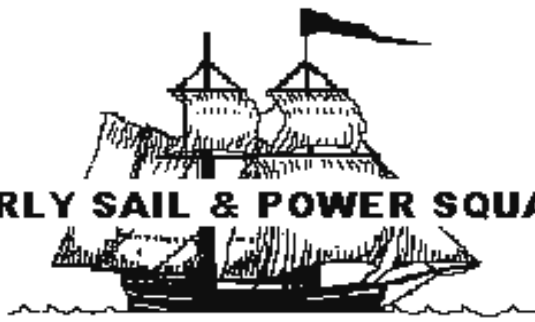




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DISTRICT 18

HANNAH'S BANNER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01 May **GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING - THURSDAY 1830 at Jubilee YC**
We have also extended an invitation to Jubilee Yacht Club members to join us for this evening!
FREE DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, MEETING
USPS UNIVERSITY ONBOARD WEATHER FORCASTING SEMINAR
- 11 May Mothers' Day
- 17 May Armed Forces Day - Fly the FLAG! 
- 26 May Memorial Day - Fly the FLAG at half-staff.
- 04 June **E-BOARD MEETING-WEDNESDAY, 1900 at Jubilee YC, Sand Point Room**
All interested members are encouraged to join the Bridge and Committees in making decisions and running our Squadron!
- 14 June Flag Day - Fly the FLAG again!
- 15 June Fathers' Day
- 21 June Summer Begins
- 04 July Independence Day - Fly the FLAG and go see some fireworks!  
- 03 August Fireworks over Beverly Harbor for Beverly Homecoming
- TBA August **THE MICHAEL T. BERRY MEMORIAL ANNUAL PICNIC**
- 03 September **GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1830 at Jubilee YC**
FREE DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, SPEAKER, MEETING
- 13-14 Sept West Marine (Danvers) USPS DAYS
- 24 September **D18 Council Meeting - Calitri's Danvers**
- 01 October **E-BOARD MEETING-WEDNESDAY, 1900 at Jubilee YC, Sand Point Room**
All interested members are encouraged to join the Bridge and Committees in making decisions and running our Squadron!

***We'd love to add a few Summer on-the-water events!
Come to the E-Board Meeting June 4 and offer to lead one!***

Check out the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron web site at: www.beverly-usps.org

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello all!

Finally took the wraps off Anastasia; it felt like winter would never end. Karen and I can hardly wait to get the boat in the water, which will happen May 5th. She's (*Ed note: Anastasia, not Karen!*) been fitted with a new VHF radio with wireless WHAM; a new sound system, lazy jacks and I even convinced my daughter's boyfriend to go topside to repair my anchor light - 60 feet off the hard in the bosun's chair.

Looks like we're going to have another winter moving directly into summer with very little spring. It is nice, though, working on my boat at Danversport Yacht Club Marina and seeing several Power Squadron and Jubilee members and catching up on their activities through the winter.

Can you believe that May 1st will be our last General Meeting until fall? Please come and enjoy **John Bedrossian's** presentation of the *USPS University Onboard Weather Forecasting Seminar*. John has tailored it a bit for our local weather quirks and has some good insight for us. And, since this will be our last General Meeting until fall, please offer suggestions and/or comments about possible Power Squadron boating events that we could share during the summer. I'm looking for one or two people to lead an on-the-water activity where all our members can join in and enjoy each other's company off the hard.

Over the coming months, we'll have new courses, new USPS University Seminars and new training available, as well as possibly an on-the-water Boat Owner's Certification event. (See **Ray Tilton's** article in this Hannah's Banner). Look, too, for a 'Fire Safety Day' where we will have a special instructor, at a location to be named, where we can have the opportunity to learn about and extinguish actual fires!

We may try to offer one or more *USPS University Seminars* through the summer if deemed appropriate and we have enough interest and sign-ups to do so. Please let **Ed Walsh** know of your interest so he can schedule them; and be sure we have **your email address** so we can let you know *when they are!*


Lastly, **Linda Stone**, from D12, is chairing the Planning Committee for a **Fall FIVE District Conference**, to be held at the Ashworth in Hampton, NH **November 13-16**. There will be many interesting and exciting events, members of our National Bridge in attendance and great discounts on rooms at an excellent, newly renovated facility. This is also a great place to gain credit toward Merit Marks by volunteering to assist in the planning or running of these events. See Karen Arcisz, who'll pass you name on, or contact Linda directly at stonedandl@msn.com. More to follow.

Watch for more information on the website www.beverly-usps.org and emails through the summer. Be sure to get your email address on the roster - just go to the Members page on the website and you can adjust your entry there! (You'll need your Certificate Number, or you can send an email to Karen and she'll correct your roster entry.).

