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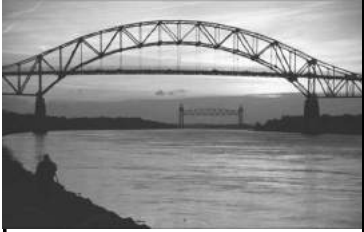
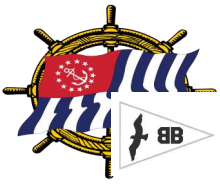
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**Coast Guard Boat, Vineyard Sound  
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## 2023 EVENTS

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## SPRING EVENT PLANNER

**2023**

FOR CCSPS EVENTS PLEASE SEE THE CCSPS (Americas Boating Club Cape Cod) WEB SITE

Saturday March April May	Comprehensive Coastal Navigation (P & AP) 4; 11; 18; 25      Piloting 1; 8; 15; 22; 29      Advanced Piloting 6; 13 if needed      Advanced Ploting	9:00 – 12:00 AM
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Wednesday March April	Marine Electrical Systems Course 1; 8; 15; 22; 29 5; 12; 19	6:30 – 9:00 PM
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April Thursday	America’s Boating Course (ABC) 6; 13; 20; 27	6:30 – 9:00 PM exam Sunday April 30 AM
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April 4 11 18 25	Seminars      Tuesday Evening Basic Power Boat Handling Advanced Power Boat Handling Basic Coastal Navigation part 1 of 2 Basic Coastal Navigation part 2 of 2	6:30 - 9:00 PM
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April 29 Saturday	BBSPS membership meeting / change of watch dinner & speaker	
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May Thursday	America’s Boating Course (ABC) 4; 11; 18; 25	6:30 – 9:00 PM exam Sunday May 28 AM
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May 2 9 23 30	Seminars      Tuesday Evening Basic Powerboat Handling Advanced Anchoring Advanced Powerboat Handling Trailer a Boat	6:30 – 9:00 PM
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May TBD	BBSPS E Board Meeting live virtual format on line	6:30 – 8:30 PM
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June Thursday	America’s Boating Course (ABC) 1; 8; 15; 22	6:30 – 9:00 PM exam Sunday June 25 AM
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June	America’s Boating Course (ABC) 26; 27; 28; 29	6:30 – 9:00 PM exam Sunday July 2 AM
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June 6 13 20	Seminars      Tuesday Evening Basic Powerboat Handling New England / Cape Cod Weather Advanced Powerboat Handling	6:30 – 9:00 PM
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**BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**  
*presents*

**AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE**  
**2023 SCHEDULE**

America's Boating Course (ABC) is recognized as one of the very best ways to prepare yourself for boating.

ABC meets NASBLA certification requirements, is recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard, and **meets MA requirements for boat operation by 12-15 year-old boaters.**

ABC 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 a live, interactive, virtual presentation using ZOOM on 4 weekday evenings followed by a "drive in" in-person, proctored exam given the Sunday morning following the last class.**

Month	Classes	Time	Exam
APRIL	13; 20; 27	6:30 – 9:00 PM	April 30
MAY	4; 11; 18; 25	6:30 – 9:00 PM	May 28
JUNE	1; 8; 15; 22	6:30 – 9:00 PM	June 25
JUNE	26; 27; 28; 29	6:30 – 9:00 PM	July 2
SEP 21; 28	OCT 5; 12	6:30 – 9:00 PM	Oct 15

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

**COST:** \$65 per student

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

**PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
**A PRE COURSE ASSIGNMENT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED**  
**WE MUST MEET BEFORE THE CLASS TO DISTRIBUTE COURSE MATERIALS**

**TO REGISTER:** Send a completed registration form\* along with a check made payable to "Buzzards Bay Sail & Power Squadron" to:

Richard Moore PO Box 1685 Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-1685  
Email: [chmbrrck@live.com](mailto:chmbrrck@live.com) Telephone: 508-888-8238

\* *Registration form can be found on the web site [www.bbsps.org](http://www.bbsps.org)*



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**2023 SEMINAR SERIES**

BBSPS will present a series of *live, interactive, online* seminars on a comprehensive range of boating topics designed to make you a more confident and secure boater.

