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These include all types of memberships, active, additional active, family and women's certificates. 27 members are officers, chairmen, serve on committees or are Port Captains. Many of these members are acting in more than one Squadron role. There is room for new members to join these ranks with a variety of responsibilities.

With seven Port Captains our Squadron covers the Maine Coast from Belfast to Calais and that represents many miles of shore line and islands, plus all of the Penobscot Bay area.

Through a very generous gift of members Bob and Robin Jones, the Squadron was able to raise money for charity and establish a Squadron Lending Library of Nautical Books. Another member, Mary Edwards, graciously catalogued this material. And still another member, Larry Homer, built a bookcase to hold the collection. We are now working on a checkout system and searching for a "home" for the Squadron's Lending Library.

Financially we have held steady and put a portion of our money in a money market account to hold it for equipment such as the recent purchase of an overhead projector and the anticipated purchase of a video (LCD) projector. One member, Howie Soule graciously donated a laptop computer to the Squadron. We are looking for other donations to fulfill out various missions.

The Squadron once again has an up-to-date roster. This time the roster was sent by e-mail to those that had know addresses and the others were mailed by the U. S. postal service. Members have been very good about making corrections and sharing them with the Squadron and this is appreciated. One of our next goals is to get a boat roster up to date too.

Commander's Corner

The 2004 Change of Watch past by. While 30 some members enjoyed the speaker, David Gelines from the Penobscot Bay and River Pilots' Association, the social time plus a chance to reflect on last year's accomplishments came into play too. I am doing a repeat of the Commander's Report for 2004 since the total membership needs to know what we are doing in the Squadron as a whole.

Commander's Report 2004

The Squadron can be proud of the various areas of accomplishment in the past year. Many of these are mentioned in the departmental reports for this 2004 Change of Watch. Building on the excellent traditions and practices of the past, the Squadron now has 161 members.

The Squadron assisted and supported the establishment of a new Squadron in Maine, the Aroostook Valley Sail and Power Squadron through to their chartering this past year. We wish them well and we will continue to support and interact with them in the future.

There were three rendezvous events this summer, two by boat and one a pot luck supper with Robin and Bob Jones as speakers at the Joan and Lew Phillips summer home on Phillips Lake. Several other dinner meetings rounded out the social side of our activities last year.

Because many Squadron activities have been covered in the departmental reports it is not necessary to repeat that information, however some material does need amplification or added emphasis of importance. The Squadron can be proud of the various awards listed in this 2004 Change of Watch, including the recognition of the Squadron website and the newsletter "Now Hear This" by the national officers of USPS.

The Squadron's accomplishments are possible because there is a dedicated membership which includes a growing group of officers, chairmen, committee members, Port Captains, instructors and proctors that make things happen. I want to be the first to thank all who played a part in making last year a success, the effort was worth it. Please join me in extending that thanks when you see a member that is contributing to the excellence of our Squadron's missions of boating education, service to the community and social interactions. My personal thanks once again to all the officers who played such a major role in such a productive year of activities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cdr Richard M. Jacobs AP

American Flag on sale

Prestige Flag has contacted the Squadron with a special sale on American flags 12" X 18" with grommets to fly from your favorite boat. That is the same size as the official USPS ensign. Appliqued stripes, embroidered stars on high

quality 400 denier nylon priced at \$15 plus shipping. Contact Dick Jacobs for further information or call direct to Prestige Flag at 1-800-876-5155 (Dennis extension 218).

Chapman's Piloting 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.

Important Dates

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.

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

June 25, 2004 Rendezvous Fort Point

July 23, 2004 Rendezvous Bucksport



New style "service" boat

Dues notices will be arriving sometime the end of May

The dues year runs from May 31, 2004 to May 31 2005. The dues are the same as last year – active \$43.50, additional active \$27.00 and \$7.50 for a family member. Make sure you include your additional active and family members on your check. It would help John Russell out Treasurer if you put on the check who the extra members are. The check should be made out to Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron and mailed to John Russell, 81 Summer St. Hampden, ME 04444. All this will come in a mailing to you in about two months; this is just a reminder to look for the notice from national in the mail.

Safe Boating week is May 22-28, 2004

We know about safe boating, but each year the national Safe Boating Week alerts us to the fact that we need to think and act all year, not just one week. As you begin to dream about getting the boat ready to go in the water this spring, do a safety check on all your safety equipment. Make sure it is ready for an emergency and not out of date

The Squadron Lending Library

It is true, we have now established a Squadron Lending Library. We do not have a check out policy in place at the present time and we are looking for people to help. The Squadron also needs a home for the library, it is not very large and P/Lt Lawrence M. Homer AP has made a bookcase for the library too. Find out more, even if you only want to know what's in the library, call or e-mail Dick Jacobs at 866-4520 jacobs@maine.edu.

