

Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Now Hear This Spring-Summer 2003

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Commander's Corner

First off, let me let me say that the trust and support that the Squadron has expressed in the elected and appointed officers for the coming year is truly appreciated. Beyond that, special thanks go to all the past officers that have served the Squadron over the years. We didn't get where we are by one person acting alone, it has been a united effort of many. In speaking for all the present officers we trust that the actions, activities and accomplishments in the coming year will be up to the high standards of past years. Within this edition you no doubt will find several items of interest. It is not possible or necessary to highlight each and every activity and item in this small "corner" of the NOW HEAR THIS.

It is possible and important to give a couple of reminders and "heads up" comments though.

The first activity of the spring is a new one for the Squadron. The PaddleSmart program at the Bangor YMCA has been a focus point for Lt Arlan Martin AP for many months. He has represented the Squadron at many planning meetings at the YMCA. The program represents a new group of people that want and need boating safety information. If you like to canoe or kayak you must know more about the May 9th three and-a-half hour "Safety Symposium." We will be having a booth like we do at the Bangor Boat Show, so come by and say hello while you are there. Better yet, help me at the booth.

May 17-23 marks the "Safe Boating" week and this has been underscored by Governor Baldacci and Bangor Mayor Nichi S. Farnham with separate proclamations. While we all can recognize "Safe Boating" week – it must be uppermost in our minds all year long. Governor Baldacci pointed out that the law requires that wearable life jackets be carried for each person on board a boat and little effort is required to wear these life jackets. He goes on to state that 88 percent of the people who drowned in boat accidents were not wearing a life jacket. Mayor Farnham had a similar message and tells us that in many cases there were life jackets on board the boats involved in boating fatalities, but the life jackets were not used. The 2003 North American Safe Boating Campaign's theme is "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Wear it!" As Squadron members we can set a good example for others by going beyond thinking of not only having life jackets but also wearing them. We also can check all the safety equipment on our boats and

and make sure the equipment is up to date and usable.

Look for our summer activities dates in this issue or on our website and we trust that you will plan to attend at least one of the events. Have an active and safe summer.

Cdr Dick Jacobs, AP

From the Vessel Safety Check Chairman

As most of you know, the United States Power Squadrons signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Coast Guard Aux to be a partner in the Vessel Safety Check program. We now provide the same service as the Coast Guard Auxilliary to the boating public by providing vessel safety checks and decals to those that would like to have their boats inspected.

A number of our members have expressed an interest in becoming qualified as a VSC inspector and the Coast Guard Aux. has agreed to help the squadron qualify our members. It will take one day of instruction in the class room and five boat inspections with a qualified inspector. After that, you will need to do five more inspections on your own to remain qualified the first year. After that, you need five inspections each year to remain qualified.

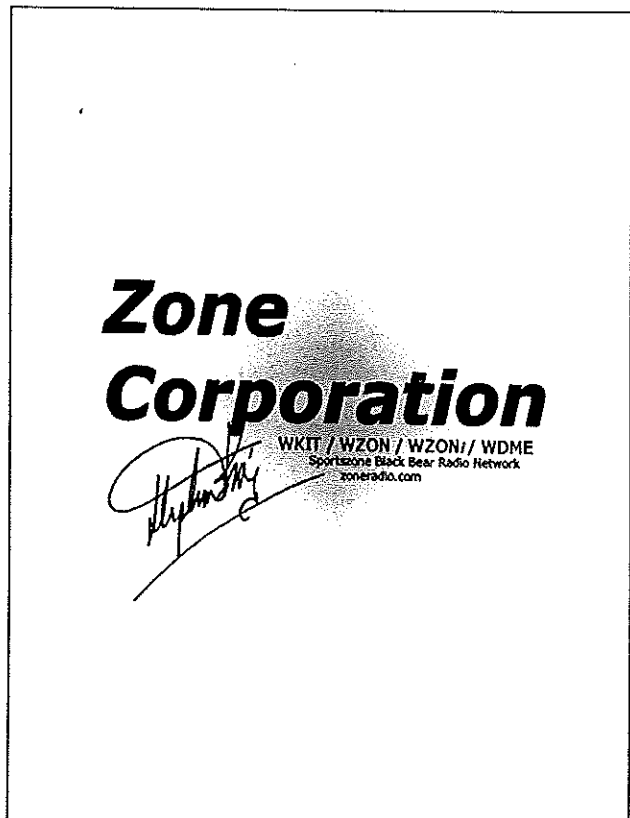
If you are interested in becoming a VSC please let me know at 843-6605 or by email at chiefexcel@aol.com. We will try to arrange a classroom day to accommodate as many members as possible and if we need to, we will do another classroom day to make sure everyone that is interested in the program has the training. When I know who is interested, I will contact you with the date and time. VSC Ch P/C Larry Sherwood, AP

