



### PATUXENT RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON A UNIT OF DISTRICT 5



### **Mariner Trivia**

### A River Runs To It

There are 12 rivers that empty into the Chesapeake Bay. Which answer is NOT correct?

- A) James, Patapsco, Potomac
- B) Choptank, Chester, York
- C) Wicomico, Nanticoke, Patuxent
- D) Rappahannock, Delaware, Susquehanna

V24/I3 Answer: C

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# Let's all welcome our New 2024 Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron Commander...



### Commander's Message CDR Lenore Blevins, S

I would like to thank all who attended the 71st Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch. It was a very nice ceremony. This year we will make a strong effort to locate a new venue for our Squadron meetings, as the stairs are a concern to all. The ExCom meetings will shorten the amount of business we bring forth to the monthly meetings. "Dock Talks" and/

or "Sea Chest of Horrors" will be an interesting addition as we will ask you, our members to bring one to the meeting. It will be interesting, fun and a learning experience to all who attend. The Administration Officer oversees the picnics, cruises and venues that may change monthly until we find a new place to meet regularly, or we may just like to change the restaurant monthly. Check your e-mails, Facebook & True Readings for the restaurant location for each month's meeting. Please feel free to let us know if you have a favorite.

### About our new Commander:

In 1976 I was reading Yankee Magazine and saw an ad looking for Marine Artists to enter in a Contest. The contest was looking for artists from all over the world. There were certain criteria that had to be met or it was disqualified. I sent a painting in and received a letter that it was accepted. Just getting excepted was the prize. The contest was hosted by Mystic Seaport in CT.



Patuxent River Power Squadron hosted an Oyster Roast every fall. The women in the group made many crafts, blankets, crochet works, crab oyster pins and anything nautical. I donated a painting each year to be raffled off.

Around the Late 70s my husband Bob was the Safety Officer for District 5, here I painted the Safety Displays for the District. Many paintings were sold at the Lighthouse Museum in Solomons as well. I gave up my painting due to my number 2 daughter being seriously ill.

I have been boating with Bob since 1974 and have loved every minute of it. He is now the District 5 Commander while I am The Commander of PRS&PS Wow how did this happen? Let's do this!

April Meeting 11 April @ 1730 PAX River Ale House 46590 Corporate Dr. Lexington Park, MD



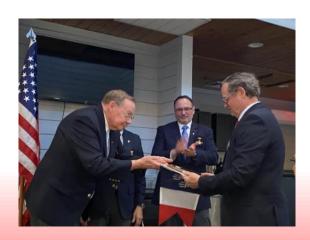
### Change of Watch 2024

Outgoing Bridge



P/C Brian Storey, S Last duties







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Thank you for your dedication this past year Brian. You did good!



### **Change of Watch 2024**

In Coming Bridge







Commander Lenore Blevins, S

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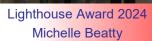


Harold E Willard, SN **Excellence in Education Award** 2023-2024

John Torres, AP



We sure are going to miss you. This is not goodbye but Sea you later!



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### **Vessel Spotlight**

This month's Vessel Spotlight is the 2007 Chaparral SUNESTA 234 owned by members Dave and Kathy Robinson. Dave and Kathy are moving soon and are offering this beautiful boat for sale so if you are in the market for a great day boat...



### definitely read on!

Tons of seating, lots of power, pressure water system and long range make this a wonderful day boat. From pulling skiers, wake boarders and tubes to enjoying a picnic on the beach; the SUNESTA 234 can do it all.

Storage for water toys and gear is in a huge locker in the cockpit floor and a large closet under the helm to starboard. Show up at the dock in your Sunday best and change into your favorite swim gear in the changing room on the port side. The swim deck has plenty of room for preparing to launch riders and a swim ladder makes recovery a breeze. After wowing guests with your wakeboard skills in the morning, you can easily disembark via the forward ladder to prep for your afternoon feast on the beach.

