December 2013, January, February 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 Dec  TRPS 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   TRPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors 1930

20 Feb   TRPS Reg/Exec. Meeting @ Arbors 1930

24 Feb   TRPS 60th Anniversary

DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

8 Feb    Founder’s Day 100th Anniversary Celebration @ Fireside Grille, Middleboro, MA

14 Feb   USPS 100th Anniversary

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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. TRPS 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 TRPS 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.
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, TRPS, 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

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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
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JOIN US!
HOLIDAY GATHERING AND YANKEE SWAP

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

WHERE?... THE ARBORS
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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!!!!

Taunton River Sail and Power Squadron has been presented The Award.

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