

# Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron

A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons



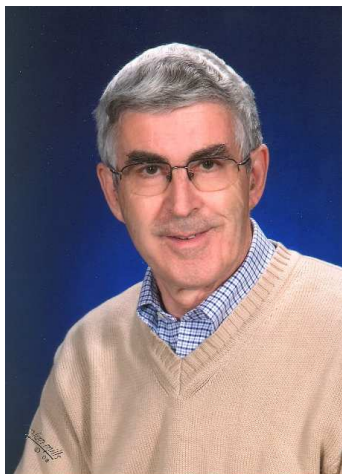
## Now Hear This!

[www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) [www.pbsps.org](http://www.pbsps.org)

June 2010

### Commander's Corner

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



I spent most of the time since the last issue of *Now Hear This* serving as the Squadron Education Officer. I report elsewhere in this issue on two successful courses completed during the winter and spring: Seamanship and America's Boating Course. On behalf of our new SEO, Howard

Towle, I encourage all members to diligently keep the Squadron officers informed as to courses that you would like to take. We have many great courses to offer, but can do nothing without students!

Interest in boating seems to be increasing as the economy shows some signs of recovery. Basic boating, from paddle sports to fishing to sailing to water sports, is relatively inexpensive, and folks seem inclined to recreate closer to home. Unfortunately, boating accidents and fatalities remain unacceptably high, and there is so much that we can do to inform and educate the public about how to enjoy being on the water safely.

The United States Power Squadron membership has decreased steadily since 2001. We have experienced a decline in our Squadron also. National has set a goal of 6000 new members by the end of 2010. District 19 has determined that our Squadron's share for meeting this goal works out to 18 new members. This is based on a goal of retaining 88% of current members ( $109 \times .88 = 96$ ) and adding 18, for a total of five more than we had at the end of 2009. I strongly encourage any of you whose membership is up for renewal, or has perhaps lapsed, to continue with the Squadron to help us serve the public and to enjoy the fellowship and shared knowledge of

fellow members. We are losing members, but I am pleased to report that five new members joined during the winter and three members of my recent ABC class have just joined, so we are on our way towards meeting the goal.

You may have heard that National has dropped the requirement that only members can take USPS courses other than basic boating or the seminars, but it is up to each squadron to decide whether or not to do this. We have decided to follow an example set among Canadian power squadrons. All of our courses will be available to both members and the general public. However, non-members will be charged the course fee plus the cost of a one-year membership in USPS/PBSPS, and will be given a one-year membership. The one exception to this policy is that no one will be accepted into the regular courses beyond Piloting without having completed the prerequisite courses. This is to avoid burdening instructors and other students in AP, JN, and N classes with students who might require remedial instruction.

There are many opportunities to serve the Squadron as a course instructor, a vessel safety check member, and/or an appointed officer. Please let me or another Bridge member know if you have any interest at all in such activities. I look forward to seeing all of you on the water this summer, hopefully a drier one than last year. Sally and I "sail" the Albin flybridge trawler "DASAREAN" and moor in Buck's Harbor. Please stop by and say "Hello" if you see us on board.

Dave

#### Table of Contents:

Commander's Corner.....	1
PBSPS Bridge.....	2
Upcoming Events .....	2-3
Education Events .....	3
Vessel Safety Check News.....	3-4
Change of Watch 2010 Report.....	4
On-The Water Training Registration Info.....	5
Bowdoin Sailing Adventure Registration Form...	6

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

Check our website, [www.pbsps.org](http://www.pbsps.org) for the time, location, and updates.

**PBSPS 2010-2011 Bridge**

**Commander: Cdr.Dave Field AP**

[meeser3@roadrunner.com](mailto:meeser3@roadrunner.com) 862-3674

**Administrative Officer: Lt/C D. Scott Miller AP**

[scott@ustiger.net](mailto:scott@ustiger.net) 973-258-0501

**Education Officer: Lt/C Howard Towle AP**

[heartfelt\\_45@juno.com](mailto:heartfelt_45@juno.com) 945-5542

**Secretary: P/D/Lt/C Judy Crone JN**

[judycrone@gmail.com](mailto:judycrone@gmail.com) 266-8347

**Treasurer: Lt/C Richard Patch AP**

[rpatch@verizon.net](mailto:rpatch@verizon.net) 942-8952

**NHT Editor: P/Lt/C Kathy Mastbeth, JN**

[kmastbeth@gmail.com](mailto:kmastbeth@gmail.com) 610-4481

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- July 10, 2010** On-the-Water Training Seminars at Maine Maritime Academy
- July 14, 2010** PBSPS Executive Committee Meeting (all are welcome)
- July 18, 2010** Schooner Bowdoin Sailing Adventure
- July 23-25** Bucksport Rendezvous (picnic on July 24 at 1400 on Larry Sherwood's "Sisu")
- August 11** PBSPS Executive Committee Meeting (all are welcome)
- August 13-15 (tentative)** Fort Point Rendezvous
- September 8** PBSPS Executive Committee Meeting (all are welcome)
- October 13** PBSPS Executive Committee Meeting (all are welcome)
- November 10** PBSPS Executive Committee Meeting (all are welcome)
- December 4** PBSPS Annual Holiday Party at the Sea Dog
- December 8** PBSPS Executive Committee Meeting (all are welcome)