This stylish grey and white bowrider has lots of notable yet less obvious features as well. Retractable cleats, snap on cockpit covers, Bimini top with cover, walk thru windshield, nav lights for getting back to the dock after dark and a great stereo to rock and roll your way up the river. Adjustable steering wheel and captain's chairs make those long days on the water even more enjoyable.

Want to explore the waterways in other areas? No problem. This boat also comes with a 2013 double axil trailer!

### **SPECS:**

Length: 24' Beam: 8'6" Weight: 4350 lbs., Fuel: 50 gallons Engine: Volvo Penta 5.0 V8 Stern drive, 260 hp, 385 hours Recent Maintenance: Exhaust manifolds, impeller, thermostat,

distributor cap, plugs, fuel filter, belt and zincs.

Injectors serviced and oil pan replaced as well. Winterization and

regular maintenance done yearly





This boat and trailer combination are being offered well below current market value at \$15,500 so if you are interested, contact Dave or Kathy before it's gone! They can be reached at 425-466-0033 or dav-kathr55@gmail.com

### Vessel Safety Check Update

### To all Vessel Examiners:

The VSC Workshop found at <a href="https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check/12900-vessel-safety-check-updates">https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check/12900-vessel-safety-check-updates</a> has been provided by the USCG and its review provides some new information for all Vessel Examiners. The latest workshop is a requirement for certification.

These Workshops can be viewed individual or in a classroom environment. There will not be any test, however if conducted in a classroom discussions are encouraged.

This workshop is mandatory and must be completed by June 30, 2024 to retain certification!



### <u>DON'T FORGET TO</u> <u>SCHEDULE YOUR VSC BEFORE BOATING</u> SEASON BEGINS!

Vessel Safety Checks - A free yearly Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is an important safeguard to a safe day on the water. There are no consequences if your boat doesn't pass. Our goal, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is simply to make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends.



### Webmaster's Message

The squadron website has been updated to reflect the new bridge, as well as calendar and activity updates from TRUE READINGS. I would appreciate if everyone would take a look to be sure that all names are spelled correctly, and the information is properly presented. The pages that have been updated are the home page, bridge, activities page, and calendar.

While the website is mostly intended to be the public facing interface to our squadron, there are many features that I hope are useful to members as well. For instance, the Squadron Calendar page is a link to a Google calendar that contains information on our activities and other events. Since it is a Google resource, clicking on an activity can also bring up a Google map to the event venue. Unfortunately, only maps to commercial venues such as The Pier will be provided. No private residences will be linked with a map or address.

At the recent Change of Watch, D/Lt/C Bob Blevins discussed the upcoming change that will essentially move us back to using Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron as our primary identifier. Although that identifier has never really gone away, the America's Boating Club designation has been the highlighted name on the website header for several years. That will be changing soon, with a new look that will put focus back on Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for the change. It may be as simple as replacing ABC with PRSPS.

www.usps.org/localusps/patux



# **Patuxent River Sail**

and Power Squadron Calendar 2024

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watch your email or Facebook for any changes or visit the squadron web site: https://www.usps.org/localusps/patuxent

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
11 APR	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ PAX River Ale House 46590 Corporate Dr. Lexington Park	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
12 ~ 14 APR	1000	Bay Bridge Boat Show Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville, MD	https://annapolisboatshows.com/bay- bridge-boat-show/
13 APR	TBA	Boating Season Kick-off Picnic  @ The Bay Bridge Boat Show	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
2 MAY	1830	Executive Committee Meeting  @ The Blevin's	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
9 MAY	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ TBA	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
19 MAY	1200	Blessing of the Fleet Solomon's, MD	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
19 MAY	1400	Vera's Luncheon <i>(by Boat or Land)</i> St. Leonard, MD	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
20 - 25 MAY		National Safe Boaters Week	
MAY	TBA	MD Boater Safety Course	Lt/C John Torres, AP educationofficer@abcsomd.org
MAY	TBA	PRSPS Cruise #1 Let us know where you want to go!	Cruise Host Needed
6 JUN	1830	Executive Committee Meeting @ TBA	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
9 JUN	0700	Great Chesapeake Bay Swim  Boats & Jet Skis needed	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
13 JUN	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ TBA	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
14 - 16 JUN	1200	Antique & Classic Boat Festival St. Michaels	
JUN	ТВА	Tentative Looper's Meeting Our Guest Loopers have been delayed	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org



## Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron Calendar 2024 (Cont'd)

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4 JULY	1200	Solomon's 4th of July Boat Parade - Mill Creek	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
4 JULY	TBA	Fireworks Float/Over Nighter Location TBD	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
11 JULY	1730	PRSPS Member Mtg @ TBA	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
25 - 28 JULY		Summer Rendezvous Solomon's, MD	Lt/C Lenore Blevins, S commander@abcsomd.org
10 AUG	1700	Summer Picnic/Pool Party Calvert Marina	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
24 AUG	1200	PYRO JAM TBA	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
27 - 29 SEP	TBA	Fall Cruise Oxford	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
19 OCT	1800	Roaring 20's Rub Out Murder Mystery Dinner @ No Thyme To Cook, Solomon's, MD	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org
14 DEC	TBA	Christmas Party/Boat Parade Location TBA	Michelle Beatty administrativeofficer @abcsomd.org

Thanks to Dan Patke and the time he dedicates to keeping our webpage up and running, Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron received the coveted 2023 DCA award for our website. We can now proudly display our

### 2023 Distinctive Communication Award - Website

seal

Thank you Dan for all your hard work!







### Administrative Officer's Message Lt/C Michelle Beatty

Wow! It's been a crazy, busy past few months. The new year started us off with looking to the future and selecting those members willing to help grow and lead our squadron into the future. March was filled with not only our own squadron's Change of Watch but also planning our trip to Ocean City to support our past Commander P/C Bob Blevins, now our District 5 Commander, D/C Bob Blevins! As if Bob stepping into the role of our District Commander wasn't enough, his wife Lenore Blevins, stepped up from Administration Officer to Squadron Commander. I know a truly amazing couple that are going to be very busy this year!

Now that the Change of Watch for both our District and our Squadron have concluded, it is time to not just look to the future but to plan for it. As your new Administrative Officer, I'm looking forward to offering a calendar that entices you to go boating, encourages you to spend time with people who love boating, and elicits a strong desire to help others learn about boating.

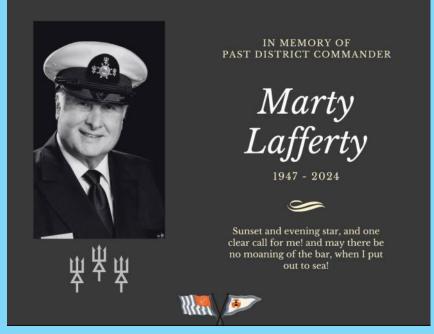
Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron is an all-volunteer squadron, and our quantity and quality of activities are only as good as the members who attend and volunteer their ideas, time & knowledge. There are already lots of activities, mini cruises, holiday cruises, rendezvous, lunches, mystery dinners and member dinner meetings on the calendar. Still to come are more educational classes, land activities and on the water activities. Help me create a boating season schedule that is fun, educational, and relaxing for all by sending me your ideas as well as areas you would be willing to showcase your talents and knowledge by volunteering to lead (or assist) a cruise, float, picnic, docktail, popup, etc.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the monthly dinner meetings which this season will be at various venues until we find one that works for us. Always remember that giving back to an organization like PRSPS through volunteering will provide you with many fond and fulfilling memories for years to come.

There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be! Peace and prosperity to you, your family, and all that you own.

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP. Marty was instrumental in the development and growth of <u>America's Boating Channel</u> making it into the premiere boating video channel in the world. He was a great friend to our squadrons and to America's Boating Club. He will be







### **Murder Mystery Party**

Welcome to a night of intrigue and suspense, where every guest has a hidden agenda, and every bite could be your last. Take part in a lavish dinner party where a murder has been committed, and you, the esteemed guests, are all suspects.