From and Old Salt:

"There are old pilots and bold pilots, but there are no old-bold pilots"

Squadron History

During the last two years several members of the Squadron have been seeking information on the Squadron's history. Marion Vafiades, Mary Dickey and others have given their records to the Squadron. Some of this contained pictures, newspaper clippings, minutes of meetings, issues of Now Hear This and personal notes about the past. We are still looking for more and we especially are trying to nail down the history of the Squadron burgee. What does the white background signify? We think the three blue vertical stripes are the waves of the ocean and the red wavy horizontal stripe is the Penobscot River. Can anyone help our historian, Lt Sandra Homer AP, solve this mystery? For some reason we don't have a record of current members that have been officers in the Squadron. This is important too for these people are not being recognized. If you are a past officer or know of one, please let us know. Giving the office and year(s) would be important too. We also keep hearing about scrapbooks, but we can't find any. If there is any more "historical" information available please share it with Sandy.



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"Pipe Them Aboard"

The following members were recognized at the 2003 Change of Watch for joining the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron in the 2002-2003 year or since the 2002 Change of Watch.

Active Members — Marc S. Alberi, S; Paul J. Bowen, S; Stephen G. Dupuis; John Edwards;

James A. Lerner, S; Calvin A. Luther, S; John Mabee, P; Jon A. McGarvey, S;

Michael D. O'Brien, S; Scott Ruffner, AP; William K. Spruce, S; Burton H. Weed, S

Additional Active Members — Lorraine Duffy; Susan A. Dupuis; Mary Edwards; Beverly E. McGarvey, S, James and Ben Tyler

Family Members — Mary Dolan; Paula McNeice; James O'Brien; Mary E. Thomas

Operations Training

Operations Training has not been offered in our Squadron for several years and two years ago a "truck load" went with now P/C Larry Sherwood AP to Camden to take the course with other Squadrons. Sometime in the fall we would like to offer the course locally. It is a very good introduction to the workings of the Squadron, District and USPS national organization. It is a course that present officers that have not had it will want to consider taking and it also is offered and open to the general membership. The date, location and time have yet to be determined.

One thought is to offer it as a one day course with a dinner or lunch break or to do it in conjunction with officer meetings. It could be even a combination of the two mentioned ways. Start thinking about the course now and at the end of the summer we will be back to you and be requesting names and preferences of a class/meeting schedule. Cdr Richard Jacobs AP will be organizing the course with the help of several current officers.

USPS WEATHER COURSE by P/Lt/C

Donna Leland S

If you weren't there, as a USPS member, you certainly missed one of the best classes this organization has offered. Not only were we 'book appraised' of the many weather nuances a boater comes in contact with, but we were subjected to many show and tell demonstrations by the instructor, P/Lt Larry Homer AP. These visual demonstrations helped to magnify book knowledge in a more understandable manner.

As a participant, I now have a new appreciation of a weather forecaster's problems in forecasting some of the storms. In other classes, once a subject is learned you have the information at hand. The problems faced by weather forecasters are the variables that enter into any situation at a given moment. We certainly learned the meaning of the saying about Maine weather, if you don't like it, wait 5 minutes.

Though none of us could become a paid weather forecaster, we certainly are more knowledgeable and this will help us with our own safety when out on the water.

