



Now Hear This

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Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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Commander's Corner

You Count!

First of all, I'd like to thank all who planned and worked on Change of Watch, especially Larry Sherwood and Rob Crone. It went off well, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all of you, our membership, for entrusting me with the leadership of the squadron for the coming year. There are many things in the works, but the single most important thing we are going to try is to get more of you involved in YOUR squadron. The Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron is not just a few of the "core" members but instead is made up of over 120 people...all of you valuable assets to the Squadron. Please volunteer to be a part of the Team. The Bridge officers and I are more than willing to share the fun of bringing boating safety education to the public, while having a good time. Please consider contacting any member of the bridge or me and volunteering to be an active part of our Squadron!

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transition to Commander. Dick Jacobs...thanks Dick for the tireless work and dogged determination to get things done right and on time. You are a terrific asset to the squadron. Jay Johnson...thanks Jay for

Come and Play!

There are quite a few boating activities being planned for the coming season including several Rendezvous. Look for the schedule elsewhere in this and the next issue of NHT.

Now Hear This!

This is the first issue that I have not put together in more than six years. Evelyn Rowland is now master of this ship. Wish her well and support her by sending pictures and stories for publication. Share your experiences with us. We will all enjoy them and Evelyn's job will be made easier.

Many Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank a few of the people with whom I have had the privilege of working in the past few years and during my

your support, your gracious hosting of the bridge meetings, and your good humor! Larry Sherwood...Larry just gets things done, many times the hard way, but always done...thanks Larry! Rob Crone...my "partner in crime"...Rob will keep me headed in the right direction. He is a great Executive Officer and will be a terrific Commander. Thanks Rob for your commitment and great ideas!

Spring Commissioning

All the best for the annual rite of boat commissioning. It is a great time of year...the warm weekends spent sanding and varnishing; the rainy days spent reading about new cruising destinations.

Have fun!

Cmdr. Howard L. Soule, S

Mini Ship's Store

The Squadron has a few items to offer to the membership. The 2 copies of Chapman's Piloting (1999) which were available at \$11.50 each, HAVE BEEN SOLD. If you are interested in buying a Chapman's Piloting at a greatly reduced rate (don't know what edition we could get) one of the officers would explore getting a case. We would need names of at least 10 people before we bought the books so the Squadron would not lose money.

Also available are new USPS ensigns and PBSPS burgees at \$20 each. You might check your flags to see if their condition is in need of replacement. Interested in any of these items? Contact Dick Jacobs 866-4520 jacobs@maine.edu or any of the other officers. Larry Sherwood probably will be ordering the Chapman's if the interest is there -- so contact him directly on that matter. Larry has the ensigns and burgees at his house.

Is there something else you would like to have available for our Squadron? Communicate with an officer and we will see if it is possible.

Pipe Them Aboard

The following are new members to our Squadron. We welcome them to the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron and trust that we will meet them soon at an event or an upcoming class. Several joined specifically because we had a class they wanted. Sounds as if we need more people sharing their boating skills in classes and then the membership would even be better served. This is something for each of the present members to think about.

When you do see one of these new members please give them a royal welcome and share some of your boating fun with them and have them tell you about what they expect from the Squadron. You might find you both have the same goals and experiences. The Squadron welcomes each of our new members aboard our ship (organization.) Please enjoy the time on the water this summer with more knowledge and confidence, plus we expect to be able to have some good social fun too.

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| Virginia Agar | Taking Seamanship |
| Walter Harris | Taking Piloting |
| Alice McAteer | Taking Seamanship |
| Robert McAteer | Taking Seamanship |
| Judith Michaud | Taking Seamanship |
| Thomas Moore | Taking Seamanship |
| Jane (Bette) Norris | Taking Seamanship |
| Roger S Clapp | |

Library Notes

This past year has seen many new additions to the squadron library; I handed out certificates of recognition as a thank-you for support of the library. I would like to thank those people again. Dick Jacobs, Rob Crone, Kathy & John Mastbeth, Skip Strong, Howie Soule, Mary Edwards, Pete Lee and Arlin Martin.

Now for some background information on the squadron library; I have split the library up into 3 parts. Cruising books, Education, and Recreational Reading. I have selected one book from each category as a suggestion of the month. From cruising: "The Cruising Guide to the Northwest Caribbean", from recreational reading: "In Peril", and from education: "Spinnaker Handling."

You may contact me to borrow a book, VHS tape, or charts by calling me at 266-8347.

