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A Word from the Commander Jack Reed, AP



Focus of this Month's Meeting Will be on By-Law Amendments and Merger with Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron

At our member meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015, 1830, we will go over the draft new bylaws for our new organization (assuming that the membership agrees to merging with Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron).

The drafted new bylaws have been sent to you via email for your review prior to the January 8th meeting. This draft has been approved by the Squadron Executive committee and the National Rules Committee. A copy of the draft will also be sent in the January issue of Hannah's Banner to those that do not receive email.

The current bylaws can be found on our web site under "Member Pages."

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NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Preparations for a full schedule of courses for 2015 are underway. The full course lineup and details will be available on the squadron web site soon. The following is a quick preliminary summary:

<u>Beginning Wednesday</u>, January 14th we are offering the ABC course for the first time at the Rockport High School with Jack Reed instructor.

<u>Beginning Wednesday, March 4th</u> we are offering the ABC course at the Gloucester High School with Bob Duncan instructor.

<u>The Hamilton ABC Course</u> is tentatively scheduled to begin at the Hamilton Public Library on Wednesday, March 18th with Ron Mason and Ray Tilton instructing.

<u>The Beverly ABC Course is tentatively</u> scheduled to begin the week of March 23rd at the Bass Haven Yacht Club with Robert Sant Fournier and Jim Curran instructing.

<u>The Marblehead Adult ABC</u> course is tentatively scheduled to begin May 6th at the Marblehead VFW hall with Skip Whittaker instructing.

An additional <u>ABC for young boaters</u> will be offered in Marblehead in the spring.

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Continued – Education Department

Following-up on the two recent Seamanship courses we plan to offer the 10-week <u>Piloting</u> <u>Course at the Jubilee Yacht Club</u> tentatively beginning in April. Volunteers interested in assisting with any of the above courses are always welcome and should contact the instructors or Walter Riley, Education Officer at (<u>rileyfin@shore.net</u>) for details.

A Year-End Thank You!

As 2014 comes to a close we wish to thank our Squadron team of superb teachers for volunteering their valuable time and excellent instruction this past year: Jack Reed, Ron Mason, Bob Duncan, Ray Tilton, Robert Sant Fournier, Paul Secatore, Dick Shafner, Dick Salter and from Marblehead Skip Whittaker and John Bedrossian. Many thanks for a job well done. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Walter Riley, SEO

2015 Vessel Safety Check Decals have arrived

Your green VSC decals have arrived and are awaiting your 2015 vessel inspection. The soon to be Beverly-Marblehead Squadron certified examiners are beginning preparations for the coming season.

The combined teams of examiners are anxious to set new VSC records.

Last year's record exams credit goes to Liz Wolfe, Skip Whittaker, Jack Reed, Gerry Clarke, Jim Curran, Dick Salter and Walter Riley.

Several other squadron members have expressed interest in joining the VSC team in 2015. Preparation and training toward certification will begin after the first of the year. If you are interested in joining the team or just learning about the vessel examinations program contact Walter Riley at (<u>rileyfin@shore.net</u>) for details. Marina VSC visit schedules and more details will follow in coming editions of <u>Hannah's Banner</u>.

Walter Riley, VSC Chairman

2015 NEW ENGLAND BOAT SHOW

Volunteers needed to help staff the District 12 booth at this year's Boat Show (February 14th to February 22nd at the Boston Convention Center.)

This year's D-12 booth will be bigger than ever and will require extra staffing in order to feature and demonstrate a "Boating Skills Virtual Trainer." The on site "Trainer" is expected to draw large crowds of interested boaters and their families.

Registration and sign-up forms for all of the D -12 Eastern Massachusetts spring course offerings will also be available at the booth. Volunteers will be expected to help and answer questions while standing three or four-hour shifts on days reserved in advance.

Contact Walter Riley at (<u>rileyfin@shore.net</u>) if you haven't already in order to volunteer and receive an email schedule in January of the shifts available each day during the show.

A Word from the Administrative Officer, Ed Myers, S

The focus of the January meeting will be By-Law amendments and the proposed merger of the Beverly and Marblehead Power & Sail Squadrons. The supper will be prepared by volunteers Linda Seal and Joan & Bill Bonner.

We have a special speaker program planned on March 31st at the Jubilee Yacht Club. Author Michael Tougias, who wrote "Ten Hours Until Dawn", the true account of the Blizzard of '78 in Salem Harbor, will talk about his new book, "The Rescue of the Bounty".

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> Beverly Sail & Power Squadron General Members Meeting & Supper Thursday, January 8th, 2015 Jubilee Yacht Club – 6:30 PM



