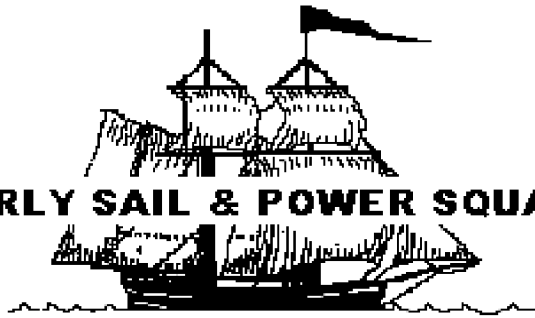




# BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



DISTRICT 18

BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

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## HANNAH'S BANNER

JANUARY 2012



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 5 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Thurs) 1830 JYC**  
**Speaker:** Story Reed of Massachusetts State Fisheries  
***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUPPER ASSISTANCE!***  
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 dessert and donations welcome!
- Jan 25-28 National USPS Annual Meeting Jacksonville, FL**
- Feb 2 E-Board Meeting** Come and help to run YOUR squadron
- Feb 10 Hannah's Banner insert deadline** *Send something in now!*
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day**
- Feb 20 Presidents Day**
- Mar 1 ANNUAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH**  
 (Thurs) 1830 JYC - Supper Speaker & Meeting
- Mar 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- Mar 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!**
- Mar 31 D18 Spring Conference**  
 Broad Sound is the HOST this year - watch for details!

#### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR / ROSTER KEEPER**

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You can also go online to [www.beverly-usps.org](http://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](http://www.beverly-usps.org)

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Cdr. Raymond W. Tilton, AP*



Congratulations to Walter Riley and his team of Vessel Safety Examiners on another successful year.

More than 70 VSC's were conducted throughout the season at several locations on the North Shore.

Not only do VSC's help to ensure that pleasure boats are equipped with the required safety equipment, such as flares and life jackets, they help give the Power Squadron public recognition and an opportunity to enlighten boaters about the programs that USPS offers.

VSC's also give us the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the Coast Guard Auxilliary when we team up with them for inspections, a cooperative approach that benefits everyone. Be sure to let Walter know if you would like to join the team.

## REMEMBER,

## ELECTIONS AT THE MARCH MEETING

Hannah's Banner is The Official Publication of  
the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron.

*Karen Arcisz -Editor*

This month's Contributors:

*Karen Arcisz, Claire Gerrish, Ron Mason,  
Jack Reed, Robere Sant Fournier, Miriam Shafner,  
Ray Tilton, Ed Walsh*



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

## BOAT SHOW FEB 11-19

D12 is once again honchoing the boat show which runs from Saturday, Feb. 11 through Sunday, Feb. 19. D18 has been given booth support responsibility for Sun. Feb. 19 from 11 am until 5:30 pm. District 12 recommends a maximum of three volunteers for each of three two-hour watches, with the last watch actually running for 2 1/2 hours.

**Anyone who is interested should let me know by January 8.** The list has to be sent to D12 who will then submit names **for free passes and name tags.** If we have more than three volunteers for a given time frame, I may have to move some folks to cover other hours, but please let me know your time preference:

**1100 to 1300 / 1300 to 1500 / 1500 to 1730**

**For details and to sign up for booth duty  
(and credit toward next year's merit mark)**

Please contact Jack Reed,

at 978 546-3221 or jackreed@comcast.net



Vessel Examiner Dick Salter is checking the expiration date of flares during the VSC aboard Commander Tilton's Vessel, Pangea.

The proposed slate of officers for the 2012-2013 year is presented below for your consideration.  
Voting will take place at the January 2012 Meeting for the March 2012 Change of Watch.  
Nominations from the floor will be accepted for open positions,  
however, please be sure the person you are nominating is willing to serve.  
Thank you.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2012 CHANGE OF WATCH**

### BRIDGE OFFICERS:

COMMANDER - LT/C ROBERE C. SAINT FOURNIER, P  
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EDUCATION OFFICER – LT/C EDWARD G. WALSH, SN  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – ALAN THERRIEN, AP  
**SECRETARY – \*OPEN SEAT**  
TREASURER – P/C JOHN A. HAGAR, AP

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE;

