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District 19 Spring Conference

The spring conference was held in Presque Isle and hosted by the Aroostook Valley Sail and Power Squadron (AVSPS). Saturday was a great day; good workshops, tour of the weather station, a working lunch with the National Law Officer. AVSPS and D19 had their change of watches and both had great hospitality suites. Our squadron was awarded two certificates, one for the USPS Education Fund Honor Roll and for Distinction in Journalism for 2004-2005. During the evening banquet there was an auction of items donated by the squadrons. The auctioneer was very amusing and I believe he will be at fall conference. You should all think about going to a conference at least once. Come and join me at the fall conference 3-5 November.

P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood AP

Education Events June 2006

The Boating Class at Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan finished up on April 10. Eight people graduated and one of the students, Roger Clapp, has joined PBSPS. Congratulations to all and welcome aboard, Roger!

Ron Rowland's AP class ended on March 14 in Ellsworth. Five members of the class, Elizabeth Dodge, Peter Dodge, Jim Dougherty, John Mastbeth, and Ron Papa, can now use AP after their names. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Nine students in Larry Sherwood's Piloting class have passed the exam and may now put the letter P after their names: Larry Beauregard, Walter Harris Jr., Al Holzwarth (who took the course as a refresher – already had passed the old Piloting), Richard Long, Richard Patch, Jeffrey Sawyer, Ed Soule, Elaine Towle and Howard Towle. Great work, everyone!

Dick Jacobs' Seamanship class at Ellsworth High School finished up on May 2 and three students have passed the S101 and S102 exams. Congratulations Bob McAteer, Judy Michaud and Tom Moore. You may now use the letter S after your names!

Wes Hedlund's Boating class at Bangor High School graduated on May 10. Seven students graduated and one, Christopher Kelley, has joined PBSPS. Good work, everyone! Congratulations, Chris, and welcome aboard!



Rob Crone's post-Boat Show Boating class also graduated on May 10 at Bucksport High School. Thirteen students have passed the exam and we have five new members of PBSPS from this group. Welcome aboard to Daniel Devereaux, Dorie Meltreder, Susan and Ray McDonald, and Gary Winders! Great job, 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. This course is scheduled for 1000 - 1200 on Saturdays beginning on Saturday September 16, 2006. Please let me know if you are interested in attending ASAP.

We will also be offering an Instructor Development Course over the summer 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.

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

Wes Hedlund's schedule for his Boating class Bangor High School will be posted at <http://www.bangoradulted.org> in July.

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

Rob has also volunteered to teach a Seamanship Class in the fall, schedule to be announced. (I'll be sending out postcards about this one over the summer, but please let me know if you are interested ASAP.)

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

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Kathleen Mastbeth P
SEO, PBSPS

Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program

A Vessel Safety Check or VSC program has been undertaken. What is a Vessel Safety Check program all about you might ask? For those who are wondering, I offer the following explanation taken right off the USPS National VSC website:

A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

The program kicked off on May 02nd when 9 squadron members participated in a day long training session held by Tom Roscoe (USPS Dist. 19 VSC Chair).



Following the training, Arlan Martin and Kathy Mastbeth completed the mentoring requirements of 5 vessels under the watchful eye of Tom Roscoe, a certified Vessel Examiner (VE). Since this initial training, Rob Crone has also completed his certification. There are others following suit and will soon be certified as well.

The program is just getting under way and we are trying to collect inspection decals and various materials to sustain the program for on-going vessel inspections during the year. We hope to organize outings at various local marinas in the near future and provide a **FREE** vessel inspection to anyone interested. Scheduled events such as this will be posted to our web site under “EVENTS”.

Interested in having your boat inspected or looking for more information? Check with any of the following Vessel Examiners (VE's):

1. Arlan Martin (843-0636) amartin@maine.edu
2. Kathleen Mastbeth (359-8015) kmastbeth@hypernet.com
3. Rob Crone (266-8346) rcrone@rcn.com

Safe boating takes a little bit of time and expense up front. However, it could very well make the difference in the outcome in a boating mishap. By the way, the term “BOAT” also includes canoes, kayaks and Personal Water Crafts (PWC).

Let's all enjoy a fun and “safe” season out on the water.

