



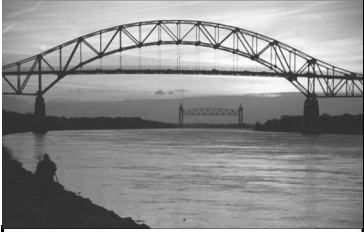
*The*  *Log*

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Power Squadrons®**



**Sunset, The Hole**  
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## 2020 EVENTS

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# WINTER EVENT PLANNER

## 2021

BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK, CCSPS EVENTS ARE NOT LISTED HERE. PLEASE SEE THE CCSPS WEB SITE

JANUARY 5	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
JANUARY 9	“N” Chapter 3 Sights, Ho, LHA, Dec-II Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
JANUARY 12	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
JANUARY 16	“N” Chapter 4 Reducing, Plotting Sights -LOC Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
JANUARY 19	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
JANUARY 20	E Board meeting      on line conference call	6:30 – 9:00PM
JANUARY 23	“N” Chapter 5 NASR method Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
JANUARY 26	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
JANUARY 30	“N” Chapter 6 sight planning Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
FEBRUARY 2	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
FEBRUARY 6	“N” Chapter 7 emergency navigation Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
FEBRUARY 9	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
FEBRUARY 11	Basic Coastal Navigation Seminarpart I Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
FEBRUARY 13	“N” Chapter 8 Electronics – VPP, open CPN-I Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
FEBRUARY 16	Instructor Development Course Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
FEBRUARY 18	Basic Coastal Navigation Seminarpart 2 Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
FEBRUARY 20	“N” Chapter 8 Electronics-VPP, open CPN-II Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
FEBRUARY 27	“N” Chapter 9 underway Live on line presentation	

MARCH 2	ABC III Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 4	Navigating & Boating with Electronics part 1 Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 6	“N” Review Cruise Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
MARCH 6	USPS Weather Live on line presentation	1:00 – 3:30PM
MARCH 9	ABC III Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 11	Navigating & Boating with Electronics Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 13	“N” Review, hand out exam Live on line presentation	9:00 – 11:30AM
MARCH 13	USPS Weather Live on line presentation	1:00 – 3:30PM
MARCH 16	ABC III Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 20	USPS Weather Live on line presentation	1:00 – 3:30PM
MARCH	E Board Meeting      on line conference call	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 23	ABC III Live on line presentation	6:30 – 9:00PM
MARCH 27	USPS Weather Live on line presentation	1:00 – 3:30PM
MARCH 28	ABC III “drive in” exam	

**BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**  
*presents*  
**USPS INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE**

Many states and adult education programs have become concerned with the quality of instruction being given to the public, especially in the area of boating safety. They are now requiring that anyone who teaches the public be able to show evidence that they have successfully completed an instructor training program.

The instructor development course focuses on how to teach adults using a modern, interactive and fun approach to learning. Students who complete the course will become certified USPS instructors already prepared to teach USPS boating classes. The USPS instructor certification will be valid for four years. Certification may be renewed for additional four year terms by attending a recertification seminar.

This program is also a great way to improve your skills and confidence in public speaking.

**WHEN:** Tuesday Evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM  
January 5; 12; 19; 26  
February 2; 9; 16; 23

*Notes:*

*We will use a virtual classroom format for all instructor and student led presentations.  
All classes are live on line presentations of material with student/instructor interactions.  
All USPS materials are in electronic format and will be downloaded.*

**COST: \$10**

**PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

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**BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
PRESENTS  
AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE**

America's Boating Course (ABC) is the United States Power Squadron's primary effort toward public instruction in the fundamentals of boating. The ABC course is recognized as one of the very best in introducing people to boating.

At the national level, the ABC course meets NASBLA certification requirements. At the state level, the ABC course **meets MA requirements for boat operation by 12-15 year old boaters.**

This course covers the basics of operating a boat safely, including rules of the road, aids to navigation, required equipment, and boat handling techniques.

**Each class is an interactive, live, on line presentation on 4 weekday evenings followed by a "drive in" in person, proctored exam given the Sunday following the last class.**

**MARCH**                      **TUESDAYS**                      **6:30PM – 9:00PM**  
**MARCH 2; 9; 16; 23**  
**EXAM MARCH 28**

**APRIL/MAY**                      **THURSDAYS**                      **6:30PM – 9:00PM**  
**APRIL 22; 29**                      **MAY 6; 13**  
**EXAM MAY 16**

**MAY/JUNE**                      **THURSDAYS**                      **6:30PM – 9:00PM**  
**MAY 27**                      **JUNE 7; 10; 17**  
**EXAM JUNE 20**

**ATTENDANCE ALL 4 DAYS PLUS THE EXAM IS REQUIRED**

**COST: \$60 per student**

You will receive a hard copy of the USPS ABC III text book, a summary of MA boating laws, and a US Coast Guard safe boating guide prior to the class.

