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> Fishing Boat, Vineyard Sound (Photo by Nawrie Meigs-Brown)



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## **2022 EVENTS**

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September Saturday	Coastal Navigation	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
10; 17; 24 October 1	Piloting lectures: live virtual on line	
October	Advanced Piloting	
8; 15; 22; 29 November 8; 12	in person, hands on plotting & piloting skills ins	truction
September Mondays 12 through	Celestial Navigation / Junior Navigation lectures: live virtual on line	6:30 – 8:30 PM
December 12 October 8; 9	in person hands on sight reduction and plotting s sextant use instruction sextant practice / sun sights	skills instruction
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September 13 Tuesday	New England / Cape Cod Weather seminar Live virtual presentation	6:30 – 8:30 PM
September 20 Tuesday	BBSPS E Board Meeting live virtual format on line	6:30 – 8:30 PM
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October 11 Tuesday	Nautical Rules of the Road / Ropes & Knots	6:30 – 8:30 PM
October Tuesday 18 25	Basic Coastal Navigation Part 1 live virtual presentation Part 2 live virtual presentation	6:30 – 8:30 PM
November 16 Wednesday	BBSPS E Board Meeting live virtual format on line	6:30 – 8:30 PM



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Date Subject

September 13 New England / Cape Cod Weather Tuesday

October 11 Nautical Rules of the Road / Ropes & Knots Tuesday

October 18 Tuesday October 25 Basic Coastal Navigation (in 2 parts)

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We will email you an on-line link just prior to the presentation. \*the registration form can be found on www.bbsps.org web site

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Bridge Officers	The View					
<b>Commander</b> John A. Rossi Jr., AP	Fall is just around the corner. The next two months are considered by many to be the best for boating. The weather can be favorable, and the number of competing boats has vastly diminished.					
508-743-5105 truckerjar90@gmail.com <b>Executive Officer</b> Richard G. Moore, AP 508-888-8238 chmbrrck@live.com <b>Administrative Officer</b> John A. Rossi Jr., AP <b>Educational Officer</b> Richard G. Moore, AP	This month we conduct the final <b>America's Boating Course</b> session for the year. We are continuing to offer these courses on-line with an in-person exam at the end. Participants really like the flexibility and we have had folks from the Boston and Northshore areas join in our classes. They get to take the exam locally with their nearby squadrons. We will begin again next Spring. The follow-on to ABC was called <b>Seamanship</b> . The course has been significantly upgraded and renamed <b>Boat Handling</b> . It goes into much greater depth on basic boating topics than ABC and is a great way to expand your boating skills. We also are offering <b>Celestial Navigation</b> which is the first of two offshore navigation courses. Participants get to take sights using a sextant and reduce them to find their position. We provide the sextants and do most of the sessions live and online with meetings for sight-taking and coaching as					
Secretary Karen McCully Hong 508-759-7458 (H) 914-525-0533 (C) karen3hong@yahoo.com Treasurer Richard G. Moore, AP Bill Kelly 508-314-4692 bikelly@verizon.net	<ul> <li>we go along.</li> <li>The only seminar offered this month is New England Weather. In October, we are offering Rules and Ropes, which is an entertaining way to learn things you really need to know, and the two-part seminar on Basic Coastal Navigation.</li> <li>Fall is a great time, as you put your boat away for the season, to continue your boating experience with a seminar or course. Most you can do from your own home. Let us know what interests you, and sign-up.</li> <li>Best regards,</li> <li>Bob Sweet</li> </ul>					

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### Handling the Seas

### **Bob Sweet**

If the weather doesn't look too good, we generally don't go out. It certainly pays to check the weather before departure and periodically while you are out using your NOAA weather radio channel on your VHF radio.

That said, there are times that you will encounter what you might consider to be rough seas. It might just be the wake of a passing boat. A pop-up thunderstorm or squall could come by with strong winds and whip-up the seas. Or, you could be going through a passage such as Woods Hole, or the Cape Cod Canal.

In any event, you need to know how to handle your boat with larger than usual waves. Experience is a great teacher, but knowing some techniques will add to your skill-set and confidence when waves appear.

First of all, you need to know what makes waves. Obviously, the passing boat does. It's bow wave radiates outward behind the boat with a couple of really steep and closely-spaced waves. Certainly, you want to take them head-on, or perhaps up to 45° off the waves. It gets bumpy, so hold-on. Your boat can handle it, but don't let the bouncing hurt anyone.

