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| 19 Dec | TRSPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors with Pizza & Yankee Swap. Pizza @ 1830, meeting @ 1930 |
| 25 Dec | Merry Christmas |
| 1 Jan | Happy New Year |
| 15 Jan | Advanced Piloting Class begins @ Richardson School |
| 16 Jan | TRSPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors 1930 |
| 20 Feb | TRSPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors 1930 |
| 24 Feb | TRSPS 60 th Anniversary |

DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 8 Feb | Founder's Day 100 th Anniversary Celebration @ Fireside Grille, Middleboro, MA |
| 14 Feb | USPS 100 th Anniversary |



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

Greetings My Friends!

As you know, USPS was organized on 14 February 1914 by Chief Commander Roger Upton at the New York Yacht Club. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to making boating safe through education, doing community service and enjoying events and friendships with our fellow members. In the upcoming months when everyone here in the North will be going into the hibernation mode, there will be a lot of history in the making. Our organization will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. It is hard to believe an organization surviving that long just by people volunteering their time and efforts. We will have the opportunity to celebrate this great organization on 8 February 2014 at the Fireside Grille in Middleboro, MA. I encourage everyone to join us in this history making event. Please note that our own squadron, TRSPS, was organized in February 1954 and we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary. This is another reason to celebrate. One quote from one of the Chief Commander Roger Upton's articles back in the early 1900's was "To my mind the organization can be of use to yachtsmen for three major reasons; first, improvements in navigating ability of power-boat owners; second, promotion of acquaintance and social intercourse by the power-boat owners; third, the fitting of power-boat owners to be of possible use to the Navy in time of war so that they might be received as volunteers should they desire." What do you think Roger's thoughts would be 100 years later?

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.

Happy Holidays! Live, Laugh, Have Fun & Be Safe!

Commander Ellen Cardoza, AP

BOATING IS FUN... WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW ®





Message from the Educational Department

Advanced Piloting is scheduled for 15 January at the Richardson School, 65 Pine St., Attleboro, MA from 1900-2100. The cost for the materials is \$61. If you would like to take the class, please call Rick Lewis as soon as possible at 508-226-8323 so that materials can be ordered on time.

Completing Seamanship & Piloting are pre-requisites for taking this course.

Congratulations and Welcome Aboard to the following students from the Fall ABC class: Joseph Callahan, David & Christina DeMoranville, James & Brian DeVellis, Brian & Ann McGuirk



The next ABC class is scheduled for 5 March at Bristol-Plymouth High School.



Message from the Executive Department

Co-op Charting: Congratulations John Murphy for his Honor Roll distinction and also for putting Taunton River on the Honor Roll for the 9th straight year! Great Job John & crew!



Vessel Safety Check

The new VSC season will begin 1 January with a brand new decal. Be one of the first to get one!

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 to arrange one.

Message from the Administrative Department



Congratulations to P/D/C W. Lee Blackburn, SN for receiving his 25 year membership pin

Merit Marks: Congratulations to the following members:

Kenneth E. Amaral	Melanie Lameiras
Claire E. Blackburn	Richard A. Lewis
W. Lee Blackburn	William Mazzoleni
George Cambra	John A. Murphy
Wayne Cardoza	Phillip G. Spenard
Bruce Carlson	Stasia J. Tokarz
Kristopher A. Carlson	William H. Tokarz Jr.
Ernest A. Demers	William H. Tokarz Sr.
Thomas Hickey	Morey H. Waltuck
Lloyd Hood	Denise L. Wesley
Patricia Ann Kokoska	Kristopher M. Wesley



Come Join Us For Our 100th Anniversary Founder's Day Celebration to be held at The Fireside Grille Restaurant in Middleboro, MA on 8 February 2014.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Rear Admiral Richard Gurnon, USMS, president of Mass Maritime Academy. King Neptune & Davey Jones will also make an appearance. A great evening is planned for all.





TAUNTON RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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

**THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER
PIZZA AT 1830
\$5.00 VALUE OR LESS FOR GIFT SWAP**

**WHERE?... THE ARBORS
ADDRESS: 763 COUNTY STREET,
TAUNTON, MA 02780
RESERVATIONS PLEASE!**

Please contact: Pat Kokoska at pakfrk@comcast.net to confirm by 17 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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Seasons Greetings



Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron has been presented The



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