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This award is much appreciated, and what an honor to have our Squadron listed for the third year in a row, from the District that represents Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Bob and Robin Jones received the award last year and Larry Sherwood the year before that. My personal thanks go to not only the Squadron and District, but also to our officers – especially our Education Officer, Lt/C Jay Johnson, AP, for making this all possible. P/C W. Tom Sawyer, Jr. JN then gave an excellent tour of the Mississippi with slides and interesting facts and stories of his river cruise from last fall. By the time the evening ended, (no, we didn't get snowed out) the auction had raised \$300 for the Bangor Chapter of River Coalition (Community Fight Against Children's Substance Abuse) charity and there was a large box full of stuffed toys also to be donated to charity. This Squadron outing was well worth the effort and time of all involved.

Commander's Corner

Those that attended the Founder's Day Dinner can give you a report that glows with good cheer, good will and other good feelings. We of course took time to reflect on both the founders of USPS and our Squadron. In addition, we had a silent moment for P/C Hayden Julian Bayer JN (Cdr 1979-1980) who passed away last year. All the nominated officers were elected and will be installed at the March 13 Change of Watch. During the brief meeting for the election, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented P/C W. Tom Sawyer, Jr. JN for his distinguished service over the years. The District 19 Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Cdr Dick Jacobs AP by P/C Larry Sherwood, AP

In other news since the last edition, it can be reported that the most current membership roster has been sent to all members, either by e-mail or regular U. S. postal service. If for some reason you didn't receive, or couldn't read (open) the e-mail attachment, or found places that need correcting – please contact me. As soon as it goes out, there are changes, this is the nature of the document. Addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses always seem to be in a state of flux. Please do keep us informed of roster changes as they occur. Our next project will be to include a current boat roster which includes boat name and home port. We have very few boats on the list at the present time. Are there members that would help with this boat roster?

Word has come from Mary Edwards that she is virtually done with the cataloging of the several boxes of boating books that Bob and Robin Jones donated to the Squadron to establish a lending library for members. We are still working out the details of actually checking out the books and where the library will be housed. P/Lt Larry Homer AP is in the process of building a bookcase for the books. If there are Squadron members that are interested in any portion of this project, please contact me. As a final word, P/C Larry Sherwood, AP is working out the details for our summer rendezvous schedule. If you have suggestions, now is the time to contact Larry before places and times are set. Sally and I saw a flight of robins in our yard recently that must mean we can think spring and all that follows. Trust we will be together at the Change of Watch in March to talk boating.

Cdr Dick Jacobs, AP



Important Dates

Feb. 27, 2004, The 2004 Maine Milfoil Summit will be held on Friday, February 27th at the University of Maine in Lewiston. The summit will run from 9-12AM.

March 13, 2004, Change of Watch, Millers, 6PM Social, 7PM Dinner followed by our speaker, David Gelinis from the Penobscot Bay and River Pilot's Association, then the Change of Watch which is the installation of the elected and appointed officers, special awards will be presented with recognition of all new Squadron members since the last change of Watch.

March 19, 2004, Maine Sportsman Show, Univ. of Maine, Orono

March 19-21st, 2004, Maine Boat Builders, The Portland Co., Portland, ME

March 26-28, 2004 District 19 Conference, Wawenock Squadron will be the host in Portland, ME. Contact Dick Jacobs if interested in details.

April 9-11, 2004 Bangor Boat Show – we have a booth at the show and are looking for volunteers to “man” the booth (working the booth means free admission to the show), contact Rich Crowe.

April 21, 2004, Officers' meeting at the Cdr's home, 7PM, all meetings open to members.



May 21, 2004, PaddleSmart Program at the Bangor YMCA. Contact Arlan Martin for details.

May 22-28, 2004, National Safe Boating Week.

June 25, 2004, District 19 Rendezvous aboard the "Scotia Prince." Portland, ME to Yarmouth NS returning June 26, cost is \$102 pp dbl occ, up graded cabin w/full head or \$107 sgl occ. Price includes breakfast and afternoon buffets, plus other amenities. Details available from Dick Jacobs or Larry Sherwood.

