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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 20 March..... Annual Meeting/Change of Watch @ Arbors,
Taunton, MA
28-30 March... Salt Water Fishing Expo- Conference Ctr.
Providence, RI
9 April..... Exam for ABC
17 April..... TRSPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors 1930
15 May..... TRSPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors 1930
17-23 May..... National Safe Boating Week

DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15 March..... Spring Conference and Change of Watch @
White's Restaurant in Westport, MA
26 April..... VSC Refresher @ RI Yacht Club
(see enclosed flyer)



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!

Spring is around the corner. We have had a long and cold winter. It is time to open the windows, uncover the boat and look ahead to a great spring and summer.

Spring is also a time for change. Speaking of change, as your Commander my watch is coming to a close. It has been very busy but it has been good. I have met a lot of new people as well as seasoned people who have become good friends. I have worn many hats just as the rest of the bridge has. I have been the Boating Course Chairman, the Newsletter Editor along with all the duties as Commander. I attended the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

We are all working hard to keep this Squadron alive. With the upcoming Change of Watch you will notice vacancies. If you are interested in these vacancies please do not hesitate to contact the nominating committee for more information. Each position holds a 2 year term which is elected yearly. The Bridge is not the only area where you can help. You can help with various squadron events such as annual cookouts and the annual clam boil. Help correct boating exams for our spring and fall boating course as well as our June boating course at Bass Pro Shop. Anyone interested in revamping the newsletter? Your help no matter how much can make us a stronger squadron.

As this article comes to an end and my watch to a close, I cannot express enough thanks to everyone who has helped and supported me for the last two years. Thank you all! I salute the Bridge: Denise Wesley, Secretary; John Murphy, Treasurer; George Cambra, Assistant Treasurer and Pat Kokoska, Administrative Officer. Thank you all for a job well done. Thank you Wayne, Executive Officer and first mate for all that you do. I will still be active staying on as the Boating Course chairman if asked and helping in other areas. I will also be there to support our new commander. I ask that you support our new commander as you have supported me. I wish you calm seas and smooth sailing.

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.

Live, Laugh, Have Fun & Be Safe!
Commander Ellen Cardoza, AP

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Message from the Educational Department

Congratulations to the Engine Maintenance Students who recently passed the course

BRUCE CARLSON
KRISTOPHER A. CARLSON
LLOYD P. HOOD

MICHAEL MAZZOLENI
KENNETH P. PARSONS JR
ROGER E. POWELL (GBSPS)
KRISTOPHER M. WESLEY



Message from the Executive Department



Vessel Safety Check

The new VSC season began 1 January 2014 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



The Annual Meeting and Change of Watch will be 20 March and will be held at The Arbors. There will be a hot and cold buffet served at 1830 prior to the Change of Watch. Come join us and see what it is all about.



Our Condolences to the family of P/C John “Digger” Diamond, SN of the Attleboro Sail & Power Squadron. He was Commander from 1978-1979. He received 25 Merit Marks and became a Life Member in 1993. He crossed the bar peacefully 31 January 2014 in Palm Beach Florida.



Boat Safety Virtual Training in Jacksonville, Florida



This is the prototype of the future in boating course training. USPS has received a grant from the United States Coast Guard to develop this technology.

**Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron
2014-2015
Slate of Officers**

Commander	Kenneth E. Amaral
Executive Officer	(vacant)
Educational Officer	(vacant)
Administrative Officer	Kristopher Wesley, P
Secretary	Patricia Ann Kokoska, AP
Treasurer	John A. Murphy, SN
Assistant Educational Officer	Morey H. Waltuck, SN
Assistant Secretary	(vacant)
Assistant Treasurer	George Cambra, AP

Executive Committee

W. Lee Blackburn, SN	Richard Lewis, SN
George Cambra, AP	William Mazzoleni, AP

Past Commander, Ellen Cardoza, AP

Auditing Committee

Michael Mazzoleni, S (3yrs.)
Morey H. Waltuck, SN (2yrs)*
Stasia J. Tokarz, SN (1yr.)*

Rules Committee

William H. Tokarz Jr. SN (3yrs.)
Ernest A. Dermers, SN (2yrs.)*
W. Lee Blackburn, SN (1yr)*

Nominating Committee

(vacant)
George Cambra, AP (2yrs.)*
Stasia J. Tokarz, SN (1yr.)*

Respectfully submitted by the 2013/14 Nominating Committee:

W. Lee Blackburn, SN
George Cambra, AP
Stasia J. Tokarz, SN

Any vacancies that exist in the slate of nominees at the time of the election shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

***Not to be voted on- for information only-terms remaining**

Congratulations to P/C Wayne Cardoza, AP for receiving his Life Membership Award presented to him by Chief Commander John Alter, SN at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL.



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Get Well Soon!



Some of our members that I am aware of have been going through some tough times with medical issues and our thoughts and prayers are with them. Sandy Hood has been going through an extremely difficult time. We ask that you keep him and all members in your prayers who are going through difficult times.

District 14 Vessel Examiner Class, Refresher & Re-certification Workshop

*Qualify as a Vessel Examiner or refresh your skills &
become re-certified as required for 2014***

**Saturday 26 April 2014 – 0900 until 1500
to be held at the Rhode Island Yacht Club
1 Ocean Ave., Cranston, RI**

www.riyachtclub.org - Tel. 401-941-0220

Map directions are available on their web site.

**Training, coffee &, updates, discussion, lunch and
a written exam (*if you need it*) included, all for a reasonable fee**

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your Squadron Vessel Safety Check Chairman or Squadron Commander.

Pre-registration is requested to ensure that enough materials are available for all and to supply new students with a manual to study prior to attending the class and taking the exam. Those qualified Vessel Examiners attending for a refresher and re-certification are requested to stay until the exam begins as the discussion will continue through lunch (provided by the RI Yacht Club). VSC supplies will be made available and distributed during lunch.

**** A Re-certification Workshop for currently qualified Vessel Examiners will also be held at the D14 Spring Conference at approximately 1400 on Saturday 15 March.**



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Happy
Spring



Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron has been presented The **DOING IT RIGHT** Award
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