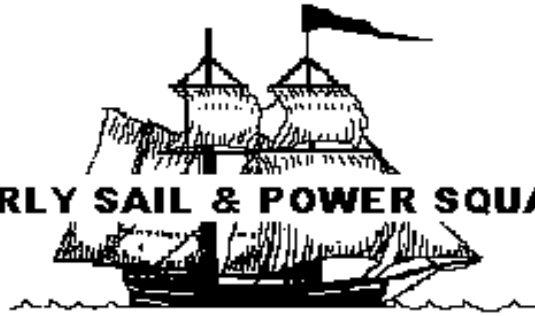




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DISTRICT 18



# HANNAH'S



# BANNER

November 2012

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**.Nov 1 General Members' Meeting (Thurs) 1830 JYC**  
**Speaker: Tim Lord, past Captain of the *Adventure***  
**Alan and Sue Therrien are preparing supper.**  
**dessert and donations welcome!**

**Nov 2-4 Fall Conference—New Bedford (see p.7 for details)**

**Dec 5 E-Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC**

**Jan 3 General Members' Meeting 1830 JYC**

**Feb 3 E Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC**

**Mar 7 General Members' Meeting 1830 JYC**

**Apr 4 E-Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC**

**May 8 General Members' Meeting 1830 JYC**

**June 6 E-Board Meeting Sandy Point Room 1900 JYC**

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*Send something NOW for the next edition!*

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Commander Robert Sant Fournier, AP*



### A word from the Commander

We live in a turbulent world as evidenced by current news headlines. If you can imagine that you are going to lead a coup, what would one of the first objectives be? I have never lead a coup, but I have noticed that one of the objectives is to capture the media, be it newspapers or radio stations. I bring this up because after taking over the helm of our Squadron, we had no newsletter. Our newsletter is vital to the core of our Squadron and it was with much relief when our past Commander Ray Tilton, AP stepped forward and here is the result. This is vital to the health of our Squadron, but it is more than that, we will always need to hear from you with stories, events to come and pictures. We need to feed the newsletter so we can continue to sustain our Squadron.

We have a lot on the dock that needs to be loaded on board and stowed away properly. Yes I know we are all very busy, but you would be surprised how little effort it takes to fill a position vitally needed by our Squadron. First of all, it needs the attitude that what ever you step forward to do can be fun. Secondly, there are over a hundred members who will benefit from your effort, maybe your own mental health! The newsletter is an

exception, but most positions within the Squadron require little more than an hour a month. Think about it, can you spare an hour a month to insure we maintain our Squadron fulfilling our quest to educate one another, and the public. More importantly, part of our Squadron has to be dedicated to fun times and a spirit of fellowship so lacking in our world of texting and E-Mails. I have met most of you, and I know that you can do it, and we (The Bridge) can help you. Right now we need a Secretary, a membership Officer, and dare I live out a fantasy, at least a helper to our stalwart Finance Officer John Hagar who has been doing the Squadron finances since General Custer was in diapers. Well, perhaps it just seems that way to him. We are not looking for money, just a wee bit of time every month. We have so many talented people within our Squadron.

This summer, on one of my mini voyages, it took me one and a half hours to sail from Dane Beach in Beverly, to Winter Island. I had time to smell

roses, if you will, but I witnessed an event that in spite of a lot of water under my keel, I had never seen before. This commorant had just surfaced with a nice fish in its beak. What surprised me was a swimming seagull rapidly approach the commorant and snatched the fish away from it. We can learn from nature. We have a wonderful Squadron with good people, you can make sure that it is not snatched away from us.

Robere Sant Fournier, AP  
Commander

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, *Jack Reed, AP*



**Member Meeting Suppers.** Alan and Sue Therrien have done a great job in providing for our suppers for the September meeting and the upcoming November meeting. But we really need other members to step up to the plate and help out here. Preparing these suppers does not have to entail a lot of work: A salad, and then the easiest way to provide for the main course is to go to BJ's or COSTCO and pick up a frozen entrée. The convection oven at Jubilee can defrost and cook an entrée for 12 in about one hour fifteen minutes. Three of them suffice for our meeting. Also, pick up a few loaves of French bread and you've got a meal! Give John Hager your receipts at the meeting and you will be given an instantaneous check.

