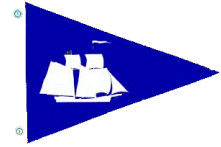
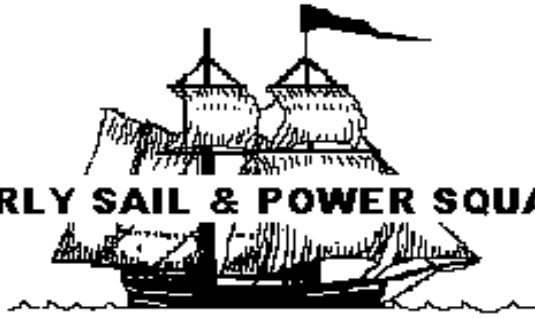




BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



DISTRICT 18

BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

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HANNAH'S BANNER



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 10 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Thursday) 1830 JYC
Speakers: Cal and Dave Johnson - who cruise aboard 'Shearwater'
ANNUAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DINNER ASSISTANCE!
Please call or email Ray Tilton at 978 922-2562 - pangea36@gmail.com
 dessert and donations welcome!

- March 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 SPRING CONFERENCE District 18 (Merrimac River hosting)
Hawthorne Hotel, Salem MA -- Tickets available soon!
- March 20 Purim
- March 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING! (equinox at 1920)
- April 07 E BOARD MEETING - all members welcome to help run the Squadron!
1900 JYC Sandy Point Room (lower level, towards the water)
- April 19 Passover begins
- April 24 Easter Sunday
- May 05 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Thursday) 1830 JYC**
- May 08 Mothers' Day
- May 30 Memorial Day

EDITOR'S RANT:

Please, if you have email, save your Squadron the cost of printing and postage by choosing to receive your Hannah's Banner electronically. If you just love to have a hard copy of newsletters to peruse at your leisure, please do what we do: *print it out from the email or website.* Besides, the newsletter, and especially the pictures, are so much better in **COLOR!**

Please update your email address by going onto the website
 and navigating to the Roster page or send me an email at arciszusps@aol.com.

Thanks so much. *Karen Arcisz*

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

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr. Raymond W. Tilton, AP



The days are getting longer and the mountains of snow banks are starting to melt, allowing access to our boats so that we can get a peek to see if the harsh winter did any damage. Exceptionally high winds have tested the covers; hopefully yours held fast. Even

though we have few weeks to go, signs of spring are in the air, such as the couple of balmy days that we had this past week with temperatures in the 50's. Imagine how we would complain if the temperatures dropped to the 50's in July!

The New England Boat Show, starting February 26th, is another harbinger of spring. It's always fun to see what's new in boating technology, and of course to dream about the shiny, new yachts on display. If you go, stop by the Power Squadron booth to say hi. Another event coming up, sponsored by the Gloucester Coast Guard Station, is a boating safety exhibition to be held at the Station near Harbor Loop Saturday, May 21st. One of the highlights of that event will be a demonstration involving a Coast Guard Helicopter. We are attending planning meetings at the Coast Guard station to see how we can participate in the program. It looks like a great opportunity to gain exposure for our educational programs. The next general meeting will be held a week later than usual, Thursday, March 10th. Mark the date on your calendar because the presentation for the evening will be given by two of our own members, Dave and Cal Johnson. Dave crossed the Atlantic four years ago in his sailboat and he and Cal have been sailing the Mediterranean each summer since. There will be some great pictures and tales.

See you there!

Commander Ray Tilton

CONGRATULATIONS!

We did it again!
A DOUBLE AWARD!

Thanks go to Lt/C Jack Reed, P, for his work as Webmaster on our Squadron web site. Beverly Sail & Power Squadron has been awarded with the Distinctive Communicator Award for Squadron Level Websites.



DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD 2010

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron's Newsletter, Hannah's Banner, has also been awarded the Distinctive Communicator Award in the Squadron Newsletter Category. Thanks to our Editor, Lt. Karen Arcisz, JN as well.

Two Hannah's Banner articles from last year also had the honor of running in the national magazine, The Ensign. Both our communicators would like to thank those who help us to achieve this recognition by supplying content, and encourage all members of our Squadron to **PARTICIPATE!**

Hannah's Banner is The Official Publication of
the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron.

Karen Arcisz -Editor

This month's Contributors:

Alex & Karen Arcisz, Jack Reed,

Walter Riley, Ray Tilton,

...and where is YOUR contribution?

Send something NOW for the next edition!





The DISTRICT 18 SPRING CONFERENCE MARCH 19, 2011 HAWTHORNE HOTEL, SALEM, MA



Merrimac River Squadron is hosting this educational and fun conference this year.

