

DISTRICT 18

BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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JANUARY 2010



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 07 Jan** **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Thursday) 1830 JYC**
SPEAKER: John Newman
John will speak and show slides about his time as crew aboard the USCG Eagle, as she was moved from San Diego to the Galapagos.
Free Dinner/ dessert and donations welcome!
Officers and Chairs of Committees should bring their reports
- 18 Jan Martin Luther King Day (observed)
- 20 Jan** **D18 Council Meeting at Calitri's Danvers 1730**
- 04 Feb** **E Board meeting - Thursday, JYC Sandy Point Room, 1900**
All members are welcome to help run the Squadron
Officers and Chairs of Committees should bring their reports
- 06 Feb **BLUE WATER SAILING** *Cruising Sails/Maritime Law seminar (see pg 3)*
- 12 Feb Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Feb Valentine's Day
- 15 Feb Presidents' Day (observed)
- 22 Feb Washington's Birthday
- 11 Mar **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Thursday) 1830 JYC**
(note date change from previous announcements)

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR / ROSTER KEEPER

Please send your email address to arciszusps@aol.com and to ed.g.walsh@comcast.net. You can also go online to www.beverly-usps.org and update your roster information there, including phone numbers, nickname and info on your boat. Thanks! -Karen Arcisz

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

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Raymond W. Tilton, AP

At the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron executive board meeting in December, we discussed the possibility of partnering in the formation of a **Sea Scout Ship** in Beverly. Both Merrimac River and Beverly Squadrons would like to see Ships established in their area. According to a guide on organizing a Sea Scout Ship, "*Sea Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women aged 14 through 20. Its purpose is to provide a character building, citizenship training, and fitness program to the youth of America.*" A 'Ship' is not literally a vessel, it is what the Boy Scouts call a Troop. The Jubilee Yacht Club has also shown interest and has offered their facilities as a meeting place for a Ship. The sponsoring organization would provide a Liaison Officer.



Arthur Yarranton, our District Commander, attended a session on Sea Scouts and USPS at the Kansas City meeting this past fall. Arthur learned that the Liaison Officer should be a person who understands the nature of each organization and would act as the primary interface. The next steps would be finding a

leader, called the Skipper, and a committee chairperson. With the organization of the adult leadership complete, the public would be made aware that a Ship has been established and the youth could start joining.

This a great opportunity for the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron to provide a quality program for youth in our community that share some common interests with our organization. There are several members of our Squadron who would like to see a Sea Scout Ship established in Beverly.

If you would like to become involved or know of potential leaders, please send me an email at pangea36@gmail.com or see me at the January 7th meeting at Jubilee Yacht Club.



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

WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO A BLUE WATER SAILING CLUB SEMINAR EVENT AT JUBILEE YACHT CLUB

Saturday, February 6, 2010

\$25 includes lunch (\$15 without lunch)

The Blue Water Sailing Club has invited members of Jubilee Yacht Club and Beverly Sail & Power Squadron to join them for a morning of instruction (*aimed mostly at CRUISING SAILORS*) in the Main Hall of the JYC, followed by lunch and assistance with PHRF-NE applications (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet - New England) for those who wish to race next season.

Chris Caldwell of Piranha Sails in Marblehead will lead morning discussions and Q& A on the topics of:

SAIL TRIM FOR CRUISERS

and

OPTIMAL SAIL COMBINATIONS FOR SHORT-HANDED CRUISERS

After which, David Smith, Esq., partner at Ouellette and Smith PA, Attorneys at Law & Proctors in Admiralty, who will speak on:

MARITIME LAW

His presentation will be followed by a Q& A session.

At noon those who are having lunch and those planning to race next season will move downstairs to the Sandy Point Room. A light lunch will precede an interactive, hands-on session designed to help prospective racers complete a *PHRF-NE Certificate Application* for the newly created Blue Water Sailing Club Fleet.

