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Commander's Corner

I hope you are having a wonderful summer full of boating and other fun activities.

The squadron has had three outstanding rendezvous so far and those who attended have enjoyed the fun and fellowship. Your last opportunity to participate will be 13 September when we meet at Holbrook Island. Rob and Larry are planning some special activities (see Rob's report below) for this day. Please plan to attend. Our

rendezvous prove the old saying "The more the merrier."

Now is the time to think about your boating education. Dave Field has set up a number of course offerings for the fall including Sail, Seamanship, and Weather. The important thing for you to do is to let him know that you want to attend. Please do it ASAP. See Dave's education report below for a complete listing of the courses offered.

The last thing I want to mention is membership retention. If you have already renewed this year, THANKS. If you forgot, this is a reminder, don't lose the benefits PBSPS offers – renew your membership now. THANKS. Remind a friend that membership in PBSPS helps them and starts others on their journey to safe boating fun on the water, THANKS.

PBSPS works because you make it work.

Till next time, SAFE BOATING to all and remember,

"Boating is fun... We'll show you how!"

John

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Other important dates:

★Sept. 2-7. 2008 – USPS Governing Board - Detroit Michigan

★Nov. 14-16. 2008 – Multi-District Conference – Hampton NH

Holbrook Rendezvous, Brooksville September 13th 2008

The rendezvous is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th at Holbrook Island Sanctuary on Cape Rosier in Brooksville.

This park consists of over 1,200 acres on the mainland as well as Holbrook Island itself. This wonderful preserve was donated to the State of Maine (to the consternation of the Brooksville Selectmen) by Miss Anita Harris in 1977. Miss Harris requested that her house on the island be demolished and all the land remain undeveloped. Yet, there is a lovely old barn to be explored.

The only access to the island is by boat where a floating dock is available (no overnight tie-ups). Easy hiking trails through the woods lead to various shore-side views of Penobscot Bay (with due respect to the mosquitoes).

The bulk of the park is the mainland parcel which includes well marked trails to ponds, wetlands and excellent views of the bay. There is a small dock and float on the little south western peninsula near the Bateman Cemetery.

The picnic area has tables and grills under the trees near Indian Bar. This "sand" bar divides Smith Cove to the east from Holbrook Harbor to the west and provides nifty swimming for those brave souls who enjoy cold water!

If arriving by boat, please do not use the dock and float on the Smith Cove side as it is private as well as being close by an unmarked ledge.

Also, if staying the night the Holbrook Island Harbor may be a better choice as there is generally a southwest breeze to chase away unwanted pests.

Both harbors are delightful with good holding ground in sand as well as being rated three and four stars by the Taft's great book, "A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast".

Holbrook Island Sanctuary is a real gem and not to be missed. We hope you and your Family come on September 15th and please bring your lunch to be grilled as well as something for all to enjoy. For more information please contact Rob Crone 266-8346 rcrone@eaaa.org

Directions to Holbrook from Route 1 in Bucksport:

Take Routes 3 & 15 East towards Ellsworth about 2 miles to the Big Apple (Shell Station) in Orland.

Take route 15 South towards Blue Hill.

Travel about 4 miles to a right turn onto Route 199 towards Penobscot. In 5 miles turn left at the stop sign onto Route 175. Follow Route 175 for 5 miles

to the Gulf Station (C&G Grocery and Greenhouses) and make a right turn onto routes 175 & 176.

In one mile at the stop sign, turn right to stay on Rte 176.

Follow 176 for 7 – 8 miles past the Brooksville Town Hall to make a right turn onto Cape Rosier Road (well-marked)

Travel about 1 mile and turn right onto Back Road (marked) to make another right onto Indian Bar Road (a dirt road). Follow to picnic area past the house and barn. ********

Pipe Them Aboard

We currently have 158 members.

The following are new members to our Squadron this year:

2/8/08 - Tom and Shirley Brace

2/8/08 - Linda and Ed Hodges

2/8/08 - Sam & Katrin Teel

2/19/08 - David Macintosh

3/15/08 - Daniel Seneca

6/20/08 - Vincent Schwenk and Linda Loretto

3/17/08 - Andrea Atwater

5/23/08 - Noreen and Gad Liebmann

5/23/08 - Elizabeth, James Jr., James III, Jeffrey and Rebecca. Rogers

5/30/08 - Benjamin Bamford and Bronwen Bamford

6/3/08 - James (Jace) Cohen

6/15/08 - Erik Knickerbocker

6/20/08 - Tim Leach and Madeleine Leach

We welcome them to the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron and trust that we will meet them very soon at an event or an upcoming class. Many of our new members have joined specifically because of our educational opportunities.