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## **BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

*presents*

### **USPS WEATHER COURSE**

The safety and comfort of those who venture out on the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology – the science of the atmosphere.

The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the internet. This is a general weather course benefitting those sitting in their living room as much as those standing behind the helm.

This program is also a great way to improve your skills and confidence in public speaking.

**WHEN:**            Saturday Afternoons            1:00 – 3:30 PM  
                          March 6; 13; 20; 27  
                          April 3; 10; 17; 24  
                          May 1; 8

*Notes:*

*We will use a virtual classroom format for all instructor and student led presentations.*

*All classes are live on line presentations of material with student/instructor interactions.*

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**COST:** USPS members \$70    non members \$170

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## **BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

*presents*

### **COASTAL NAVIGATION**

**Piloting and Advanced Piloting are the United States Power Squadrons courses providing you with skills needed to safely navigate coastal and inland waters.**

**Since most boaters use GPS, these courses provide you with what you need to successfully use GPS or a chartplotter to plan and navigate. You'll also learn how to check your navigation, and what to do if the GPS becomes faulty.**

**By merging the two courses, we can substantially reduce the overall class time. If you have not taken Piloting or wish to review the material take the initial 2 sessions and be up to speed for Advanced Piloting.**

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:00AM – 12:00 PM</b>
	<b>April 17; 24</b>	<b>Piloting</b>
	<b>May 1; 8; 15; 22; 29</b>	<b>Advanced Piloting</b>
	<b>June 5; 12</b>	<b>Advanced Piloting</b>

**Notes:**

*There are two parts to each class, 1) a live on line presentation of material held on Saturday, and 2) individually scheduled in person discussion/help during the week following the presentation.*

*The longer 3 hour presentations and combination of P and AP shortens the overall duration of the course.*

<b>COST:</b>	<b>If you have NOT taken Piloting</b>	<b>\$125</b>
	<i>Includes: USPS course plotter / ultra light dividers P student manual / AP student manual / Weekend Navigator</i>	
	<b>If you have recently taken Piloting</b>	<b>\$75</b>
	<b>(have “The Weekend Navigator”, dividers, and plotter)</b>	
	<i>Includes: AP student manual</i>	
	<b>If you have all the P &amp; AP materials</b>	<b>\$25</b>
	<b>Non USPS member add \$100</b>	

**PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE APRIL 3  
SO WE CAN ORDER COURSE MATERIALS**

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## **BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

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# **2021 SEMINAR SERIES**

This Winter and Spring BBSPS will present a series of **live, interactive, on line** seminars on a comprehensive list of boating topics designed to make you a more confident and secure boater.

**JUST WHAT YOU NEED TO NAVIGATE THE CAPE WATERS**

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**

all seminars are presented on line evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>February 11 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Basic Coastal Navigation (in 2 parts)</b>
<b>March 4 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Navigating &amp; Boating with Electronics (in 2 parts)</b>
<b>April 8 &amp; 15</b>	<b>Boat Handling / Control (in 2 parts)</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>New England / Cape Cod Weather</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Nautical Rules of the Road &amp; Ropes</b>
<b>May 4 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Boat Handling / Control (in 2 parts)</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>New England / Cape Cod Weather</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Nautical Rules of the Road &amp; Ropes</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Sail Trim / Introduction to Sailing</b>

Join us for a fun an effective learning experience with no tests and no pressure  
Where the instructors are live on line with you and available to answer all your questions

The cost of each seminar is \$20  
or  
\$75 for all topics (5 different seminars)

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We will email you an on line link just prior to the presentation.

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## The View

2020 is now behind us. Hopefully 2021 will be closer to normal. The virus certainly has impacted all of us. We have continued the squadron's activities and will do so aggressively this year. You can view the planned schedule of activities in this edition of *the LOG*. The most significant difference is limited face-to-face interaction, at least until summer.

We have found that meeting online is not so bad. You don't even need to get dressed up for it. We can see and talk to each other. We have been offering courses and seminars on line in 2020 and have planned even more this year. In some ways, there are advantages as everyone can get to see demos up close on their screens. We're also about to try some social events online as well. We're even looking at virtual vessel safety checks. You can see the forms in this edition of *the LOG*.