**JUST WHAT YOU NEED TO NAVIGATE THE CAPE WATERS**  
**KNOWLEDGE IS CONFIDENCE**

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

Date	Cost	Subject
	<i>USPS member</i>	
	<i>/non-member</i>	
<b>APRIL</b>		
18 Tuesday	\$40/50	Basic Coastal Navigation part 1 of 2
25 Tuesday	included	Basic Coastal Navigation part 2 of 2
<b>MAY</b>		
2 Tuesday	\$40/50	Basic Powerboat Handling
9 Tuesday	\$30/40	Advanced Anchoring
16 Tuesday	\$40/50	Advanced Powerboat Handling
30 Tuesday	\$30/40	Trailing a Boat
<b>JUNE</b>		
6 Tuesday	\$40/50	Basic Powerboat Handling
13 Tuesday	\$30/40	New England / Cape Cod Weather
20 Tuesday	\$40/50	Advanced Powerboat Handling
<b>JULY</b>		
11 Tuesday	\$40/50	Basic Powerboat Handling
25 Tuesday	\$40/50	Advanced Powerboat Handling
<b>AUGUST</b>		
1 Tuesday	\$30/40	Navigating and Boating with Electronics
8 Tuesday	\$40/50	Basic Powerboat Handling
15 Tuesday	\$40/50	Basic Coastal Navigation part 1 of 2
22 Tuesday	\$40/50	Advanced Powerboat Handling
29 Tuesday	included	Basic Coastal Navigation part 2 of 2
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5 Tuesday	\$30/40	Advanced Anchoring
12 Tuesday	\$30/40	New England / Cape Cod Weather

*Join us for a fun and 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*

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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](http://www.bbsps.org) web site***



**Buzzards Bay Sail & Power Squadron**  
**2023 SPRING MEMBERS MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH**  
**April 29**

**Sagamore Inn 1133 Sandwich Road Sagamore, MA 02561**  
**Canal Room**

**5:00 PM social time / cash bar**

**5:30 – 6:30 members meeting Change of Watch**

**Canal Side Pavilion**

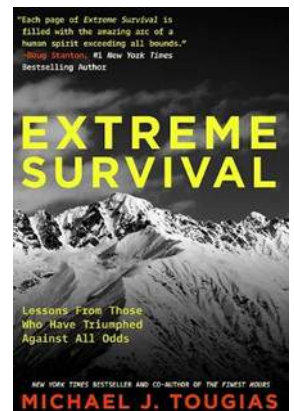
**6:30 – 7:30 dinner**

**Cape Cod cobb salad; Chicken Marsala or Baked Stuffed Haddock;**  
**fresh baked assorted cookies**



**7:30 PM Speaker**  
**A narrated slide presentation from**  
**New York Times Bestselling author**  
**Michael Tougias**

**Extreme Survival**  
*Lessons from Those Who Triumphed Against All Odds*



*Author of 37 books, one became a Disney movie*

**Dress: Business casual**

**Cost: Buzzards Bay members \$35**

**Non-Buzzards Bay members \$45**

**Please RSVP By April 16**

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## The View

It really is Spring! We are now well into our Spring educational program, having finished the first session of ABC and continuing Piloting and Marine Electronics courses. April will be another busy month with the second session of virtual ABC and some more seminars.

We attended the Spring D34 Conference in New Bedford. Our commander, John Rossi, was sworn in as the district Executive Officer as well. Later this month on April 29<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Change of Watch dinner with a very special speaker, Michael Tougias. Michael is the author of over 30 books. He'll talk about his latest, *Extreme Survival*.

Dick Moore and I are leading an effort to prepare a number of members across the district to implement **Jump Start**. This is a program that shows boaters how to handle their boats on the water. First, boaters attend a seminar to prepare them with understanding how the boat behaves and how to control it. Then, they get to go out with one of us to support them doing it on the water in their boat. This is a USPS program that provides insurance coverage for the training.

We're also offering a two Tuesday evening seminar on **Basic Coastal Navigation** on April 18 and 25. In May, we are offering **Basic Powerboat Handling, Advanced Powerboat Handling, Advanced Anchoring, and Trailering Your Boat** seminars. And, we will be offering ABC in May, June, and September as well.

Many folks ask us about how to use their electronics and other gear on board. We would be pleased to spend time with you on your boat showing how to use your equipment. All you need to do is ask.

This is the time of year that everyone gets their boats ready for the water. Remember to ask for a Vessel Safety Check – it's free! Contact John Rossi to schedule.

