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Commander's Corner

It is a good bet that in each of the homes of Squadron members there is talk and plans underway to get the family boat in the water. That seems to be one of the things that boaters have in common, wanting to get out on the water as soon as possible. Some members have new or maybe "experienced" boats that need to be cared for before that great day of getting onto the water. Others have everything "almost" ready to go now. Check out the new benefits that are available to all members – discounts at Hamilton Marine, a library for research or pleasure and new discounted boat insurance opportunities.

Dues notices have been sent and I am sure many of you have already taken care of this item. If

you have questions about the dues or what to do after reading the article about dues in this issue, please write or call me.

In terms of planning for the summer and fall Squadron classes and activities, the officers have taken what has worked in the past and added some new twists and opportunities for the summer and fall activities. First look at the rendezvous schedule that is available as of this date. A late summer special program is in the planning stages both for boaters and those without boats. Larry Sherwood will have details later in the summer.

Please take a minute to think about what you would like the Squadron to offer in terms of activities and classes. Without the membership's direct input to the officers, the officers design what we "think" the members want to do and then add what the officers want to do. Many times an activity or class will need the membership's direct involvement. A suggestion was made some time ago about having a chance to check safety flairs and to learn about how to safely use them. Many Squadrons do this on a regular basis throughout the US. Yes, there are serious safety issues, but that is the point – we can find the proper place, time and supervision to hold such an even if it is known that there is an interest. It would mean that we would need some members to help plan and stage the activity. That is just one example of member involvement, but are you interested in participating in some way? What would you like to do and or help other members do? Here is another example. A few years ago we had a grand "insider" tour of the Maine training ship and the Maine Maritime Academy. Many

attended and it was well received. It has been suggested that those that are interested, take an “insider” guided tour of the Penobscot Maritime Museum in Searsport. Yes, it will probably cost a few dollars and would be the better part of a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in the fall. Without definitely committing yourself or your family members at this point, Dick Jacobs needs to know if there are others that would like to take this tour. Give a response by the end of June to 866-4520 or jacobs@maine.edu. It will not be explored unless there is an expressed interest.

I trust that we all will be on the water soon visiting our favorite Maine places of interest. Enjoy the water and the summer and please try to get to the Squadron summer events – its more fun with more people

Respectfully Submitted,
Cdr Richard M. Jacobs AP

PBSPS Lending Library Is Available To Members

This last winter Mary Edwards devised a simple system to catalogue the books that Robin and Bob Jones donated to the Squadron. With the assistance of John Edwards, the finished product of cataloging was delivered to Dick Jacobs for storage. Early this spring Larry Homer delivered an attractive nautical bookcase that he designed and built to display the Squadron’s Lending Library. The results are in this edition of the “Now Hear This.” The catalogued library is enclosed in a two-page list format. A picture of Larry Homer’s donated bookcase is also in this edition. Look at the detail work of the power and sailboat hulls on the bookcase ends. The library is organized into three segments.

1. Technical books about boats, boating skills, care, navigation, equipment and more.
2. Sea Stories – mostly non-fiction.
3. Cruising Guides – mostly of the east coast and the Caribbean

At the last officers’ meeting, the subject came up about other members donating nautical books to be shared within the Squadron. The

answer was yes, plus we have a system to add new materials easily. One new book given to the Squadron was an autographed copy of the 2003 book by Skip Strong and Twain Braden “In Peril,” the story of the salvage that made history. What about checking out materials? For the present time it will be a simple checkout system. If you are interested in a specific title or group of books, contact Dick Jacobs. Arrangements will be made to get the materials out to the Squadron members. If you don’t come to pick-up the material, it may mean you will pay postage to have the book mailed to you. The complete library system will no doubt evolve as we gain experience. A big Squadron thank you goes to Robin and Bob Jones, Mary and John Edwards and Larry Homer for the gift, organization and unique bookcase.

Lending Library Needs a Home

The difficult work has been done on the library. We now need someone or a group of people to house and maintain the collection. These tasks will not be difficult. As can be seen from the picture and the list of books, it is an attractive addition to any home that has members interested in nautical materials. Some of the materials will be used in classes, but what we need most now, is the “place” for the library to live. Please give a thought to what portion of this project you would like to help on to make this new Squadron acquisition functional for all. Contact Dick Jacobs to indicate interested in any portion of this project.