Boat sales continue to be robust as people are looking for safe ways to enjoy their time away from the crowds. That means lots of new boaters who need some help learning skills. After working with quite a number of these newer boaters, we have decided to offer some new seminars. One of those is Navigating (and Boating) with Electronics. Everyone wants to use electronics aboard, but learning how to do it is still elusive. We're here to help. If you know of some of these folks, pass on the word to contact us.

We certainly wish each and every one of you and your families, a very Happy New Year... and all the best for a healthy 2021.

Best regards,



Bob Sweet

## Navigating with Electronics

### Bob Sweet

Electronics have changed boating, making it safer and more enjoyable. However, these neat gadgets can be somewhat complicated to operate. The trend is toward electronics all sharing the same display and operating on the same network bus. This only adds to the complications.

I've created a new seminar, *Navigating (and boating) with Electronics*. We'll be offering that online shortly. The whole idea is to take the complication out of electronics by explaining what you really need to know. Also, this darn stuff can be expensive, but there are some real bargains, especially in chartplotters. It turns out basic is best and redundancy is even better.

As a coastal boater, high on your priority list is a good VHF radio. I recommend a fixed-mount unit with a separate antenna as these can transmit up to 25 watts if needed. The radio is your lifeline on the water, plus the primary means of logistics with marine facilities. While you're at it, get one with an AIS receiver built in. The extra measure of safety is only a small premium over the least cost unit. With the Coast Guard's Rescue 21 in place, they can hear you out to 20 nautical miles. By the way, register your radio to get your MMSI, load it into your radio, and connect your radio to your GPS (or chartplotter). That way, the Coast Guard knows who you are and where you are. These radios have the magic red door, labeled "Distress" just in case you need it. And, buy a handheld VHF as well as backup.

Everybody wants a chartplotter. They are marvelous gadgets that show where you are right on the chart. You can easily lay in a path to a waypoint with the cursor and a couple of buttons. The greatest challenge is the layers of menus you need to navigate to get to what you want. It turns out that the more you know about chartplotters, the easier it is to find what you want. Today, basic chartplotters with built-in antenna and preloaded with charts start at about \$350.

Some boaters want radar and you can't blame them with our fog and weather. Radar helps keep you safe from collisions with other boats while helping you navigate. It's almost a must for night. A standalone radar unit with its own display can be had for about \$1,000. Add a few hundred and you can get one bundled with a chartplotter. If your budget can afford it, go for a bundle with a solid state radar. These start at about \$1500. For most of us, a small dome radar scanner is all we need.

I mentioned AIS earlier. AIS stands for Automated Identification System. Commercial vessels are required to operate these beacons that transmit their identity, location, speed and a host of other information. This shows up on your chartplotter to warn you of a potential approach. You can get a receiver to see these boats, or buy a Class B beacon of your own for about \$600 with its own antenna. Then everyone nearby can see you as well.

Interested? Sign-up for our seminar, and by all means take our classes.

Happy New Year and Safe Boating to all!

EDUCATION REPORT  
DECEMBER 2020

ABC classes

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and MA Environmental Police guidelines no in person ABC classes will be scheduled.

MA extended approval for the presentation of live, on line ABC classes through March 2021.

We have scheduled three ABC classes for March through June, assuming that the approval for on line, live classes with in person proctored exams will be extended through June.

ABC March 2; 9; 16; 23 Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM

“drive in” exam Sunday March 28

ABC April 22; 29 May 6; 13 Thursday evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM

“drive in” exam Sunday May 16

ABC May 27 June 7; 10; 17 Thursday evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM

“drive in” exam Sunday June 20

If someone wants to take an ABC class but is not concerned about issuance of a MA boating safety certificate, which is only presently required for students 12-15 years old, we recommend taking the USPS ABC III class on line through the USPS website. This is not a live presentation and has no proctored exam, hence it is not approved by MA, but it does present the same material.

Seminars

Bob Sweet

Dick Moore

Our 2021 Seminar Series with re imagined presentations and some exciting new topics for us all to learn from will be presented starting in February and running through May. These will all be presented using a live virtual format which allows for the participants to question and discuss the topics with the presenters. Join us!! The great thing about seminars is that you learn a lot and there is no homework or exam!!

Advanced Grades

Piloting & Advanced Piloting Bob Sweet Dick Moore 4 students

Piloting

Congratulations to Kevin Kelley, Rob Lincoln, and Jeff Smith on successfully completing the USPS Piloting course. All these students scored above 90% on the USPS exam.

Advanced Piloting Two students completed the Advanced Piloting exam, which has been sent to USPS for grading.