Let's get those boats in the water! Have Fun!

Alex Arcisz, JN

Commander, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron



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John Hagar, Ed Libby, Ray Tilton,

. *and where is YOUR contribution?*
Send something NOW for the July edition!

Boat Owner's Certification Program

Submitted by

Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP; Executive Officer

The USPS Boat Owner's Certification program continues to be fine tuned. At the Fall 2007 Four District Conference, I attended the BOC seminar and learned that this is a program designed to certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency.

This certification is expected to be recognized both domestically and internationally. Certification could be an advantage when chartering a boat, obtaining insurance, speaking in public, etc. In the United States, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. It is intended to have USPS certification be accepted as the national boating certificate for the USA.

The first step of the program is to certify the certifiers. Qualifications for a certifier include holding a grade of AP or above, being a USPS certified instructor, having substantial and verifiable on-the-water (including night time or restricted visibility) experience, and being willing and able to observe and document on-the-water skills of others. At this time only Advanced Certifiers and Master Advanced Certifiers can certify on-the-water skills pending insurance coverage. Certifiers can certify all other skills including firefighting and handling flares.

We hope to schedule and coordinate two activities, "Using Pyrotechnic Distress Signals" and "Using Fire Extinguishers" with local authorities soon for all members interested in becoming proficient in these skills.

I am currently working towards becoming a certifier for the entry level of the program: "Inland Navigator". If you are interested in becoming certified at this level or if you are interested in becoming a Certifier, please contact me at rtilton@verizon.net or talk to me at the next meeting.

Adopt A Chart!

Submitted by: P/D/C James Curran, AP

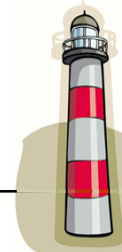
When I started boating, I learned from the USPS Boating Course that we should be certain to have the most recent edition of the chart where we were boating. Unfortunately, there is no assurance that all the information on the chart is accurate and up to date. It seems that NOAA, the government organization that creates our charts, has limited resources to monitor the status of our charts. The primary focus of NOAA is for commercial shipping and recreational boating has a lesser priority.

Presently, USPS is a major contributor to making chart corrections and updates. Some squadrons and districts have taken on the "Adopt-A-Chart" program, a voluntary agreement between NOAA and USPS. The Beverly and Marblehead squadrons have adopted two nautical charts; 13274, Portsmouth Harbor to Boston Harbor, a Small Craft Chart, and 13275, Salem and Lynn Harbors. Corrections for the Salem, Beverly and Marblehead areas covered on the 13274 chart would lead to two corrections for the same information (one on each chart). Adoption of a chart requires that at least annual reports be made. Both Beverly and Marblehead need to send in updates or corrections this year for their adopted charts. This information is shown at: www.usps.org, under Cooperative Charting, Adopt-A-Chart.

During the last few years, the co-op charting program has become paperless; it is all done on line. The Cooperative Charting Manual, Third Edition, August 2007, is now available on line and is very useful in understanding the "how to" part of the various co-op programs. I suggest that you check it out, and print what may be useful to you.

The Cooperative Charting program is a valuable civic service program by USPS for the benefit of those who use charts. Please call or e-mail me if you have questions.

Jim Curran - 978-927-2932 or
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FYI - The 2008 National Annual Meeting minutes are posted online at <http://usps.org/national/ocom>

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.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2008 GENERAL MEETING:

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 2032.
- ◆ Thanks to speaker, Emily Murphy, of Salem Maritime Historic Site.
- ◆ Thanks to food crew: **John Graves, David and Susan Lewis, Anne and Bob Olenio, Carol Quinn-Lebrun.**
- ◆ Reports on Boat Show, Coop Charting, Wastewater bill, Public Relations, Dredging.
- ◆ 2 Boating Classes total of 25 students.
- ◆ Request for leaders for summer activities.
- ◆ Trip up the Annisquam River is May 3. Contact John Hagar.
- ◆ New members sworn in and presented with Certificates, pins & ensigns: **Patsy Eldridge, William Warwick, David and Susan Lewis.**
- ◆ Certificates, pins and ensigns presented to previously sworn in members: **Tara Taylor, Laurie Ann and Michael Madison.**
- ◆ Next Hannah's Banner Deadline is April 16.
- ◆ Next General Meeting is May 1, 2008, **John Bedrossian** will present *USPS University Onboard Weather Forecasting Seminar.*
- ◆ Next E Board is April 3, 2008
- ◆ Election held. Slate of Officers put forth in January accepted. **D18 Commander, Ron Mason** presided over Change of Watch.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 2110.