Dues Statements have been sent from national USPS

The dues year runs from May 31, 2004 to May 31 2005. The national, district and Squadron dues are the same as last year – active \$43.50, additional active \$27.00 and \$7.50 for a family member. It would help John Russell, our treasurer, if you would put on the check who the extra members are. National USPS sent each member or family of members a statement with an envelope that can be mailed directly to John Russell. The check should be made out to “Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron” or “PBSPS.” If for some reason you didn’t receive a statement from USPS in the last three weeks, please contact Dick Jacobs and he will follow up on the dues owed. Also, if in the shuffle of papers and bills, the special envelope from national was lost, just mail the dues check to John Russell, 81 Summer St. Hampden, ME 04444.

Important Dues Notice – National has changed its policy on current year dues. If the dues are paid later than the May 31st due date, the full amount of national USPS dues will be change throughout the year. USPS dues are no longer pro rated. District dues have always been for the full year. In terms of the Squadron dues, the same modest pro-rated dues rates are still in place. **There is no real advantage to delay paying your dues. As a matter of fact you will be missing some valuable membership benefits that are new as of this month. Please read the “New Benefits Available to all Squadron Members” article in this edition of “Now Hear This.”**

New Benefits Available to all Squadron Members

Three new benefits of membership are open to all Squadron members as of this month.

1. Squadron member Arlan Martin has made arrangements with Hamilton Marine for discounted prices on items in the store. Plus, there is an internet link to Hamilton Marine on the Squadron web page. The discount runs from five to ten percent depending on the specific item. You need to identify yourself as a member of the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron. Hamilton Marine has a current list of members and this list will be updated

monthly. What better way to outfit your boat with new safety gear or other marine items than with discounted prices though being a member of the Squadron. It makes sense plus \$s and cents to pay your dues now while you are thinking about it. The Squadron thanks Arlan for setting this up for us.

2. The Squadron lending library is operational. It is for Squadron members only. If you want to plan or dream about cruising, if you need to look at some technical references about boating, or you want to read a sea story – take a look at the attached library list and the article about the lending library in this edition of “Now Hear This.”

3. USPS has been negotiating with several insurance companies for low rates in addition what is already available to members. This was information given by our District Cdr John Little JN after he attended a national meeting. For the latest insurance information contact USPS at 1-888-367-8777.

American Flags 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,

Paddle Smart Program

By the time you read this note on the Paddle Smart program at the Bangor YMCA, the event will have occurred. The Squadron gives a big thank you to Arlan Martin for the all the meetings in preparation for the event and for teaching navigation to the kayak and canoe people that were in attendance. Thanks also go to Larry Sherwood, Shirin Khavari and Lew Phillips for being in the Squadron booth at the event Friday May 21st.



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PBSPS Website Update

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Arlan Martin AP

2004 RENDEZVOUS Schedule

(FIRST HALF)

June 25, 26 and 27 will be our first rendezvoused 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 sings to Fort Point State Park. Fined 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 POSABLE.** This is the Fort Knox Festival. There will be venders 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 venders. This has always been a great rendezvoused. 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 rendezvouse. They will be in the next NHT.
P/C Larry Sherwood AP

RENDEZVOUS UPDATE

As of this printing the Aug and Sep rendezvous have not been planned yet. A key squadron member in the planning is out of town and will not be back for a while. We will send out a separate letter with the dates and times. In the meantime don't forget our first rendezvous at fort point. We always have a great time. The first two rendezvous should be published again in this news letter. My boat will be the Si Su and I should be there Friday afternoon. I will be on channel 9 & 16. Come and visit. I have a lot more room now. (Remember – I always have lots of food) See you there.

P/C Lawrence A Sherwood AP



PADDLE SMART

Friday the 21st was Paddle Smart at the YMCA. We had a booth manned by Shirin Khavari and myself and Arlan Martin gave a navigation class for the paddle people. A number of Proclamations were handed out on behalf of the governor. The Bangor Mayor, Daniel J. Tremble, was present to hand out his Proclamations. One was to the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron recognizing the United Stated Power Squadrons 90 years of service to the boating public. I thought that was nice. There were many booths, demonstrations and classes and every one seemed to have a good time. This is a yearly event and the second year that we had a booth.