Navigation

Bob Sweet

4 students

We are presenting the USPS “N” course this Fall and Winter. The first order of business is to take the required sun, moon, planet, star and two body sights while the weather is still good. Presentation of the N course material began in November and the first 4 chapters have been completed.

Piloting & Advanced Piloting Bob Sweet Dick Moore

We will again present the comprehensive coastal navigation sequence starting April 17 on Saturdays 9:00AM – 12:00PM. The class, which encompasses both Piloting and Advanced Piloting is scheduled to complete on June 12.

ELECTIVES

Instructor Development Dick Moore Bob Sweet

Thursday evenings 6:30 – 9:00PM, beginning January 5 through February 23.

Weather

Dick Moore

Bob Sweet

Saturday afternoons 1:00 – 3:30PM, beginning March 6 through May 8.

It is a challenging time for presentation of education programs but BBSPS has risen to the occasion and transitioned our offerings to an on line format.

Our Fall, Winter, and Spring offerings are all planned using an on line live presentation followed by individual in depth sessions with each student as necessary.

We are striving to bring our members and the boating public high quality, comprehensive, boating education opportunities. Look at our schedule of classes and seminars and join us.....learn something.....have fun..... and have some person to person interaction, even though in a virtual format.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Moore JN IN  
Education officer

**REMINDER**  
E BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT & AGENDA  
JANUARY 20, 2021

On Line Meeting FreeConferneceCall.Com

When: 6:30PM Wednesday January 20, 2021

Tentative Agenda

Call to Order John Rossi, commander

Reports

Secretary Karen Hong  
minutes from November E board meeting  
need for computer / printer ?

Willett Foundation Bob Sweet  
BBSPS activities report

Treasurer Debi McCarthy  
Quarterly Reports

Administrative Richard Moore  
CCSPS activities on line speaker / meeting  
social media presence and advertising  
potential 2021 on line meetings? Speaker?

Membership Richard Moore  
New members / welcome / integration into BBSPS

Website Updating website

LOG Publication on line

Education Richard Moore  
Cooperation with other D14 & D12 squadrons  
2021 education plan

Jan - Feb	Instructor Development
Feb. - May	Seminar Series
Mar - May	Weather
Apr - Jun	Coastal Navigation
Mar; Apr; May	ABC

Other old business

Other new business

Date and Time of next meeting

Please submit any additional topics you think the squadron should address.

Thank you!

Richard Moore JN IN  
Education officer

**Proposed BBSPS Course / Seminar Program – Winter / Spring 2021**

Below is a listing of courses, seminars and ABC classes which we are planning on offering. These can be amended if you, our members, would like other or additional offerings. So Please look at this list and see if you agree with what we are planning and let us know if there is anything missing that you would like us to present.

As a reminder, USPS offers the following courses:

Advanced Grades: Boat Handling/Seamanship; Marine Navigation (Piloting); Advanced Marine Navigation (Advanced Piloting); Offshore Navigation (JN); Celestial Navigation (N)

Electives: Cruise Planning; Engine Maintenance; Marine Electrical Systems; Marine Communication Systems; Electronic Navigation; Radar for Boaters; Sail; Weather

We have added new seminar topics, such as Navigating and Boating with Electronics which is a detailed look at how you can use the modern electronics available to boaters and Sail Trim and Introductory Sailing. Are there any other topics you would like to see covered in a seminar?

Please let us know if there is anything else you would like!!

**Courses**

Navigation – Saturday 9:00-11:30AM JAN 9; 16; 23; 30 FEB 6; 13; 20; 27 MAR 6; 13; 20; 27

Instructor Development - Tuesday 6:30 – 9:00PM JAN 5; 12; 19; 26 FEB 2; 9; 16; 23

Weather – Saturday 1:00 – 3:30PM MAR 6; 13; 20; 27 APR 3; 10; 17; 24

P + AP – Saturday 9:00AM – 12:00PM APR 17; 24 MAY 1; 8; 15; 22; 29 JUN 5; 12

**Seminar Series**

Basic Coastal Navigation Seminar – 2 sessions, 2-2 ½ hrs each – Thursday 6:30 9:00PM FEB 11; 18

Navigating (and Boating) with Electronics - 2 sessions, 2-2 ½ hrs each – Thursday 6:30 – 9:00PM MAR 4; 11

Boat Handling Seminar – 2 sessions- 2-2 ½ hrs each – Tuesday 6:30 – 9:00PM APR 8; 15 MAY 4; 11

New England Weather Seminar 1 session 2 ½ hours – 6:30 – 9:00PM - Tuesday APR 20 – Thursday MAY 13

