

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron
General Members Meeting and Supper
Jubilee yacht Club – November 6th, 2014

Members attending: 24

Guests: 3

Supper prepared by Ed and Linda Myers

Speaker: Rodney Kidder: “latest boating apps for cell phones and tablets”

Meeting called to order by Commander Reed at 8:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Troops

Minutes of Sept, 2014 meeting accepted

Jack Reed announced that Treasurer John Hagar has resigned his post as treasurer and Jack asked for someone to step in to fill the position. John will stay until a replacement is ready to take over.

John gave treasurer’s report: \$26,298 in Fidelity accounts and he keeps 3-5 K in checking account, mainly for educational supplies.

SEO Walter Riley’s report: 14 people enrolled in Seamanship and 14 enrolled in Marine Electrical Systems. Jack Reed will conduct an ABC course at Rockport High School beginning in January. ABC courses will start in Gloucester, Hamilton and Beverly after the NE Boat Show.

Ed Myers, Administrative Officer’s Report: suggested possibility of a Yankee Gift Swap for January meeting. Ed asked for suggestions for a speaker and volunteers to prepare the supper.

Jack Reed introduced US Coast Guard Auxiliary Members Bob Amero and Robert Pierce, who proposed that the Auxiliary and BSPS share lists of educational courses available and participate in each others' courses. They also talked about the importance of attaching ID stickers to small paddle craft and the cost of a search when an empty craft is found at sea or washed ashore with no one on board.

Jack Reed, Walter Riley and Robert Sant Fournier attended the District 12 meeting in New Bedford, Oct 31-Nov 1. District 12 proposed a cruise to Bar Harbor July 19-August 9. The NE Boat Show will be held Feb 14-22, 2015. A Virtual Boat Training system was demonstrated and proclaimed to be very good. One will be used at the NE Boat Show and the District may buy one.

Jack discussed the proposed merger of the Beverly and Marblehead Sail & Power Squadrons. He said that the two squadrons have worked together well planning and coordinating combined events, such as the Annisquam River cruise. Marblehead has been having problems filling bridge positions and with attendance at meetings and would like to merge with Beverly at the Jubilee. Jack stressed that this could be advantageous for both squadrons, with better attendance and more people to fill bridge positions and to plan and execute events. Several possible names for the proposed combine squadrons were discussed.

District 12 has asked BSPS to host the spring conference meeting in late Feb.

Marblehead has proposed a joint Christmas party Dec 5th at Victoria Station. A motion to adjourn carried at 8:45 pm.