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September, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 6th – Tuesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper –
 Jubilee Yacht Club**

**October 30 & 31 - Joint D12/D19 Fall Conference – North Conway
 Grand Hotel, North Conway NH – Info Inside**

**November 4th - Wednesday - E- Board Meeting - Jubilee Yacht Club
 7:00 PM – Ward Room**

**December 1st – Tuesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper –
 Jubilee Yacht Club**

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

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A Word from the Commander



Jack Reed, Commander, Beverly –
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Although we have a terrific executive committee, we still need some support/feedback from YOU the members of this organization. Following is a list of items for which we can use your support:

Supper volunteers. Our member meeting dates for this year are **October 6, December 1, February 2nd, April 5 and June 1.** So five dates that we need volunteers to make supper. The easiest way is for two people to go to BJ's or similar store and pick up three frozen lasagnas, five loaves of French bread and a couple of bags of salad. We ask the members who are coming to bring along a desert to share.

Speakers. We have a speaker for October 6th – Mike Crawford, who will speak of his sailing in this year's Bermuda race. We need speakers for the other dates. If you know of a speaker who would be great for the squadron – let me know!

Jack Reed, AP, Commander



The Annual BMSPS Picnic was enjoyed by all



BEVERLY HARBOR FEST A SUCCESS

On Saturday, September 12th, members of the Beverly – Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron took part in the 5th Annual Beverly Harbor Fest celebration. The event takes place annually on Glovers Wharf in Beverly. As we know the squadron has a historic connection to this location. This public park was once a shipyard owned by a Marblehead fisherman, John Glover who received orders from General George Washington to convert and fit out the schooner “Hannah” to be used as a naval vessel during the Revolutionary War.

The afternoon festival is hosted by the Beverly Harbor Commission and is attended by hundreds of young and older families. The public was entertained by a band, magician, Irish dancers and greeted by city officials and public and private organizations that are connected to the harbor and boating. The BMSPS booth was fitted out under the squadron tent and information table with squadron and VSC banners prominently displayed. Squadron members handed out flyers, answered questions and had sign-up sheets for USPS membership, courses and VSC’s. There were coloring books and stickers for the youngest boaters.

The event took place under perfect weather and the BMSPS booth attracted many visitors including the grandchildren of our beloved Past Commander Herb Ryan. Young family members seemed most interested in our ABC classes to be scheduled later this year. Special thanks to the members that volunteered to represent the Squadron: Gerry Clarke, Joan and Jim Curran and Robert Sant Fournier.

Submitted by Lt/C Walter Riley III, JN



It was a beautiful day for the Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron Annual Picnic at the Danversport Yacht Club

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



NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BEVERLY-MARBLEHEAD SAIL & POWER SQUADRON SAILS INTO SALEM

In early August sixteen teens enrolled in an accelerated ABC 3 course offered by the squadron in cooperation with the Sail Salem boating program at their Winter Island facility. Teens from Marblehead, Salem and Beverly attended the three-day course with instructors Robert Sant Fournier and Walter Riley. Twelve of the students passed the exam and completed the course. The remaining teens have been given additional time and support in order to retake the exam. This was the first collaboration with Sail Salem and we are looking forward to offer additional educational course for both teens and adults members of the Sail Salem organization in the future.

SETTING COURSE FOR PILOTING

Starting Monday, October 5th we will again be offering the 10-week Piloting course at the Jubilee Yacht Club at Tuck Point in Beverly. The course is open to members and the public. The cost of the course is \$99 and includes materials and navigational tools. Members of USPS and JYC will receive substantial price discounts.

This is the ideal refresher course for boaters

who are interested in using GPS and electronic navigational instruments as well as getting in-class exercises. The course embraces hands-on practice plotting to determine course, direction and distance. Commander Jack Reed will lead the team of instructors volunteering for this course.