Rules & Ropes Seminar 1 session 2 ½ hours – 6:30 – 9:00PM - Tuesday APR 27; MAY 18

Sail Trim & Introductory Sailing 1 session 2 ½ hours – 6:30 – 9:00PM - Tuesday MAY 25

**ABC** 4 on line evening sessions 2 ½ hours each drive in exam on Sunday

March Tuesday evenings MAR 2; 9; 16; 23 exam Sunday March 28

April/May Thursday evenings APR 22; 29 MAY 6; 13 exam Sunday May 16

May/June Thursday evenings MAY 27 JUNE 7; 10; 17 exam Sunday June 20

## **Proposed BBSPS Member Program – Winter / Spring 2021**

Even though vaccines have been developed and are being administered, we are still in the COVID era, at least for a while. That being the case, we are still not able to have face to face meetings and events. BUT we CAN have virtual meetings.

In that vein we are suggesting that we start with a recent member welcome meeting in January and follow that with monthly on line meetings where Bob and I will present some topics of mutual interest for discussion. These discussions do not have to stay entirely on topic and the meeting can flow in whatever direction the attendees wish. It is simply a means for us to get together and talk about mutually interesting topics.

Good Idea??

What would you change??

What would you like to see presented and discussed?

We suggest wrapping up the sequence with a speaker making an on line presentation.

What type of speaker would you like? Topic(s)?

Please let us know your thoughts!

### **Member Sessions –online – evenings – perhaps Wednesday – 1-2 hrs**

Meet the new members – Wednesday January 27

(Note: E Board Meeting Wednesday January 20)

What is Celestial Navigation? – Wednesday February 10

How to use a Chartplotter – Wednesday March 10

(Note: E board Meeting Wednesday March 17 or 24)

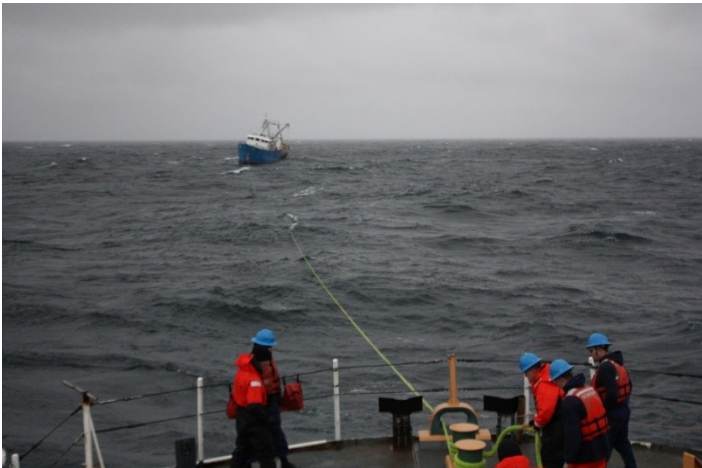
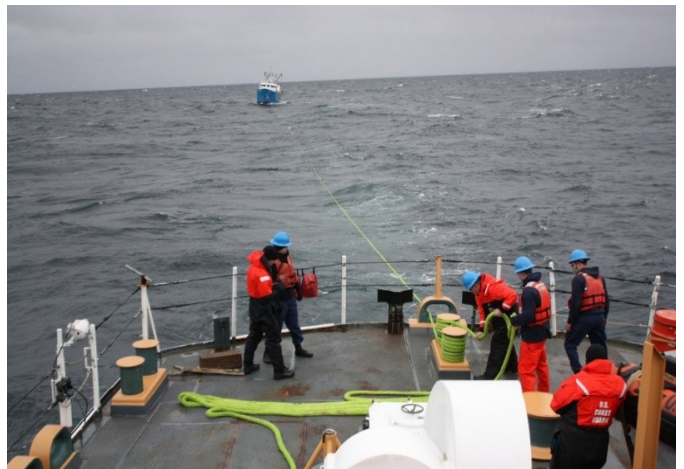
Guest Speaker ?? - Wednesday April ??





# Coast Guard crew tows New Bedford fishing vessel 5 days, 160 miles

U.S. Coast Guard sent this bulletin at 12/12/2020 09:48 AM EST



BOSTON — The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma safely towed a disabled fishing vessel located 160 nautical miles East of Nantucket, Massachusetts, Friday.

Tahoma received a report at 10:26 p.m. Sunday night from the Coast Guard First District Command Center. The fishing vessel Fearless was reported to be disabled, with the crew requesting assistance.