Otherwise, what makes waves? Wind. The size of the waves is dependent upon three factors: the wind speed, the time that it has been blowing, and the "fetch." Fetch is the distance on the water that the wind is blowing. Waves get higher with increasing distance. So, let's take Buzzards Bay or Nantucket Sound as examples. Around here, the wind generally starts blowing about 10am, and it typically comes from the Southwest in Summer. These winds are created by thermal effects of heating over land. In both cases, these two bodies of water are open to the Southwest. The farther up (or East) you go, the steeper the waves. Early morning is generally relatively calm, afternoon can be a challenge.

These waves are smoother on the windward side and steeper on the leeward side. Going with the winds appears more peaceful as your boat speed diminishes the effective wind speed on your face. However, you want to go at the same speed as the waves. If you go over the crest, you fall down on the steep side. If the waves are quite large, this can be dangerous. You need to keep the stern square to the wave so as to not turn the boat sideways. If they are large, turn around and go directly into the waves.

Going directly into the waves means you are facing the steep side, and you now feel the speed of the wind added to the speed of the boat on your face. Generally, taking these waves at an angle (up to about 45°) will spread the peaks and ease the slope. The angle cannot be too sharp or you will find the waves redirecting the boat. You need to maintain directional control. As the seas build, your angle will diminish until you are going directly into the waves. It may be uncomfortable, but it is safer.

Look at the approaching wave trains, and look for the low spots – aim for them. Avoid breaking waves and white water as your propeller will not be effective in the foam.

The other place you may find steep waves even on a relatively calm day is in a restricted passage or inlet. Here strong currents from tidal action can interact with opposing winds and significantly built the waves into what we call "standing waves." These standing waves appear to stay in one place and can become quite large. You will find these at times in the Cape Cod Canal. The trick is to time your passage such that the current and wind are in the same direction. You can find a similar situation in Woods Hole. Other inlets along the coast can be hazardous. It is best to time your passage, or seek out a wider inlet in which the effect will be less.

This was a quick overview of dealing with waves. Practice with boat wakes so you get a handle on your boat. You also need to learn how to take the bumps as boats, unlike cars, do not have shock absorbers.

### Cape Cod Sailor Rescued After Fog, Heavy Rains Cause Fall

A sailor was rescued in the waters near Chappaquiddick after fog, rough seas and intense rain led to dangerous conditions.

### Montana Samuels, Patch Staff

Posted Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 9:51 am ET|Updated Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 9:53 am ET

CAPE COD, MA — Barnstable County Sheriff's officers rescued a sailor who fell into the water while sailing in dangerous weather conditions.

The crew on the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office patrol boat, S300, received a distress call on Monday at 11:50 a.m. BCSO Lt. John Doherty and Mashpee Police Officer Ben Tamash, who were operating the boat, made contact with the US Coast Guard and immediately made their way toward Chappaquiddick, where the overboard call originated.

The sailor was found 1.6 nautical miles away from where he fell in. Once his location was established, officers were able to pull him out of the water and onto their boat.

Officials say dangerous weather conditions contributed to the fall, including fog, driving rain and rough seas.

"These two officers should be commended for their quick thinking and fast actions in their duty to help keep a member of our Cape Cod community safe," the sheriff's department said, in a statement.

## Coast Guard rescues 4 sailors hit by 'rogue wave'

The sailors were injured, but are expected to survive.



The mast of the sailing boat Calypso collapsed Sunday. *The U.S. Coast Guard* By Susannah Sudborough May 10, 2022

A Coast Guard helicopter from Air Station Cape Cod rescued four sailors off the coast of New York on Sunday after a wave broke the mast of their sailboat.

The U.S. Coast Guard tweeted Tuesday that they rescued the sailors 80 miles off of the eastern end of Long Island. They said they were crewmembers of the Calypso, a 39-foot sailing vessel.

A rogue wave knocked down the mast of the boat, the Coast Guard reported on **Facebook**. All four sailors were injured when the Coast Guard arrived by helicopter.

"There were 16 to 17 foot waves out there at the time," Petty Officer Briana Carter told **The Boston Globe.** "It was pretty heavy weather."

"This was probably the best example of crew coordination and teamwork than any rescue I've been a part of," Lt. Nick Zablotny told **WBZ-TV**.

The sailors were successfully transported to safety in New York to receive medical care and all are expected to survive, the news station reported.

### Coast Guard searching for missing fisherman in water between Martha's Vineyard, New Bedford

The 54-year-old was aboard the Susan Rose out of Point Judith, Rhode Island.

### By Dialynn Dwyer

July 1, 2022

The Coast Guard is searching for a 54-year-old fisherman, who was reported missing from his vessel early Friday morning, in the water between Martha's Vineyard and New Bedford.

