 PM
- ABC Virtual Course Starting May 4th 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Additional Classes

- Instructor Recertification - Saturday 2/11/23 9-11 AM
- Advanced Piloting - starting Monday February 27, 7:00- 9:00 PM for 9 sessions at Jubilee Yacht Club

See the District 34 Course Website for more information.

https://abc-d34.org/course_sched.shtml

Treasurer Report

Lou Schoenthal, Treasurer

The Squadron finances continue to be in good order. An audit of the covid period has been conducted. The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the April meeting.

Long ignored, Jump Start will now give the District's new members free training in their boats!

Joe Kelliher - D34 Commander

One of ABClub's best greatest recruitment tools is the Jump Start program. Poorly understood and under-utilized, this program answered one of the greatest needs of our America's Boating Course (ABC) and seminar students- [Can someone come on my boat and teach me how to use it?](#)

District 34 is re-vitalizing this program starting now ! So, what has changed? One of the program's perceived weaknesses was the lack of clear on-the-boat guidelines for JS Instructors. Now a new training program, designed by Dick Moore and Bob Sweet of the Buzzard's Bay Club, will give volunteers a clear "lesson plan" enabling them to teach with confidence.

Then the District sought volunteers who owned no boat. Rising marina, mechanics and fuel bills have led some members to sell or donate their craft. Becoming a volunteer allows them to provide a vital service to new boaters, earns them a merit mark and keeps them on the water! All but one of our volunteers are currently boatless. Aimed at new/inexperienced owners of 15' – 25' runabouts with outboard motors, we will later expand the program to assist those who are moving up to single and twin inboard engines.

For Beverly-Marblehead this it can be a powerful recruitment tool. To be eligible a boat-owner student (1) takes our ABC class (or equivalent), (2) joins their local ABClub and (3) requests a free VSC (vessel safety check) for their boat. Then a JS Instructor will call and set up a free 3-hour learning session on their boat. Because everyone is a member and the learning takes place on the student's boat, no CG Captains license is required. And USPS insurance will be primary, offering full coverage for both members and the boat during the training event.

Our teachers soon receive details so that they can say "Join our Club and this spring you can receive FREE on water instruction on your boat!" It's a powerful incentive to membership!

Along with Dick Moore from Buzzards Bay, 6 JS Instructors give us coverage from the lower Cape to the North Shore:

Dave Atwood - Cape Cod, South Yarmouth

Laurie Reilly - GBH, Braintree

Chip Wayne - GBH, Braintree

Chris Summers - GBH, Medfield

Frank Marobella - Nobscot, Wayland

Ridge White - GBH, Marblehead

You can help: Tell fellow boaters that ABClub members now can receive free instruction on their boats!!

If you are interested in becoming a JS Instructor or just want more information contact SEO Walter Riley or D34 Commander Joe Kelliher at 508-446-7957 or jrkell120@yahoo.com.

Jubilee Yacht Club Hall Renovation

The JYC is renovating the Main Hall. The project is estimated to run through late spring/early summer This presents a challenge for the Squadron Board in finding other venues for classes and meetings. Your Bridge is exploring other options. Stay tuned...

Opportunities

If you are considering getting more involved with the Squadron there are several openings. BMSPS is looking for an Executive Officer and an Editor for Hannah's Banner and volunteers for various projects and events. District 34 is seeking both an Administrative and Executive Officer.