



# *Now Hear This*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Christmas Party  
Friday, December 15, 2006  
Sea Dog Restaurant 6:00 PM

Founder's Day  
Saturday, February 3, 2007  
Sea Dog Restaurant 6:00 PM

Change of Watch  
Saturday, March 10, 2007  
Sea Dog Restaurant 6:00 PM

## Vessel Safety Checks

John Mastbeth and Larry Sherwood recently completed their five mentored inspections. We now have five certified vessel examiner members in the squadron. We also have three more members who are working to complete their mentored inspections.

Thus far, the squadron has completed 39 vessel safety checks with 29 of those passing inspection for a passing percentile of 74%. Proper display of the registration numbers seems to be the biggest reason for failure of an inspection.

August is the last of the "busy" summer months pertaining to boating. We still have more time to hit the marinas and local areas to help promote safe boating. Remember, we can inspect canoes, kayaks, dinghies, PWCs and even lobster boats besides our normal attention of power and sail boats.

We have 39 inspections under our belts thus far. Do you think it is possible to top 50 inspections for our first year at this? I think so. Let's give it a shot!

Keep up the good work everyone!

Lt. Arlan Martin AP (VSC Chairman – PBSPS)



## In Memoriam – Louis Joseph Leger

We have lost a valued member of PBSPS. Louis Leger, 52, of Bucksport, passed away on August 6, 2006 after an afternoon of activity and fun with his friends on the water.

Louis joined our squadron in April of 2005 after completing the Boating course at Bucksport High School. He was a very kind, compassionate and interesting man.

On a personal note, Louie shared his experiences as a new boater and made a valid suggestion for improving our Boating classes. Even though it is not part of our normal curriculum, we now stress the importance of painting the bottom of boats with an antifouling paint if they are to be left in the water for any amount of time. (Louie learned this lesson the hard way!)

When I recently met him on July 29 in Bucksport on the day of our Rendezvous, we were chatting about the upcoming Seamanship class which he was very enthusiastic about planning to attend. Louie, you will definitely be missed!

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Louie's family, his wife, Barbara, their children, and grandchildren. He has touched the lives of so many and we will miss him.