PAST COMMANDER WILLING TO SERVE – P/C RAYMOND W. TILTON, AP  
P/D/C JIM CURRAN, AP  
P/D/LT/ARTHUR W. BONNER, AP  
**\*OPEN SEAT**

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE;

**\*3 YEARS (OPEN SEAT)**  
2 YEARS – P/D/C LINDA SEAL, SN  
1 YEAR – D/C ALEX ARCISZ, JN, CHAIRMAN

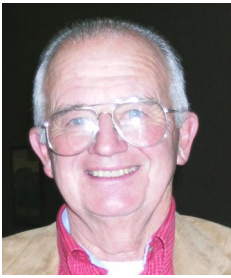
### RULES COMMITTEE;

3 YEARS – P/D/C RONALD C. MASON, SN  
**\*2 YEARS (OPEN SEAT)**  
1 YEAR – P.D.C. JOHN H. GRAVES, JN, CHAIRMAN

### AUDITING COMMITTEE;

3 YEARS – 1/LT WALTER J. RILEY III, JN  
2 YEARS – CHARLES M. SOUZA, SN  
1 YEAR – LT THEOPHILOS KULIOPULOS, SN, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
P/D/C LINDA SEAL, SN  
D/C ALEX ARCISZ, JN  
P/D/C RONALD MASON, SN, CHAIRMAN

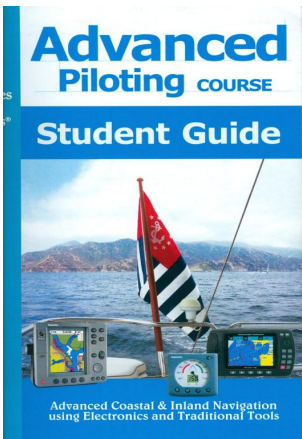


## FROM OUR SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

*Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN*

We started the fall 2011 education season with **Advanced Piloting**. It is a brand new version of the AP course and quite different from the course that I took in 1971. At that time your tools were a compass, depth sounder and the sailor's eye. Available electronics for positioning and Radar were

not available. I felt at that time that the Advanced Piloting course was the best and most used course on boating that I had taken. This feeling has remained with me through the years as an instructor and also with this new current version. Changes to the course are amazing as they have been continually updated due to the introduction of technology at reasonable



cost. Most vessels taking part in coastal cruising can be equipped at reasonable cost with GPS, Chart Plotters, Computers, Digital Selective Calling with VHF, Autopilot, fluxgate compass, electronic sound signals, AIS, calculator, voice recorder and RADAR. Yet the basics of Advanced Piloting remain the same. However, some or all of these goodies certainly reduce anxiety when cruising. The effective use of most all of these devices is covered in the current Advanced Piloting course. I recommend that you take this newest version of Advanced Piloting even if you have completed it in the past. You will be surprised at how your equipment can be used in ways that you never thought about. It is a lot of fun and can keep you out of trouble; the kind of trouble that can spoil your whole day. Completing the examples required in the course and discussing it with classmates and instructors is quite a pleasure and provides satisfaction.

The current Advanced Piloting course is being enthusiastically attended by Beverly members Alan Bird, Suzanne Therrien, Gerald Clarke, Jack Reed, Lamberto Raffaelli, Robert Sant Fournier. Walter Riley and I are instructing.

We are currently arranging for America's Boating Course classes to be taught starting after mid January in Gloucester, Hamilton, Wenham and Beverly. Completion of this America's Boating Course is required in many states where licenses for boating are required.

In addition to this, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron will be promoting and conducting an **"On The Water" (OTW) training program** being encouraged by the National USPS organization and our member P/C Alex Arcisz, currently serving as District 18 Commander. This is a new service being offered by the United States Power Squadron. (See story on next page.)

Linda Seal will be presenting **Instructor Qualification and Recertification Courses** in the April/May time frame.

National Women's Sailing Association  
& Mack Boring Present

# Troubleshoot & Repair

## Diesel Engine

## Workshop for Women

### March 10-11, 2012

At the Mack Boring Technical Center  
Middleboro, MA

A 2-day workshop to familiarize you with the proper methods of basic engine service and emergency repairs, with two-thirds of the time working on the engines yourself. The fee is \$425, which includes workshop, training materials and lunch. Non NWSA members add \$45. Registration deadline is Feb 1, 2012, but there is also a \$35 discount if registration is received by January 15, 2012.