1stLt Judy Crone P

Ads Make More Additions Possible

If you find more ads we will be able to keep down the cost of Now Hear This and print more additions. Ads are very reasonably priced; at least four additions per year are promised with the possibility of more.

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Lt/C John Mastbeth P

Lt Evelyn Rowland P

Two Sides on a Safety Question

Precautions for pumping gas

Do not use cell phone at the same time

It may be the last time you need to fill up!

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations.

In the first case the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and gasoline pump.

In the second an individual suffered severe burns to his face when fumes ignited as he answered a call while refueling his car. And in the third an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone in his pocket rang while he was fueling his car.

The other side

All cases of cell phones generating enough static to cause ignition have been found negative. In every case the ignition source was static caused by exiting the vehicle. Studies have been done at MIT about this; the Electomotive Force required to generate such an ignition source simply cannot be generated by a cell phone unless the battery were to self-destruct. In that case the ignition source would not be electrical spark; it would be intense heat followed by open flame. This issue is a myth and should not be taken seriously...in spite of the "knowledgeable" sources.

Education Events

April 2006

The Ellsworth Boating Class graduated on February 28, Kathy Mastbeth, instructor. Twelve people enrolled took and passed the exam. Congratulations to all! To date, four of the graduates, Alice and Bob McAteer, Judy Michaud and Bette Norris have joined PBSPS, and we welcome them aboard! We have another new member from the Fall Ellsworth class, Virginia Agar. Congratulations and welcome aboard, Ginny.

A new Boating Class began at Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan on February 27. There were 8 students enrolled. Kathy Mastbeth was the instructor, with John Mastbeth assisting. Graduation was held on April 10, 2006 as this issue of NHT went to press.

Ron Rowland's AP class ended on March 14 in Ellsworth. Six students are anxiously awaiting the results of their exams. We should be hearing results in several more weeks and wish all the best of luck.

A Seamanship class began at Ellsworth High School on March 14 with Dick Jacobs, instructor. Six students will be taking the S101 and S102 exams on May 2.

Wes Hedlund's Boating class began at Bangor High School on March 22 with 7 students enrolled.

A second post-Boat Show Boating class began on March 29 at Bucksport High School, with Rob Crone, instructor. Thirteen students have enrolled.

A Piloting class with twelve people enrolled is finishing up at EMCC on Tuesday, April 11, with Larry Sherwood, instructor and Jay Johnson assisting.

Congratulations to Rob Crone for passing AP. He may now use AP after his name since he has also completed more than three electives. Well done, Rob!

In looking ahead to fall 2006, I am pleased to announce that Evelyn Rowland has volunteered to teach the Weather course at Ellsworth High School and we're trying to get the course scheduled for early in the day on Saturdays. I'll keep you posted on this one, but please let me know if you are interested in attending ASAP.

We will also be offering an Instructor Development Course for those of you who are interested in becoming USPS certified instructors. Please let me know if you are interested and I will get details to you. This is the time to consider giving back to your organization by enrolling in this worthwhile course and joining the Education team. We always have a great need for qualified instructors and assistants so please consider helping out.

A more complete schedule of fall classes will be in the next edition of Now Hear This.

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Kathleen Mastbeth P

2006 RENDEZVOUS (FIRST HALF)

July 8th will be our first Rendezvous at Fort Point. This is a great location because you can come by boat or car. 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 your boat you can launch at Verona Island (6nm), Stockton Springs (6nm) or Searsport (8nm). There is plenty of room and water to anchor in the cove and a dock for the dinghies. By car take Cape Jellison Road off Rt1 in Stockton Springs and follow the signs to Fort Point State Park. Find our sign at the path to the dock and follow our other signs to the picnic area. You can visit old Fort Pownall, the light house and the light house bell and horn. Come for the day or weekend. I should arrive Friday afternoon and stay to Sunday morning. I will be in my SISU and have Ch 9 on the radio. Fort Point dock is at L 44 28.55 N, Lo 68 48.78 W. Picnic will be at 1300 on the 8th. Bring whatever you want for the grill, something to drink and a little something for everyone. The rest will be provided.

July 29th is the second rendezvous at Bucksport during the Fort Knox Festival. Again, you can come by boat or car. There will be a cook out on my boat (SISU) at 1300 on Sat. Same food arrangements as Fort Point. I will be at the Port Harbor Marine docks from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. If you can't make the cook out Saturday, stop by when you can. **If you want space at the Port Harbor docks, contact them as soon as possible at Port Harbor Marine in Brewer.**

This is a great weekend event with vendors all along the water front, bands, music, parades and much more. Normally there are fireworks Sat. night. If I am not at the boat when you arrive make yourself at home. I will be in and out.