For further information and to sign up for this event, contact

Peter Dragonas at peter.dragonas@morganstanley.com

(be sure to tell him you are a USPS member)

Or contact P/C Alex Arcisz at 978-857-7167 or arciszusps@aol.com

(our thanks to Alex, who, in his role as JYC Fleet Captain, has helped Peter to set this up and made it possible to offer the seminar not only to Blue Water Sailing and JYC members, but to the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron as well)



*You may have seen this flag
flying on local boats.*

*It is the Blue Water Sailing
Club Burgee.*

◆ . . ABOUT BLUE WATER SAILING CLUB

◆ Founded in 1959 by a group of ardent sailors, the club dedicates itself to safe cruising, racing, boating education, and good fellowship among sailors. We are a family organization with members from Maine to the Chesapeake. The club, which is run entirely by members, is an affordable way to belong to a recognized yachting organization. Our wide range of activities appeal to new boat owners as well as to more experienced sailors and serious offshore racers. The club has no clubhouse, docks, tennis courts, swimming pools or restaurants, but offers its membership a wide array of cruising, racing, informational and social events year round. Currently, our membership includes more than 200 boats from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New York, Connecticut, and the Chesapeake Bay.

◆ See our website at <http://www.bluewatersc.org/>

FROM YOUR SEO

Lt/C Edward G Walsh, SN



Wow! It really got cold all-of-a-sudden. Things have changed from it being a pleasure to take Luke, our American Rat



Terrier, for a walk to it being darn uncomfortable with the wind blowing across the water on our daily beach walk at low tide. Well, one good thing is that the tides do keep the beach cleared of snow. This experience does suggest consideration of the courses to take in preparation for the next boating season.

One of the courses that it reminds me of is the USPS Weather Course. The **Weather Course** teaches how to observe and read the sky and determine what weather conditions are likely to occur in the near term. It also instructs you regarding electronics and other resources available for longer-term forecasts. Of all the threats out on the water, weather is the one that can entertain you with adventure ranging from mild to severe. In some cases the severity of the weather can provide more adventure than you really want. We are fortunate to have one of the best weather instructors around in our squadron. Recently finishing instruction of Junior Navigation and Navigation, and planning to take a rest for a while, Dexter Wheeler has agreed to teach the current Weather course, a subject he has taught for many years.



Please drop me an Email if you are interested in this superb opportunity. (ed.g.walsh@comcast.net) I want to make sure that we have sufficient course material for the first evening in the last part of January or the first part of February.

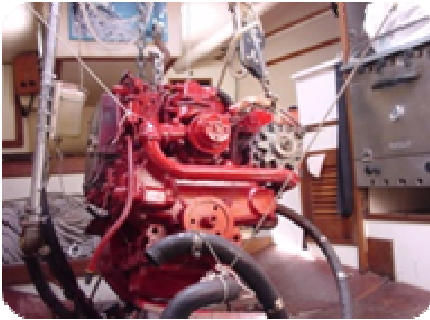
As long as we are mentioning boating courses, there are two other elective courses that boating members might be interested in. One is the **Marine Electronics** course. With the rapid development and variety of marine electronics for vessels, this course really acquaints the yachtsman with all of the toys that most of us have or wish we did have. This course covers installation and maintenance of boat electrical systems (AC and DC) and marine electronics (VHF radio, radar, GPS, etc). Yes, even VHF radio with its new feature of Digital Selective Calling (DSC). DSC is a new service being implemented by the Coast Guard; most recently purchased VHF Radios have this feature and it is not being exploited by owners as they are not aware of its capability.



I am frequently surprised by the number of people I meet who are not aware of many of the electronics available, what they can do and how to get the most out of those that they have. A while ago I met a person while boating in Maine, who, seeing my radar antenna asked if I found it of value. I responded affirmatively and he said that he found his radar useless. He asked if I would come aboard his sailing vessel and show him how it worked. I agreed and he swung by for a trip under power on a clear day. Once aboard I looked at his radar and the surroundings and determined that the radar was oriented 180 degrees out of its proper orientation. Instead of objects approaching his bow, objects appeared to be running ahead of him. They were the objects he had just passed - not those ahead of him. An electronic adjustment

solved the problem and after a little instruction he was impressed with this useful tool for limited visibility.