Any boater should seriously consider this class as a "must have" course the next time it is offered. Another bonus was the great "post final test" party at Dina and Daniel Cassidy's home. This was great experience from start to finish.

District 19 Flag Vote

At the 2003 Change of Watch, the recorded Squadron District 19 Flag Vote favored flag number one. That one had the blue background with the three states of District 19 in white and a D19 also in white. This vote was sent to the D 19 Spring Conference in Lewiston. At the conference the other Squadrons also were of a like mind and now the D 19 flag has been sent to USPS national for approval.

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Need or office equipment

The present Commander does not have all the office equipment that P/C Larry Sherwood AP had. There are many forms to fill out and send to District and USPS national, plus making copies and faxing gets to be a bit of a problem. I have a fax on my computer but it will not receive when it sleeps or hibernates let alone when it is off. Is there an "extra" stand alone fax out there somewhere that I could borrow for my term? Many of the fax machines can also be used as copiers too. I also have the loan of a typewriter for a short time. Yes, I am looking for old technology to fill out forms for national and district. Our Education Officer, Lt/C Jay Johnson AP has mentioned the need for a laptop computer and we have a lead on one donation. Eventually we will need more than one for class use. We also eventually will need to acquire a computer projector, one way or another. Any ideas? Contact Dick or Jay, please.

Safety and Boating by Jim Larner

Here we are now with another winter under our belts and our thoughts are turning towards another season of boating. With this in mind, we should also be thinking of what has Mother Nature done to our boats. Put it another way..which of Murphy's Laws has been introduced into the bowels of my boat?

I think most of us find the best way to search out the damage that has been incurred over the winter is a good inspection or better yet a good thorough cleaning...bow to stern, inside and out. clean-clean-CLEAN!

It's amazing what we will find when cleaning. Such things as corroded connectors to cracked glass in meters and torn fabrics to cut lines. All these things can become safety hazards in a hurry! The nicest part about an inspection like this is that it can be done on the water during the most calm part of the day, with your fishing rod dipped over the stern of your boat. This will give many of you food for thought as to how safe your boat is, but let me just list a few safety tips for this summer:

1. Don't drink and drive
2. When refueling, remember to remove all portable containers from your boat and refill on the pier.
3. No smoking when refueling
4. Close all hatches and doors when refueling
5. Have a fire extinguisher close at hand when refueling
6. Filing a float plan with a friend may save lives
7. Have adequate life jackets for all aboard
8. Check your fire extinguisher each season
9. Check all communications systems
- 10 USE COMMON SENSE!

I realize that I can go on and on about this safety thing and there will still be accidents. It's up to us to be safe and most important to have a good time!

From the Editor

First of all, thanks to all that have submitted articles for this edition of Now Hear This. Now, if I can just get you all to keep it coming!

The next issue will likely not come out until sometime in September. We'll plan on a September 10th deadline, which will probably be subject to change. I'll keep you posted.

Regarding submissions, there have been a few problems with the format in which they are received. So, again, if possible please...PLEASE send me your articles as an ATTACHED Microsoft Word Document (doc). DO NOT embed it within the body of an email. If you use Mac and don't have word, use "simple text" or Apple Works and attach it. Also, please don't type your article in all caps!!...yikes!!!

I've been working on my boat (new Raytheon instruments) and hope to go in by early June. I guess only time will tell, and I'm headed for Florida in a couple of days to bring back a private plane (amphibious of course) with a friend. Have a great boating season!

Howie Soule, Editor, Now Hear This

2003 RENDEZVOUS

June 13,14 and 15 will be our first rendezvous of the season at Fort Point Cove. This is a great rendezvous location because you can come by boat or car. Fort Point Cove and Fort Point State Park is located at the mouth of the Penobscot River. If you trailer your boat you can launch at Searsport, Stockton Springs or Verona Island. If you come by car, take Cape Jellison Rd off Rt 1 in Stockton Springs and follow the signs to Fort Point State Park. There is plenty of water in the cove to anchor and a small dock for small boats and dinghy. You can visit old Fort Pownal and see the Light House, Horn, and Bell. Come for the day, an over night or the weekend. I will be there late Friday afternoon and will stay until Sunday morning and would like some company. We will have a picnic at 1300 on Saturday. All you need to bring is whatever you would like to grill, something to drink (it will be a hot day) and a little something to share. Every thing else will be provided.

