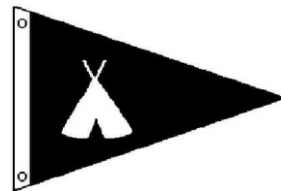




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DATES TO REMEMBER

7 March ABC @ Bristol-Plymouth High School. Walk-in
Registration @ 1800. Class begins @ 1900

15 March TRSPS Annual Meeting & Change of Watch @ Arbors
Deli Buffet @ 1830. Meeting @ 1930

11 April ABC Exam Night @ Bristol-Plymouth, 1900

19 April TRSPS Reg/Exec Meeting @ Arbors, 1930

17 May TRSPS Reg/Exec Meeting @ Arbors, 1930

21-26 May National Safe Boating Week

DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

10 March Spring Conference and Change of Watch @ White's
Of Westport, 0900

28 April Vessel Safety Check Class & Refresher @ RI Yacht
Club, 0830



Visit us at our website: www.tauntonriverpowersquadron.org or www.trps14.org

As a USPS member you are welcome at any of these events hosted by other squadrons. If you need more information on a particular event call P/C Wayne Cardoza, AP, P/C Ellen Cardoza, AP or someone in the host squadron. Reservations may be required – particularly if food is involved. TRSPS meetings at “The Arbors At Taunton” are open to all USPS members. Reports are given, committee results are acknowledged and ideas are discussed. The course of TRSPS is determined at these meetings. “The Arbors At Taunton” is located at 763 County Street. The phone number is 508-824-4800. A social hour with refreshments follows the meeting. *The Taunton River News* is the quarterly newsletter of the Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron, Inc., District 14, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®. Articles and opinions in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect USPS policy or endorsement unless so designated.

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Message from the Bridge

from the Commander

It's hard to believe that three years have gone by since I became your Commander, but it has. They say time flies when you're having fun. When our District Commander took office last spring he said that we were going to have fun, so we did. We accomplished a lot in the past three years and we had fun doing it. I'm not going to list our accomplishments in this message. You will have to come to our Annual Meeting and Change of Watch on 15 March to hear them. The details are included in this newsletter on the Administrative Officer's page. For those members that have never been to our Annual Meeting before, this is when our squadron year ends and a new Bridge is installed to lead us into the next year. As such, this will be my last message as your Commander. I have really enjoyed my time as Commander and I have met a lot of new friends along the way. This is what Power Squadron is all about. Having fun and meeting new friends.

I want to thank all of our members for all the help and support that you have given me throughout my time in office. I hope that you give our new Commander and Bridge all the support that you gave me. This is the only way that we can keep our squadron thriving. Remember the term "TEAM". Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch.

Wayne Cardoza, AP

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SHOW YOU HOW[®]***



Message from the Educational Department



Boating Course

Class is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 March 2012 at Bristol-Plymouth High School, Taunton, MA. Classes will be held from 1900-2100 for 5 weeks followed by the exam on week 6. Fee: \$35.00. Registration will be held from 1800 to 1900 on 7 March. First class will be held immediately following registration from 1900 to 2100. Exam is scheduled for 11 April 2012. Online registrations are also being accepted.

Congratulations to the following members that passed the Weather Course

Roy Belcher	Michael Holmes
Charlene Broadhurst	Lloyd Hood
Raymond Broadhurst	Curt Lindenberger
Bruce Carlson	Barbara Powell (GBSPS)
Kristopher Carlson	Roger Powell (GBSPS)

Thank you Rick Lewis, SN for your excellence in teaching this course.

Message from the Executive Department



Vessel Safety Check- W. Lee Blackburn has tied for 3rd place in the District with 23 VSC's. Earning Honorable Mention with 18 VSC's each were Kenneth Amaral and Phillip Spenard. Congratulations! The Vessel Examiner's Class and Refresher will be held on Saturday 28 April 2012 at the Rhode Island Yacht Club in Cranston, RI. Coffee and donuts will be served at 0830.

Message from the Administrative Department

MEMBER BENEFITS

Free education
Tax deduction on dues and some travel expenses
USPS Boat Insurance Program with discounts up to 38%
Reduced membership dues with Boat US
Discounts on Nobeltec Navigation Software
Up to 12% discount on Dell Computers
C-Map discounts
Discounts with Rose Point Navigation Systems

Long Term Care Insurance by John Hancock
Discounts with Hamilton Marine
Rigid Boats 10% discount
Maritech Industries discounts
OceanGrafix discounts on NOAA Charts
Met Life Auto & Home Insurance discounts
McGraw Hill on-line discounts
40% discount on Soundings Magazine



Change of Watch 15 March 2012

Come join us for our Change of Watch being held at the Arbors. We will be enjoying a Deli Buffet. Dinner will be served at 1830 followed by the Annual Meeting at 1930.



Member Involvement.....Merit Mark recipients for 2011

Kenneth Amaral
Pamela Amaral
Joyce Bedard
Robert Bedard
Claire Blackburn
W. Lee Blackburn
George Cambra
Ellen Cardoza
Wayne Cardoza
Ernest Demers
Thomas Hickey
Patricia Kokoska
Joseph Lameiras

Melanie Lameiras
Richard Lewis
William Mazzoleni
Anthony Medico
John Murphy
Fred Replenski
Denise Sherman
Phillip Spenard
Stasia Tokarz
William Tokarz, Jr.
William Tokarz, Sr.
Morey Waltuck
Kristopher Wesley

Thank you all for your contributions to our squadron last year.

If you would like to be on this list for 2012 please see a Bridge Officer for more information.



Saturday, 10 March 2012
White's of Westport
66 State Road, Westport, MA 02790
508-675-7185



DISTRICT 14 SPRING CONFERENCE

Luncheon Deli Buffet - \$24/person and includes:

Soup, assortment of seasonal fruit, Caesar salad, potato salad,
Mediterranean pasta salad, imported & domestic cheeses,
assorted cold cuts, assorted breads and accompaniments
fresh baked cookies & beverages

Complete the reservation form below and send with the check payable to **District 14**
Mail to D/Lt/C Denis E. Moonan, AP, 1139 Plainfield St., Johnston, RI 02919. Tel: 401-944-3382
No later than Friday 2 March 2012

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of meals X \$24.00 = _____

Dress is USPS blazer or appropriate business attire

**Room rates at the Hampton Inn are:
\$89 plus tax
Call 508-675-8500ask for USPS lower rate**



Friday 9 March evening hospitality hosted by :
Mattapoisett Power Squadron at the Hampton
Inn for P/C/C Frank Dvorak and his wife Vivian
Room 132 – 1700-1900

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