P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood AP



Shirin at the Paddle Smart Booth

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Education Events

May 2004

A nice note arrived from Bob and Robin Jones who are in New Zealand practicing what they have preached in Cruise Planning. Actually they aren't all the time, the note reads:

"Thought you would be interested in the property location. House is being built @ the X. Roof is almost on but still a long way to go. Probably finished by Sept. - Oct. We are back in ME Aug & Sept. Will give you a shout. Our Best.

Bob & Robin

BUSTERBOBNROBIN@yahoo.com "

The note is a postcard made of three connected panels of about 4"x 5" which are a photo of Acaroa Harbour showing a beautiful long bay with green ridges on three sides. Their property is outlined covering a wooded valley and parts of two hills on the western ridge.

Thanks, Bob and Robin, we look forward to seeing you in the summer!

Two **Boating** courses were held in the Winter. Arlan Martin ran the Bucksport course starting February 24 with 12 members, 11 of whom completed and Wes Hedlund started at Bangor February 25 with 12, 10 of whom completed. Thanks to both Instructors and the Mastbeths and Crones who helped with Bucksport Graduation and Larry Sherwood who handled Bangor's.

The Winter 2003 semester started off with a bang in late January with **Piloting** taught by Larry Sherwood. Nineteen started and 14 took the exam: scheduling conflicts were high - Betty Massie and Peter Towle were sent to England when they were held and others faced other interruptions! Those able to take the exam were Rob & Judy Crone, Kathy & John Mastbeth, Bob Holmberg, David & Susan Edson, Linda Allen, Mark Averill, Ron Papa & Brandon Fell, Peter Towle & Elizabeth Dodge and Bev & Jon McGarvey. Final course certifications aren't back from USPS yet. It was one of the largest

Piloting classes I remember and one of the best; congratulations to students and instructor!

Marine Electronics 101 started in early April taught by Ted Littlefield with Howie Soule helping. We had hoped to get all three of the new ME modules in, but time and schedules didn't permit so we are planning 102 and 103 in the fall. Seventeen started the course and exams were ordered for Marc Alberi, Elizabeth Dodge, Peter Dodge, David Edson. Susan Edson, Brandon Fell, Susan Frederik, Vim Frederik, Steve Hintz, Elliot Lengel, John Mastbeth, Bev McGarvey, Jon McGarvey, Mike O'Brien, Ron Papa, and Phil Pouzol. Thirteen took the exam last week and we expect that at least two more will have taken the exam by the end of May. Several members with lots of electronic and on the water experience commented that they had learned a lot - just as it should be!


In the Fall, we're planning **Marine Electronics 102** and **103** with Howie carrying more of the load and Ted helping him. ME 103 covers ME for Navigation, including materials in the old ME on Depth Sounders, Radar and Loran-C, expanding the GPS portion a bit and adding chapters on Electronic Charting and Computer-Assisted Navigation. If you might be interested in joining for that part let me know and I'll suggest how you can look at a manual to see what's covered.

We are also considering the more "hands on" **Navigating with GPS seminar**; please let me know if you are interested. Scheduling problems played havoc with the one we had late last fall and this looks as complex but we'd like to set something up.

We plan to offer **Seamanship** in the fall as well, probably late to accommodate those taking ME and also folks who might have taken Boating in the Fall and joined. I know most of those who took Piloting are interested and would like to hear from others who are!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy E. Johnson
Educational Officer

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Nautical Almanac Revision

U. S. Naval Observatory has confirmed to the Offshore Navigation Committee that the values for Altitude Corrections in the 2004 Nautical Almanac have been slightly revised from earlier years. The changes are due to a recalculation of refraction and affect the corrections for all bodies. The Almanac pages affected are A2, A3, A4, xxxiv, and xxxv. Except for the additional corrections for planets on page A2, these pages have been considered permanent pages that do not change from year to year. With this recalculation they are still considered permanent and are not expected to change again in the foreseeable future.