Fort Point Pier: 44 28.255'N (44 28' 18") 068 48.785' W (068 48' 48")

July 25, 26 and 27 will be the next Rendezvous at Bucksport. This is the Fort Knox Bay Festival. Bucksport will have vendors all along the waterfront walk. There will be bands, a parade and much much more. Fort Knox will have an encampment and mock battles and I think there will be fireworks. I will be at the Port Harbor Marine pier from Friday afternoon until late Sunday morning. I may do a four hr patrol for the Coast Guard that weekend. So if I am not on the dock I will be back shortly. Come and visit. **If you want to come by boat you must contact the Port Harbor Marina as soon as possible to make reservations for dock space. There are no moorings for rent and the public docks will be full.** OH yes, Bring something to eat, as I am always hungry.

We will have one more Rendezvous to be announced later. It will be a weekend moving from one harbor (or cove) to another. Using Lat Longs.

Kind of a find me if you can. Should be fun.

Call me if you need more information.

Larry Sherwood 843-6605 ChiefEXCEL@aol.com (boat: MISS BEA)

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Educational Events

The Winter 2003 semester started off with a bang in early January with our first weather course since 1994. Sixteen manuals were purchased and 14 took the WX101 exam; all passed including Lew Phillips, who with Joan had passed in '94. Joan audited it this time around. Larry Homer taught a very enjoyable class with a good blend of the USPS material and his own particular basics. Similarly, studying the homework gave good preparation for the exams; it was Larry's "test yourself" ungraded quizzes which brought our egos back to reality! Larry, not a fan of technology, particularly computers, got to be the one of us who first ran into the new USPS trend toward Power Point presentations and course materials on CDs. Dick Jacobs provided a laptop and tender loving support and Larry actually used the technology well for several sessions. Larry imported a pleasant custom he encountered when he took the course with Kennebec Squadron; that of a potluck celebration party at the end of the course. Dina and Dan Cassidy graciously hosted the event and a good time was had by all.

Three boating courses were held in the winter. Wes Hedlund and Arlan Martin started at Bangor with all passing! Dick Jacobs ran the Bucksport course with seven successful completions. Don Ramsay had the largest class since 1994 in Lincoln with eight finishing.

The spring post-boatshow boating courses ran from mid February through mid May with help from Dick Jacobs, Larry Sherwood, Scott Ruffner and Lew Phillips. In the fall, we're planning engine maintenance with Joel McLaughlin assisted by Vim Frederik. The course will be split into Basic and Advanced. Also, we'll be offering Navigating with GPS with Tom Sawyer. We'll offer Seamanship and Piloting in the fall in winter if interest warrants.

Seamanship 101 slides are now on the web. Powerpoint slides are available on the members only BHCom web page. A free Power Point viewer is also available there. Members only id is:

"spapjnn" and the password is "agcourse", both in lower case and without quotes.

Seamanship Schedule

May 19 Signup, marlinspike seamanship, figure eight knot, reef (square) knot.

May 26 Hull design and performance, skippers responsibilities test, figure eight and square knot, sheet bend, clove hitch.

June 2 Boating under normal conditions test, sheet bend and clove hitch, bowline

June 9 Emergencies test, bowline, roundturn and two half hitches

June 16 Marine environment, living aboard a boat test, roundturn and two half hitches, anchor bend

June 23 How to care for a boat, nautical etiquette and customs test, anchor bend, rolling hitch

June 30 Test, rolling hitch, examination.

Larry would appreciate any help you can give.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Johnson, Educational Officer

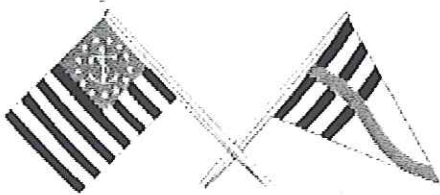
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