



## Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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### Commander's Corner

Hello, I'm coming to you from sunny down town Kissimmee FL. It has been thirty two in the morning but in the sixties by noon. Have the whole family here (15 of us). Kids are having a great time. It's a shame our Christmas party was snowed out. It was not to bad for the locals, but many were coming from places like Eastport and Swans Island. Since it was the holidays there were no places left for a rain date, BUT we have another chance to trade sea story's 11 Feb. at the founders day dinner. We will be at the Sea Dog with a nice buffet for around \$18 including tax and gratuity. I've met there with three other boating groups and the food has always been good. There is a cash bar in the room with good service and Rob Crone has a great speaker lined

up. There should be more information later in the news letter. We will need a RSVP by 4 Feb. You can call me at 843-6605 or Rob Crone at 266-8346 and leave a msg. I hope to see you there. Its back to Disney, with this gang Disney will never be the same. Looking forward to coming home (NOT).

CDR Lawrence A. Sherwood AP

### Founder's Day

Our annual Founder's Day Annual Celebration is Saturday February 11, 2006

At the Seadog Restaurant in Bangor. Founder's Day is the annual event when we acknowledge that USPS began back in 1914 and honor 92 years of service. It also is a time to remind ourselves about our Squadron's beginning and our future through the Squadron election of next term's officers. 1800 - Social Hour, 1900 - Dinner. After Dinner there will be a speaker.

This is a fun event PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 4, 2006 TO :

Rob Crone - rcrone@rcn.com or Larry

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### Change of Watch

Change of Watch will be held on March 11, 2006 at the Seadog Restaurant, in Bangor. Social hour commences at 1800 hours with dinner, program and speaker at 1900.

### Boat Talk on WERU-FM 89.9

Boat talk is a monthly feature devoted to all boating topics, and can be heard on WERU on the second tuesday of every month from 10-11AM. Check it out, and while there, consider supporting Community Radio, WERU.

## Education Events January 2006

We are pleased to announce that we now have an affiliation with Ellsworth Adult Ed. Our first Boating class (an "all girl" class) at Ellsworth High School finished up in early November and all graduated. Congratulations and we hope you will join USPS and continue your boating education! The next Boating class at Ellsworth with 10 people registered began on January 10, 2006 (see below).

Cdr. Larry Sherwood's Seamanship Class at EMCC finished up the end of November. There are nine members who can now add S to their names. Congratulations to Larry Beauregard, Diane Bartholomew, Jim Dougherty, Richard Long, Richard Patch, Jeff Sawyer, Ed Soule, Elaine Towle, and Howard Towle, and thank you Larry, for sharing your teaching and boating expertise.

Elizabeth Dodge, Peter Dodge, and Doug Oliver (self-study) have passed the Piloting Exam. Ron Papa took the Sail course as a self-study and has passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

I'm very pleased to report the Lt/C Ron Rowland N is now in good health and is teaching the AP class at Ellsworth, which also began on January 10 at Ellsworth High School (see below).

The following is a the schedule of winter 2006 Classes:

Tuesdays 1800 - 2000 (start date 1/10/06)

**Boating** Class at Ellsworth High School, Room 217

-Lt/C Kathy Mastbeth P instructor e-mail [kmastbeth@hypernet.com](mailto:kmastbeth@hypernet.com) Phone 359-8015

\*Register through Ellsworth Adult Education - 667-6499

Tuesdays 1830 - 2030 (start date 1/10/06)

**Advanced Piloting** Class at Ellsworth High School, Room 208.

Lt/C Ron Rowland N instructor

e-mail [esr@zwi.net](mailto:esr@zwi.net) Phone - 526-4438

\*For registration and ordering materials, please call Kathy Mastbeth ASAP at 359-8015, or e-mail at [kmastbeth@hypernet.com](mailto:kmastbeth@hypernet.com)

\*\* You must also register for this class through Ellsworth Adult Education - 667-6499

( A one-time small fee - \$5.00 per student- is being charged by the school for the use of the room)

Another course offering for early 2006, by popular demand from the recent Seamanship students will be the **Piloting** course, to be held in Bangor, at EMCC.

