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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 6th - Wednesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper –
 Jubilee Yacht Club – Bob Duncan's Presentation on Bareboat Chartering
 in the Caribbean**

**February 3rd – Wednesday - E- Board Meeting - Jubilee Yacht Club
 7:00 PM – Ward Room**

February 13-21st – New England Boat Show, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

**March 2nd – Wednesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper –
 Jubilee Yacht Club**

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Happy New Year!!

Our next member meeting is next Wednesday, January 6th, Jubilee Yacht Club. Supper starts at 1830 followed by our speaker, our own Bob Duncan, who will talk about a recent charter experience in the Caribbean.

Having lost my dear wife Patricia in November to metastatic breast cancer, this has been a difficult holiday season for me as well as for our Executive Officer, Dave Graham, who also lost his dear wife, Florence, in November. So we are off and running on a new year, hoping that we get to see each and every one of you next Wednesday!

Commander Jack Reed, Jr., AP

Winter in New England Brrrrrr!

Unless you are reading this from your boat somewhere south of the Carolina's, you most likely have not given boating much thought lately. Hopefully you prepared well, winterized your engine and other systems, added stabilizer to the fuel, removed mould prone cushions and covered the boat to keep out the ice and snow. Not much left to do except checking the boat and adjusting the jackstands periodically. Projects on the boat may have to wait until the snow melts but there are other ways to get ready for another season on the water.

The boat show – always a spectacular event with the luxurious boats on display. I figure that if I have to take my shoes off to board, I can't afford it. I go to the show to see what's new in equipment and technology. The latest electronics are amazing and like everything else, change is happening faster. Sign up to help staff the District 12 booth and enjoy free admission.

Do you like stories about adventures on the high seas? Take in a movie or two. "The Finest Hours", a story about an incredible rescue of the crew of two oil tankers by the Coast Guard off Cape Cod is based on a book written by Michael Tougias, who spoke at one of our meetings last spring. Another movie, "In the Heart of the Sea", tells the story of the whaleship Essex, a Nantucket based ship. Both are true stories and good reads.

Enjoy the winter!

Ray Tilton, AP, Editor

**A word from:
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NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AWAITING RESULTS OF PILOTING EXAMS

Of the sixteen student who were enrolled in the Piloting course offered at The Jubilee Yacht Club this fall, fourteen have completed and turned-in their exams which are being graded at USPS headquarters in Raleigh, NC. Two students declined to take the exam and two others have elected to postpone their exam till January.

Although the exam contains multiple-choice questions, the students must plot courses with precision accuracy on their "Bowditch Bay Charts." All sixteen students expressed appreciation for the hands-on exercises and instruction.

The students expect to receive their grades and exam critique in late January. Thanks for the efforts of the instructors for the course: Jack Reed, Ken Littlefield, and Robert Sant -Fournier and Walter Riley.

JYC LAUNCH DRIVERS TO GET NEW 2015 ABC COURSE

The Squadron has been asked to provide the boating safety course (ABC) for the prospective launch drivers at the Jubilee Yacht

Club for the upcoming boating season. Successful completion of the course will enable the launch drivers to fulfill one of their Coast Guard and Massachusetts requirements for launch drivers. USPS has just released a revised 2015 edition of the course, which will be used in the class. This will be an accelerated course to be given over three consecutive Monday nights beginning January 18th.

Ray Tilton will lead the team of instructors. The course will be offered only to the prospective launch drivers and other members of JYC . As a special service to JYC the launch drivers will receive the course and exam free of charge while other JYC members enrolled will be offered a 30% discount price.

BEVERLY- MARBLEHEAD VSC'S LEAD DISTRICT

The Beverly-Marblehead team of vessel examiners led the District in vessel safety checks in 2015. During the latest exam season, which ended November 30th, the squadron's seven-man team completed 92 examinations out of a total of 156 in the District.

The 92 exams were still shy of the 101 completed by the Beverly Squadron in 2010 but it is still a significant achievement. Kudos to the Beverly-Marblehead VSC team of Jack Reed, Jim Curran, Dick Salter, Skip Whittaker, Liz Wolfe, Gerry Clarke and Chairman, Walter Riley.

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