When you do see one of these new members please give them a friendly 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.

Respectfully submitted

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Education Events

The spring semester for the Penobscot Bay Sail & Power Squadron's educational program was very busy and successful. Many thanks are due to the instructors and helpers who guided 117 students to completion of the various courses.

Larry Sherwood's **Piloting** course, in Ellsworth, finished up in April. Four students passed the exam. The Bangor **Engine Maintenance** course also concluded in April, with 10 successfully completed exams attesting to instructor Vim Frederick's success.

The **Squadron Boating Courses** were very busy this spring. Dave Field's Bangor section graduated 11 students. Rob Crone's Searsport course saw 16 successful completions. Twenty-six students passed the exam in Kathy and John Mastbeth's large Ellsworth section, and Dave Field's Hampden class graduated 16.

Jeff Sawyer guided 18 students through the **Sail Trim and Rig Tuning** seminar and 16 students enjoyed Larry Sherwood's fine **Boat Handling Under Power** seminar.

The following full schedule has been set up for the fall semester. Be sure to watch the next issue of *Now Hear This* for news of an expected **Marine Electronics** course beginning in January, 2009, and the schedule of spring semester courses.

Two sections of the **Squadron Boating Course** have been scheduled for Ellsworth and Hampden, starting in September:

Mondays, September 22 - November 10 - Boating at Ellsworth High School.

The Squadron Boating Course (12-hour) will begin on Sept. 22, 1800-2000. Kathy and John Mastbeth instructors. Materials fee \$50 max.

Wednesdays, October 15 - December 3 - Boating at Reeds Brook Middle School, Hampden.

The second section of the Squadron Boating Course (12-hour) will begin on Oct. 15, 1830-2030. Dave Field instructor. Materials fee \$50 max.

In addition to the Boating courses, the Squadron will offer two sections of Seamanship and also two elective courses, Sail and Weather:

Wednesdays, October 1 - November 19 - Seamanship at Room 428 Penobscot Hall, Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor.

Jerry Bates will teach the Seamanship course from 1830-2030. Materials fee \$52.

Thursdays, October 2 - November 20 - Seamanship at Ellsworth High School.

Dave Field will teach the Seamanship course from 1830-2030. Materials fee \$52.

Tuesdays, September 16-November 18 - Weather at Ellsworth High School.

Rob Crone will be teaching the Weather course from 1800-2000. Materials fee \$86.

Mondays, September 29 - November 24 - Sail at Room 428 Penobscot Hall, Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor.

Jeff Sawyer will be teaching the Sail course from 1830-2030. Materials fee \$41.

Respectfully submitted

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Just Arrived - A New Squadron Computer

Thanks to the generous support of our members during our spring drawing, Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron now owns a second Dell laptop for use in the educational department.

Rendezvous Reflections

Three Great Rendezvous – Wish You Were There

The Fort Point Rendezvous on June 21 as usual gave all who attended a most enjoyable afternoon. There was plenty of great food, good company and perfect weather. Some came by boat and some by car. Thanks to Gary Winders for arranging this rendezvous! (see more pictures on www.pbsps.org)



The Bucksport Bay Festival Rendezvous on July 26 was a very busy and interesting day. There were lots of activities going on at the Festival, including fireworks in the evening. Thanks to Larry Sherwood for hosting the barbeque and vantage point for fireworks viewing on his boat, *Sisu*.



August 16 found the Mastbeths worrying if anyone would attend the canoe and kayak rendezvous at their home in Sedgwick. It seemed to be raining everywhere but over their house. About twelve brave souls ventured out with the threat of inclement weather and surprise! The sun peeked out just as the canoes were being launched and shone on us all afternoon. The river was calm and

those who brought their small craft had fun exploring the upper Bagaduce. There was even a bald eagle on the payroll who took a break on a rock near the boat launch.

A great time was had by all!

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