*Full Notes and excerpts by
Secretary Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, JN.*

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2008 E-BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 1902.
- ◆ Report from Treasurer \$1800 in checking
- ◆ Report from ExO regarding Boat Operator's Certification program.
- ◆ Report from SEO; 9 students in Piloting.

- ◆ Operations Training postponed.
- ◆ USPS University Seminars discussed; John Bedrossian of Marblehead will present Onboard Weather Forecasting at meeting on May 1.
- ◆ West Marine USPS Days did not go well due to several factors. Will try Sept 13/14 for Fall USPS Sale.
- ◆ VSC and Co-op Charting - see columns by Jim Curran in this issue of Hannah's Banner.
- ◆ Three new JNs congratulated.
- ◆ Summer plans discussed. More to come.
- ◆ Next HB deadline April 16, Meeting May 1.
- ◆ Adjourned at 2025.

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SECRETARIAL RANT ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Did you know that membership numbers in organizations of all types is suffering? Part of this is, of course, because we are all busy and it's hard to commit when you feel 'spread too thin'. But I think another part of it is that **current members** don't feel 'empowered' to recruit and process new members.

We have made it easy for you.

There are only 3 steps:

1. Access the membership application [online](#). Print it out for your friend to complete. (Hard copies available at meetings, also.)
2. Collect a check for \$70.60 (single member) or \$93.40 (family membership). (This includes the \$25 one-time application fee. Please note the total amount will change in June when the new dues structure goes into effect.)
3. Send both application and check to Miriam Shafner at 60 Pillings Pond Rd, Lynnfield MA 01940.

There. Now don't you feel like you can invite all your boating friends to join?

**DO IT TODAY!
SUPPORT YOUR SQUADRON!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

May 1	THURSDAY 1830 JYC Hall General Membership Meeting
June 4	<i>WEDNESDAY 1900 JYC Sandy Pt E-Board Meeting</i>
July	<i>No meeting scheduled at this time E-Board Meeting if required</i>
August	Annual Picnic Date TBA E-Board Meeting if required
Sept 3	WEDNESDAY 1830 JYC Hall General Membership Meeting
Oct 1	<i>WEDNESDAY 1900 JYC Sandy Pt E-Board Meeting</i>
Nov 6	THURSDAY 1830 JYC Hall General Membership Meeting
Dec 4	<i>THURSDAY 1900 JYC Sandy Pt E-Board Meeting</i>
Jan 8 2009	THURSDAY 1830 JYC Hall General Membership Meeting <i>Nominations for Election Due</i>

Tentative dates for 2009:

Feb 5	E-Board (Thurs)
Mar 5	ANNUAL MEETING (Thurs) <i>Election and Change of Watch</i>
Apr 2	E-Board (Thurs)
May 7	General Meeting (Thurs)
Jun 3	E-Board (Weds)
July	E-Board if needed
August	Picnic/ E-board (Mon)
Sep 9	General Meeting (2nd Weds)
Oct 1	E-Board (Thurs)
Nov 5	General Meeting (Thurs)
Dec 3	E-Board (Thurs)
Jan 2010	General Meeting <i>Nominations for Election due</i>
Feb	E-Board
March	ANNUAL MEETING <i>Election and Change of Watch</i>

CLASSES:

View full course offerings and to sign up
[ONLINE](#) or see Ed Walsh.

ADVANCED COURSES

Seamanship - Paul Secatore
Mondays, 10 weeks, beginning **October 6, 2008**

Piloting
(currently running)

Advanced Piloting
Mondays, 10 weeks, beginning **January 5, 2009**

Junior Navigation
(not currently on the schedule)

Navigation - Dex Wheeler
Tuesdays, 20 weeks, beginning **October 7, 2008**

ELECTIVES

To Be Scheduled for the Fall of 2008,
(depending on interest expressed and enrollment)

Cruise Planning,	Ed Walsh, 10 wks
Engine Maintenance,	Herb Ryan, 10 wks
Marine Electronics,	John Graves, 10 wks
Sail,	Ed Walsh, 10 wks
Weather,	Bill Veno, 12 wks

Instructor Development, Linda Seal, 5 wks
*Take this course if you are interested in teaching
any of the USPS courses, or Public Boating.*

Instructor Re-certification, Linda Seal, 1 day

OPERATIONS TRAINING

This is the best way to learn **how the Squadron works**, how the offices are set up, committees work and some protocol.

*It is a great seminar for **NEW MEMBERS** in particular or **ANY MEMBER** who has never taken it.*

Dick Winskowicz teaches this one day seminar as needed. Please contact him if you are interested. Call Dick at 978-77-4740 or email him at r.winskowicz@comcast.net and when he has enough people he will schedule it.

