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March, 2017

Calendar of Events

March 1st - Wednesday - General Meeting & Supper - Change of Watch
6:30 PM - Jubilee Yacht Club

March 17th – St Patrick's Day

March 20th – First Day of Spring

March 25th - D12 Spring Conference and Change of Watch
Plymouth Yacht Club, Plymouth, MA

April 5th- Wednesday – E-Board Meeting, 7:00 PM – Ward Room,
Jubilee Yacht Club

May 3rd – Wednesday - General Meeting & Supper – 6:30 P M, Jubilee Yacht Club
Speaker – Ray Bates, Jr.

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P/C Ray Tilton, AP -Editor

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web site at:

www.beverly-usps.org/

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Editorial Note

This is Dave's final meeting as commander. He has done a great job of piloting the ship through the merging of two venerable squadrons, Marblehead and Beverly. He has arranged wonderful events such as dinners at the Corinthian and the Adventure cruise. He lined up excellent speakers, ran productive meetings and guided the "new" squadron towards a bright future. Dave is recovering from surgery and is planning to be at the March meeting. Thanks, Dave for an excellent job as Commander. We look forward to continue working with you on the Executive Board.

Ray Tilton, editor



Executive Officer
Alex Pszenny, N
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March Meeting Speaker

Conrad Prosniewski is a lifelong Salem resident and has been a Salem Police Officer since 1978. In 1983 he became one of the original six members of the Salem Police Dive Team. In 1989 he was assigned to the Detective Division and in 1991 promoted to Detective Sergeant. That same year he was also placed in charge of the Dive Team. Because of the increase in incidents and calls to Salem Harbor, the team has been expanded to its current sixteen members and, over the years, has accumulated a diverse assortment of specialty training, equipment, vehicles, and vessels. The Dive Team answers an average of 20 to 30 call outs per year ranging from evidence or body recovery to rescue operations. Additionally, the Salem team is the only public safety dive team in Massachusetts, besides the State Police, that is contracted by U.S. Customs to conduct hull searches of foreign vessels. Prosniewski holds numerous dive certifications including Dive Master, Rescue Diver, Ice Diver and Under Water Criminal Investigator. Besides running the Dive Team, he now serves as Captain overseeing the Criminal Investigation Division, the Community Impact Unit, and is the Salem Police Department's Public Information Officer.



**A word from:
Squadron Education
Officer
Walter Riley III, JN**

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BOATING CLASSES ARE BLOOMING *NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT*

Just in time for the boating season, the Squadron is offering multiple boating courses open for the public and members of the United States Power Squadrons.

Individuals and families are encouraged to enroll in the **America's Boating Course (ABC3)** available at four locations on the north shore. This course is a "must" for beginners and a valuable refresher for experienced skippers. The course is recognized and accepted by all 50 states and meets the Massachusetts licensing requirements for powerboat operators between the ages of 12 and 16 years.

Classes fill up fast. Information and registration is available at the Squadron website: Beverly-USPS.org. All Classes cost \$60 with discounts for families sharing materials. The ABC3 course locations and schedule follows:

Wednesdays, beginning March 1st at the Gloucester High School, 7 to 9 PM
Robert Duncan, Instructor

Tuesdays, beginning March 14th at the Hamilton-Wenham Library, 6 to 8 PM
Ray Tilton, Instructor

Thursdays, beginning March 30th at the Bass Haven YC, Beverly, 7 to 9PM
Robert Sant Fournier, Instructor

Wednesdays, beginning May 10th at the VFW Hall, Marblehead, 7 to 9 PM
Skip Whittaker, Instructor

Also available this Spring – PILOTING

In April we are also offering the INLAND AND COASTAL NAVIGATION COURSE. This course covers using your GPS and traditional methods to learn and develop skills should your GPS fail.

Beginning Mondays on April 3rd we offer the 10 week course with 2 hour sessions (7 to 9 PM) at the Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly. The course cost \$69 for USPS members and \$99 for non-members. This is a valuable course for new boaters as well as experienced skippers with hands-on, in-class exercises and practice.

Again information and registration is available for all courses at the BMSPS education page at Beverly-USPS.org. Members interested in other course offering not listed here should contact the Squadron Education Officer, Walter Riley, wriley3@comcast.net.

Nominations for the 2017-2018 Year
Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron
Voting will take place at the March General Meeting

Commander: Alex Pszeny, N

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Submitted by Bill Ghen, Nominating Committee



USPS District 12 Spring Conference and 76th Change of Watch



Saturday March 25, 2017
Plymouth Yacht Club, 34 Union Street
Hosted by the Old Colony Sail and
Power Squadron
Full agenda, registration and payment
info on D12 website:

www.usps.org/localusps/d12

Education and socializing

Morning session includes coffee and pastries
before:

- Instructor Recertification OR

CPR/AED training- reservations required!
Catered hot buffet lunch at 1200 followed by our guest
speaker Peter Shelley, Senior Counsel at the Conservation
Law Foundation. Peter will discuss the New England fisheries

After we hand out some well-earned awards,
we will hear from [V/C Mary Paige Abbott](#), SN-IN,
National Administrative Officer who will deliver
Chief Commander Louis Ojeda's message.

