



Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Now Hear This

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Commander's Corner

Where did summer go? Here it is fall and my list of things to do in the summer is not half done. The Squadron's rendezvous at Fort Point had a few loyal members there in spite of the inclement weather. The big summer successes were the Bucksport rendezvous at festival time and the potluck with a talk by Robin and Bob Jones hosted by Joan and Lew Phillips. Sandy Homer's article will give you details. The library materials that Robin and Bob donated to the Squadron will establish a library for the Squadron, members only. The materials list and check-out procedures will be established this fall. Robin and Bob also donated sailing/cruising magazines and electrical equipment to the Squadron. The officers decided at their September meeting to have a silent auction at one of

our Squadron events for the magazines and equipment with the proceeds donated to charity. More details will follow.

The officers in their September 8th meeting were very efficient in establishing the direction the Squadron will go this coming year. The fall classes were announced. The roster updating committee expects the new roster to be available this fall. A youth program is under discussion. Meeting dates for the officers and District were announced. The Squadron Christmas Dinner date of December 6th with program format was established. These were a few items gleaned from the minutes. Arlan Martin has kept the Squadron website up to date and I urge all members to check out the late breaking information there if a computer is available.

The Squadron needs your input on classes and activities that you are most interested in and that translates to being vocal about getting your desires known. Please contact Jay Johnson, johnson@maine.edu 866-2511 about classes. Your elected representatives to the officers meetings are Larry Homer 564-8450, Lew Phillips 989-4682 and Scott Ruffner 852-5678 for activities or any other suggestions. Of course you can always call or email me at 966-4520 jacobs@maine.edu. Please stay in touch, the officers are elected and appointed to serve you, the membership.

Important Dates:

District 19 Four-District Meeting Oct 24-26 in Laconia, NH.

Christmas Dinner meeting December 6, 2003

Squadron Roster Updates

The Roster Committee needs your information changes for the roster. We have some home address, phone number, email address changes but not all. Please send any changes that have been made in your information to jacobs@maine.edu, call 866-4520 or mail them to Richard Jacobs 91 Bennoch Road, Orono, ME 04473. We want to stay current on this information and the best way to insure that it is correct is for you to provide the changes. The committee expects the roster to be available in the very near future, please help make this happen.



P/C Lawrence Sherwood, AP presents Bob and Robin Jones the USPS District 19 “Excellence in Teaching” award.

From the “Ensign”

Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron ended its Rendezvous season with an “on land” social. On August 23, Chapman Award nominees Bob and Robin Jones gave a slide presentation of their sailing adventures to Fiji and Tonga aboard their ketch “Buster.” Bob and Robin are best known for their dynamic presentation of the Cruise Planning course for which they received the Penobscot Bay Squadron’s Herbert R. Dickey, JN Memorial Award for highest achievement and contribution to the Squadron Educational Program. They are also the recipients of the USPS District 19 Excellence in Teaching award, which also nominated them for the National Chapman Award from our district.

Their lively and interesting talk offered us “Atlantic Seamen” a view of the Pacific that we only dream about as well as some slides of their new home site in New Zealand. Their talk had followed a wonderful pot luck supper at the summer home of Joan and Lew Phillips at Lake Lucerne, commonly known as “Switzerland in Maine.” Bob and Robin capped off the evening by presenting many books and other print materials that will be the foundation for the establishment of a Squadron Library.

Lt. Sandra Homer, AP
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VSC PROGRAM

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to be equal partners in the inspection of recreational boats. The same training, inspection procedure, paperwork and stickers are used by both organizations.

If you think you would be interested in performing Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) please contact me. We will do the classroom training the 23rd and 30th of Oct. from 1830 to 2100. At present the classes will be conducted at my home. If we have a large class we may have to move to a larger area. After you complete the classroom training you will need to do five inspections with a qualified VSC and five inspections on you own the first year. After the first year you only need to do five each year to remain qualified. The inspections will probably be done in the spring. My phone and e-mail are listed below if you have any questions

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SAFETY NOTE

The Coast Guard has put out a notice that amplified radio and TV antennas aboard your boat could effect the reading on your GPS. If you have an amplified antenna, check to see if its having any influence on your GPS by obtaining a steady Lat Long on you GPS (moored or at the dock), then turn on the amplified antenna and see if the reading changes.

In any case it would be a good idea to turn the antenna off at night or in the fog. There is no reason to take a chance.

P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood

PBSPS Website Update

<http://www.bairnet.org/organizations/PBSPS/>

The website has gone through some changes since the last time mentioned in NHT.

The menu has taken on new items, certain pages have been revised and new pages have been added. A summary follows:

“Boating Links” - new links have been added which you might find of interest and others have been revised. The most recent addition includes a link to the

USPS - Vessel Safety Check. Each link has been enhanced with a brief description to help clarify the purpose of the link.

“Class and Event Schedule” - these schedules continue to provide current items as they become available. You might note the latest event just added which involves plans to provide vessel inspection training this fall for any members interested.

Check the ‘EVENTS’ webpage for more details.

“For Sale” - a new category added for members to post items that they wish to sell, trade, give away or whatever. Photos are encouraged to accompany any item that you would like to post but a photo is not necessary. Please note the “Required fields” under “DETAILS” to expedite setup of your item for the web page.

“Photo Gallery” - has undergone a “redo” if you will and has a different look about it. More pictures have been added but we can always

use more. I encourage you to share any pictures of interest.

“Squadron Communication” - another new category added to the menu. This page includes several subcategories which include Commander’s Corner, Administrative Link, Education Link, Squadron Awards and Squadron History.

Another category for you to click on and check out. “Now Hear This” – a new category added which includes a digital representation of the squadron’s newsletter “Now Hear This”.