**For more info, contact Claire Gerrish,  
at 978-979-7241 or email [wsf@womensailing.org](mailto:wsf@womensailing.org).**

**Registration deadline is Feb 1, 2012**

## ON THE WATER TRAINING DEBUTS IN D18

*Commander Ray Tilton*

Picture Arthur Yarranton, usually happily cruising at a peaceful 5 or 6 knots in his sailboat, at the helm of a 19' Eastern center console, gunnel touching the water, maneuvering the boat on plane at high speed through a slalom course, dealing with nasty weather and unruly seas. Next he has to make a fast speed



stop by suddenly making a sharp turn to the starboard while throttling down simultaneously. Those were some of the skills that Art, Dexter Hyland, John Merrill, Bruce Theriault, Art Capstaff, Bob Manning and I had to demonstrate to George Malinzak, lead instructor from Charleston, NC and George Hallenbeck of Stamford CT on October 16th in Marblehead harbor. The next day, we were in Salem harbor on CG Auxilliary member Chuck Nyren's 35' twin screw Silverton, following GPS waypoints.



The GPS "lost" reception halfway through the course and we had to prove that we could finish the course with charts and compass.

This was all part of the newly launched Boat Operator's Certification program, created to teach and certify USPS members on the water skills.

The USPS BOC is designed to certify members at four levels: inland, coastal, advanced coastal and offshore navigator. The objective for the weekend was to certify us and then certify us as certifiers. The certification also includes other requirements such as fire suppression. It is an exciting program that should appeal to new boat owners who want to learn the basics of boating on the water, such as leaving and returning to the dock; always a stressful experience for novices. For the more experienced boaters, certification can be helpful when chartering boats, especially in foreign countries. Stay tuned, this program is growing fast!

Special thanks to Marblehead Squadron member Art Capstaff for coordinating the D18 BOC program.

***Pictured on left:***

Art Capstaff, Dexter Hyland and John Merrill.

***Below on left:***

Dexter Hyland, Ray Tilton, George Malinzak and John Merrill.

***Thanks to Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron for the photos.***

### Keep on the look-out for AJAX the latest GEB\* dog!

*(\*Guiding Eyes for the Blind assistance dog)*

(story in next Hannah's Banner issue)



Though not allowed on furniture, Ajax was briefly allowed to sit on The Shafners' grandson's "Timeout" chair.

## FROM OUR VSC CHAIR

*1/Lt. Walter J. Riley III, JN*

It should be no surprise that this year's abbreviated boating season resulted in a reduced number of completed Vessel Safety Checks for the squadron compared to 2010. The April religious and regular holidays, cold and damp May weekends and the threat of hurricane Irene all contributed to limit our time and ability to carry out the mission.

Despite the conditions our steadfast team persevered and finished a record 73 exams in 2011. Vessels in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts were inspected by the Beverly team. Congratulations again to the efforts of our team of hard working volunteer examiners: Dick Salter, Herb Ryan, Mike Madison, Jim Curran, Jack Reed and yours truly.

The team is especially grateful for the kind assistance of the Dock Masters and staff at the Cape Ann Marina, Gloucester Marina, Perkins Marina, Brewer Hawthorne Cove Marina. We also appreciate the reception and willingness of the skippers to welcome us aboard their vessels so we could help encourage and promote safety on the water.

The numbers may be less than we had hoped for, but we tend to believe 2011 was just a blip and we are anxious to get through winter.

Remember, too, that you don't have to wait for your

boat to be in the water to get your inspection.

As soon as you open it up again, check your safety supplies or consult last year's exam to be sure you are ready. Then give me a call and we'll schedule one of our Examiners to

do the inspection while you are still 'on the hard'.

You and the Squadron will be ahead of the game!

### **Think Spring**

and a great new year's boating season ahead.