**Meetings and Parties**

Greetings from your Meeting and Party Chair. Below is a list of meetings and parties planned. I have also included a Rendezvous for which the date is confirmed; the rest are the proposed Rendezvous and parties.

The **Squadron Executive Committee** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Bucksport

Adult Education Building (66 Bridge Street). We are currently scheduled for July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8. We will let you know the rest of the year's schedule when we confirm the dates with BAE.

The **Christmas Party** will be held on December 4, 2010. The Founder's Day Party will be on February 5, 2011. Both parties will be at the Sea Dog Restaurant in Bangor. The date for Change of Watch is to be determined.

Our first confirmed scheduled summer activity is a **Bowdoin Sailing Adventure** This will be a fund raiser for the benefit of our Education Fund and is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. (See flyer at end of this newsletter.)

**The first Rendezvous of the season will be on Larry Sherwood's, "Sisu" on July 24, 2010, at the Bucksport waterfront during the Bucksport Days Festival.** This is a confirmed date and will take place during the Festival, July 23-25. You may come by boat or car. Bring whatever you want for the grill, something to drink and a little something to share. The rest will be provided.

Larry will be at the Port Harbor Marine docks from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. If you can't make the cookout on Saturday at 1300, 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.** You may also anchor in the harbor, I suggest you contact the Harbormaster for information. This is a great weekend event with vendors all along the waterfront, bands, music, parades and much more.

Plans are still in progress for a second rendezvous, at **Fort Point**, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of August 13 – 15.

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 lighthouse and the lighthouse bell and horn. Come for the day or weekend. Some boats may arrive Friday afternoon and stay to Sunday morning. We will be in Larry's 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 14th. As with the Bucksport rendezvous, bring whatever you want for the grill, something to drink and a little something for everyone. The rest will be provided.

**Some of the ideas for other get-togethers and Rendezvous are:**

- \*A Rendezvous at Holbrook Island in September.
- \*A Day in Searsport, going on a historical tour fund raiser.
- \*The Liebmann's would like to host a rain or shine party at the Belfast City Park, this summer. If it rains we can meet at the Liebmann's house.
- \*Larry Sherwood would like to host a Taco Party at his place, sometime this summer.

We would love to hear your suggestions for Rendezvous places and dates. **Please contact Judy Crone, at 266-8347, or at [judycrone@gmail.com](mailto:judycrone@gmail.com).**

Respectfully submitted,  
P/D/Lt/C Judith M. Crone, [JN](mailto:JN)

## Education Events

### June 2010

Penobscot Bay Sail & Power Squadron has offered only two courses so far in 2010, but they have been well-attended by enthusiastic students.



Steve Brakey, Phil Joliat, Ron Katahn, Kirby Knight, and Tammy Knight successfully completed Dave Field's Seamanship Course at Eastern Maine Community College in March.



Fourteen students completed Dave's America's Boating Course in Hampden in June.

We are offering two on-the-water training opportunities, "Boat Handling Under Power", and "Anchoring" in cooperation with Maine Maritime Academy in Castine on July 10. (See flyer at the end of this newsletter.)

In the fall, we hope to offer the ABC course, Seamanship, and possibly Engine Maintenance and Sail. Rob Crone has generously offered to teach Junior Navigation, beginning in September. Now is the chance for all of you "APs" to move ahead with your navigation training. If you are at all interested in the JN course, please notify SEO Howard Towle as soon as possible so that Rob can make plans for the course. JN students will be expected to make a firm commitment by buying the course materials in advance.

To repeat the message in last December's *Now Hear This*, the volunteer Penobscot Bay Sail & Power Squadron course instructors want very much to offer learning opportunities that best meet member interests. We wish also to inform non-members who have passed the Boating course exam, and are eligible for membership, of the educational opportunities that are available to members, and to find out which courses most interest them. It takes a great deal of effort to plan a course, find a qualified instructor, and order course materials from the USPS National Headquarters. When we guess wrong about the number of persons who might be interested in a course, we suffer the expense of returning course materials to National.

