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## HANNAH'S BANNER

April 2023

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### Commander Robere Sant Fournier Obituary.



#### Robert C. Sant Fournier

May 13, 1941 - February 23, 2023

Beverly - Robert "Robère" Sant Fournier, 81 of Beverly, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 23rd. Born in Bermuda, to the late Hugh and Gwendolyn (Wood) Sant Fournier, he was the loving husband of Harriet (Becovsky) Sant Fournier.

Robère grew up in Malta and was educated in England and Belknap College in New Hampshire. Robère was a retired Master Chief of U.S. Coast Guard and Commander of the U.S. Power Squadron Beverly/Marblehead where he also taught sailing. He was a magazine editor and office manager for a publishing company. He also enjoyed working at the Salem Trolley, North Shore Music Theatre, volunteering at Meals on Wheels and helping the homeless. Robère loved traveling with his wife Harriet, being with family, friends, his cat Sasha, and spending time with his Coast Guard buddies. He loved the sea and considered himself an island man. Robère was especially fond of living in his home next to the Bass River in Beverly. He shared passions for meteorology, local and world history, and found great enjoyment from planes, trains, automobiles, and boats.

Robère is survived by his wife, Harriet Sant Fournier; two step-sons, Michael Bunick and wife Evelyn Young of Revere, Neil Bunick and partner Sandra Allonen of Whitman; one sister-in-law, Janice Goransson and husband Doug; one brother-in-law, Geoffrey Minter; six grandchildren, Katlynne, Bradford, Zac, Drew, Nicole, and Kenneth; ten great grandchildren, Kendalyn, Elana, Jacelyn, Joleigh, Joshua, Aryelle, Matthew, Raelyn, Skyla and Elissa; nieces and nephews, Alexa, Max, Susan, and Gayle; In addition to his parents, Robère is predeceased by one sister, Michelle "Shelley" (Sant Fournier) Minter; one sister-in-law Maxine Siskind; one niece, Audrey.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Beverly on Friday, March 3rd at 10:30 am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly on Thursday March 2nd from 4 to 7 pm. Burial will be at Central Cemetery in Beverly. Contributions may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice. Information, directions, condolences at [www.campbellfuneral.com](http://www.campbellfuneral.com).

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## **Thank you to the Funeral Honor Guard**

The BMSPS remains deeply saddened at the loss of our Commander and offered its condolences at the Funeral. Thank you to Dave Graham for organizing and to those below who participated in the Honor Guard.

Dave Graham  
Jack Reed  
Walter Riley  
Lou Schoenthal  
Ray Tilton  
Dan Himes  
John Bedrossian  
Patrick Pearce

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## **April Meeting - Change of Watch**

This is going to be a great event. It will take place in the birthplace of the United States Power Squadron: Boston Yacht Club! We will be in a lovely room facing Marblehead Harbor. We will have a public address system so that our speakers can be heard. And we will have our very own bar.

**Dinner** will be the "Shipyard Buffet." The buffet will consist of:

- Chicken Saltimbocca with prosciutto, provolone, and sage with mushroom sauce
- Baked Haddock with classic ritz crust and lemon butter sauce
- Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
- Vegetable Medley
- NY Cheesecake squares and berry tartlets

**Schedule:**

- 1800 Social Hour
- 1900 Buffet Dinner
- 1945 Presentation; USS Indianapolis
- 2030 Change of Watch
- 2100 Adjourn

The cost to members will be \$35 per attendee. The Squadron will subsidize the actual cost which will be \$100 per attendee. The invitation has gone out.

**Send your check made out to BMS&PS to Jack Reed, 3 Chevalier Avenue, Danvers, MA 01923**

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## **Congratulations !**

Congratulations and Thank you to Dick Salter for achieving 50 Merit merit marks. A plaque will be presented at the April 21 BMSPS meeting to honor this terrific achievement and years of service to our Squadron.

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## **Education Report**

***Walter Riley***

Additional students have pre-registered for the Virtual ABC classes starting both in April & May.

Eight students are currently taking the Virtual SAIL Course instructed by Alex Pszenny.

The Free On the Water “Jump Start” Instructional Program will be launched this Summer.

Members can receive free on the water instruction/coaching by certified instructors on their own vessel. For further details visit the Squadron website: [abcnorthshore.org](http://abcnorthshore.org)

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

Don't forget to have a Free 2023 Vessel Safety Check. The free examination can be given on the water or at your marina or driveway. See the Squadron website: [abcnorthshore.org](http://abcnorthshore.org) to schedule an exam.