The Tahoma's crew conducted the tow of Fearless over the course of 5 days, taking the vessel into tow Monday and rendezvousing with a commercial towing company near Buzzard's Bay on Friday.

"When a ship has a crew that can do anything you need them to do, it makes life very easy." said Cmdr. Eric Johnson, Tahoma's commanding officer. "Apparently, Fearless also falls into that category. The crew quickly and expertly set the tow and were proactive about monitoring it and communicating during the transit."

There were no injuries reported. Weather on scene was 8 foot seas and 20 knots of wind. Tahoma is a 270-foot Famous Class Cutter home-ported in Kittery, Maine.



U.S. Coast Guard sent this bulletin at 12/03/2020 04:14 PM EST

# News Release

**U.S. Coast Guard 1st District Northeast**

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After Hours: (617) 717-9609

[1st District online newsroom](#)

**Editor's note: Media interested in interviews in the Portland area are requested to contact (207) 741-5422.**

BOSTON — The Coast Guard suspended its search Thursday at 11:15 a.m. for a vessel and crew reportedly taking on water in the vicinity of Sprucehead, Maine, after multiple searches yielded no findings or correlating information.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., Coast Guard Sector Northern New England watchstanders received a mayday transmission through VHF radio channel 16 - the internationally recognized hailing and distress frequency - from the crew of a 42-foot fishing vessel stating the boat was taking on water. Over several minutes the caller described the vessel and crew's situation in detail, stating that the rudder was broken and the vessel's dewatering pumps could not keep up with the flooding.

Communication then ceased as Coast Guard rescue crews from Rockland and Cape Cod, Massachusetts, launched to search for the vessel and potential survivors.

"Our Coast Guard rescue crews thrive on taking risks for the sake of helping others in distress on the water," said Capt. Brian LeFebvre, commanding officer of Coast Guard Sector Northern New England. "Hoax distress calls - like the one we received this morning - unnecessarily put our rescue crews at risk, drain resources, and may limit our ability to respond to actual emergencies. Today's hoax is particularly offensive given the loss of 4 fishermen aboard the EMMY ROSE just last week. We will use all available resources to identify and hold the responsible individual accountable."

The Coast Guard pursues all distress calls, and when dealing with hoax cases, crews will search until the nature and legitimacy of the calls are resolved. Willfully communicating a false distress message to the Coast Guard is a felony offense under federal law and punishable by up to six years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a \$10,000 civil penalty and reimbursement to agencies for all costs incurred in responding to the false distress message.

The search covered approximately 62 square nautical miles and included Coast Guard and state responders.

The following resources searched:

- A 47-foot Motor Lifeboat from Coast Guard Station Rockland
- An MH-60 Jayhawk from Air Station Cape Cod
- Maine Marine Patrol



# Northeast ice breaking season underway, Coast Guard ice breakers to keep ports open, navigable waterways safe

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## News Release

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**Northeast ice breaking season underway, Coast Guard ice breakers to keep ports open, navigable waterways safe**





BOSTON — The Coast Guard has launched its ice breaking season, as winter's cold temperatures are anticipated to impact every port, waterway, and harbor in the Northeast throughout the coming months.

Operation Reliable Energy for Northeast Winters (RENEW) is the Coast Guard's region-wide effort to ensure Northeast communities have the security, supplies, energy, and emergency resources they need throughout the winter.

Of all the heating oil used in the United States, more than 85 percent is consumed in the Northeast, and 90 percent of that is delivered by ship on a Coast Guard maintained waterway.

The Coast Guard's domestic icebreaking operations are intended to facilitate a reasonable expectation of navigability for commercial vessel traffic during ice season and minimize waterway closures by performing regular icebreaking, track maintenance, and escorts when necessary.

Coast Guard crews are currently busy replacing the familiar aids to navigation with special ice buoys designed to repel ice accumulation and withstand the immense pressure flowing ice exerts on stationary objects in waterways, ensuring Northeast aids to navigation remain lighted and on station.

Without the efforts of the Coast Guard icebreaking fleet and the excellent support from our maritime industry partners, it would be nearly impossible to provide dependable energy deliveries to the Northeast in winter. Our strong relationships and coordinated effort with the maritime industry ensures the vital ports of the Northeast remain open year-round.

