

May, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1st General Members' Meeting - 1830 – JYC

May 7 – June 18 ABC Course – Marblehead VFW

May 23rd Combined Beverly Sail & Power Squadron/ Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron Dinner Meeting – Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead Social Hour - 1830

June 4th E-Board Meeting - 1900 – JYC – Sandy Point Room

June 20th Evening on the Fame – MSPS/BSPS - 1830

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THE SUCCESS OF USPS® DEPENDS ON MEMBER PARTICIPATION

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Commander Jack Reed, AP **A Word from the Commander**



The current ocean temperature in Beverly is 45°. Following is some good advice from the USPS Keeping UP Newsletter. Be safe! Jack Reed.

KNOW THE DANGERS OF HYPOTHERMIA

With the passing of cold fronts in northern summers or year-round in the sunny south, temperatures continue to drop. It is important that every boater understand the dangers of hypothermia as well as how to treat it. Hypothermia in its simplest terms is a lowering of the body core temperature. It is usually brought on by a combination of cold, wet and windy conditions. With a normal body temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, our core body temperature needs only to drop to 95 degrees to bring on the onset of hypothermia. One does not need to be submersed in iced water to experience hypothermia. A combination of damp clothes and wind can drop body temperatures quickly. In fact, statistics show that there are more hypothermia- related deaths in the summer months than in winter.

The initial symptoms are shivering along with a tingling or numbness in the extremities followed by a blue or blotchy skin discoloration. Muscles begin to contract more slowly and cramps may occur. When the body reaches 82 degrees, the heart has lost 50 % of its rate and below a core temperature of 75 to 80, cardiac arrest occurs. The sensitivity to hypothermia differs from person to person. Physical and health issues also affect individual susceptibility. Avoid hypothermia while topside by wearing warm and waterproof clothing. Even the fine spray from the bow may create a mild dampness that accompanied by the wind will begin the chilling process. If your clothing becomes damp, go below immediately and change. In the case of an overboard or capsizing situation you must do all you can to conserve body heat. In a capsize situation stay with the boat. Climbing up on the hull will get you out of cold water but differing conditions may dictate that the water is warmePthan the wind and air.

Assume the fetal position by pulling your legs up against your body while keeping your arms down to close the arm pits. If there are others in the water with you, bring everyone together facing each other and huddle close keeping your arms tight to your sides while hanging on.

If you are treating a victim of hypothermia, get them out of the elements. The natural delirium that occurs may cause the victim to say "leave me alone, I am all right." Take no chances. Remove all wet clothing and wrap them in dry or warm blankets or clothes. Apply heat to the trunk, neck, groin and underarms. Do not provide warm liquids until all shivering has stopped. Warm sweet liquids can then be administered, but under no conditions should you administer alcohol.

Hypothermia is nothing to trifle with. Wear proper clothing and monitor your exposure.

The pleasant winter temperatures in warm air conditions do not provide immunity. Watch for the symptoms and know how to treat them. It may save someone's life. For many more tips on boating safety and maintenance, take a class from_the United States Power Squadrons. Contact your local unit or their national web site at www.usps.org. Lt. Bill Hempel, USPS

THE SUCCESS OF USPS® DEPENDS ON MEMBER PARTICIPATION

From the Administrative Officer Ed Myers, S

The next member meeting of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron is on May 1st, <u>Thursday</u>, at the Jubilee Yacht Club.

Supper starts at 1830 at the Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Our speaker will be Captain Steve Winkler of Boston Sea Tow, whose talk is entitled "**Pan, Pan, Pan! I need a tow!!**"

Senior Captain and Franchise Owner of Sea Tow Boston, Capt. Steve is U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Merchant Mariner. Originally licensed in 1967 with an OUPV (Six Pack), he currently holds a 100 Ton Master Near Coastal of Auxiliary Sail With Commercial Assistance Towing and Radar Observer Unlimited endorsements. He is a PADI certified SCUBA diver, an OMC certified outboard mechanic and a Sea Tow certified Salvage Master.



USCG Cutter Eagle



Tall Ship from Indonesia

Photos by Ed Myers

A word from: Squadron Education Officer Walter Riley III, JN



NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Beverly Squadron has had a rather busy instructional season this year.

Our instructors have put in many classroom and preparation hours to

help our students become safe and competent boaters.

Last November we had 22 students in the Engine Maintenance course and nine students in the Seamanship class. Beginning in March we had 20 students take the ABC Course at three different locations: Gloucester, Hamilton and Beverly. Also in

Beverly on Monday nights we had 22 students in the Piloting Course.

Finally, last Saturday we had 10 students take the two hour Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar led by our District Commander, John Bedrossian.

There is still time for spouses and family members to sign up for the ABC

Course conducted by the Marblehead Squadron on Wednesday nights starting

May 7th. For information check the <u>Marblehead-USPS.org</u> web site.

Kudos to the superb efforts of our team of excellent instructors: Jack Reed, Bob Duncan, Dick Shafner, Robere Sant-Fournier, Ron Mason, Ray Tilton and Jim Curran. Hopefully all of our students will put their boating knowledge and skills to good use this boating season.

IT'S VESSEL SAFETY CHECK TIME AGAIN!

One of the best ways to insure that your vessel is ready for the boating season

ahead is to schedule and pass a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). The Beverly Squadron is very fortunate to have a team of five certified and experienced vessel examiners.