Report On Change Of Watch Awards

USPS Ensign Award for Seamanship Completion

Marcia Ayer S, Dean Beaupain S,
Lt John Edwards S, Brian Grant S,
Cherie Grant S, John Mabee P,
Richard Shaw S, James Tyler S,
Benjamin Tyler S

Squadron Burgee Award for Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting Completion

Randy Burns AP

Herbert Dickey Award — Presented Annually for Highest Achievement and Contribution to the Squadron Educational Program

P/Lt Lawrence M. Homer 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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2004 RENDEZVOUS Schedule

(FIRST HALF)

June 25, 26 and 27 will be our first rendezvous of the season at Fort Point cove. This is a great location because you can come by car or boat. Fort point cove and Fort Point State Park are located at the mouth of the Penobscot River six nautical miles below Bucksport. If you trailer you can launch at Verona Island (6nm), Stockton Springs (6nm) or Searsport (8 nm). There is plenty of water in the cove and a small dock for the dinghies. By car take Cape Jellison road of Rt 1 in Stockton Springs and follow the signs to Fort Point State Park. Find the path to the dock and you will see our signs.

You can visit old Fort Pownall and the light house and see the bell and horn. Come for the day or the weekend. I should be there Friday evening and stay until Sunday morning. Bring whatever you want for the grill, something to drink and a little something to share. The rest will be provided.

Fort Point Pier; 44 28.55'N (44 28' 18") 68 48.785'W (68 48' 48")

July 23, 24 and 27 will at Bucksport. Again you can come by boat or car. **IF YOU WANT TO COME BY BOAT YOU NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH PORT HARBOR MARINE IN BREWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** This is the Fort Knox Festival. There will be vendors all along the riverfront. There are bands, parades and in the past fireworks. We always have a great time. 1300 Saturday there will be a cook out at my boat at Port Harbor Marine. Same as Fort Point, bring what you want for the grill and a little something for the rest. There are also a lot of food vendors. This has always been a great rendezvous. Again I will be there from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. If you don't see my boat right away I may be out on a four hour patrol for the Coast Guard but I will be back. My boat will be the SI SU. I will be on channel 16 and 9. Hope to see you at both. We will have two more rendezvous. They will be in the next NHT.
P/C Larry Sherwood AP



Education Events

Ted Littlefield and Howie Soule have agreed to offer **Marine Electronics** starting April 8th 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.

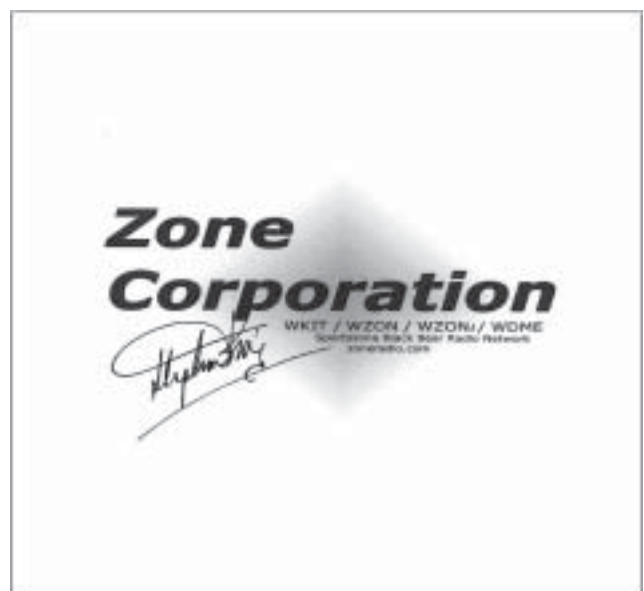
Piloting, with Larry Sherwood teaching it, started Jan 29 with 20 attendees and is going strong.

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!

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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 all who contribute to NHT. And, I’ll remind you again that this is YOUR publication. So please, submit articles and pictures. Share your boating experiences and adventures with the rest of us. I was recently on a trip to Batangas in the Philippines. One is a view of one of the nearby harbors. I also had an opportunity to dive to about 250 feet in a small submarine. One pic is of the sub itself. Electric powered with 300 foot capability. It was 60 feet long and weighed 50 tons. (it carried lots of batteries.) The pic with the fish in it is out near where the continental shelf drops down to about 4000 feet. It’s an experience that I highly recommend.

The next issue will be Summer and the deadline is May 20, 2004.

Happy Spring!

Howie Soule

Editor, Now Hear This.





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