Respectfully submitted  
Lt/C Howard R. Towle, Squadron Education Officer  
[heartfelt45@juno.com](mailto:heartfelt45@juno.com) 945-5542

## **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK TIME IS HERE!**

**The 2010 Boating season has arrived.** Have you had your 2010 VSC?

Do not wait until it is too late. Get your vessel safety check done early and rest assured that you have all the required safety gear aboard your vessel from the start of the season.

You could be looking at a stiff penalty if you fail an on the water safety inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard or any authorized unit. So, avoid that possibility and have your VSC done before you venture out on the water.

Numerous vessel safety checks were performed at Hamlin's Marine in Hampden on May 29th.

Another VSC session will be held in Bucksport on July 24 10:00 – 16:00. Other sessions will be posted on our web site as plans are developed. Check "EVENTS SCHEDULE" on our web site for further details.

You may contact any of our certified vessel examiners for a vessel safety check:

**Rob Crone**  
266-8346  
[rtcrone@gmail.com](mailto:rtcrone@gmail.com)

**Judy Crone**  
266-8347  
[judycrone@gmail.com](mailto:judycrone@gmail.com)

**Arlan Martin**  
843-0636  
[amartin@maine.edu](mailto:amartin@maine.edu)

**John Mastbeth**  
359-8015  
[jmastbeth@gmail.com](mailto:jmastbeth@gmail.com)

**Kathy Mastbeth**  
610-4481  
[kmastbeth@gmail.com](mailto:kmastbeth@gmail.com)

**Larry Sherwood**  
843-7951  
[NIQJU@aol.com](mailto:NIQJU@aol.com)

Enjoy the boating season. Let's make it a pleasant and safe boating season.

Get that VSC completed soon.

Lt. Arlan Martin AP  
PBSPS VSC Chair

## Change of Watch 2010

The Penobscot Bay Sail & Power Squadron Change of Watch was held on 10 April 2010 in Bangor. Commander John Mastbeth, JN, presided over the first part of the meeting and swore in those of the nine new Squadron members (Mary and Steve Brakey; Kristian, Phil, and Melody Joliat; Kirby and Tammy Knight; Ronald Kathan and Scott Miller) who were able to attend. John also presented Senior Member Awards (for those who have achieved five merit marks) to P/D/Lt/C Judith M. Crone, JN, P/C Robert T. Crone, and John himself. Willem "Vim" Frederik, P, was recognized with the 25-year membership pin. Sixteen Squadron members received merit marks for service during the past year. Lt. Arlan K. Martin, AP, was honored as the Outstanding Vessel Safety Check Examiner and the other certified VSC examiners were recognized:

John Mastbeth, Robert Crone, Judith Crone, Kathleen Mastbeth, and Lawrence Sherwood.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C David B. Field, AP, recognized John and Kathy Mastbeth and Larry Sherwood who, along with Dave, were the instructors for the year. He presented the USPS Ensign Award for completion of the Seamanship Course to Steven Brakey, Phil Joliat, Ron Kathan, Linda Loretto, Vincent Schwenk, Kirby Knight, and Tammy Knight. Timothy N. Leach, AP, and D. Scott Miller, AP, received Squadron burgees for attaining the rank of AP. Dave presented the Herbert Dickey Award, for highest achievement and contribution to the Squadron educational program, to Larry Sherwood.

Commander Mastbeth presented the Richard M. Jacobs Award, for dedication and commitment to the goals of the Squadron in the area of volunteerism and civic service, to Dave Field. After calling for the report of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Larry Sherwood, and conducting the election of officers, John dismissed all appointed officers and turned the meeting over to District 19 Commander Artemas M. Pickard, SN, who dismissed the Bridge and installed the newly elected officers.

The new Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron Bridge includes Commander David B. Field, AP, Executive Officer (Vacant), Administrative Officer Lt/C D. Scott Miller, AP, Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Howard R. Towle, AP, Secretary P/D/Lt/C Judith M. Crone, JN, and Treasurer Lt/C Richard Patch, AP. Members elected to the Executive Committee At Large are Timothy N. Leach, AP, Daniel J. Seneca, P, and P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood, AP.

P/Lt/C Kathleen C. Mastbeth, JN, was elected Assistant Education Officer. Elected to the Nominating Committee were P/Lt/C Jeffrey Sawyer, AP, P/C Lawrence A. Sherwood, AP, and P/C Robert T. Crone, JN. Continuing as Chair of the Rules Committee is P/Lt/C Wesley H. Hedlund, AP and as Chair of the Audit Committee Lt. Lewis E. Phillips, JN. Lew Phillips also serves as the Squadron Chaplain.