Tuesdays, 1830 – 2030 (start 2/14/06) EMCC Maine Hall Room 175

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## Enough Salt?

I have been thinking about my experience at the August Rendezvous and want to share it with our members. This was the first time I had taken my boat to a squadron activity. I have always been concerned that I did not have enough experience to go to take my boat. I was anxious about the possibility that I would make a mistake and embarrass myself in front of the more seasoned members. To my surprise, I had just the opposite experience. The seasoned members are not there to judge your performance they are there to have fun. The rendezvous was not only a great time, but it was a good opportunity to talk with other boaters, in a friendly atmosphere. It was certainly nice to have an experienced boater like Larry Sherwood willing to share his knowledge, but it is also interesting seeing how other less experienced boaters have solved similar problems. (I have come to realize that if there can be a problem with a boat, there will be.) I think next year I will get a couple of boats together and cruise to the rendezvous in a flotilla. The people in this squadron are really good folks. I would strongly encourage everyone to become more active in the squadron.

There are a number of upcoming events and activities, as well as, leadership, instructor and committee rolls to be filled in the spring. The time commitment is often less than you would think.

Get involved – you DO have enough Salt!

Rob Crone  
Administrative Officer



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February 2, 2006 PBS/PT at the Penobscot Theater 1900 Play - "Spring into Butter"

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No it is not boating, but it is an opportunity to get together & have fun. Make reservations in your own name.

### **Tour Du Castine**

The town of Castine has historically been of strategic importance to the control of Penobscot Bay. The town has in fact flown the flags of four nations. On September 24, 2005, Castine was once again invaded. This time it was by the friendly forces of the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

Squadron members formed up at Bah's Bake House on Water Street for breakfast and a briefing on the day's activities conducted by Lt. Judy Crone, P. Each member received a detailed information package that had been prepared by Diane Bartholomew, S and Jim Dougherty, P.

At 0915, members viewed several outstanding presentations delivered by Tim Leach, Maine Maritime Academy's Waterfront Director. At the conclusion of the presentations, Tim took the group on a behind the scenes tour of the workings of the waterfront and explained how each vessel in the Academy's fleet plays a roll in training students.

One of the highlights of the day was the harbor tour on the Tug Boat "Pentagoet". This was not only a tour, but a training session. We received a demonstration of how the tug handled, then squadron members had an opportunity to actually maneuver the vessel underway.

After a waterfront lunch at Dennett's Wharf, the group mustered at Maine Maritime's state of the art bridge simulator for a training session on ship handling. Each member assumed a station (radar, Navigation, Helm etc.) on the Bridge and communicated their information to the Watch Officer. Several types of vessels were used during the simulation, including an 800' Tanker, 650' Cruise Ship and a 40' Runabout. The program allows interaction with other vessels and shore stations. The simulator is so realistic that you were tricked into feeling the motion of the ship. Interestingly, even with all the electronics, students are required to do their piloting on paper charts.

The late afternoon was spent enjoying the sun during a walking tour of Castine lead by local historian Jim Stone. Members learned about the significance of Castine in the history of Penobscot Bay. The Squadron was also treated to an exclusive viewing of the displays at the Castine Historical Society.

After the tour, most of the group met at the Manor Inn for a social hour, followed by a fabulous dinner. Good food, drink and conversation made the day complete.

Rob Crone

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*Touring Castine and Piloting the Simulator at Maine Maritime Academy*



## Mini Ship's Store

The Squadron has a few items to offer to the membership. The one copy of Chapman's Piloting (1999) is still available at \$11.50. Also available are new ensigns and burgees at \$20 each. You might check you flags to see if their condition is in need of replacement. Interested in any of these items? Contact Dick Jacobs 866-4520 or [jacobs@maine.edu](mailto:jacobs@maine.edu).