# VIRTUAL VESSEL SAFETY CHECK



**Owner/Operator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Operator has attended Safe Boating Class:** Yes  No

**Location of VSC – County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Replaced decal was:** Last Year  Outdated  First Time

**VESSEL INFORMATION:**

**Registration or Documentation Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length:** <16  16-25  26-39  40-65

**Powered by:** Gas  Diesel  Sail  Other

**Area of Operations:** Inland  Coastal

**Type:** PWC  Open  Cabin  Other

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS**

Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers			
2. Registration/Documentation			
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)			
5. Fire Extinguishers			
6. Ventilation			
7. Backfire Flame Control			
8. Sound Producing Devices			
9. Navigation Lights			
10. Pollution Placard			
11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Devices			
13. Navigation Rules			
14. State and/or Local Requirements			
15. Overall Vessel Condition: as applies			
a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge			
b. Electrical Systems			
c. Fuel Systems			
d. Galley / Heating Systems			

**RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

(While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)

Item	Yes	No
I. Marine Radio		
II. Dewatering Device & Backup		
III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers		
IV. Anchor & Line for Area		
V. First Aid and PIW Kits (** over)		
VI. Inland Visual Distress Signals		
VII. Capacity/Certificate of Compliance		
VIII. Discussion Items, as applies:		
a. Accident Reporting-Owner Responsibility		
b. Offshore Operations		
c. Carbon Monoxide-Dangers and Prevention		
d. Nautical Charts/Navigation Aids		
e. Fuel/Fuel management		
f. Float Plan/Weather & Sea Conditions		
g. Boating Check List		
h. Survival Tips & First Aid		
i. Safe Boating Classes		
j. Marine Domain Awareness		
k. Insurance Considerations		

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of the Examiner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Examiner Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Examiner Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone/Mobile Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:** *This is not an official boarding for law enforcement purposes. It is recommended that you correct any deficiencies noted. This checklist is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for advice given or opinions expressed in connection to this examination. By accepting the Vessel Safety Check decal, you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment to the standard of safety exhibited during this examination. Please remove the Vessel Safety Check decal if the boat is sold or no longer meets the requirements.*

I am a consenting to this Vessel Safety Check of my watercraft with full knowledge that it is provided to me as a public service on a volunteer basis without coast, and I understand and agree that my receipt of a Vessel Safety Check shall not constitute or construed as a warranty or guarantee as to either the qualification, knowledge, or skills of the operator; the seaworthiness of the vessel; or the serviceability or adequacy of any equipment on board.

**Owner/Operator Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## VIRTUAL VESSEL SAFETY CHECK- PADDLECRAFT



I. Owner / Operator Information	II. Paddle Craft Information
<b>Name:</b>	Registration No.                      HIN:
	Make & Model:
Attended Safe Boating Class:    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Kayak <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe <input type="checkbox"/> Row Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Paddleboard <input type="checkbox"/>
Attended Related Skills Class:    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Scull <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Location of VSC- County:                      State:	Color: Deck                                      Hull
Replaced decal was: Check a selection below	Length (in feet):    <12 <input type="checkbox"/> 12-16 <input type="checkbox"/> >16 <input type="checkbox"/>
Last Year <input type="checkbox"/> Outdated <input type="checkbox"/> First Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Water craft used in: Protected <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Swift <input type="checkbox"/>

III. Safety Check Requirements	Y	N	N/A	V. Other Recommendations	Y	N	N/A
Sound signal (whistle, horn, etc)				Dressed for immersion / helmet			
Life jacket(s)				Personal ID on operator			
Overall Vessel Condition: <i>as applies</i>				Float plan with someone on shore			
a. Hull & deck sound				Adequate food and water / Sun Protection			
b. Hatch covers (good condition/secure)				Assess the risk / good awareness			
c. Deck lines & Bungee Cords				High visibility clothing, gear, etc.			
d. Hardware secure (in working order)				Appropriate emergency kit (might include first-aid kit, knife, repair kit, etc.)			
e. Bulkheads/Airbags/Flotation				Appropriate self-rescue system / skills			
f. Paddle / Oars (serviceable)				Contact information affixed to craft			
Navigation Lights; White lights				Accident Reporting – Owner Responsible			
Visual Distress Signals (VDS)				Anchor lights (if applicable)			
State and/or Local Requirements							
IV. Open Water Recommendations				Vessel Examiner Comments			
Pump or bailer							
Spray skirt							
Spare paddle / oars							
Compass / GPS / navigation chart							
Tow / boat recovery system							
Marine radio (VHF) / cell phone / PLB							