GPS/AIS Special Notice 03/06/2008

Submitted by P/C Edward Libby, AP

Reports have been verified that some SAAB R3-AIS Transponders, when combined with an older GPS receiver, have stopped working while GPS satellite PRN32 is in view.

Vessels affected are reported being 'invisible' to other AIS equipped vessels in addition to some AIS equipped shore stations.

It has been reported vessels equipped with the SAAB R3-AIS transponders continue to receive AIS information from other AIS equipped vessels.

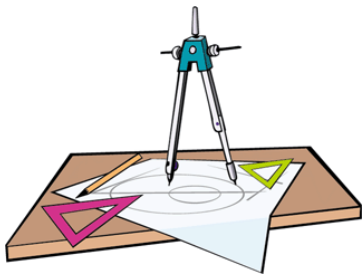
All vessels are advised to check the proper operation of their AIS and GPS equipment. GPS problems should be reported to the USCG Navigation Center at WWW.NAVCEN.USCG.GOV/GPS/USERINPUTGPS.HTM or contact the USCG Navigation Information Service at 703.313.5900.

If you have questions regarding this message, you may email the Navigation Center at: <mailto:webmaster@navcen.uscg.mil>.

Regards,

The USCG Navigation Center Team

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THREE NEW JNs!

Alex Arcisz
Walter Riley
Karen Arcisz

And
THANKS TO OUR INSTRUCTOR
P/C Dexter Wheeler, SN

National Safe Boating Week

May 17 - 23

and

2nd National Safe Boating Test

*Taken from an email message received from
R/C Bob Green, N; Chairman: Mar/PR Com*

In advance of National Safe Boating Week (May 17 - 23) USPS National will be mailing a package containing two DVDs to 500 TV stations in major boating areas of our country. The Boston area is included in this group.

One DVD contains six outstanding 30-second Public Service Announcements and the other is a 54-minute program entitled, "The 2nd National Safe Boating Test." It contains 27 questions on a great variety of boating subjects including Homeland Security.

Both DVDs are hosted by R/C Ted Rankine, a TV producer and well known television boating safety expert.

The 30-second PSAs were picked as the best in the nation by the judges at the International Boating & Water Safety Summit.

This can provide great PR for USPS, but to be successful, we need help.

Does anyone in our membership work at, or know someone who works at, a local TV station (or Comcast) who could help to get these DVDs some play before National Safe Boating Week?

Please contact:

Dave Delorey, AP, our Public Relations Officer, at 978-927-3036 or drdelorey@comcast.net or

Jim Curran, AP, the District officer, at 978-927-2932 or jcur@localnet.com

Excerpted and edited by Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN

NEW MEMBERS

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

Gerald Clarke	Salem NH
Donald Graves	Wakefield, MA
Joshua Joseph	Lynn, MA
Carol Monteiro	Lynn, MA
Jeffrey Oppenheim	Beverly, MA
Nancy Pantano	Beverly, MA
Paul Pantano	Beverly, MA
Andrew Stallworth	Lynn, MA
Nathan Stein	Beverly, MA
Alan Therrien	Boxford, MA
Randy Tsu	Beverly, MA
William Warwick	Danvers, MA
John Zannino	Peabody, MA

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES!

You can support the Squadron and earn credit towards a **MERIT MARK** 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	Robert Mazzarino, SN
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



FREE Vessel Safety Checks

Pope's Landing
Danversport, MA
from approximately 9:00 AM to noon,
on May 31, 2008.

The checks can be done while on a trailer or at the float. There is no risk or obligation. This is a courtesy check of safety equipment. If your boat does not qualify for a sticker, you will be given a paper describing what is unacceptable. You may correct the situation and have a re-check free! **EVERY USPS MEMBER SHOULD GET A VSC!**

For further information please call **Jim Curran**, (978) 927-2932 or e-mail: jcur@localnet.com.

Also, Vessel Safety Checks by appointment at **Danversport Yacht Club Marina**. Contact **Karen Arcisz** at 978-857-7167 or arciszusps@aol.com.

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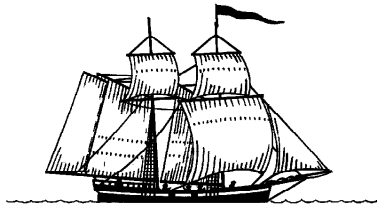
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THURSDAY, 01 May, 2008 at 1830 - Jubilee Yacht Club
FREE Supper, Social and Silent auction
USPS University Seminar:
ONBOARD WEATHER FORECASTING

This Seminar will be taught by

P/R/C John Bedrossian, Jr., SN,

who is a seasoned Weather instructor and a member of Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron.
Jubilee Yacht Club members have also been invited to this Supper and Seminar

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