Beginning in May, team members will be visiting local marinas and yacht clubs and are available to conduct individual examinations too. Examiners will review current valid Documentation and Registration certificates and numbering with the owner of the vessel. Other items included in the examination are: sufficient number of life jackets, proper number and type of fire extinguishers and sufficient number of day/night current flares or signaling devices.

Owners with vessels that pass inspection receive a signed report from the examiner and a 2014 orange decal to be displayed on the port side of the vessel. Should the vessel fail the examination the owner receives a report listing the deficiencies and discount coupons to assist in the purchase of the items needed to pass the re-exam. Our certified examiners are not enforcement agents. There is no shame or penalty if a vessel fails an exam just a helping hand to correct the deficiency.

Boating should be fun. One of the best ways to assure your crew and guest aboard that your vessel meets the required and recommended safety regulations is to pass the Vessel Safety Check. Our examiners are available at your convenience and even make house calls to your driveway or boatyard.

To obtain a VSC check the tab on the Beverly Squadron's WEB page for upcoming examinations near you. If you desire a convenient individual VSC leave a message

on my hot-line answer machine 978-927-5189 or email <u>rileyfin@shore.net</u>.

Our examiners are located in Essex/Manchester, Beverly, Rockport/Gloucester

and Salem NH. Make it a point to get a VSC before that first coastal cruise. It's like your annual auto inspection; don't cruise with an expired decal.

Submitted by: Walter Riley III, JN Beverly VSC Chair A Word from the Secretary Ray Tilton, AP

The Executive Boards of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron and the Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron met at the Boston yacht Club in Marblehead April 3rd for a combined E-board dinner meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of the two squadrons working together to plan and execute certain activities, including boating education as well as social events. Twelve members, six from each squadron enjoyed a great meal, coordinated by Marblehead member Mike Mentuck. Several good ideas were discussed and a new cooperative initiative between two of the oldest squadrons in the nation to increase membership and attendance was launched.

One of the ideas that has been acted upon is a harbor cruise on the Fame, built at the Burnham Shipyard in Essex in 2002. An evening on the Fame has been scheduled for June 20th.

A dinner meeting for members and spouses of the Marblehead and Beverly Squadrons has been scheduled at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead on May 23rd.

Watch for an e-mail, check the Beverly SPS or Marblehead SPS websites or contact your squadron commanders for more details.

Other activities discussed included a cruise on the Annisquam, a whale watch and a cruise on members' boats to an overnight destination this summer. Join in on the planning and share your ideas at the next meeting.

U.S. Coast Guard Station Gloucester

May 17th from 9:00am to 1:30pm Station Gloucester will be hosting our Annual Safe Boating Day event. It's open to the public and a great day for the whole family.

- Commercial Fishing Education
- Recreational Boating Booths
- Signal Flare and Fire Extinguisher Demos at 1000 and 1200
- Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations
- Try Out Safety Gear
- Learn About Safety Equipment Requirements
- VHF Radio Use Class
- Rescue Boat and Police Boat Tours
- Health and Well-Being Booths
 - Drop Off Your Expired Flares

USCG STATION GLOUCESTER

When: 17 May 2014

Time: 9:00am to 1:30pm

Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron will conduct AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE May 7 – June 18 Wednesdays 7 – 9 PM Marblehead VFW Contact <u>www.marblehead-usps.org</u> or

Call 603-930-5512

- Learn boating safety & rules
- Excellent refresher
- Mass Youth Certificate



Photo by Dave Delorey

Jack Reed was sworn in as the new Squadron Commander By District Commander John Bedrossian, March 6, 2014



Photo by Jack Reed

Jim Curran Received his Life Membership at the District Meeting, March 29, 2014 From R/C Lee Popham, AP, Chair of the National Finance Committee With District 18 Commander John Bedrossian



United States Power Squadron District 18

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron, Broad Sound Power Squadron, Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron, Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron

Fellow District 18 members,

05 April, 2014

Last Saturday, 29 March, 2014, District 18 had its 2014 Spring Conference. It was held at the Jubilee Yacht Club, in Beverly, Massachusetts. Our National Representative was R/C William Lee Popham, AP, chair of the National finance committee. Attendance was approximately 20.

Our district nominating committee has had a problem for the past several years in recruiting members to fill the positions on the district bridge. Our 2013 bridge was made up of Past District Commanders filling four of the six positions and we've all agreed to stay on for another year.

Because of this lack of interest in new volunteers for the district level we have worked with USPS on the National level and our neighbors, District 12 to the south and District 19 to the north to transfer our squadrons to these other districts. Last Saturday, the members present at our conference, voted unanimously on the transfer.

Each of the accepting districts, D/12 and D/19, at their conferences, voted to accept our squadrons. USPS also agrees on the transfers,

At the USPS National Governing Board meeting in Arlington Virginia on 13 September, 2014 there will be a motion to transfer *Beverly Sail & Power Squadron, Broad Sound Power Squadron and Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron* to District 12 and *Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron* to District 19. Merrimac requested the association with D/19. District assets will be distributed between D/12 and D/19 in proportion to the number of members going to each. District 18 will be dissolved at the USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville Florida next January.

The squadrons will not physically move and the transfer will not affect the members in any way.

Regards,

John Bedrossian, Jr., SN District Commander, D/18

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ON YOUR BOAT?

Schedule a Vessel Safety Check Before you launch this year! For an appointment With your nearest Vessel Examiner Call Walter Riley at 978-927-5189

BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 1st at 1830 (6:30 PM) – Jubilee Yacht Club

Free Supper and Social Time (dessert & donations welcome)

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