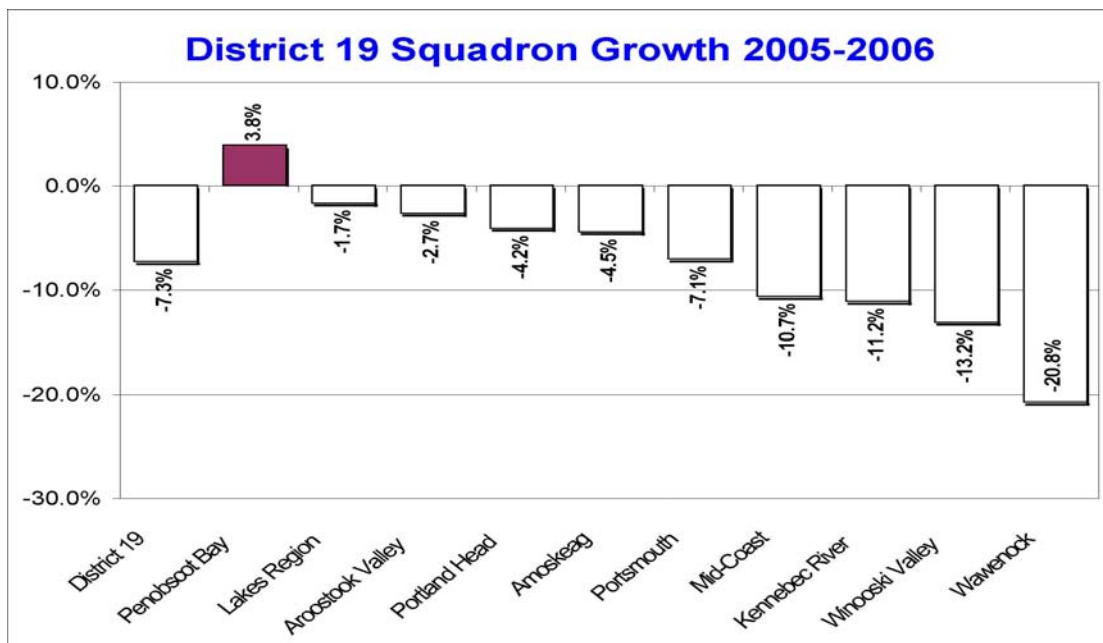


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## MEMBERSHIP

Our Squadron has been awarded special recognition for the number of dues paying members we have involved in our activities. We are the only Squadron to show an increase in membership (+ 3.8%) in District 19. There is a reason why we have done so well this last year. Our instructors have offered the classes the Squadron was interested in and Rob Crone and Larry Sherwood have offered the right mix of activities. Contact Kathy Mastbeth if you have some ideas for classes you would like to take or teach. Well done Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

P/C Dick Jacobs, AP



## **ARE YOU FLYING A SQUADRON OR USPS FLAG ON YOUR BOAT?**

Did you know our Squadron has the official flags for sale that can be flown on your boat for sale at \$20 each. Of course when you take the Seamanship class you will be awarded the USPS ensign at the successful completion of the course. The ensign is the flag that is on the left-hand side of the logo on all our “Now Hear This” newsletters and represents the USPS. The right-hand side flag (burgee) is the Squadron flag and any Squadron member is allowed to fly both these flags when the Squadron member is in command or on board. The Squadron’s Mini Ship Store sells these flags and you can get them by contacting Larry Sherwood (356-7513 [chiefexcel@aol.com](mailto:chiefexcel@aol.com)) or Dick Jacobs (866-4520 [jacobs@maine.edu](mailto:jacobs@maine.edu)). Trust you will want to get your flags to fly before the next boating outing.  
P/C Dick Jacobs, AP

## **Cooperative Charting Roll Out**

### **Overview**

The Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Program is a major public service of USPS. Under it, members supply information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, and Coast Pilot publications. They also supply data on depth surveys, range status, geodetic marks, and formerly, aeronautical charts. The Adopt-A-Chart subprogram enables individual squadrons to adopt a chart in their location and get recognition on new editions for their work. We have been told that the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services.

### **Here is the overall plan:**

In an effort to make this meaningful, we are going to concentrate on the two charts that cover our Squadron area: Penobscot Bay (13309) and Frenchmen’s Bay (13312). Squadron members will adopt a sector of the chart that is convenient or one with which they are familiar. A short meeting will be held this winter to get organized. On water activities will begin this spring. We need a chairperson for this program.

### **Specifics:**

- Each chart will be divided and assigned to participating members using the Latitude & Longitude grids printed on the charts.
- Between now and December members may select a sector that they would be willing to research (first come – first serve basis). Partnering is good.
- In January, we will hold a short logistic & informational meeting to go over procedures and issue any materials and updates. During the winter members can gather data on their respective sectors. Items such as Marinas, boatyards, fuel depots, moorings etc. (Coast Pilot Revisions)
- In the spring, we will commence the on water portion. Participating members will conduct the following activities as their schedule permits. These activities include: Observing and reporting differences between charted information and that which is currently observable; Checking Aids to Navigation, Inspections and observing the buoys and other markers, including proper functioning of light and sound characteristics, legibility of identifying marks and that the ATONs are in proper position.

## Phase Two

Which includes Depth Surveys, Range Line Surveys, and Tidal Current Surveys, will be implemented as we become comfortable.

### Geodetic Survey Mark Recovery:

Locating and verifying State and Federal horizontal and vertical positioning survey markers. Anyone that does any hike would find this a fun part of Coop Charting.

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## July 8 Rendezvous

Ahoy fellow boaters. July 8 kicked off our first rendezvous of the season at Fort Point State Park in Stockton Springs. Six boats met at RWCH Bell buoy outside of Castine harbor at 0900. The power boaters headed up right off and sailboats manned by Rob Crone, Ron Papa and Ron's passenger, Gary Winders, who transferred from Rob's boat, finally made it a couple of hours later. About twenty people, including those who came by car, were present for the barbeque. Rob Crone did a great job of making a very successful rendezvous by inviting students from the recent boating classes to come for a reunion/ rendezvous.