Change of Watch Dinner Meeting March 13

There are many dates on the "Important Dates" list found in this edition. We would like to draw your special attention to the March 13, 2004 Change of Watch. This is probably the most important dinner meeting that the Squadron holds each year. At first glance, if you have never attended, you might think – "boring." This is definitely not the case. It is an event for the total membership, not just the officers that are elected or appointed. Awards are presented to individual members that have achieved certain grades from classes taken or other accomplishments. All active and additional active members that are new to the Squadron since the last Change of Watch will be presented Squadron nametags. All active, additional active and family members that are new members this year will receive USPS lapel pins as they are sworn in by the District 19 Commander. Beyond this, it is a time to get to meet and socialize with other boaters that share your, our, love of boating activities and improving our skills on the water. There is an added bonus at this year's Change of Watch. We finally will have the opportunity to hear the speaker that was "snowed out" twice at our Christmas Dinner party. There was great interest in hearing him then, and now is your chance. David Gelinias from the Penobscot Bay and River Pilot's Association will give an illustrated talk about what goes on as a Pilot guides the large ships in our waters while we, in

our much smaller recreation boats, try our very best to stay on a safe course, out of their way. Again, the Change of Watch Dinner meeting is March 13, 2004 at Millers on Main St in Bangor, 6PM Social, 7PM Dinner followed by our speaker, David Gelinias from the Penobscot Bay and River Pilot's Association, then the Change of Watch which is the installation of the elected and appointed officers, special awards will be presented with recognition of all new Squadron members since the last change of Watch. Dress is casual or jackets (with or without ties) for the men and casual to party dresses for the women. Please RSVP to Dick Jacobs by March 11, 2004.

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).



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

Classified Ads Continued



1977 23 foot S-2 sloop. Fiberglass with mahogany interior. Shoal draft, swing keel. Main, jib, spinnaker. Furler, 7hp gas inboard. Includes trailer. Located at Winterport Marina. Asking \$6400 Roger at 207-989-6992 or email at roberh@midmaine.com

Chapman's Available to Members

The officers at their last meeting elected to buy a case of eight, new 1999 editions of *Chapman's Piloting*, four of the eight are sold as this is being written. The case has been ordered and delivery is expected the first week of March. The cost is \$11.50 per book and one Squadron member said they couldn't find it that cheap, even used, on the web. If you are interested, contact Dick Jacobs.

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Pipe Them Aboard!

We have been "Piping" the new members aboard in each issue as they joined the Squadron. Below are the new members since the last issue. As you see or talk to these people, please welcome them to the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

Linda and Robert Allen, Elizabeth and Peter Dodge, Betty Massie and David Towle

Roster, By Air or By Land?

Current membership rosters were sent by e-mail (air?) and by U. S. postal service (land?). The questions are — first, did you get the roster? And second, **if you did get the roster, was all of your personal information correct?** This procedure was suggested by the officers in order to save large postage bills. For those that have known e-mail addresses, an excel file attachment was sent. Some responded that the excel file worked fine, others had to have an htm (web) file sent, while others reported that they needed a hardcopy. This system seems to be working, if there are problems let Dick Jacobs (866-4520 or e-mail jacobs@maine.edu) know what they are. Also, if you have an e-mail address and have not been receiving occasional messages from the officers (classes and activities), please contact Dick Jacobs. Has your e-mail address changed in the last year? We had several "rejects" or failures, and therefore sent hardcopy. When we send postcards for classes or activities it would cut down on postage if we only had to send to non-e-mail addresses. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

Our next project is to get an accurate boat name and "home port" list from the membership. This information will be sent out after the March 13th Change of Watch. Watch for a form to fill out by "air" or by "land."



Education Events

Ted Littlefield and Howie Soule have agreed to offer **Marine Electronics** starting either Wednesday, March 31 or Thursday, April 1 depending on which is more convenient for those who want to take it. It will be held at EMCC.

The new course is three modules: ME 101 - Boat Electrical Systems, and 102 - Marine Radio Communications are bound together and 103 - Marine Electronics for Navigation is a separate manual. The Instructors' Manual suggests six sessions for module 101 and five for 102, including one for review and exam in each, and seven for module 103 with the review as part of the sixth and a separate session for the exam. Ted and Howie will see how that pace goes with our group and adjust it as appropriate.

The manuals are \$35 if all modules are bought as a package, \$45 if separately. We plan to buy the complete sets unless someone asks only one of the two.

In order to get manuals by March 31, I need to order by March 10 so please get word to me by Tuesday, March 9 if you plan to take the class with your availability Wednesday and Thursday nights and which of them you prefer.

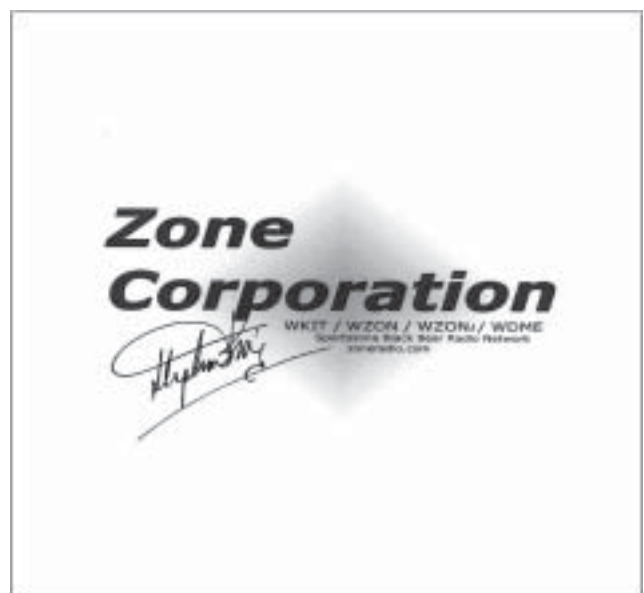
Piloting, with Larry Sherwood teaching it, started Jan 29 with 20 attendees and is going strong.

