

# Taunton Sail and Power Squadron Newsletter

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## December 2014 Newsletter

**Next Meeting** 18 Dec 2014 **this is our Holiday Party. There will be food and soft drinks. We will also conduct a Yankee Swap so if you want to participate please bring a swap gift either useful or a kind joke. Time of this meeting is 6:30 PM at the Arbors. Remember to park in the back lot**

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## From the Commander



Dear Member:

It is the time for giving thanks. Therefore, I would like to send each of you my heartfelt thanks for the support you have given to the Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron. Your interest in safe boating is the goal of the **Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron**. I hope you have checked out our Facebook page and added your name if you wish. The page is labeled "**Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron**."

We at the **Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron** wish to extend to you an invitation to join us in our effort to be the best Marine Education source that we can be. **The Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron** has several educational courses which may interest you and your friends. The America's Boating Course is a good start. Seamanship will be taught in January of 2015. You may sign up for the Seamanship course at [www.trsp.org](http://www.trsp.org) Piloting and Advanced Piloting are just a few course which will be offered later.

These courses are given at the Richardson School in Attleboro by qualified instructors who have many years of experience.

If your dues are overdue, you can once again join the fun by bringing them up to date. Consider joining the **Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron** committees or activities. You can visit and report on what different marinas offer. Join the Vessel Safety Examiners and learn to perform safety checks which could save a life. We offer so much to our members. The dues are \$35 a year and benefits and discounts are offered by many stores. Our next meeting is at the Arbors on County St in Taunton on 18 December 2014. I hope you

## Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron Bridge

### The Bridge:

**Commander:** Cmdr. Kenneth E Amaral P  
508 736 5102

**Executive Officer:** Vacant

**Admin Officer:** Lt/C Kristopher M Wesley AP

**Secretary:** P/C Lt/C Patricia A Kokoska AP

**Ass't Education Officer:** 1st/Lt Morey Waltuck SN

**Assistant Ed Officer:** P/C Ellen Cardoza AP

**Chaplin:** P/C Chpln Wayne Cardoza AP

**Treasure:** P/C John A. Murphy SN

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can join us. This is our **Christmas party event**. Pizza and other food as well as soft drinks will be served. We will conduct a Yankee Swap. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift (approx. \$5.00) to swap. The gift can be useful or a kind joke. .

I also would like to update you to our E mailing list, if you give permission. You will receive updates on courses and Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron events. Please feel free to bring a friend.

I wish you a Happy Holiday season.

**Education:** ABC Course The next America's Boating Course will be held in March 2015 at Bristol Plymouth High School. We will keep you posted with the class dates. Our fall ABC Class went very well. All the students passed and are looking forward to taking future courses.



The Seamanship course will be held in January 2015. This is a chance for all members to take this course. Seamanship is the first in a long line of courses which are offered to our members. Get your seat now by applying on line at [tauntonriversaleandpowersquadron.org](http://tauntonriversaleandpowersquadron.org). Seamanship covers basic deck seamanship, marlinspike (knots and ropes), anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette.

Remember to check our website for times and dates.

## Committees Need Volunteers

### Membership Recruiting and Retention Committee

Responsible for recruiting and maintaining members.

### Cooperative Charting Committee

Responsible for visiting Marina and reporting what they offer.

### Activity and Social Committee

Responsible for developing social activities.

Call 508 736 5102

## Tips on How to Buy a New Boat

1. Want a new boat. Do not buy a boat without first having a survey of its worthiness from a reputable marina. Some insurance underwriters will not insure a boat with a survey older than six months.
2. If possible attend the survey and ask questions. Most Marinas are happy to discuss what may need repair.
3. Do not let price alone dictate who you have to do the survey. The reputation of the marina is just as important.
4. Treat the survey as a guide and not a pass or fail situation. You may be interested in a "fixer upper". The survey will tell you just what is

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wrong and what it will cost to repair. Remember insurance company will list what they will and will not cover.

5. Beware that even brand-new boats may have some adjustments needed. However these should be covered by the warranty.
6. Your survey should include a current fair market value of the boat. This can be used as a negotiating point and is helpful in assessing the true value of the boat for insurance purposes.
7. A good survey will be a good investment for budget planning.

8. Remove food
9. Open lockers to air
10. Take home cushions or store on their sides
11. Take home portable electronics
12. Close propane valves and take home portable canisters
13. Verify bilge pump and switch operate properly
14. Clean and dry bilges
15. Secure all ports and hatches
16. Turn off all circuit breakers
17. All seacocks should be closed except for cockpit drains
18. Plug exhaust ports
19. Check docklines and chafe guards – center boat in slip
20. Add or adjust fenders for proper placement

## Winterized your Boat Yet?

### Here are Some Tips

1. Take off tiller/steering wheel.  
Cover/shrinkwrap boat
2. Lock cabin and leave spare key with marina manager
3. Pump out holding tank and add antifreeze to head
4. Drain water heater and bypass it
5. Drain freshwater system and run antifreeze through it
6. Run antifreeze through refrigeration, deck wash down pump, etc., per owner's manual
7. Drain shower sump and other places where water pools

## USPS Dues Chart Now in Effect

	National	District	TRSPS	Total
Single	\$45.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$59.00
Family	67.50	12.00	11.50	89.00
Life Member	22.50	00.00	12.00	35.50
Sea Scouts	\$12.00		\$12.00	\$24.00

## Meeting Dates for 2015

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1. Jan 15
2. Feb 19
3. Mar 19
4. Apr 16
5. May 21
6. June 18
7. Aug 20
8. Sept 17
9. Oct 15
10. Nov 19
11. Dec 17

Meetings start at 730 PM

Food and Soft Drinks are served

## Activities in the Oven

Date	Event	Location
TBA	Cookout	Taunton Yacht Club
TBA	Clam boil	Taunton Yacht Club
7 June 2015	Fishing Derby	TBA

America's Boating Course

Go to:

<http://www.trsps.org>.

**Cost:** \$45 for materials. Materials include a navigation CD, introduction to GPS, and 250-page Textbook with computer-based course ware.