Watch for more details in your email!
Join us for some great speakers and demos!

District Change of Watch

*Beverly Sail & Power Squadron's own Alex Arcisz will become District Commander
Karen Arcisz will also be sworn in as District Secretary - talk about dé-jà vu!*

FROM OUR VSC CHAIR

1/Lt. Walter J. Riley III, JN

SPRING IS COMING!

With Spring arriving on March 20th, boating season cannot be far behind. The Beverly Sail & Power Squadron's Vessel Safety Check Team is already gearing up and preparing 2011 decals, inspection forms and supplies. After last year's record number of exams (101) the team is aiming to complete even more in 2011.

The committee chairs of the Beverly, Marblehead and Broad Sound Squadrons are already discussing joint events to provide FREE Vessel Safety Checks throughout District 18. Last year members the Beverly team also performed inspections in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Florida.

Beginning in April, watch for news of a VSC event at a marina or club near your vessel. Please consult the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron web site www.beverly-usps.org for the schedule and location of upcoming inspections near you. VSC examiners are also available to meet and provide individual free inspections at your convenience.

Don't let another season go by without getting your FREE VSC inspection and decal and having the comfort of knowing your vessel has passed and meets all federal and state safety requirements!

It's not too early to
**schedule your
FREE VSC**
for your vessel.

The exam can be done
BEFORE YOU LAUNCH
in the spring!



Contact one of the squadron examiners or check the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron's web page for VSC information.

The examiners of the Beverly Squadron are:

Karen Arcisz,	Jim Curran,
Mike Madison,	Mac McKinley,
Jack Reed,	Walter Riley (Chair),
Herb Ryan	Dick Salter.

USPS National Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida - Feb 3-5, 2011.

From our D18 XO, D/Lt/C Alex Arcisz, JN



Above, from left: D18 Cmdr Arthur Yarranton, D18 XO Alex Arcisz, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron reps: Lt Karen Arcisz, JN; P/D/C Linda Seal, SN; P/D/C James Curran, AP.
Below: only half of the meeting room!

Hello All,

I sure will be happy when this winter is over. Karen and I traveled to Florida to attend the National Annual Meeting in February and found ourselves hard pressed to come back to the frozen tundra.

In the past three months I have taken both the new AO and XO "From Warrior to Chief" training sessions with USPS. Reluctant, at first, because of my many years in business, I found them a great refresher course in management. It's a very good course for every member who is thinking of moving



into the ranks of leadership, both at the Squadron and at the District level. I encourage you to take the courses when they are offered locally, even if you are just considering the idea of coming onto the Bridge. At the worst, it will only introduce you to many new friends in USPS; at the best, it will help prepare you to become the best Power Squadron officer you can be.

I look forward to my new duties as D18 Commander, and would like a good representation of Beverly Sail & Power Squadron at the upcoming District 18 Spring Conference on March 19 at Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, where the new D18 Bridge will be sworn in. It would be great to have my fellow Beverly members there.

There are some exciting new directions we will share together over the next year or two. We all know the challenges ahead for our association. Together we can make a difference. With your help, I know we can have a resurgence in District 18.



GREAT FUN!

District 12 Power Squadron members, who are also members of Jubilee Yacht Club, invited Alex and Karen to join them in their house 'off campus' for the week.

We had a combined District 18/12 Hospitality Night at the house on Wednesday night, so we could all attend the Hospitality Suites of the other Districts on Friday night at the Disney World Coronado Hotel, site of the Conference. It worked out well. We had a house full of good food and drinks and great friends, both old and new, from all over the US and from Canada as well as the Caribbean.

We are looking forward to having another terrific meeting and lots of fun at the 2012 USPS National Annual Meeting, in Jacksonville Florida next year. We'd love to see more of District 18's members join in the fun and education as they show support for USPS.



Some of the winners of the kids' poster contest on safety and clean boating.

Don't you have kids or grandkids that would like to enter next year?

Watch for announcements from National.

Get those kids involved!



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with your nearest Vessel Examiner!
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011 at 1830 (6:30 PM) - Jubilee Yacht Club

FREE Supper and Social Time

(dessert & donations welcome)

Speakers: Cal and Dave Johnson

Cal and Dave cruise aboard "Shearwater", a British-built 1993 Moody 44. In 2007, Dave sailed their boat across the Atlantic with a group of friends. Then, for the past four summers, Cal and Dave have been sailing and exploring the Mediterranean from Portugal to Turkey. In some ways, the Med is much like home and in other ways, it is very different. Their talk will describe some of their adventures and favorite places.

"Boating is fun; let us show you how"

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