Printed Name of the Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner Number \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone/Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner/Operator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>I. Owner / Operator Information</b>	<b>Details</b>
Assess the risk	Be realistic about what can go wrong and be prepared.
In depth understanding of many factors impacting the voyage being undertaken.	Water temp, weather, waves, current, visibility, navigation skills, craft design limitations, physical conditioning, skill level, other craft on the water, local geography. Know and abide by the rules of the road.
<b>III. Safety Check Requirements</b>	
Sound signal (whistle, horn, etc)	Ideally attached to your life jacket.
Life jacket (adjusted to wearer & USCG approved)	9 out of 10 boaters that drown are not wearing a life jacket. Make sure you have a life jacket that is sized and fitted for you.
Overall vessel conditions: <i>*as applies</i>	Leaky hulls, lines or fittings in disrepair, leaky bulkheads – are all reasons for VSC failure.
<i>* Hull &amp; deck sound</i>	Even a small leak could impact the stability of the vessel
<i>*Hatch covers in good condition and secure</i>	Submerge in controlled conditions and check hatch for water.
<i>*Deck lines and bungee cords in good condition and secure</i>	If you capsize, hold on to your paddle and craft as they can potentially blow or surf away faster than you can swim after it.
<i>*Hardware secure and in working order</i>	A malfunctioning rudder, skeg, etc. can be a significant liability.
<i>*Bulkheads / air bags / emergency flotation in good working order</i>	Many craft without flotation become unusable or sink completely when flooded. Flotation makes self or assisted rescues much easier. Unsecured flotation can be lost.
<i>*Paddle / oars serviceable</i>	No visible cracks or fractures along the blade and shaft
Navigation Lights (sunset to sunrise)	If operating between sunset and sunrise, or in restricted visibility, 1 white light (flashlight acceptable).
Visual Distress Signals (VDS) (sunset to sunrise) Applicable only to vessels operating on waters defined as coastal.	If operating between sunset and sunrise a VDS suitable for night use must be carried. Either 1 electric light (with S.O.S.) or 3 combination day/night flares. Expired signals do not meet the requirement and are unreliable if used.
<b>IV. Open Water Recommendations</b>	
Pump or bailer	Recommended to remove excess water from inside vessel.
Spray skirt – Waterproof barrier worn to create a seal with the cockpit coaming	Make sure the grab loop is on the outside and that the operator knows how to exit the boat while wearing the spray skirt.
Spare paddle / oars	Make sure you have one available if needed.
Compass / GPS / navigation charts	Know how to use them & test in the conditions you expect to need them.
Tow / boat recovery system	Have a plan if you need help getting home? Practice these skills.
Marine radio (VHF) / cell phone / PLB	Know how to use & test them in the conditions you expect to need them.



## VIRTUAL VESSEL SAFETY CHECK- PADDLECRAFT



<b>V. Other Recommendations</b>	
Always dress for an unexpected capsize, a helmet is necessary where upsets are likely	Cold water kills: cold shock - 1 minute, swimming failure -10 minutes, hypothermia - 1 hour. Resulting in unconsciousness/ death Always wear your lifejacket.
Personal ID on operator	Driver's license, credit card and medical ID is excellent.
Float plan with someone on shore	Route, duration, craft description, bail out options, etc.
Appropriate food and water Never Boat Under the Influence	Be prepared, you are completely dependent on the operator for mobility. Keep yourself well fueled.
Appropriate emergency kit (might include first-aid kit, knife, fire starter, boat repair, etc.)	When putting your kit together, bear in mind the type of activities you'll be doing and the conditions you'll expect to encounter.
Sun protection (sunglasses / hat)	Don't forget your eyes and skin.
High visibility clothing, gear, etc.	Retroreflective , brightly colored, luminescent, etc.
Appropriate self rescue system / skills	Have a plan if you find yourself out of your boat. Practice self and assisted rescue techniques.
Contact information affixed to craft	Your name and phone number is sufficient.
Anchor Lights – if applicable (sunset to sunrise)	Not required unless anchoring in or near a narrow channel, fairway, anchorage, or where other vessels normally navigate, or in restricted visibility – 1 all around white light, or an electric torch or flashlight.



## Latitude Announcements



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### **United States Power Squadrons Website**

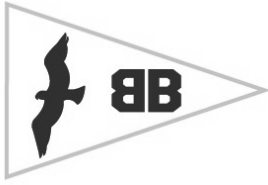
The USPS public URL has been changed from “usps.org” to <https://americasboatingclub.org>.

### **BOOSTERS**

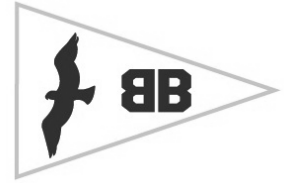
Our Squadron Boosters list has gotten very small. Those of you who have recently had their Booster membership expire or are about to, I hope you will re-up your membership. New members are always encouraged.

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## *Squadron Boosters 2020 - 2023*



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