As the shadows lengthen and the wine flows freely, you'll find yourself entangled in a web of deceit, suspicion, and betrayal. With each passing course, secrets will be unearthed, alibis will crumble, and alliances will shift like the sands of time. Can you use your wit, your intuition, and perhaps a little bit of cunning to expose the killer before it's too late?

But beware, dear guest, for danger lurks around every corner. The walls have ears, the servants have secrets, and the killer could be closer than you think. So, put on your detective hats, sharpen your knives (metaphorically, of course), and prepare for a night you'll never forget.

In this game of cat and mouse, only the most cunning and observant will survive. So, dig into your dinner, savor the mystery, and remember, everyone has a motive...

The evening includes a sumptuous three-course to enjoy as you the murder unfolds. Each guest is assigned a character prior to arrival. Come dressed in your finest and be prepared to solve the murder as our host guides you through the evening.

### The Roaring 20's Rub Out

It's 1923, and the party seems endless at Jay Glittersby's New York mansion. Revel in the luxurious, free-spirited atmosphere of the 1920s punctuated by dancing, wildly opulent decor, and flapper fashion...until a shot rings out, and an unwelcome guest is found dead. Was the motive revenge, jealousy, or greed? Is the murderer a flapping dancer, a jazzy musician, or a slyly deferential server? You decide. The game is afoot!

Maximum number of players:16

### Menu

**Appetizer Course** 

Crab Stuffed Mushrooms or Phyllo Cups
Artichoke-Spinach Dip with Pita Chips

**Entrée Course** 

**Classic Meatloaf** 

Served with...Duchess Potatoes (V, GF)

Garlic Parmesan Roasted Broccoli (V, GF\*)

**Dessert Course** 

Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Rum Caramel Sauce

Cost: \$125 per person Deposit Due: \$35 per person Balance due at the door (or before)

Period Dress is Required

Space is limited to only 16 people so RSVP ASAP! Spots are filling up quick. Email Michelle Beatty at PRSPSeditor@gmail.com with name and phone number to register.

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### THE COFFER

(Classifieds)

### **Flotsam**

Items floating in the sea that can be claimed by the owner or bought by the finder if owner agrees. (Items For Sale)

This new area of the newsletter will be dedicated to member treasures that are ready to find new homes and are FOR SALE. Please send pictures (optional), description, \$\$\$ & contact information to prspseditor@gmail.com to be included in future issues of True Readings.



2019 Yamaha WaveRunner EX Deluxe With trailer. Single owner. 70 hours on the engine. 3 passenger, 1049 CC, 3 cylinder, 4 stroke, fuel injection, 13 gallon fuel capacity. \$8,500

This boat and trailer combination are being offered well below current market value at \$15,500 so if you are interested, contact Dave or Kathy before it's gone! They can be reached at 425-466-0033 or davkathr55@gmail.com See Vessel Spotlight for more on this beauty!



### <u>Jetsam</u>

Items floating in the sea that are FREE to the finder unless owner claims it. (Freebies)

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### **Boatswain**

In charge of keeping the ship in shape. (Services)

This new area of the newsletter will be dedicated to member SERVICES. If you have a service that could benefit our members (or the community) please send description of services available & contact information to prspseditor@gmail.com to be included in future issues of True Readings.

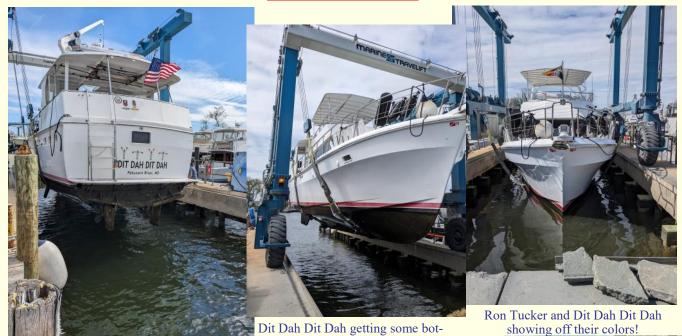
#### **SEWING SERVICES**

Small sewing & canvas repair services. Beginners looking to gain experience. VERY good prices as we learn this new trade. Contact Michelle Beatty to discuss details. 717-387-1315

#### **Dive & Handyman Services**

Contact Ron Tucker @ 443-624-3012

### **Member Vessels**



Dit Dah Dit Dah getting some bottom paint and other work done.

