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Commander's Corner

The cold and snow of winter are on us and spring seems so far away. What better time to party and to add to your boating knowledge.

We had a great time at the holiday party. We enjoyed good company, great food, and listened to a fabulous presentation by Captain Rick Miller of Maine Maritime Academy on the 2008 Arctic voyage of the Bowden.

To keep up this momentum, we have planned a fantastic Founders Day event on February 7. (see details below). There is a very important addition this year: Our bylaws must be amended to reflect a change to the dates of our fiscal year. (See proposed change on page 6.) This change has been mandated by the IRS. However, we must formally make the change according to USPS rules.

Please call Larry Sherwood and tell him you will attend.

When you review the nominations for office (on page five), note that there are some vacancies. Why don't you consider filling one of these elected or one of the other appointed positions for the PBSPS bridge. The openings mostly do not require attendance at bridge meetings and may only take a few hours per YEAR. Please let me or Rob Crone know if you can help the squadron by donating a little of your time.

Check out our Squadron's educational opportunities for early 2009.

Dave Field has come up with a great schedule for the spring. Note that Marine Electronics is being offered. This course may not happen again for a few years so, try to fit it into your schedule.

PBSPS has lots to offer, what we need is YOU.

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

John

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**Executive Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month
ALL are welcome!!**

**Contact Cdr. John Mastbeth JN for the time and location.
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Check our website for updates: www.pbsps.org

PBSPS 2008-2009 Bridge

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Founders' Day Dinner - February 7, 2009

Social Hour:1800 Dinner: 1900

The PBSPS Founders' Day Dinner will be held at the Sea Dog Restaurant at 26 Front Street, Bangor, 207-947-8009.

Larry tells us the buffet style menu will include entrees of haddock and meatloaf, vegetable, potato, salad, dessert and coffee/tea and the price, including tax and tip will be approximately \$23.

There will be a very short but important business meeting after dinner to elect our 2009 PBSPS Bridge and a vote will also be taken to make a small change in our bylaws regarding our fiscal year dates. (see pages 5-6) We need your vote, please attend.

The highlight of the evening will be a presentation on shipwrecks by our wonderful guest speaker, Jon Johansen, who is the owner and publisher of Maine Coastal News out of Winterport.

Please call or email Larry or John to make your reservation.

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Other Important Dates to Remember:

Saturday, March 28, 2009 -PBSPS Change of Watch – Sea Dog, Bangor
Social Hour: 1800 Dinner: 1900

April 3-5, 2009 – USPS District 19 Spring Conference, Freeport Maine

Website Request

I am in the process of updating our squadron website. Among the changes in general appearance, I am looking for more pictures to add to our collection. Primarily, I am looking for squadron related items such as owner's boats, marina snapshots, rendezvous, squadron activities, scenery in general or any sort of picture that you care to share.

Please include the date and a brief description of each picture. It would also be nice to identify the person to acknowledge for taking the picture(s).

Please send me an electronic copy of your pictures to the following email account:

Lt. Arlan Martin, Webmaster

E-mail: amartin@maine.edu

Education Events

The Squadron presented five courses during the fall of 2008. John and Kathy Mastbeth's boating class in Ellsworth graduated six, and four of Dave Field's Hampden class finished successfully. Jerry Bates Seamanship course had two successful completions. Jeff Sawyer's Sail course graduated four and all five of Rob Crone's Weather course students finished successfully.

Three of the new "**ABC 3**" public boating courses have been scheduled for the spring of this year: I will present the course at Bangor High School on Wednesdays at 7:00-9:00 p.m., 25 March - 22 April; John and Kathy Mastbeth will teach at Ellsworth High School on Tuesdays at 6:00-8:00 p.m., 24 March - 21 April; and Rob Crone and Andy Nichols will offer the course at Searsport High School on Tuesdays at 6:00-8:00 p.m., 24 March - 21 April. Please tell your boating friends who are not Squadron members of these course opportunities and note that this is a brand-new course that covers the basics in four weeks with an optional two-week extension to introduce navigation skills.

We are offering three advanced/optional courses during the winter and spring. I will teach the brand new "**Marine Electrical Systems**" course at Eastern Maine Community College on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning 19 February. This course will run for 8-9 weeks, including the exam.

Piloting is scheduled for EMCC at 7:00-9:00 p.m. for eight weeks beginning 18 February, with the instructor to be announced.

A group will offer **Seamanship** at Ellsworth High School--dates to be announced later.

Finally, we will be scheduling four two-hour seminars, open to Squadron members and the general public, at Bangor and Ellsworth locations in May: **Anchoring, Knots/Bends/Hitches, Trailing, and Marine Radar.**

Please check the Squadron web site (www.pbsps.org) regularly to see what courses are being offered . **Be sure to let me and/or the instructor know as soon as possible if you have decided to enroll in a course.** It takes time to obtain the course books and a course might be cancelled if enrollment is too low, so we need to know as far in advance as possible who is likely to take a course.

Respectfully submitted

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PENOBSCOT BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009-2010 ELECTED OFFICERS

We the nominations committee, nominate the following members for the 2009-2010 year:

BRDIGE	Rank – Name – Grade
Term of Position	
Commander Elected 1 Year	Cdr. John F. Mastbeth, <u>JN</u>
Executive Officer Elected 1 Year	Lt/C Kathleen C. Mastbeth, <u>JN</u>
Education Officer Elected 1 Year	Lt/C David B. Field <u>AP</u>
Administrative Officer Elected 1 Year	Lt/C Ernest J. Barnes, AP
Secretary Elected 1 Year	Lt/C Judith M. Crone, <u>JN</u>
Treasurer Elected 1 Year	Lt/C Richard Patch, AP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT LARGE

Executive Committee Elected 1 Year	Vacant
Executive Committee Elected 1 Year	Vacant
Executive Committee Elected 1 Year	Vacant

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Assistant Education Officer Elected 1 Year	1 st /L Howard R. Towle., <u>AP</u>
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SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Assistant Secretary Elected 1 Year	Vacant
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TREASURERS DEPARTMENT

Assistant Treasurer Elected 1 Year	1 st /Lt Judith M. Crone, AP
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GENERAL COMMITTEES

Rules Committee Elected 3 Years	Vacant
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P/C Robert T Crone, JN – Nominations Committee Chairman

Proposed Change to Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron Bylaws:

ARTICLE 12

Current:

Section 12.5 The squadron fiscal (business) year shall be for 12 consecutive months beginning on 1 February and ending on the last day of January.

Proposed:

Section 12.5 The squadron fiscal (business) year shall be for 12 consecutive months beginning on 1 December and ending on the last day of November.

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