The **Boating courses** started Tuesday, Feb 24. in Bucksport with 12 attendees and Wednesday, February 25, with 16 in Bangor. Arlan Martin is teaching the Bucksport class and Wes Hedlund the Bangor one; Sandi and Larry Homer helped get Bangor started; thanks to you all! I got more calls about these two classes than any I recall; they seem very popular!

We're planning a post Bangor Boat Show semester with the **Boating Course** followed by Seamanship but only if Instructors volunteer. Please get involved and volunteer - for one topic or more as you feel comfortable!

A number of members of the Bucksport Boating class want a Seamanship course in the Bucksport area. We'd like to hold one but Larry, Dick and I, who generally teach it, are not available. We NEED one or more Seamanship Instructors; please VOLUNTEER! Thanks!

Respectfully submitted, Jeremy E. Johnson,
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District 19 Rendezvous

Reservations are now being taken for the District #19 Rendezvous aboard the cruise ship

“Scotia Prince”. The ship leaves Portland, Maine 8 pm June 25,2004, sails to Yarmouth NS returns to Portland 7 pm June 26. Any USPS members and guest are invited. Passengers must be at the terminal (90) minutes before departure for carry-on baggage check and boarding ID. ID can be photo drivers license and birth certificate or passport, if neither you will need a birth certificate along with a photo ID (state ID)...Any Medication must be in the prescription container.

The cost is \$102.00 PP dbl occ. upgraded cabin w/toilet and shower or \$107,00 sgl occ cabin with wash bowl only (toilet in passage way). Price includes breakfast and afternoon buffets (evening buffet available leaving Portland \$15.00 extra w/tip),casino, live band,

dancing, floor show, full service bar, tax and duty-free shopping, whale watching and between meals cafe and snack bar available. Cancellations for refund must be made no later than 24 May.

Directions: Traveling Maine Turnpike take exit #7 to 295 north to Waterfront exit, follow to Commercial Street ,go about 1 mile to Casco Bay bridge, terminal and parking is just beyond the bridge. Traveling Rt.#1 - follow signs to Commercial Street - Waterfront..

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Reservation form and checks must be received by MAY 8. Make check payable to William E. Maloy, mail to 19 Eureka Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105

Cabin circle one: DBL SGL ANY QUESTIONS

Call 207 878-5653 or

e-mail -wilybi2@maine,rr.com

Flare Gun Alert!

Pass this along to all your boating friends. Flare guns made by Olin, (now Orion) can't be opened wide enough to accept a flare cartridge and would be useless in an emergency. During a recent inspection of flare guns in Florida, 13% were found to be defective and could not be opened wide enough to load a cartridge.

A spokesman at Orion confirmed the problem, but here is the kicker—*not* all flare guns are defective. The Olin plastic flare guns are suspect as well as the Orion guns made prior to 2000. This was the year that the mechanism was re-engineered. So bottom line folks, you really need to check them.....the re-engineered guns have the Coast Guard approval code 160.028/12/1 stamped on the body .

No recall has been issued but Orion has agreed to replace any of the defective guns regardless of age. So if the gun won't open it should be sent back for replacement.

To search the internet for more info, use key words Olin, Orion, flare gun.

Jim Larner



Could this be the best of both sailing and flying? Will it fly?...will it even float? The concepts of lift apply to both sailing and flying, but this might just be taking it to a ridiculous extreme!

Ads for the “Now Hear This”

Publication of *Now Hear This* is relatively expensive. Printing and mailing costs average \$200 per issue. To help offset this cost to the Squadron, the bridge voted some time ago to sell ads on an annual basis. Please, if you own or manage a business that would like to participate, or know of one, please contact me. Rates are as follows: \$100 half page, \$60 quarter page and \$30 eighth page for one year, or six issues. It's a great deal, and you'll be helping the Squadron.É.thanks!

Howie Soule, Editor
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From the Editor

Thanks to you that contribute to NHT, and thanks to those of you that read it. NHT needs your participation and contributions. Please send pictures and/or stories for inclusion in the next issue. The deadline will be April 5, 2004.

Howie Soule
Editor, Now Hear This.





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