## Don Ramsay AP Gets A Centerfold Article In The USPS Ensign


A Penobscot Bay sized congratulations goes to Don Ramsay AP for his November article on pages 22 and 23 of the USPS Ensign. The story was about a day like most of us have experienced in Maine, told with Don's gentle way of expressing "Excitement always finds you on the water." Don's carefully chosen picture and text are the essence of why and who we are. Thanks for sharing your "excitement" will all of us Don – do you have any more days to share?

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## Raffle for Education

At the last bridge meeting, it was voted to hold a raffle to raise money to buy a laptop computer for use by the education department. The grand prize will be a handheld GPS receiver. More details will be announced at the Founder's day dinner. Watch for your tickets in the mail...and PLEASE support education by being very generous! And besides, who couldn't use a handheld GPS?!!!

## From the Editor

Welcome the new year! The Winter up till now sure has been unusual! 2005 ended on a sad note. My friend George Colligan, with whom I had worked closely on the Tartan Classics Association and the Tartan Certification Program, passed away suddenly on Thanksgiving morning. George was a supporter of USPS and had been actively involved in youth in sailing programs on lake Erie and most recently in Baltimore. His widow, Susan, has decided to sell their beautifully restored Tartan 34C, which is virtually the same boat as mine, except his had been modified for BOR racing. It's hoped that his boat will go to someone that will help continue the legacy of the TCA and the design. George will be missed by many. You can contact me regarding the boat. "Temujin" is located in Baltimore. I hope you all have a warm and wonderful spring!  
Howie Soule, editor, Now Hear This.

*George Colligan (center) racing on Cheasepeak Bay*



*"Temujin", dockside in Baltimore*



## Pipe Them Aboard

The Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron has 19 new members since the last Change of Watch in April. Some of these names have appeared in earlier editions of the "Now Hear This," but the officers wanted all the names listed in this edition too. These members have come from both the Bangor and Bucksport Boating Classes and are now among those in the Squadron that can use the several discounts found on the www.USPS.org website. Plus they have their names on the automatic special discount list at Hamilton Marine for our Squadron. We trust that these new members will take advantage of these member advantages. Plus we invite the new members to join us in the classes and social activities found in this edition of the newsletter during the "off boating" season. The Squadron welcomes you all aboard.

**Barbara L. Beauregard**

**Laurent J. Beauregard**

**Jeff Barnes**

**Barbara Irma Fister**

**Jeffrey Steven Fister**

**William D. Foley**

**Joyce B. Hedlund**

**Catherine Anna Hopper**

**Louis Joseph Leger**

**Richard J. Long**

**John E. Noll**

**Richard A. Patch**

**Paul T. Pierson**

**Jeffrey Everett Sawyer**

**Edmund George Soule**

**Peter M. Swallow**

**Keith Thompson**

**Elaine Linda Towle**

**Howard Reginald Towle**

## \*\*\*\*\**Education Continued*\*\*\*\*\*

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Mondays 1800 - 2000 (start date 2/27/06)

**Boating** Class at Sumner Memorial High School, Sullivan - Lt/C Kathy Mastbeth P instructor e-mail - [kmastbeth@hypernet.com](mailto:kmastbeth@hypernet.com) Phone – 359-8015

\*Register through Sullivan Adult Education - 422-9100

Wednesdays 1900 – 2100 (start date 3/01/06)

Boating Class at Bangor High School  
P/Lt/C Wes Hedlund AP, instructor e-mail - [whedlund@uninet.net](mailto:whedlund@uninet.net) Phone 234-4538

Wednesdays 1830 – 2030 (start date 3/29/06)

**Boating** Class at Bucksport High School. Lt/C Rob Crone P, instructor e-mail - [rcrone@rcn.com](mailto:rcrone@rcn.com) Phone – 266-8346

A **Seamanship** Class will be held at Ellsworth High School.

This class is scheduled to begin in early March (contingent upon the end date of the current Ellsworth Boating Class)

P/C Richard Jacobs AP, instructor e-mail – [jacobs@maine.edu](mailto:jacobs@maine.edu) Phone – 866-4520

If you are interested in attending any of the above mentioned courses, please contact me for more information or ASAP to order necessary course materials. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

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## ***CLASSIFIED ADS FOR PBSPS MEMBERS***

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