Member Ron Tucker sure does take care of his yacht!

2019 Yamaha WaveRunner EX Deluxe For Sale. See the Coffer on Page

### **Product Spotlight**

Welcome to our new **Product Spotlight**. Where our readers (that's YOU) send us pictures and information on boating products they've found interesting or useful. This months product is the **Paddle Pump**, submitted by

Rollie Campbell. Thank you Rollie!



My wife took note of this product, unknown to me, and I bought one. I think it could be useful to many with a small dingy or other small boat and add to boating

safety by providing two useful capabilities in one item. I found it to be of good quality.

Jean was out baiting her catfish line so I had her pose with the **paddle pump.** It can pump a lot of fluid and I think it's a good item to carry. The length can be locked as needed for paddling and freed for pumping. I like that it's USA made



as well. The design emerged from a requirement for float planes. <a href="https://www.paddlepumps.com/products/the-original-paddle-pump%E2%84%42">https://www.paddlepumps.com/products/the-original-paddle-pump%E2%84%42</a>

If you've found a product that you feel might be useful to our readers, please submit photos of you using it and a short review with link to <a href="mailto:prspseditor@gmail.com">prspseditor@gmail.com</a>

### **Member Adventures**



Abagail and Daniel Cordell checking out the eclipse in Erie, PA Did you get to see it?

Daniel Cordell using the sextant to view the eclipse in Erie, PA!







**District 5 Commander** 



D/C Robert S. Blevins, AP

### **2024 Summer Council/Rendezvous**

The upcoming Summer Council/Rendezvous at Solomon Island is 25 -28 July. We are working with two marinas and one hotel. Safe Harbors Zahnisers (410-326-2166) is our host marina with Spring Cove (410-326-2161) contributing. Slips are going fast as well as the block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express (240-237-1463). On all reservations, mention you are with the United States Power Squadron Summer Rendezvous for the discounted rate)..

Plans are underway for on-the-water training for the IN course, First Aid Course, Sail Regatta and Power Boat navigation contests, land Geo locations and scavenger hunts, games on Friday night with prizes given out at the Saturday banquet. Chief Commander Ralph Benard is leading a southbound cruise to Solomon's and Jim Zeigler from ABC Richmond is leading a northbound cruise from the lower parts of the Bay to Solomons. Looks like there will be a good turn out. Let's be ready to welcome our District Squadrons to our home here in Solomon's, MD. Get on the water, and have a great time!

The Spring 2024 Mark 5 Newsletter is available for download. Access it at https://abc-midatlantic.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf

### **Upcoming USPS National and District 5 Events**

Put these on your calendar now and keep an eye on the D/5 web site (<u>www.uspsd5.org</u>) throughout the year for details and updates on these and other events.

### **Summer Cruise**

Chesapeake Bay 19-25 Jul

### **Summer Council/Rendezvous**

Safe Harbor Zanhizers/Spring Cove Marina 25-28 Jul, 2024, 1900

### **USPS Governing Board**

Pittsburgh, PA 25-29 Sep

### **Fall Conference**

Maritime Institute 7-10 Nov

### Spring Conference 2024 in Ocean City, MD





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### Bay Bridge Boat Show - 2024

Situated on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay with the beautiful Bay Bridge as its backdrop, this spring powerboat show marks the beginning of the boating season.

Climb aboard a wide array of powerboats of every style and size – from fishing boats and trawlers to pontoon boats and luxury cruisers. With plenty of on-site parking available, food and beer stations, and live entertainment, the Bay Bridge Boat Show is guaranteed to be a great day on the Bay.