**New Members:** Please welcome three new members: Bill Roberts, Ed Myers and Phil Coleman. Bill and Ed are students at the Seamanship Course being held at the Topsfield Library. Phil wanted to attend but he has a new job with the MBTA and could not get the time off.

**District-Level Education Courses.** Last spring, District 18 decided to conduct training courses at the district level at a central location. The idea was to see if we could secure better course attendance by offering a course to all four squadrons at a central location. The first course is the current Seamanship Course at the Topsfield Library, which provides a very good teaching environment. We have six students in the course being taught by Dex Hyland and me. We had also scheduled a GPS class, but had no takers, so the class was cancelled. More classes are scheduled for later this winter.



## FROM OUR SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

*Ed Walsh, SN*

Cilista is hauled out for the winter. Weather wise this summer was a superb. However, due to many

personal demands we were unable to take any coastal or blue water excursions. Hopefully, this will be remedied next year.

The adventure and the people you share a cursing vacation with is something you and your family will remember for years. Regardless of your experience level, it is always necessary to review and learn what you know, what you don't know and new skills you should learn, especially with the new technology available, to realize the greatest joy of boating activity.

The United States Power Squadron has the best courses, Instructors, and students available to prepare you for a superb boating vacation.

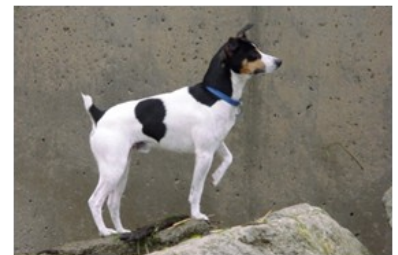
Advanced courses offer you Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting Junior Navigation and Navigation. Elective courses include Engine Maintenance, Marine electronics, Cruise Planning, Weather, Sail and Instructor Development. A good Skipper is an excellent instructor and our instructors are some of the best. The benefits of our courses are that they keep you up to date on the latest tools, techniques and skills. You also gain acquaintance with member instructors and students, which will continue as friendly resources to consult regarding boating interface socially.



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We look forward to the summer cruising vacations enjoying the associations established during past summers. In past years, Nancy and I and our six daughters would coordinate our vacation with 20 to 30 families on their boats, for two to three week vacations to explore various destinations.

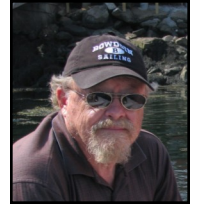
Evenings would be on anchor or mooring and the following day, trips ashore would be shared by all. Of course, planning for the next water passage would be determined by the group, in consideration of weather and knowledge of the more experienced. In the earliest passages, navigational equipment was limited to Compass, depth sounder, Radio direction finders and voice contact. Eventually pricing allowed the purchase of CB Radios followed by lower priced VHF radios. When the hand held Radar became available, two of the vessels used them, leading and following, to hold the group together in fog conditions. Next, LORAN and affordable RADAR became available. What a difference this equipment made in reducing anxiety. Currently, greater affordability encourages the use of computer programs and chart plotters, using GPS interface to further enhance positioning, in addition to paper charting. However, the current technology that we are comfortable with reduces the adventure, to the point where we now always take our canine family member, Luke, with us, just to ~~make it a bit more challenging.~~





## FROM OUR WEBMASTER

*Jack Reed, AP*



One of the items available to you at our website is the Squadron roster. You can find it under “Members’ Pages. You will find a complete roster with telephone numbers, email addresses and a lot more. You can email one, several, or all the members with email addresses at one time. If you go to the district web site, under “Members area” you will find a district roster which includes members in all four squadrons. Again, you can email one, several or all district members with email addresses.

Coastal cruising in New England is delightful and probably the best in the world. Pictures with this article are insufficient to indicate the beauty of the constantly changing views.

I strongly recommend a cruising vacation down the Maine Coast. However, even with the modern technology it is challenging, but with knowledge will enhance your enjoyment. That knowledge is available in our USPS classes which provide a delightful way to spent time in support of planned, summer-time, maritime activity.

We are currently preparing our training schedule for this coming winter. Please share with me your current preferences for classes via email at [USPS.Beverly.Ed@comcast.net](mailto:USPS.Beverly.Ed@comcast.net). Perhaps we can even get a group interested in cruising, to Maine, next summer with our recently acquired knowledge.