The man was reported missing around 1:30 a.m. by the three other crew members onboard the 77-foot fishing boat "Susan Rose," out of Point Judith, Rhode Island, according to the Coast Guard.

CG STA Menemsha, CG Air Station Cape Cod, and the Buzzards Bay Task Force are working on the search, focused on a track line between Nomans Land island, off Chilmark, and New Bedford.

## Lightning strikes two boats off coast of Wareham

## **BY KRISTINA REX**

UPDATED ON: AUGUST 10, 2022 / 5:16 AM / CBS BOSTON

EAST WAREHAM (CBS) – Lightning struck not one, but two boats off the coast of Wareham just before 7 p.m.

Firefighters were already on the scene at Onset Bay on Tuesday when they witnessed the second strike of lightning with their own eyes. "Very odd for us to be actually on scene and be here when it happens," said Fire Chief Jeffrey Osswald.

The Onset Fire Department responded for a report of fuel leaking from a sailboat in the Bay, which they believe was caused by an initial strike of lightning during the heat storm Tuesday night. Once they were on scene, they witnessed lightning strike again – this time, hitting an antenna on "Miss Chris," a local fishing vessel.

"It was just like a big huge boom," said Jenna Cook, a witness who saw the lightning. Witness Ella Pierce happened to be filming at the time and caught the strike on her cell phone.

Nobody was on board either boat at the time, but Miss Chris owner Christopher Whitton was called to the scene shortly after the strike, which blew up two large batteries in his boat's engine.

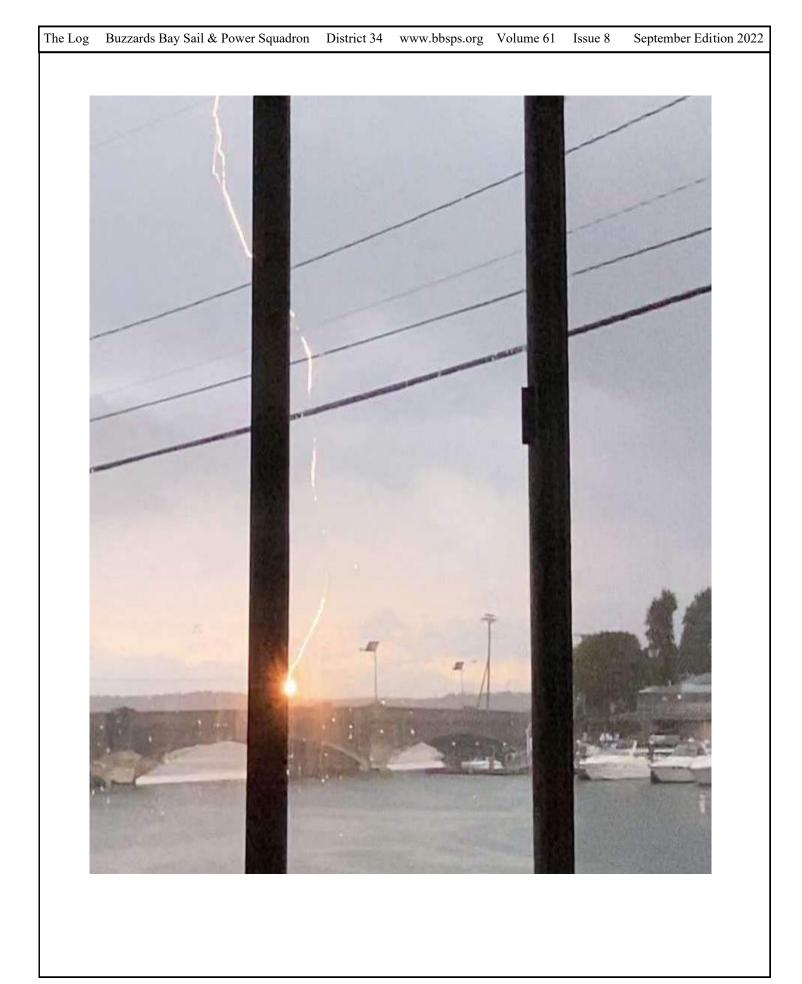
"I've got a lot of work to do," he told WBZ. "We've got to figure out exactly what happened. I mean, batteries don't just explode."

Miss Chris typically carries 40 passengers and takes them fishing 7 days per week.

The statistical chances of a boat being struck by lightning are about one in one thousand, according to BoatUS, and despite the rarity of two strikes in one night, Whitton has a good attitude about the situation.