The class is limited to thirty, so pre-register is encouraged. For more information or to register go to our own web site WWW.Beverly-USPS.org

Submitted by Lt/C Walter Riley III, JN

BMSPS VESSEL SAFETY CHECK TEAM BREAKING RECORDS

The 2015 boating season is quickly coming to a close but the Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron's team of vessel examiners is still working to break new records. The BMSPS team is leading all the squadrons in District 12 with 83 VSC's to date. The seven members of the team have not quit and even more inspections are scheduled this month.

If your vessel has not yet had an inspection this year there is still time to have a VSC. Contact Walter Riley VSC Chair (telephone 978-927-5189 or email rileyfin@shore.net) to schedule an appointment. If it is more convenient, contact one of the members of the Squadron team directly to have a 2015 VSC: Elizabeth Wolfe, Skip Whittaker, Gerry Clarke, Jim Curran, Jack Reed or Dick Salter.

Joint D12/D19 Fall Conference North Conway Grand Hotel

Friday 10/30 and Sat.
10/31/2015

Here is just some of what's included!

- ❖ **FREE** *cocktail receptions, Friday and Saturday nights*
- ❖ **Friday evening** *Remote Control Model Boat Rendezvous and a Movie*

- ❖ **Saturday morning presentations:**
 - *Hands on Training deploying a Life Raft in the hotel pool*
 - **Learn how you can use the marine** *Automatic Identification System on your boat and how to care for your boat canvas*
 - **Drive the USPS** *Boating Skills Virtual Trainer*

- **Hear about sailing aboard the** *Charles W. Morgan* from Chris Freeman of Mystic Seaport

- ❖ **Saturday evening** *dinner with humorist* Rebecca Rule

Join the fun in North Conway!

For full agenda, registration and more information go to
www.usps.org/localusps/d12





Good

Times with Good Friends on the D12 Maine Cruise

by Barbara Herrmann

Like many things with the United States Power Squadrons, it started with a baby step. In the summer of 2013, Tom and I decided to join the Great Blue Hill cruise for just a couple of days. It was easy; it was fun; we wanted more. So, last year, we joined the Great Blue Hill cruise for the entire week. We sailed; we gathered to share food and drink; we laughed. It was a great vacation. At the end of the week, Joe Kelliher announced that he was going to organize a three-week District 12 Cruise to Maine and he would make sure that there were no excuses not to join.

Tom and I were not concerned with fog, lobster pots, or the overnight. We wanted to go – for the full three weeks. We have never taken three weeks off from work but – no excuses! Tom thought we should go with Andy Sumberg since Joe wanted each boat to have three people for the overnight. I thought we should take our boat. Tom coveted Andy's electronics – our boat, *Vesta*, has none! Andy recalls that I told him we were going with him to Maine before he knew he had decided to go. However it happened, 0800 on Saturday 18 July, Tom and I picked up Andy and his

wife Mindy and drove to Westport, MA, homeport of *Portland*, Andy's Catalina 350. By 1030 we had dropped the mooring and were on our way. We were on vacation, and on our way to Maine!

The first leg of the trip was up Buzzard's Bay and through the canal. We had a fast sail up the Bay and found ourselves a bit too early to enter the canal. We tucked into Hospital Cove in Catuamet, picking up a mooring owned by another USPS member. We had a few hours to wait, so we started our preparations for the overnight with a quick nap. Just as we were heading out of the cove, we crossed a boat flying a USPS flag going in the opposite direction. Upon closer inspection, we discovered that it was Joe Kelliher on *Sails Call*. Joe informed us that the strong southwest breeze up the Bay, coupled with the strong northeast current out the canal, had filled Hog Island Channel with large standing waves. Been there; done that; no desire to repeat. Joe was killing some time before heading up the inside "old canal approach." We would follow! It was great. Life was easy with USPS friends. We spent the evening in Harbor of Refuge, meeting up with the rest of the fleet – Rich Terry and crew in *Avanelle G*, the Elders and crew in *Knot Too Fast*, Marty Becker and crew in *Nose Job III*, and Sue Haley and crew in *Fantasia*. By the numbers, we were six vessels, five sailboats, four squadrons, two districts, and one Trawler – and we were just starting!