The changes on page A2 for the Sun, Stars and Planets are limited to 0.1' and because of the way the tables are arranged will be noticed in only a limited number of cases. Page A2 for altitudes 0°-10° has changes of up to 0.7' at 0° altitude but only spotty changes of 0.1' above 2° altitude. Page A4 for non-standard conditions has been redrawn and another column added to the table of corrections. This is where the majority of differences will be found. The changes to the moon corrections on pages xxxiv and xxxv are limited to altitudes below 4 degrees, and are 0.7' at 0° altitude. These changes have an insignificant effect on practical navigation,

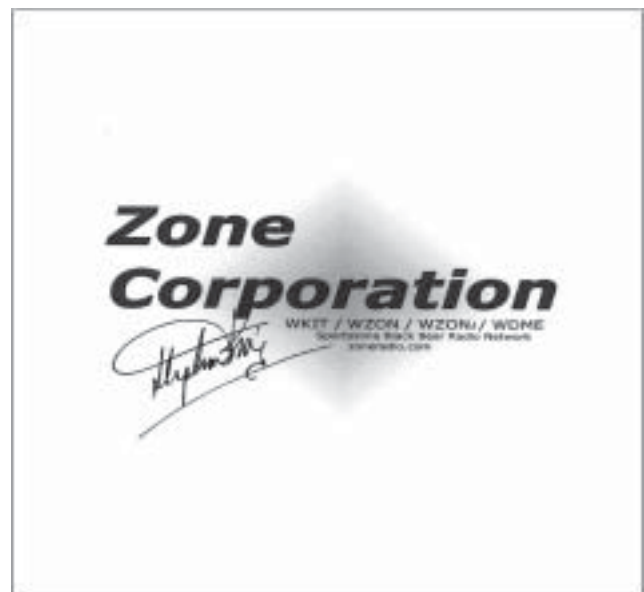
but may cause the values obtained to be slightly different than if the previous almanacs were used.

The effects on the JN and N courses are described below. Please make sure this gets to all instructors and students.

The course material including homework and exams were developed prior to these changes, and are based on the pre 2004 Altitude Corrections. The pre 2004 Altitude Correction pages, except for page A4, are included in the "Excerpts from the 199X Almanac" in both the JN and N course material. For those not having access to a pre 2004 Almanac, a copy of page A4 is available on the ONCom web page (see the "News" section). These pages should be used to obtain values for Altitude Corrections for our courses.

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R/C Ken Barbour, SN



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Piloting Class

I would like to congratulate all the piloting students. You were a great class and I enjoyed being your instructor. We have a few (very few) that need to take an exam over. Don't feel bad. I don't think any piloting class in the history of USPS had all the students pass both tests. This class did very well and I hope the ones that need to re-exam will do so while everything is fresh in your memory. If I can be of help to anyone, Please call. We can sit down over a cup of coffee and go over the weak areas.

P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood AP



Tartan Classic Restoration

Work continues and progresses on the 34C restoration project. It has turned into a project far beyond what I had expected. At every turn, something new is uncovered that slows forward movement. A good friend said that I was in fact, building a boat. I guess that's true, except that in this case, I've had to take a boat apart first! The interior cabinetry and systems work is nearly complete. Topsides have been Awlgrippied and the deck is about three quarters done. The new Yanmar diesel is still in it's crate awaiting installation. At this point, I'm not sure if it will be in the water in time for the Sparkman and Stephens 75th Anniversary regatta in Mystic....but I'm hopeful. I should be able to participate in the S&S regatta at Castine in August. The 34 Classics Association, a small but very active group, is working with S&S on

sponsoring a regatta to raise money for the Johns Hopkins Womens Breast Center. To be called the Susan Stephens Cup, the regatta/race will be from Baltimore to Bermuda in the summer of 2005. I'm registered to enter and Larry Sherwood has indicated an interest in participating. I guess he wasn't insulted when I gave him "Sailing for Dummies." Susan Stephens was the wife of Olin Stephens who designed this boat. Olin has indicated that he will come and see my boat when he is here in August. What an honor! Olin is 92 and you'd never guess it! That's all from *Tensegrity*.

Howie Soule

From the Editor

This is the last issue before the official boating season starts. The next issue will be in the Fall. Deadline for that issue is tentatively set at September 15, 2004.

Thankyou to all who have submitted articles and pictures. It's great! I was very happy to hear from an Aroostook Squadron member who said that they were trying to emulate NHT with their newsletter efforts! All I can say is WOW! What a compliment! Thanks guys!

It's been great to see grow in the classified section. Don't hesitate to submit any ad that's boating related.

Have a happy and safe boating season!
Howie Soule, Editor Now Hear This.





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