Three boats spent the night and were treated the next morning to some of Larry's great coffee. By 0800 all had departed.

1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Ron Papa, AP

## Schooner Bowdoin Sailing Adventure

Thirty Two members and guests had a most enjoyable afternoon cruising Penobscot Bay aboard Maine Maritime Academy's Schooner Bowdoin on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Captain John Worth and his most able crew made this activity a day to remember. Passengers were invited to participate in hoisting the sails, piloting the schooner and getting true first-hand experience in the workings of this wonderful sailing ship. At the end of the voyage, we were event treated to the firing off of the ship's cannon.

The added perk was that since this was an educational fund raiser, we now have enough money in the treasury to purchase an additional Sony Projector for use in our classes.

Many thanks go to Maine Maritime Academy, Captain John Worth and his crew, and especially to Rob Crone for making this all come together. Thank you also to all who participated – I'm sure you will agree, we had a great sailing experience!

Lt/C Kathy Mastbeth P



## July 29 Rendezvous

The July 29 Rendezvous at Bucksport, although not as well attended as the Fort Point Rendezvous, turned out to be an enjoyable as well as productive event. Two boats, piloted by Larry Sherwood and our newest member, Tom Begin with his wife and dog, made it to the Port Harbor docks and spent the night. Other members, including the Crones, the Mastbeths and Arlan Martin came by car and stayed for the Saturday afternoon picnic at Larry's Sisu.



The productive part came in to play when team of our Squadron's Vessel Examiners, Arlan, Kathy, John and Larry, made the rounds of the boats at the docks and completed a number of vessel safety inspections.

Lt/C Kathy Mastbeth

## August 26 Rendezvous At Woodenboat



Our final rendezvous of the season was held at a new destination – the beautiful waterfront campus of Woodenboat School and Magazine in Brooklin. The weather was perfect and a great picnic barbeque was enjoyed by all. This location will definitely be a rendezvous location again next summer. Plan to join us for a memorable time!

Lt/C John Mastbeth AP

## Have You Paid Your Current Dues?

While we did a great job last year on membership and dues, we are behind by quite a bit this year. We have 134 paid members, one that is past due and most unsettling – we have 29 people that have not paid their dues to national or the Squadron Treasurer. It is very easy and we have had a very exciting and active year and summer in addition to the classes. If you have questions or need help doing the dues on-line at USPS – please contact John Mastbeth (359-8015 [jmastbeth@hypernet.com](mailto:jmastbeth@hypernet.com) or Dick Jacobs (866-4520 [jacobs@maine.edu](mailto:jacobs@maine.edu)). We don't want to lose any members and if you have activities or classes that you want to see the Squadron offer, speak up or contact any of the officers.

P/C Dick Jacobs, AP

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### **Education Events September 2006**

Fall Boating classes are scheduled for Bangor, Bucksport and Ellsworth.

Kathy Mastbeth will be teaching a Boating class at Ellsworth High School from 1800 -2000 on Monday evenings, beginning on Monday, September 25, 2006.

Rob Crone's Boating class at Bucksport High School will be held on Tuesday evenings from 1800 – 2000, beginning on Tuesday October 3, 2006.

Wes Hedlund's Boating class at Bangor High School will be held on Wednesday evenings from 1900 - 2100, beginning on Wednesday, October 4.

The Seamanship Class we had hoped to have this fall has been put on hold for now and I will let you know as soon as it is on our schedule.

Another class that has unfortunately been put on hold is the Weather Course at Ellsworth High School. It seems that Saturday classes presented a conflict for too many people, including the instructor, and we will be rescheduling for a weeknight in the spring semester.

Respectfully submitted  
Lt/C Kathleen Mastbeth P  
SEO, PBSPS



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