Or we thought we were starting. We woke, on the day of our planned overnight from Sandwich to Tenant's Harbor, to a forecast of late afternoon storms off Cape Ann complete with lightening, damaging winds, and hail. Yes, a quick check of the charts



confirmed that we and the storm would arrive together. We tossed the schedule aside and Mindy ashore, and headed for Provincetown to spend the night. It was a beautiful evening in Provincetown and we all gathered on *Portland* to test just how many people could fit in the cockpit. Fourteen was tight squeeze but it was great to meet our cruise mates. We awoke on Monday to a favorable forecast and started out for Maine. We were going to head for Rockland to get back on the cruise schedule. We had a quiet day watching the sea life as we crossed Stellwagen Bank. By sunset, we all dropped our sails for the evening and turned on our engines. We were all going to stay in contact through the night. Andy's radar wasn't working but we had five boats around us with radar. We started our "four hours on, two hours off" watches at 2100 which was just about the time that the autopilot on *Nose Job III* went off duty. It was a quiet night. We crossed through a fishing fleet with more lights than Fenway Park. The cold and damp rolled in around 2200. The fog rolled in sometime shortly

after that. We kept in fairly close formation – not so close that a steering burp would result in a collision but not so far that we couldn't see at least one or two other boats through the fog (and visibility was ~100 yards). In the morning, just as we reached

Muscle Ridge Channel, the engine on *Avanelle G* stopped working. *Sails Call* stood by *Avanelle G* until a tow arrived; the rest of our fleet continued into Rockland. We arrived about 1400. We were with friends in Maine! Life was good.

The next three weeks are a blur of iconic Maine islands, seals and harbor porpoises, black guillemots and northern gannets, classic sailboat regattas in

Eggemoggin Reach, lots of wonderful sailing, and beautiful flowered window boxes. We visited the Farnsworth Museum, Thuya Lodge and gardens, Great Harbor Maritime Museum, and Curtis Island lighthouse. In turn, we were visited by an osprey at the top of our mast, which left with a present upon its departure, as birds are known to do. We had cookies at 1000 and a glass of wine at 1700. We were served blueberry pancakes on *Knot Too Fast* and Dark and Stormies on *Sails Call*. *Mantra*, *Efficacy* and *Elsie Marion* joined us. We made new friends as they joined the cruise and missed old friends when they left. There was plenty of advice and assistance to tackle any problem. We hauled Andy up the mast for a radar recovery and rescued a runaway (or perhaps cut-away) dinghy. We slept, and sailed, and learned new DSC and AIS features. We watched the storm clouds roll in to Potts Harbor and observed 35 knot gusts as we set our anchor in the Basin. We saw lobstermen at work, young people in love and children at play. We watched the sun set in Pulpit Harbor and the sun rise in Isle of Shoals.

Three weeks is a long time but it just flew by. We started the cruise with Andy as our friend and ended the cruise even better friends. As we headed through the canal on our final leg, with perfect northeast winds to run down Buzzards Bay, our minds turned to next summer. How about Long Island – maybe Montauk, Shelter Island, Fisher’s Island, Mystic . . . ? We’re looking forward to more good times with good friends!



Photo notes:

Photo 1: Small shed on North Haven

Photo 2: Andy, enjoying his summer vacation, at the helm of *Portland* as we head to Rockland. There are three boats very close astern.

Photo 3: Northeast Harbor from the Thuya Lodge path.



Ed Myers alerted us to the availability of a new APP sponsored by the US Coast Guard. To download the free APP onto your cell phone or iPad, go to the APP store and search for USCG. It has several features including Rules of the Road, state boating information, and a review of safety equipment. You can file a float plan and report suspicious activity directly to the Coast Guard. You can also request emergency assistance at a click and the Coast Guard will know your GPS position if your device is so equipped.

Great tip Ed!

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