Another Course that we plan to offer starting in late January or early February is the **Engine Maintenance Course**.

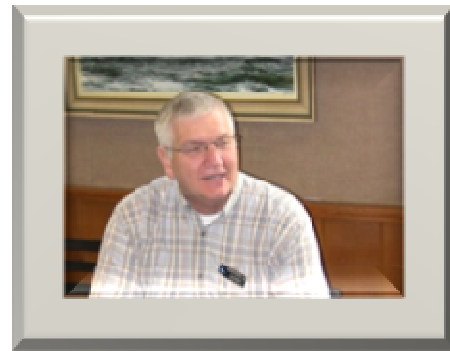


Engine Maintenance covers the operating principles and basic care and maintenance of outboard and inboard engines, including diesels. Most sailors have an engine these days, but, like a family dog, they require attention. Engines are a great help maneuvering around harbors and docks. They are an aid when the wind dies and a schedule must be met. They are also quite comforting when severe weather conditions require a threatening or constrained passage. However, they are not worth their salt if they are not reliable. I believe it important to personally commission and de-commission your engine each year. Becoming familiar with the location and function of all engine parts as well as the wiring helps you recognize difficulty and correct it. Being familiar with the cooling, charging, fuel systems and the instrumentation that informs you how things are performing on your engine is most comforting. Doing your own maintenance will save you money, improve reliability and get you going when glitches in performance occur.

All Beverly United States Sail & Power Squadron courses are a good deal. They give you a better understanding of boating safely while providing an opportunity to meet others that are

learning and to work with great teachers of marine subjects for safety, adventure and fun.

A person who makes a tremendous contribution to our Squadron and has been especially helpful to me, is Dick Winskowicz (P/R/C Richard J. Winskowicz SN) (*pictured below*). He has for years taught many of the courses we provide to the public as well as our to our members. He has run our Web Site, served at the District level and is always there with advice on how to get things done. However, he is currently taking time off touring the country in his own Recreational Vehicle, which he assures me is much like a marine vessel.



He will be missed while he travels and I suspect that you will have to be patient with us as we attempt to work without him for a while. He certainly deserves our considerable thanks and respect for his dedication, patience, personal time, skills and many years of service. My sincere thanks go out to Dick Winskowicz.

Here is a reminder:

Please contact me at ed.g.walsh@comcast.net and share with me those courses that you are interested in taking and I will see what I can do to reserve a comfortable room, gather a number of students and line up an excellent instructor.

Thanking you in advance,
Sincerely,
Lt/C Ed Walsh SN – Beverly Sail & Power Squadron Education Officer

DIRECTLY DOWNWIND

Using a Cruising Spinnaker Without a Spinnaker Pole

Last summer, I took my family on a short cruise from Salem to Plymouth on my Endeavour 42 "Airborne." The wind was something less than 10 knots, and coming directly over the stern. The seas were sufficient to shake the wind out of the mainsail and the genoa jib was useless without a whisker pole. I also had a cruising spinnaker, which was the biggest sail on board, but no spinnaker pole. At best we were making about a knot and a half to two knots. And I hate using the engine!!

So what to do? I decided to drop both main and genoa and use the cruising spinnaker as follows:

The tack of the cruising spinnaker is attached just forward of the forestay. I ran the mainsail boom with furled mainsail out until it was at a right angle to the length of the boat. I attached a block and tackle that I use as a Cunningham or at other times as a preventer (prevents the boom from accidentally jibing) so that the boom would not move forward or aft. I took the spinnaker sheet and ran it through an eye at the far end of the boom and brought the line back to its normal block close to the stern. So essentially, I was using the boom as a spinnaker pole.