Visit the Annapolis S&P Squadron booth and volunteer at the Bay Bridge Boat Show (Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville, MD), Friday, April 12 10:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday, April 13 10:00am – 6:00pm, & Sunday, April 14 10:00am – 5:00pm.

To volunteer for the Bay Bridge Boat Show, Click Here: https://tinyurl.com/24BayBridgeSignUp

Once at the appropriate signup sheet, you will see available dates and time slots. Choose the open slots most convenient to your schedule and submit the information requested. Thereafter, your selection will be confirmed and listed accordingly. If you have any questions or need assistance, email <a href="mailto:boatshow@aspsmd.org">boatshow@aspsmd.org</a>.

If for some reason you are not able to keep your commitment, please let us know as soon as possible, so that someone else can cover that slot.

Entrance logistics and other directions will be emailed to you. All volunteers should wear your squadron shirt and name tag. Bring your squadron burgee if you are from a squadron other than ASPS.

We need at least 2 people to sign up for the 9:30 - 12:30 so that we can spend 1 1/2 hours instead of 3 hours at the booth giving everyone more time to explore the exhibits. IF you sign up to cover any of the time slots you will be given FREE entry into the Boat Show for that day. Currently there is 1 spot available for the 9:30 12:30 slot and 2 slots available for the 3:00 - 6pm slot. The form says till 6:30p but the Boat show says that the Saturday hours are until 6pm. So that slot is 2 1/2 hours. Please contact Michelle Beatty at prspseditor@gmail.com so you can be marked down for helping with the booth or just attending.

We (our squadron attendees) will be meeting for lunch at 1pm. The choice is to stay at the show and purchase from the food venters and enjoy lunch together there or meet at Big Bats Café just down the road from the show. Return to the show is allowed as long as you still have the stamp on your hand.

Bay Bridge Boat Show Link:

https://annapolisboatshows.com/bay-bridge-boat-show/



### Editor's Report Michelle Beatty

### Welcome to True Readings Newsletter 2024!

In our newsletters you will find squadron business as well as photos of activities, cruises, pop-ups and more from our Squadron members both scheduled and unscheduled. We will also bring you news from District and Nationals.

Please send pictures (with photographer name and short blurb about it), recipes, product reviews, before/after photos with story, or anything else you feel may be of interest to our readers. Activities could include family boating & community events outside of squadron activities in addition to squadron organized functions.

This newsletter we featured "Member Vessels" and "Member Adventures" (although very small). Our last newsletter had "Maintenance Spotlight". We will alternate our spotlights so, Chuck Beatty is looking for members to interview about their vessel for future newsletters (ANY vessel, large or small, sail, power or paddle). Please email us if you'd like us to spotlight your vessel.

"Member Adventures" are to be written & submitted by members with photos of their adventures. Don't worry if you're not a good writer, we will edit your story for you. Just make sure to have all the details and we will edit it as needed.

"Maintenance Spotlight" suggestions can be emailed as well as photos for quality printable photos to the editor. We will pull some photos from Facebook but prefer emailed photos. <a href="mailto:prspseditor@gmail.com">prspseditor@gmail.com</a> is our email address and anything newsletter related, or questions should be sent to this address. ~ Lt Michelle Beatty, Editor

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1





#### **Fun Facts**

'Winter jellyfish' basks in cold Bay waters. Otherwise known as the 'Lion's Mane' jellyfish, it thrives when temperatures drop. Average size for Lion's Mane jellyfish is 4" to 6" however, in 1870 the largest recorded Lion's Mane jellyfish washed up along a beach in Massachusetts: it's body measured more than seven feet in diameter, and it's tentacles were 120 feet long. Wow! That's huge!!

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### **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

Vessel Safety Checks - A free yearly Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is an important safeguard to a safe day on the water. There are no consequences if your boat doesn't pass. Our goal, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is simply to make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends.

SCHEDULE YOUR VSC BEFORE BOATING SEASON BEGINS!