Currently, the June, 2003 issue is the only issue available. However, the intent is to include a back issue or two as well as all future issues. Changes are in progress relating to the “Photo Gallery” page to make navigation from picture to picture or picture to page easier.

So keep checking in with us on the web as we try to make your website more interesting and useful. Your thoughts are always welcome and encouraged. You can check out the PBSPS

website at : <http://www.bairnet.org/organizations/PBSPS/>

Arlan Martin AP

Free to Members Ads Boat for Sale

VERLANGEN’s price has been dropped to \$19,500. She’s a one off 32’ strip planked yawl from Cy Hamlin & Joel White and all the data can be seen on Cannell, Payne, & Page’s web site (www.cppyacht.com).



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For charter during the 2004 sailing season: 28 foot coastal cruiser. Sleeps 5, inboard diesel, full navigational electronics....bareboat. At Belfast Harbor. Call Howie at 944-3971 or howie@midmaine.com

Education Events

September 2003

In the last Now Hear This I reported on our first **Weather** Course since 1994 but except for Lew Phillips, who had passed the earlier course, I didn't congratulate those who had passed it! I'd like to correct that now. Congratulations also to Dan and Dina Cassidy, Mary Dolan, John Edwards, Steve Hintz, Sandy Homer, Dick Jacobs, Jay Johnson, Donna Leland, Jim Love, Arlan Martin, Ed McNeice and Scott Ruffner and thanks and "well done" to Larry Homer for a fine course!

This Spring we again ran the post Boat Show **Boating** course in Bangor and following that, **Seamanship** taught by Larry Sherwood with help from Scott Ruffner, Lew Phillips and me. This was the first course in my experience with the Squadron which had preteen people in it. Ben Tyler and Andy Beaupain both completed the course, though Andy had to pass Boating before we could order his S exam. Special congratulations to you both! Congratulations also to those who took the exam the last session, all passed: Marcia Ayer, John Edwards, Brian and

Cherie Grant, Dick Shaw and Ben and Jim Tyler. Andy, his Dad, Dean, and John Mabee were not able to make the first exam but took theirs on Sept 10 and I'm sure will do as well.

A **Boating Course** will have started in Bucksport by the time you read this. Scott Ruffner and John Edwards are starting it off for me Sept 16. The Bangor course will start Oct 1 with Wes Hedlund and Arlan Martin teaching it. Get all your friends who need it into one or the other!

Engine Maintenance, taught by P/C Joel McLaughlin assisted by Vim Frederik, will start Wednesday, October 15. Three have signed up as I write this with another if it's on a night he can make and six more are interested. We look forward to a fine class!

We're also planning to offer **Navigating with GPS**, taught by P/C Tom Sawyer. Over a dozen have indicated early interest. We've had trouble planning over the summer but are working on having 4-6 sessions in Nov- Dec. I'll email details as they become available; if you don't get my email, please call me if you're interested!

In the Winter, Dick Jacobs will offer his **Instructor Qualification** course, very well received in 2002, now in the new USPS Vision 2000 modular format and renamed **Instructor Development**. I hope everyone who hasn't taken the course will take advantage of this chance to do so. Dick is an excellent teacher; he makes it a

fun course, it has a lot of good pointers on communicating which are helpful in all undertakings, it's an "Elective Course, counts toward the Educational Proficiency Award and starting in 2004 instructors need to have this qualification to teach the Boating course!

We'll also offer **Piloting**, with Larry and I teaching it, in the Bangor area. Please let me know of your interest!

Bill Gerie wrote:"I would like to know if there are any plans to offer the weather course this winter. I spent last winter going down the East Coast to Miami and then spent two and a half months in the Bahamas and found my travels were mostly driven by weather patterns. I'd like to know more about weather." If others would like to take Weather also, please let me know...we'd be glad to have it!!

Respectfully submitted,

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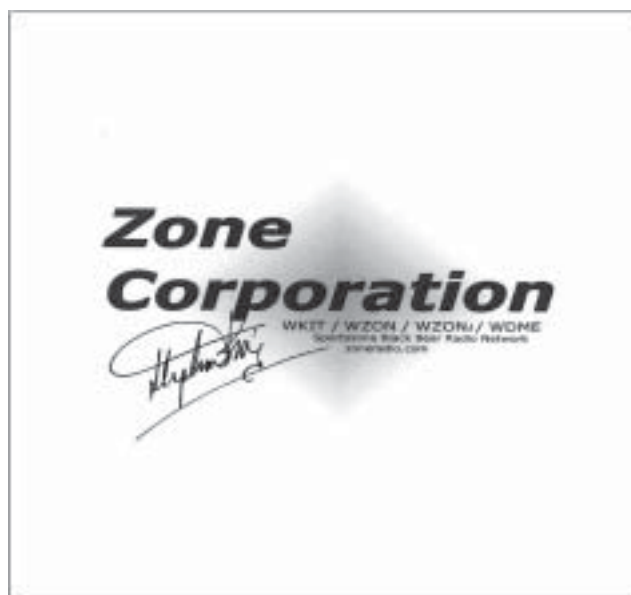


From the Editor

Wow...it was a short summer!! So many things going on and so little time to sail. I got the deck refinishing project completed on "Wilbur"....not bad for a first try...just a word of caution, always follow the directions on those epoxy based coatings! Now I'm in the throes of restoring another older boat...a Tartan 34C. The hope is to have her ready for the 75th Anniversary of Sparkman and Stephens regatta in Mystic, Ct in mid July. The boat was designed by Olin Stevens and a picture of her when she was first constructed will be published in the S&S Yearbook. See the photo below.

The next issue of NHT will be out in November...deadline is October 30.

Have a great fall!
Howie Soule





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