Come and join us. We have a great time.

We will be planning more outings for the second half of the summer. If you have any input please let me know. I have a list of members that have expressed an interest in planning our other rendezvous. If I haven't called you within two weeks after receiving this newsletter, please call me.

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DISTRICT 19 SPRING CONFERENCE

The District 19 Spring Conference will be held 19, 20 and 21 May in Presque Isle Maine hosted by the Aroostook Valley Sail and Power Squadron (AVSPS). If you haven't been to a District Conference this is a good chance to attend one that is close by. There are many presentations along with a luncheon speaker, Captain Stephen Garrity, from the United States Coast Guard. Captain Garrity is the Commander, Sector Northern New England.

The Chief Commander's representative from National will be R/C James Richlak, SN. James Richlak is the National Law Officer and will deliver the Chief Commander's message. AVSPS will have their change of watch Saturday evening during the banquet and the district change of watch will be Saturday afternoon. It would be nice to have a good showing because AVSPS was formed out of our squadron. Cdr Bill Bergen was a member of our squadron when he formed the Aroostook Valley Sail and Power Squadron. I hope to be there and I can tell you first hand we always have a good time.

If you want more information, please contact me and I will send or e-mail the conference agenda to you. The deadline for hotel and meal reservations is 1 May.

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Education Fund Raising

Our recent squadron education fund drive was a huge success. The desperate need for computer equipment to be used in classroom instruction prompted this effort. The proceeds of this drive will be used exclusively for public and squadron educational activities.

P/C Larry Sherwood kicked off this effort by donating a TV/VCR for a raffle at the Founders' Day Dinner. This brought in over \$100. This was followed by a "squadron-wide" raffle of prizes donated by local businesses and squadron members. The grand prize was a hand-held Magellan Meridian Marine GPS donated by Hamilton Marine. Additionally we had a PFD donated by Branch Pond Marine, gift certificates from Port Harbor Marine and The Waterfront Marine. Cdr. Howie Soule donated two prizes, a power inverter and a chart magnifier. Lt/C Rob and 1stLt Judy Crone donated a canine PFD.

Raffle tickets, sent to all squadron members, were sold and the stubs were returned for a drawing at Change of Watch. Besides a great ticket sale, some members chose to make direct donations to this very worthy cause. The total raised was \$1163. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who helped to make this an outstanding fund raising activity.

The prize winners as drawn at Change of Watch are: Grand Prize GPS – Ron Rowland; Power Inverter – Jay Johnson; PFD – Linda and Bob Allen; \$50 Port Harbor Marine gift certificate – Jeff Barnes; \$25 Port Harbor Marine gift certificate – William Foley; \$25 Port Harbor Marine gift certificate – Rich Crowe; \$20 The Waterfront Marine gift certificate – Charlie Harrington; Chart Magnifier – Ed Soule; Canine PFD – Marian Vafiades.

Respectfully Submitted
Lt/C John F. Mastbeth
Treasurer, PBSPPS

Change of Watch

The Change of Watch has been mentioned in many of the earlier articles which should give those of you who missed it a good idea of what you missed. The Sea Dog Restaurant served us a delicious dinner. Among the guests were D/C William E Maloy AP who installed Howard Soule as our Commander, D/L/C Lynne J Hallisey, District Secretary, and Mr. Kent Thurston, Marine Surveyor who gave a talk on what to look for in buying a used boat. Many awards were made but the most prestigious one was the Herbert Dickey Award. It is awarded annually to the member for his or her contributions to the squadron educational programs. Lt/C Kathleen C. Mastbeth is this year's recipient. Lt/C Robert T. Crone received the Advanced Pilot Education Award for completing Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting. The social events in the squadron are a good way to get to know others in the squadron and to learn more about what goes on in the squadron. Like any organization you are not going to feel that you are getting anything from the squadron unless you make some effort to give.

Dates to remember

May 2, 2006 – Vessel Safety Check Clinic – contact Rob Crone at 266-8347
May 17, 2006- Bridge meeting at Jay Johnson's house, 1900 hrs
May 19-21, 2006 – District meeting in Presque Isle
July 8, 2006 – First Rendezvous at Fort Point
July 29, 2006 – Second Rendezvous at Bucksport



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