Change of Watch

At this COW Richard Terry, SN will be sworn in as Commander of
District 12. Please welcome him and his Bridge as they lead our
District for the next two years.

Other Stuff

On Saturday night we will all be dining at the East Bay Grill on
Plymouth Harbor. For those who would like arrive on Friday, a
special rate is available until March 1st at the John Carver Inn &
Spa at 25 Summer Street. It is about a ¼ mile from the yacht
club.



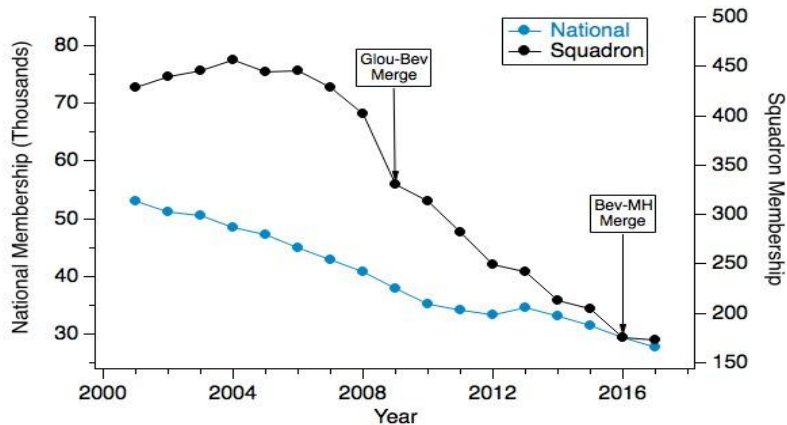
Full agenda, registration and payment info on D12 website:
www.usps.org/localusps/d12

Bending the Membership Curve

Lt/C Alex Pszenny, N, Executive Officer

During our squadron's January 4th business meeting it was noted that declining membership nationwide is largely responsible for the recent acceleration in National dues increase. Strong sentiments were expressed to put new effort – and money – into our recruiting and retention efforts.

The sharpness of the membership decline is disturbing. Charted below are the active member totals from National records as of the end of January of each year since 2001. The black trace shows the combined totals for the former Gloucester, Beverly, and Marblehead squadrons prior to mergers. The respective first post-merger years are labeled.



The blue trace shows the National active membership totals. What is especially disturbing is that our combined rate of decline has been much faster than the National rate! Since the peak in 2004 our membership is down by about two thirds while nationally the decline has been only about 50%.

On February 1st the Executive Committee had a spirited discussion framed around three questions concerning the best ways to enhance our recruiting and member involvement:

What has worked for us previously that may still be worthwhile?

What has not worked for us previously?

What new ways might we try to recruit and retain members?

The ExComm agreed that the squadron should have its own brochure that could be pre-positioned with harbormasters, boat dealers, marinas, West Marine, and other local chandleries. They also agreed that more emphasis should be placed on our advanced courses. It was suggested to reinvigorate our Membership Committee and expand its role to include marketing and public relations.

Success in bending our membership curve upward will require a sustained effort by the entire squadron. Involvement of members with experience in sales, marketing, and/or public relations would be especially valuable. If you are able and willing to play an active role in this effort, or even if you just want to contribute advice, please get in touch with me or another bridge member soon.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting on March 1st.

Alex Pszenny, Executive Officer

Message from Barbara Warren to Alex Pszenny. Barbara spoke about the effects of the increase in the height of tides in Salem Sound at one of our meetings this past year.

“Here is something else you or someone from the Power Squadron might be interested in attending. All the harbormasters have said they will be attending. You are invited to attend a meeting of Salem Sound eelgrass stakeholders to hear from Jill Carr, Fisheries Habitat Specialist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries lab in Gloucester, MA, about the current MA DMF Habitat Project - assessing historic eelgrass trends throughout Salem Sound, improving the resolution of eelgrass mapping and trying to understand changes in eelgrass abundance.

The Salem Sound Eelgrass Project utilizes photo-interpretation methods to delineate eelgrass beds in historic aerial photos, implementing two patchiness categories to better describe meadow density. Side scan mapping surveys are completed throughout the embayment to further assess and ground-truth the meadows at a higher resolution. A data mining exercise follows, collecting relevant datasets on water quality, weather, physical disturbance and various biotic variables that may cause or contribute to the eelgrass trends observed in the mapping exercises.

Preliminary results suggest that while some discrete eelgrass beds have seen complete loss over several decades, many eelgrass beds in Salem Sound are larger and more resilient than previously estimated.

Salem Sound Eelgrass Project stakeholders' meeting:

March 9, 2017: Thursday morning, 9:30 - 11:30am

at Salem Sound Coastwatch's new office, 12 Federal Street, Salem MA

Please let us know if you will be able to attend. We want to hear about your observations of eelgrass in Salem Sound and get your feedback.