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

*Lt/C Robert Sant Fournier, P*

### **Cycles, Auroras and Solar Wind**

We, as boaters, are interested in the elements that surround us. If we stop and think about it, we have learned a lot of different disciplines, so it is without hesitation that I know you will want to check out a website that will keep you looking up; **spaceweather.com**. This site is located in Colorado and is peopled by NASA and NOAA. Perhaps you have enough trouble dealing with our earthly weather without thinking about space weather. Once a year I attend the Southern New England Weather Conference, and this past October was no different. It was at this conference that I listened to a presentation from a scientist from spaceweather.com who was spreading the alarm about the natural 11-year solar cycle, of which we have been going through the most inactive part, and which is driven by the number of sunspots. If you have anything to do with old fashion AM or HF radio you will know that sunspot activity can present major problems for radio communications. This scientist believes that the natural increase in sunspots over the upcoming years is going to be much more intense and may even disrupt GPS and satellite related communications. (Good reason to know how to navigate without GPS!)

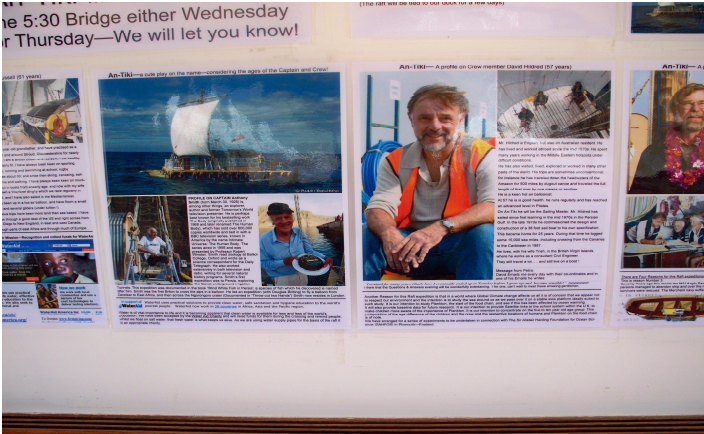
Visiting spaceweather will give you a daily map and the number of active sunspots. Spaceweather also predicts daily the chances that we might see northern lights, or Auroras. Apparently Solar Wind has a lot to do with sightings, which in the past have on occasion been seen as far south as Florida.

Have you seen a fast moving star, or other puzzling items high above our heads? Well, spaceweather is on top (pun intended) of everything in space and I am sure you will find it extremely interesting, from tracking satellites to how intense are the latest X-Ray Solar Flares.

Perhaps you have come across an interesting web site that our members would enjoy, let us know!

# FROM PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER RON MASON

In the last week of March and the first week of April 2011, my wife Joan and I took a two week trip to St. Martin for our anniversary and stayed in the Simpson Bay area on the Dutch side. We went via Jet Blue, not by boat, - maybe some day.



The day before we were to depart this island, I noticed a very interesting article in the Miami Herald (which is free every day). The article was about a raft named ANTIKI that left the Canary Island on Jan. 30th, 2011 and landed in St. Martin on April 6th. It had a crew of 4, one of which was 85 years young. I believe he turned 85 during the voyage.

The article didn't say where the raft was, so I put down the paper and mentioned it to Joan who leaped into action and started making phone calls to find out where it was on the island. She found that it was temporarily docked at the St. Martin Yacht Club, which was near us in Simpson Bay. A quick trip down the hill and over to the club, and sure enough, there it was tied up on the club dock.



40' length x 20" beam, a 20' mast to carry the one sail. A pig shelter or "house" was the only shelter. Two aft mounted rudders and dagger board stabilizers. Inflatable tubes were mounted under the deck and carried drinking water. No motor at all.

We were able to meet two of the crew in the yacht club lounge. The 85 yr. old was having a nap from the trip.



The biggest worry was large vessels on the route. They only lost ground 3 or 4 days. Of course, they had GPS and a radio. Several web sites give more details. Just search for ANTIKI. The main objective of the trip was to raise money for a charity called WATER AID to provide safe water to the worlds' poorest communities.

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# **BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**THURSDAY, January 5, 2011**

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

**FREE Supper and Social Time (dessert & donations welcome)**

## **Speaker: Story Reed of Massachusetts State Fisheries,**

Our speaker is Story Reed of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries who will speak on commercial and recreational saltwater fishing on the North Shore. He will talk about the various species of fish and their value to the state's commercial fishery. He also will discuss the MA Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit that went into effect this year and the reasons behind it. Mr. Reed is a graduate of Bates College and has an MS in Public Affairs from UMASS Boston. He is the Fisheries Statistics Coordinator, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

*"Boating is fun; let us show you how"*

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