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9 December....Happy Hanukkah

12 December... Exam for Sail Course

20 December....TRSPS Reg/Exec Meeting & Holiday Gathering  
@ Arbors 1830

25 December....Merry Christmas

1 January.....Happy New Year

15 January.....Piloting Course @ Richardson School 1900-2100

17 January.....TRSPS Reg/Exec Meeting @ Arbors 1930

23 January.....Seamanship Course @ Richardson School 1900-2100

21 February ...TRSPS Reg/Exec Meeting @ Arbors 1930

## DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

9 February....Founder's Day Celebration @ Fireside Grille,  
Middleboro, MA.

9 March.....District 14 Conference @ White's of Westport



Visit us at our website: [www.tauntonriverpowersquadron.org](http://www.tauntonriverpowersquadron.org) or [www.trps14.org](http://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*

Greetings My Friends!

It is that time of the year and your boats are all winterized and nestled in their berths. Though the season has turned cold you can still think about boating by taking a course such as Seamanship that will start Wed. 23 January 2013 at the former Richardson School. Our Piloting Course will start Wed. 15 January 2013 at Richardson School also. See below for further details. There are other courses available also. If you are interested in any other courses please contact me and we can make arrangements for that course. We will be starting our Basic Boating Course in late February or early March for any of your friends or relatives as well as the public. We will keep you posted with further details for that boating course.

Before I end my article I have a **Trivia** question from Boat US. Of all 50 states, which would you guess had the most freeze-related claims? New York? Maine? Michigan? Guess again. [Look for the answer in this newsletter.](#)

On behalf of the Bridge, we wish you all  
Happy Holiday's and a Very Happy Healthy New Year.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any help please contact me by phone 508-947-6317 or email me at [trps54@verizon.net](mailto:trps54@verizon.net).

Happy Holidays!  
Commander Ellen Cardoza, AP

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## **Message from the Educational Department**

### **Boating Course**



### **Congratulations to the following students who recently passed the course.**

**Welcome Aboard!** Craig R. Finizia  
Timothy W. Garlick  
Cherilyn A. Pitera  
William J Peloquin  
Michael Souza

### **Seamanship**

Seamanship will start on Wednesday, 23 January 2013 at the former Richardson School, 95 Pine Street, Attleboro, MA. Class will be held from 1900-2100. The course will run for 10 weeks with the exam scheduled for 3 April 2013. This course is the first step in building a foundation for confidence and competence for the safe operation on the water. It extends the knowledge and skills of boat handling and maneuvering a vessel, sail or power. The course provides a better understanding of how boats handle under various conditions, including close quarters and open water operations.

### **Piloting**

Piloting will start on Tuesday, 15 January 2013 at the former Richardson School. Class will be held from 1900-2100. The course will run for 11 weeks with the exam scheduled for 2 April 2013. This course is the first and most basic navigation course, covering chart reading, course plotting, and basic coastal or inland navigation, including basic GPS usage. This course goes into more detail than the charting information covered in the public courses.

**Please contact:** Cdr. Ellen Cardoza @ [trps54@verizon.net](mailto:trps54@verizon.net) to register for above courses.

## **Message from the Executive Department**



### **Vessel Safety Check**

All TRSPS members are encouraged to have their vessels examined and proudly display the Vessel Safety Check decal. Give Lee Blackburn a call at 508-947-2119 or email at [lcloonpond@aol.com](mailto:lcloonpond@aol.com) to arrange one.

**Trivia Answer:** An examination of the BoatUS Marine Insurance claim files found that balmy California had more winterizing claims than any other state including any of the "deep freeze" states. While winters may be much colder in the deep freeze states, the bitter temperatures are a fact of life and preparations for winter are taken very seriously. But in more temperate zones like California, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia, winter tends to be relatively comfortable in most areas with an occasional cold spell. And if the forecasts are not taken seriously they can do a lot of damage.



## Message from the Administrative Department

### Congratulations to George Cambra!

He has reached a big milestone in our squadron. He has received 50 merit marks. The award he received is Governing Board Member Emeritus ... **Awarded** for significant service related to achieving the mission of USPS.

A great accomplishment! Thank you George for your dedication!



A Big Thank You goes out to Bill Mazzoleni for painting a great portrait of our National Chief Commander John Alter and for presenting it to him at the District Fall Conference on behalf of TRSPS and District 14. **Thank You Very Much Bill!**



***In memory of P/C Frederic J. Lamoureux, N. Fred was a USPS member for over 40 years and earned 36 Merit Marks. He passed away 27 November 2012. Our Deepest Sympathy to all his family and friends.***



### Merit Marks: Congratulations to the following members:

Kenneth E. Amaral  
W. Lee Blackburn  
Bruce Carlson  
Thomas Hickey  
Melanie Lameiras  
John A. Murphy  
William H. Tokarz, Jr.  
Denise L. Wesley

Pam Amaral  
George Cambra  
Kristopher A. Carlson  
Lloyd Hood  
Richard A. Lewis  
Phillip George Spenard  
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Morey H. Waltuck  
Kristopher M. Wesley





**TAUNTON RIVER  
SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

**JOIN US!  
HOLIDAY GATHERING AND YANKEE SWAP**

**WHEN?... THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER**

**TIME?... 1830**

**WHERE?... THE ARBORS**

**DONATION?... \$ 2.00 FOR PIZZA**

**\$5.00 VALUE OR LESS FOR GIFT SWAP**

**THE DETAILS!**

**ADDRESS: 763 COUNTY STREET,  
TAUNTON, MA 02780**

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE!**

**Please contact:** Pat Kokoska at [pakfrk@comcast.net](mailto:pakfrk@comcast.net) to confirm by 19 December if you will be attending. Or – call 508-226-1655 and leave a message.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!**



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