

**PORTSMOUTH SAIL
& POWER SQUADRON**



October 2018
SOUNDINGS
Newsletter

What Fun We Had at This Year's Lobsterfest - and amazingly the weather was perfect!

*Here are some photos
of the evening!*

*Chauncey Creek
Lobster Pier
was hopping on
Saturday, Sept. 15th
for our annual
Lobsterfest! The sun
was shining and there
was just a slight
breeze. We had
waterside seats so we
could watch the
seagulls trying to catch
fish bait from fishing
lines - before they
could take a bite, watch
motor boats and kayaks
come up and dock for
dinner!*





Welcome to our New Members currently in the Boat Handling Class:

PYC member Sue Hills of North Hampton, PYC member Donna Vitands of Durham with her outboard m/v "Sonata", Frank Kolbe of Kingston refreshed his 48 yrs boating with our spring ABC class, Liam MacVittie is a Dover High student planning out his boating future, KPYC sailor and surfboard builder Richard Dennis Jr of York, and Rick Dumont of North Hampton with his 40' m/v "Glory".

Welcome to all of you and we look forward to sharing knowledge and camaraderie!

This is the first time that the class is using the new format for this class - which used to be called Seamanship. The editors have done a very good job in refreshing the text and there are many well done videos to illustrate situations in real time. The biggest change is that students don't have to wait for printed textbooks to come in the mail, since they now download their class materials directly!

Commander's Message

It looks like Fall now, some good leaf colors are popping up and boats are starting to appear on jackstands. The last cruisers are enjoying having harbors to themselves and local race results are in. You may be interested in checking out the local harbor fleet activities of the Piscataqua Sailing Association at <http://www.sailpsa.org/>

The Education Department has deftly incorporated the new Boat Handling course, extremely hot off the virtual press! This new version of Seamanship has been greatly updated and revised to not have redundant ABC material. Many thanks to all our volunteer instructors who are team-teaching this. I hope all students and instructors take a moment to write up a couple feedback comments on the results of modernizing this USPS eBook course. Any of our members can volunteer to teach a seminar or course from the course material provided, please consider helping us expand our listings. You don't have to be the world's foremost expert, we have such a rich depth of experience in our membership there's always advice others can benefit from.

So far, 51 people have signed up for the 3-District Fall Conference the last weekend of October in Hyannis. I look forward to an off-season visit to the Cape and to hear the presentations.

D12 includes the Cape Cod Canal up to Cape Ann and west to Worcester. D14 has 900 members and runs from Rhode Island to Provincetown. D19 starts at the MA/NH border, reaches west to Lake Winnepesaukee up to Penobscot Bay in Maine. See details below for the special group code for guestrooms.

Good luck getting your vessels organized for fall & winter and maybe we'll see you in a classroom in 2019!

Cdr Kit Lord, JN

Membership News

Congratulations go to our 25-year members, VSE David Gress and Robert Martin! Thank you for your dedication to boating education and safety.

Fall District Conference - Oct. 26, 27 & 28

In Hyannis MA

This is a 3-district gathering of all New England boating enthusiasts: D12, D14 & D19 have joined forces to present some terrific guest speakers in a favorite Cape Cod location.

Oct 4 is the deadline for the Nantucket trip signup!

Friday: Nantucket Whaling Museum Trip
Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard Sightseeing Options
Night Social Gathering in the Lewis Bay room (lower level)

Saturday Morning Seminar: "Weather for Sailors" - Bill Biewenga, the author of Blue Water Sailing based on his more than 400,000 sea miles, 40 Atlantic crossings and 2 Pacific crossings.

Saturday Luncheon Speakers:

Historian of the Whydah Pirate Ship Museum - Tim Gigl,
Archeologist of the Whydah Pirate Ship Museum - Marie Zahn

Saturday Afternoon Seminar: "Small Boat Handling" - P/V/C Bob Sweet, SN, member of the Buzzard's Bay Squadron and past National Educational Officer and author of the Weekend Navigator

Saturday Dinner Speakers

USPS Chief Commander's Representative - V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN

Emmy Award Winning Author - Martin Sandler, author of more than 80 books. His most recent is "The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked and Found".

Saturday Night: Social Gathering in the Lewis Bay room (lower level)

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Cape Cod Sightseeing

The conference is being held at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Hyannis, MA.

Call the DoubleTree in Hyannis for your room reservation: \$125 per night (501)778-1700, or go online to www.capecod.doubletree.com and book your rooms directly

using the **Group Code "SQU"**. Cost for conference is \$65.00 and includes lunch and plated dinner on Saturday Oct. 27. The information and registration PDF is on our Squadron Website in the Docs page.

PS&PS Calendar

Don't forget these important dates coming up! All Classes - register online.

October 11, - 6:30 pm Bridge ZOOM eMeeting. <https://zoom.us/j/696592152>

November 8, 6:30 pm Bridge ZOOM eMeeting, <https://zoom.us/j/696592152>

Dec 2, 5:30 pm Christmas Party, Yankee swap and potluck at KPYC

January 8, 2019 Sail Class - 10 weeks on design, rigging and handling.

January 9, 2019 Advanced Coastal Navigation - the updated AP class.

Looking for a particular course - maybe it's being offered by another squadron - look online at www.usps.org/findacourse

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