Oh, by the way, does anybody have a solution regarding barnacles forming on polished prop blades? I never had this problem until last year and again this year. Someone suggested I Use Cold Galvanizing by Rust-oleum. I am told that it does put a gray coating on the prop, but does repel the barnacles. Has anybody tried this and can comment on it? Thanks!

Ed Walsh SEO- Beverly Sail and Power Squadron

## From the Administrative Officer

*Alan Therrien, AP*

**For** those who were unable to attend the General Meeting on September 5, 2012, you missed a great speaker. Robin Neill, retired insurance executive and model boat builder from Salem, NH, brought some of his incredibly detailed model boats. Robin presented information about his life long involvement in model boat building, as well as, a very interesting history of the Liberty Ship Program, which provided maritime transportation services to the US and UK during World War II.

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012. Our guest speaker (thanks to the efforts of Ray Tilton) will be Tim Lord, former captain of the Adventure. Anyone who watched the parade of sail at the Gloucester Schooner Festival this year got a good view of the Adventure. Tim will entertain us with his experiences as Master and Commander of the Adventure. The meal for this meeting will be prepared by Sue and Alan, and will include lasagna, bread, and salad.

Our Jan 2013 General Meeting will feature a speaker from the US Coast Guard, First District, Search and Rescue Center. The speaker will address the First District's assets, communications systems, response parameters, typical rescue missions performed in our area, etc. I believe it will be interesting to hear details about the Coast Guard's local capabilities, as well as, their obstacles and frustrations.

Anyone with speaker suggestions for future meetings, should provide the necessary information to Admin Officer, Alan Therrien.

Photos by Ed Walsh



# *Fall Conference in New Bedford*

## **United States Power Squadron Fall 2012 Conference**

**2-4 November 2012 —Waypoint Conference Center, New Bedford, MA**

District 12 along with Districts 14 and 18 has planned an exciting weekend of fun, education and information. Saturday will include workshops, seminars, films, demonstration and walking tours on topics like Choosing the right bait and tackle, emergency drills for your boat, New Bedford as a working seaport, the history of whaling and new marine products. We have participation from New Directions, Bayside Marine, Raymarine and the National Parks Service. C/C John Alter will attend to present awards and host an open Town Meeting on Sunday morning. The weekend concludes with an optional visit to the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

Conference web site: <http://www.usps.org/d12/fallconf.shtml>

### **Conference Highlights**

- C/C John Alter
- Jack Mason MA Environmental Police - *Boat and RV Safety*
- Ed Dennehy, New Directions-South Coast, *Hands on Safety and Survival*
- Raymarine - *new product line*
- SOLAS Flare Demonstration
- Jack Kent III, Bayside Marine, *Fishing Clinic*
- National Park Service - Film: *The City that Lit the World* Walking Tour of Historic New Bedford

### **Meals and Activities**

**Friday Night Welcome Cocktail reception** Dress: Resort Casual

Location: in the Lounge of the Fairfield Inn and Suites, New Bedford Cost: No Charge for conference attendees and spouses

**Saturday daytime:** Dress: USPS blazer or appropriate business attire Luncheon Cost: \$20 per person **Saturday Night** - following a cocktail hour, we have a sit down dinner with live entertainment by Fred Dodge telling his "Bert and I" stories of Downeast Maine.

Dress: USPS Blazer or appropriate business attire Cost: \$39 Including after dinner entertainment.

Menu choices: Prime Rib or Baked Stuffed Shrimp.

**Sunday Morning - Breakfast with the Chief** Your chance to go one-on-one! Cost: Included in room rate for those staying at the conference hotel. \$10 for non-hotel guests

**Sunday Afternoon - optional visit to the Whaling Museum**

### **Hotel Reservations**

The Conference Hotel is the Fairfield Inn and Suites and we have rooms reserved from \$109 including breakfast. The hotel has a pool, fire pits, and an exercise room.

For the \$109 room rate (includes Breakfast) Call the hotel directly at 774-634-2000 and ask for the USPS Conference rate.

### **Registration**

Register on-line at the District 12 conference website ( <http://www.usps.org/d12/fallconf.shtml>) or fill out and mail the attached registration form.



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