"What are you going to do?" he said. "I've been doing this for 25 years. I've seen a lot of stuff. I've had a lot of other stuff worse than this happen."

Miss Chris will stay docked until at least next Tuesday as he figures out what broke and how to fix it.



## Simultaneous vessel lightning strikes reported in Wareham August 9, 2022



**WAREHAM** – At approximately 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 9th, Wareham and Onset emergency services responded to the area of Onset Harbor for a sailing vessel that was struck by lightning with a single occupant on board. Wareham DNR and Onset Fire dispatched two vessels as well as TowBoatUS Cape Cod/Plymouth to the mooring field off of Wickets Island.



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While marine assets were enroute to the sailing vessel in distress, Onset Fire Incident Command stationed on the pier was alerted to the commercial charter fishing vessel tied to Onset Pier with smoke coming from the cabin. It was determined to be an active fire onboard the 65' vessel.

The WDNR boat crew was able to determine the sailing vessel was secure and not taking on water and diverted to Onset pier to assist with the fishing vessel. Onset Fire was able to control the fire incident onboard the fishing vessel and WDNR returned to assist TowboatUS with securing the damaged sailing vessel. The sailing vessel was brought to the Onset pier for assessment by Fire Officials and the vessel was turned over to the commercial tow provider.

We are extremely happy to report no injuries in either incident. *Media release and photos furnished by Wareham DNR/CWN* 

# Police recover body of second brother who jumped off 'Jaws' bridge on Martha's Vineyard

A shell fisherman found a body matching the description of Tavaughn Bulgin on the western edge of Sengekontacket Pond Thursday.



The "Jaws" bridge on Martha's Vineyard. *Craig F. Walker/Boston Globe* By Ross Cristantiello August 18, 2022



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Police recovered a body matching the description of Tavaughn Bulgin Thursday, one of the brothers who jumped off the "Jaws" bridge on Martha's Vineyard earlier this week. The discovery ends an ongoing search that began Sunday night, when Tavaugh and Tavaris Bulgin jumped off the bridge into the waters below with two other friends. The two others emerged uninjured, while the Bulgin brothers were reported missing.

The body of Tavaris Bulgin was recovered early Monday morning.

At about 11:30 a.m. Thursday, a shell fisherman found a body on the western edge of Sengekontacket Pond, Massachusetts State Police said. It matches the description of 21-year-old Tavaughn. He had been presumed dead.

Tavaughn and his 26-year-old brother were natives of Clarendon, Jamaica. The two were spending the summer living in Oak Bluffs as part of a work-and-travel program for university-aged students. They worked at Nomans Restaurant on the island.

The Bulgin brothers and their two friends went down to the American Legion Memorial Bridge between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs Sunday night. The bridge is better known as the "Jaws" bridge, since it appeared in the iconic blockbuster. It lies along Joseph A. Sylvia State Beach, separating Nantucket Sound from Sengekontacket Pond.

The water under the bridge is about 15 feet deep, and jumping off it into the waters below is a common occurrence for visitors and locals every year. Although numerous signs warn against the activity, enforcement is spotty. Strong tidal currents can make the waters dangerous, and nearby rocks also create a hazard.

State police, local police, and members of the Coast Guard began a search around 11:20 Sunday night, according to the Coast Guard. Although the body of Tavaris was found relatively quickly, police used dive teams, sonar, all-terrain vehicles, and airplanes to continue the search for Tavaughn this week.

Tidal conditions and inclement weather hampered the search, forcing officials to suspend their search early on Tuesday.

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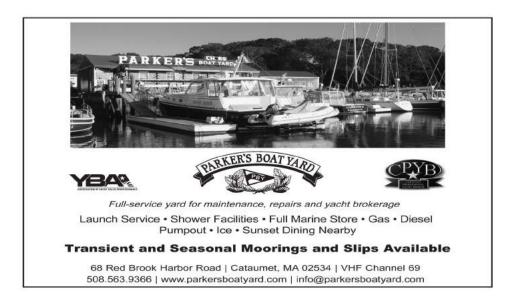
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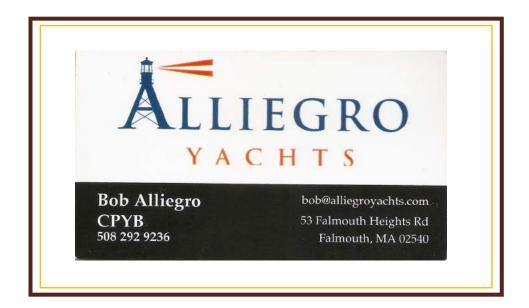
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