Bottom line is that the speed of the boat increased to between five and six knots in a ten knot wind. At one point, we got a slight wind shift so that it was necessary to jibe the spinnaker. To do this, I brought the boom back amid ships. This collapsed the spinnaker. I removed the sheet from the eye at the end of the boom and ran what had been the windward sheet or guy through the eye. I let the spinnaker billow forward in front of the bow. I moved the boom out to a right angle on the other side of the boat, and then I sheeted in the spinnaker on the other side of the boat.

I am sure that some will question this maneuver! I would not have done it in winds greater than ten knots or so. The difficult part was getting the spinnaker sheet through the eye at the end of the boom, and in stronger winds, this would have become much more difficult. But for light winds, it worked like a charm!

Jack Reed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! 2009-2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

CHANGE NOTE:

*The March meeting is one week later than
previously announced*

- Jan 7 General Meeting (Thurs)**
- Feb 4 E-Board (Thurs)**
- Mar 11 General Meeting (Thurs)**
- Apr 8 E-Board (Thurs)**
- May 5 General Meeting (Weds)**
- June 2 E-Board (Weds)**
- Sep 8 General Meeting (Weds)**
- Oct 6 E-Board (Weds)**
- Nov 4 General Meeting (Thurs)**
- Dec 2 E-Board (Thurs)**

*Please note that we switch to Wednesdays
during sail regatta and racing season*

(May - October)

IT'S NOT JUST THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S JOB!

We have made it easy for YOU to invite your friends to join us. There are only 3 steps:

1. Access the membership application [online](http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html) at <http://www.beverly-usps.org/membership/membership.html> and print it out for your friend to complete. (or call Miriam Shafner at 781-334-6478 to mail you a copy.) It is even a good idea to keep one with you, just in case....
2. Collect a check made out to Beverly Sail & Power Squadron for the proper fee listed on the web page or info sent to you.
3. Send both the application and check to Miriam Shafner at 67 Pillings Pond Rd, Lynnfield MA 01940.
- 4.

DO IT TODAY!

**The one-step process is:
direct your friend to the web site!**

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ATTENTION NEW AND UNSWORN MEMBERS!

Please let Commander Ray Tilton or Secretary Ed Bell know if you will be joining us for the next General Meeting, on January 7, 2010, and would like to be sworn in and presented with your certificate and membership pin.

When you arrive at the Jubilee Yacht Club's Main Room (upstairs) you should also look for and ask Ed Bell for a name tag to wear during the meal and meeting. This is a good way for current members to be afforded an opportunity to greet you and welcome you into our Squadron.

Sometime during the evening, seriously consider signing up with Ed Walsh, our Squadron Education Officer, for a course or seminar. These classes are a great value and many students become life-long boating friends as a result of the camaraderie that develops over books, discussions and assignments.

If you prefer to stay 'out of the limelight', a private swearing-in ceremony and presentation can be arranged. Just let Commander Ray Tilton or Secretary Ed Bell know; and don't let that stop you from coming to supper or joining a class!

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**See you on January 7 at 6:30
for supper!**

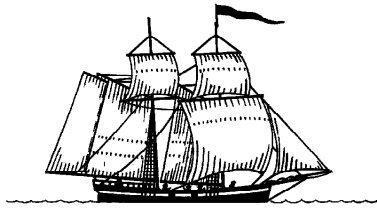
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BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 2010

at 1830 (6:30 PM) - Jubilee Yacht Club Main Hall

FREE Supper (dessert & donations welcome) Social Time

Speaker: John Newman

Who do you turn to when *America's Tall Ship* the **USCG Eagle** needs crew members to sail her back to the East Coast from San Diego? You contact the Park Rangers and custodians of the Friendship in Salem. John Newman had the privilege of taking time out from caring for the Friendship to crew onboard the Eagle from San Diego to the Galapagos Islands located west of Ecuador. He will present slides as he relates his experience onboard the Eagle. The slides and talk will give you a feel for the daily routine on board a square rigger that prepares future officers of the United States Coast Guard.

“Boating is fun; let us show you how”

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