Lt. Arlan Martin AP (PBSPS VSC Chair)



WHEN DO I NEED A RADIO LICENSE

If you are going to any foreign port (INCLUDING Canada) or are going to talk across any international border, you need a ships station and radio operators license. If you have an SSB radio or your boat is 65 feet or more, you need a ships station and radio operators license. (if you don't know what SSB is, you don't have one) There is a fee for both. The ship station is renewed every 10 years and the radio operators license is life time. Both are obtained from the FCC. If you think you need a license contact me and I will help you get the paperwork.

P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood AP

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Pipe Them Aboard

The following are new members to our Squadron since the last "Now Hear This." 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, if it ever stops raining, with more knowledge and confidence, plus we expect to be able to have some good social fun too. The rain that will not stop here at my house has pairs of animals lining up next to my boat in the yard -- I wonder if they know something that we don't know.

NEW PENOBSCOT BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEMBERS -- WELCOME TO THE SQUADRON.

Daniel Devereaux

Sally Jacobs has changed membership from a family member to an additional active member

Christopher Kelley

Ray McDonald

Susan McDonald

Dorie Meltreder

Joan Speyer has rejoined our squadron

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COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM

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 (**OURS IS 13305**) 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.

FIELD ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Nautical Chart Corrections

Observing and reporting differences between charted information and that which is currently observable.

Depth Surveys, Range Line Surveys, Tidal Current Surveys, Small Craft Facilities, Coast Pilot Revisions, Geodetic Survey Mark Recovery,

Locating and verifying State and Federal horizontal and vertical positioning survey markers.

Aids to Navigation Inspections

This involves cruising around your favorite areas and observing the buoys and other markers. Items to check are: proper functioning of light and sound characteristics, legibility of identifying marks and that the ATONs are in proper position.

IMPORTANT - We need to determine if there is enough interest in our squadron to pursue this activity. Otherwise, we will probably withdraw from the program entirely. Anyone with any interest in working on this program please contact Rob Crone – Executive Officer rcrone@rcn.com or (207) 266-8346



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2006 RENDEZVOUS (SECOND HALF)

As of this printing the rendezvous for August is still in the planning stage. We will notify the membership before August of all the details. We are looking at a two or three day event with an outing somewhere. If you have any ideas please let me know.

Remember our first rendezvous is the 8th of July at Fort Point. Refer to the last NHT or the web site for details. (www.bairnet.org/organizations/pbsps/)

P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood AP

Schooner Bowdoin Fund Raiser Sailing Adventure July 15, 2006

Maine Maritime Academy has graciously offered the use of the famous Schooner Bowdoin to the Squadron for a fund raising activity. The proceeds from the event will go to the Educational Fund to purchase additional presentation equipment for classes being taught by the squadron.

All Squadron members & Guests are invited to join us for an afternoon of sailing fun and adventure on a fund raising voyage aboard Historic Schooner Bowdoin. Captains John Worth and Rick Miller of Maine Maritime Academy have designed this exclusive HANDS ON sailing and learning experience for our squadron. A \$25 donation per person is requested to benefit the Squadron Educational fund. All levels of experience needed.

A Brief History

On April 9, 1921, a schooner came down the ways at Hodgdon Brothers in east Boothbay, Maine, but unlike any other before or since she lives. The schooner's design and construction were carefully considered and well-executed. The vessel is unique today because of her specialized purpose - she is heavy and carries less sail for her displacement than most schooners because, in addition to the obvious ice hazards, the Arctic is known for having either no wind at all or too much.

The Bowdoin first crossed the Arctic Circle on August 23, 1921. Peary's North Pole expedition was merely a dozen years past. The last few Hudson's Bay and Davis Strait whalers had made their final trip home two years before. The Bowdoin sailed north with Macmillan two dozen times, carrying scientists, adventurers and students. On July 30, 1991, again with students aboard, she came full circle, crossing once more to the sea where the summer sun never sets.



For Additional information Contact Rob Crone (207) 266-8346 rcrone@rcn.com
For Reservations Contact John Mastbeth (207) 359-8015 jmastbeth@hypernet.com

Prepaid Registration is required by July 1, 2006

Cancellation & Refund: Cancellations made be made up to 72 hours prior to sailing with a full refund. As this is a space available fundraiser, no refunds will be given for cancellations of less than 72 hours or for no shows. The voyage will be rescheduled in event of foul weather cancellation.

Mini Ship's Store

The Squadron has a few items to offer to the membership. The two 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 for the Ship's Store? Communicate with an officer and we will see if it is possible.

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