~~ Barbara Warren

Salem Sound Coastwatch Executive Director

MassBays Lower North Shore Regional Coordinator

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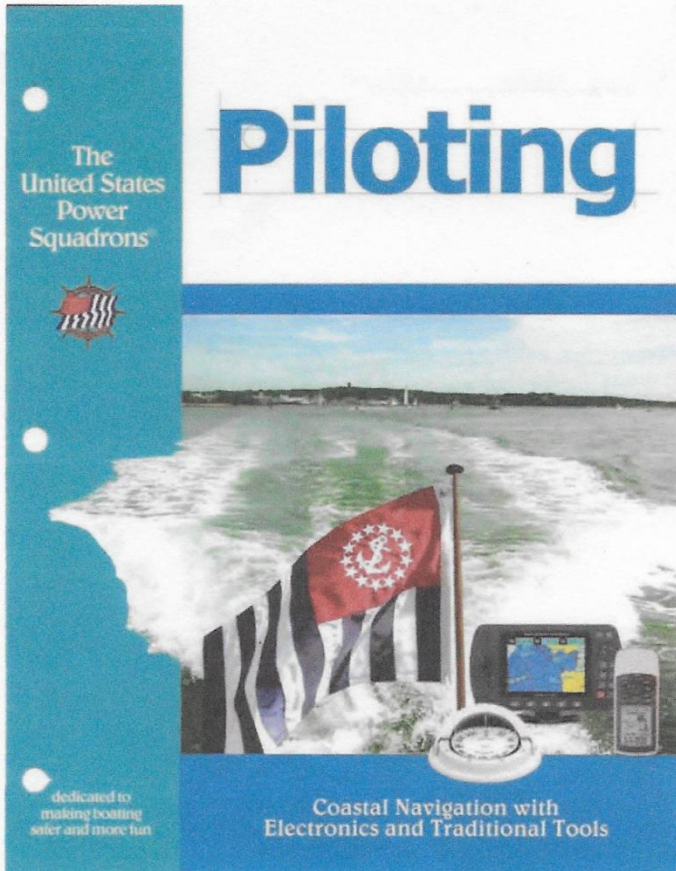


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Course Description



This course covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so that the student will be able to find their way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each are scheduled for presentation of this course. Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation.
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water.
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance.
- The Mariner's Compass and converting Magnetic and True North.
- Use of GPS—typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes.

When: Starts Monday, April 3rd at 7 pm for ten weeks, one night a week.

Where: Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly

Cost: \$99 for non-USPS members
\$69 for USPS Members

For more information contact jack Reed (978-546-3221/jackreed@comcast.net)

To register, go to <http://www.beverly-usps.org>



P/C Ronald W. Taylor, JN

Many of us remember Ron Taylor as one of the first Power Squadron members we met upon our introduction to the organization. Ron taught many people the basics of safe boating in the 90's and early 2000's. He was a well respected member of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron. Our sympathy to his family.

Ronald W. Taylor, 84, the loving husband of Jane (Aneshansel) Taylor, with whom he shared 61 years of marriage, died peacefully surrounded by his family on January 27, 2017. Born in Gloucester on June 13, 1932, he was the son of the late George and Ethel (Corcoran) Taylor. He was raised and educated in Gloucester and graduated from Gloucester High School in 1950. He then went on to Duke University where he first met his future wife and earned a Bachelor's degree from Duke University. After graduation Ron served as a pilot and officer in the United States Air Force where he served for three years. He later became the owner of several Budget Rental Car agencies in the local area. He was active in his community. He served on the Finance Committee for the town of Danvers and Saint Richard Parish, he was a member of the Rotary Club, and served on the North Shore Committee Council. Ron was his grandchildren's greatest fan, attending all of their sporting events, school plays, concerts, award ceremonies and graduations. He also was the PA announcer for many of the St. John's Prep football games, where his sons attended. He enjoyed boating and served as the Launch Commander at the Manchester Yacht Club. As a power squadron instructor, he taught many north shore residents the importance of safe boating. Ron was renowned for his model train collection and knowledge of all things railroad. In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by four children and their spouses, Carla and Tom Powers of Danvers, George and Marianna Taylor of Scituate, Greg and Suzy Taylor of Ohio and Jennifer and Scott Webster of Danvers; nine grandchildren, Kevin, Dan and Brian Powers, Nick and Emma Taylor, Kelsey and Alex Taylor and Julie and Ryan Webster. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Taylor.



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Watch - 6:30 PM - Jubilee Yacht Club**

**April 5th - Wednesday - E- Board Meeting - Jubilee Yacht
Club - 7:00 PM – Ward Room**

**May 3rd - Wednesday - General Members' Meeting and Supper
Jubilee Yacht Club – 6:30 PM**

Attention!

**If the Beverly Schools are Closed Due to Snow,
There Will Be No B-M S&PS Meeting That Evening**



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