## Save the Date - Upcoming Events

Summer Picnic - August 5, 2023 @ the Reed's home on Danvers River

September Mtg - September 29, 2023 @ Corinthian Yacht Club

## Plan A, B, maybe C

### *Lou Schoenthal*

Plan A, ANCHOR

My scoutmaster always had a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C for each activity. Sometimes the plan B would be plan A with a raincoat on! I learned to sail in the 1970s by reading “Hand Reef and Steer”, and sailing with a group of bachelors co-workers who had similar limited boating backgrounds. My buddy Pete had his own take on that ABC saying. He always had Plan C, Plan B and when all else fails plan A, ANCHOR!

My friend Bill and I bought a 1958 wooden 19 foot Lightning class sailboat from my neighbor's buddy and got mooring #36 at Village Street in Marblehead. We also had to get a dinghy and truck it on the roof of my MGBGT or Bill's Mustang every time we wanted to use the boat. Soon we learned why the boat was so cheap. It took a crew of four, two to sail and two to bail.

Meanwhile Pete was offered an annual lease on what we considered in those days a “Cadillac” or by today's standards a “Lexus” of boats, a 1966 Sailmaster 22! Eclipse was quite a boat, black topsides, a cabin, an outboard in a well, a head. You could actually cruise in that! The owner only wanted him to defray the cost of launch, haul, storage and the use of the boat one weekend a month. He took the deal. And its mooring was close to ours.

What does this have to do with anchoring? Actually nothing, but you needed the background.

One typical August day Bill and Pete had dates to go sailing and wanted to take Eclipse since it would be more comfortable and impressive for the young ladies. So I asked friends to go sailing on the Lighting. Typical of August in New England, it was a hot muggy day with the possibility of thunderstorms in the afternoon. We played it pretty close to the barn and stuck to Salem Harbor which at that time was wide open with moorings only at Palmer's Cove and Village Street. Seeing a storm coming, we got back to the mooring, secured the boat, rowed back to shore and were sitting in the car, dry, when the storm hit. Pete's car was still in the lot and empty so we knew they were out in the storm.

The storm lasted about ½ hour and was pretty violent. When it dissipated, we walked down to the landing to see if Eclipse was back on its mooring. No, but we could see them slowly motoring back down the harbor. Here is their story.

They were enjoying the day (Plan C) but were not being careful about watching the sky. When the storm hit they dropped the sails, started the motor and Pete told Bill to keep the boat into the wind (Plan B). Pete took the ladies below to stay dry and went below himself to get the anchor (Plan A). Yes, the anchor was stored in the cabin! What Pete found was an anchor and an anchor rode, unconnected with no shackle in sight! Although Pete was following his rule of Plan C, B, A, he had neglected to plan for Plan A by assuring that the ground tackle was ready to deploy. After rummaging around in drawers for a few minutes with the boat rocking and rolling in the storm, Pete found the shackle, assembled the ground tackle and joined a soaked to the skin Bill on deck to set the anchor. Finally Plan A worked. What Pete forgot was to prepare for Plan A.

There was no damage, no injuries other than to egos. Neither Pete nor Bill ever saw the ladies again! We all have thunderstorm stories. I have several

## Jump Start Program Hands on training for new boaters

*Joe Kelliher*

Would you like some free instruction on your boat?

Are you the owner of a motor boat that is new to you?

Is the boat 30' or less in length?

Do you boat in eastern MA or RI? (Either fresh or salt water)

Our Jump Start Program is perfect for the new boat owner who wants to handle their boat with skill and confidence! There are only 3 steps to qualify:

1. Pass our America's Boating Course® (or provide proof the you passed an equivalent course)
2. Join a District 34 Club. There are 7 in eastern MA and Cape Cod.
3. Get a free Vessel Safety Check for your boat. We will help make that happen.

Then we will have a trained ABClub volunteer instructor call you, conduct a phone interview and set an appointment to meet you at your boat. For 2 - 3 hours we will teach you concepts of pivot points in forward and reverse, docking/undocking with wind & current, maneuvering in narrow fairways, slow speed maneuvering, 3-point turns, anchoring, etc.

While designed for a typical ABC student (the new owner of a 15' to 25' runabout with a single outboard) if you have twin outboards, an inboard or have stepped up to a larger boat and could use this help, contact Joe Kelliher. We will try to accommodate you.

To start his process, check with the instructor at your class/seminar.

Or contact Joe Kelliher: 508 446 7957    jrkell120@yahoo.com

## Jubilee Yacht Club Hall Renovation

The JYC is renovating the Main Hall. It will not be available until late Spring/early Summer 2023. BMSPS events will be held elsewhere for the duration of the construction.