Appointed officers for 2010-2011 include: Larry Sherwood and Rob Crone, aides to the Commander; Howard Towle, Cooperative Charting; Larry Sherwood, Liaison Chair, Radio Tech Chair, and Boat Show Chair; Lt Andrea Atwater, P, Public Relations Chair; Arlan Martin, Vessel Safety Check Chair; Wes Hedlund, Local Board, Boating Chair; Rob Crone, Boating Activities; Judy Crone, Meetings and Programs; Jeff Sawyer, Operations Training; Arlan Martin, Computer System & Web Chair; Lt. Lori Sawyer, S, Lending Library Chair; Kathy Mastbeth, *Now Hear This* Editor; Lt Elaine Towle, AP, Historian; Judy Crone, Roster Chair; Richard Patch, USPS Educational Fund Chair and Property Officer



# On-the-Water Training



## Maine Maritime Academy

Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron and Maine Maritime Academy are offering two great seminars for recreational boaters at the Maine Maritime Academy Waterfront. These seminars combine USPS classroom instruction with practical hands on the wheel training. Bring a bag lunch and have a great day on the water. **SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Where: Maine Maritime Academy – Castine, Maine**

**When: July 10, 2010**

**AM Sessions 8:00-12:00, PM Sessions 12:30-4:30**

**To Register: Contact - Lt/Cdr Howard Towle  
848-9811 or [heartfelt\\_45@juno.com](mailto:heartfelt_45@juno.com)**

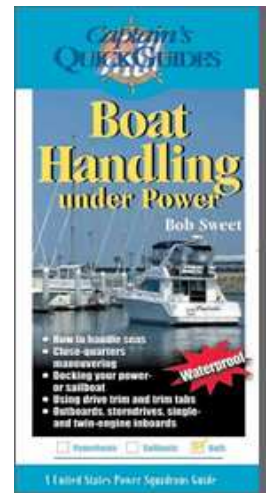
## *Boat Handling under Power*

### **Class Room:**

This seminar shows you how your boat will behave and why in response to your controls. You'll understand what the pros have learned the hard way. This gets you there faster, and with confidence. Then, on the water you can visualize your actions and execute them easily. The seminar is offered with on the water training for a complete experience.

### **On-the-Water LAB:**

This seminar shows boaters how to depart and dock under a variety of conditions as well as all about trimming the boat underway. The seminar materials include a waterproof USPS *Captain's Quick Guide* and *Student Notes*



**Fee: \$25 per person (USPS Members \$20) Session Limit: 12 people**

## *Anchoring*

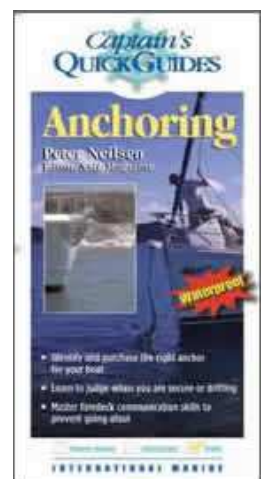
### **Class Room:**

This seminar covers selection of anchor, rode and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors. It also includes tables for sizing an anchor and components, and information for determining loads under various conditions.

### **On-the-Water LAB:**

This seminar shows boaters how to deploy, set & retrieve different anchors under a variety of conditions as well as anchor bearings & other techniques underway. The kit includes the *Anchoring Quick Guide* and *Student Notes*

**Fee: \$25 per person (USPS Members \$20) Session Limit: 12 people**



# Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron

## Exclusive

### Schooner Bowdoin Sailing Adventure

### July 18, 2010

*Courtesy of Maine Maritime Academy*

**Departs Promptly at 1300**

Maine Maritime Academy Wharf, Castine, Maine

All Squadron members and their guests are invited to join us for an afternoon of sailing fun and adventure on a fund raising voyage aboard Historic Schooner Bowdoin. Maine Maritime Academy has 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.

*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 [rtcrone@gmail.com](mailto:rtcrone@gmail.com)

**For Reservations Contact Richard Patch** (207) 942.8952 [rpatch@myfairpoint.com](mailto:rpatch@myfairpoint.com)

**PREPAID Registration is required by July 11, 2010**

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 on July 19, 2010 in event of foul weather cancellation.

---

*Detach Here*

---

**Mail to :** PBSPS – C/O Richard Patch Treasurer, 389 Pearl Street, Bangor, ME 04401

Name: -----

Address:-----

Telephone:-----

Number of People: ----- X \$25.00 = Total Enclosed \$-----





*Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron*

*P.O. Box 1373*

*Blue Hill ME 04614-1373*

**Postmaster: Return Requested**

*Remember to Always Wear Your Lifejacket*

*Happy and SAFE Boating!!!*

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

*Visit: [www.pbsps.org](http://www.pbsps.org)*