By all means, join us for our dinner social at the Sagamore Inn – it's a great venue, and sign up for some of our seminars. Here's to a fine Spring and good boating season!

Best regards,



Bob Sweet



## EDUCATION REPORT JANUARY 2023

2023

ABC Classes Bob Sweet & Dick Moore

April	6; 13; 20; 27	6:30 – 9:00 PM	exam April 30
May	4; 11; 18; 25	6:30 – 9:00 PM	exam May 28
June	1; 8; 15; 22	6:30 – 9:00 PM	exam June 25
June	26; 27; 28; 29	6:30 – 9:00 PM	exam July 2
September	21; 28	October 5; 12	6:30 – 9:00 PM exam October 15

Seminars Bob Sweet & Dick Moore

Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM			
March	7; 14; 28	April	4; 11; 18; 25
May	2; 9; 16; 30	June	6; 13; 20
July	11; 25	August	1; 8; 15; 22; 29
September	5; 12		

Comprehensive On Water Training Bob Sweet / Dick Moore

May 2 – 15	Level 1	Basic Powerboat Handling
May 16 – 30	Level 2	Advanced Powerboat Handling
June 6 – 19	Level 1	Basic Powerboat Handling
June 21 – 29	Level 2	Advanced Powerboat Handling

Spring Courses

Coastal Navigation (Piloting & Advanced Piloting) Bob Sweet & Dick Moore  
 Lectures are live, virtual on line presentations. Plotting and positioning are in person hands on training.  
 Saturdays 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 March 4; 11; 18; 25 April 1; 8; 15; 22; 29  
 May 6; 13 (if needed)

Marine Electrical Systems Dick Moore

This course covers the practices of wiring your boat, including both DC and AC power systems. Live, virtual lectures plus in person hands on sessions.  
 Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:00 PM  
 March 1; 8; 15; 22; 29 April 5; 12; 19

Fall Courses

Boat Handling / Seamanship Dick Moore  
 This is the next course after the ABC boating class and treats similar subjects but in greater depth. It is the first in the USPS advanced grades sequence of courses.  
 Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 9:00 PM  
 September 13; 20; 27 October 4; 11; 18; 25 November 1

Offshore Navigation (N) Bob Sweet & Dick Moore

This is the culmination of USPS navigation study and companion to Celestial Navigation (JN).  
 Fall introduction and Sights sight Reduction sight Folder  
 Fall / Winter electronic navigation work of the navigator cruise

Engine Maintenance

Dick Moore

This course stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while teaching the basics of engine layout and operation and covers repairs a person can reasonably perform.

Lectures are live, in person virtual presentations with separate in person sessions.

Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9:00 PM

September 26 October 3; 10; 17; 24; 31 November 5

Our course offerings are all planned using live “virtual” presentations with group in person sessions and 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, either virtually or in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Moore SN IN  
Education officer

## E BOARD MEETING REPORT MARCH 21, 2023

Where/When Virtual On Line Meeting 6:30 PM

Call to Order 6:35 PM **Bob Sweet; Richard Moore; Bill Kelly present**

Reports:

- Secretary **minutes JAN E Board accepted as published in LOG**
- Treasurer **Richard Moore investigate short term investment rates - B. Kelly file 2022 federal tax form - R. Moore**
- Administrative Executive **John Rossi**
- Richard Moore**
- Mattapoisett Squadron**
- Bob Sweet**
- Re write/simplify BBSPS by laws**
- Member vote to authorize at COW - R. Sweet**
- Richard Moore / Karen Hong**
- Change of Watch April 29, 2023**
- Send out notice RSVP food - R. Moore**
- Proposed slate of elected officers notice to members - R. Moore**
  - Commander John Rossi
  - Secretary Karen Hong
  - Treasurer William Kelly
  - Education Richard Moore
  - (see above BBSPS by laws simplification)
- Education **Richard Moore accept report as published in LOG**

Other old business

Other new business **adjourn meeting 7:09 PM**

Date and Time of next meeting **MAY TBD**

Richard Moore SN IN  
Education officer

## Checking the Gear on your Boat

### Bob Sweet

While you are cleaning the boat and tuning the engine, don't forget to check out your electronics and navigation equipment as well. Also, make sure your life jackets are in good shape in addition to flares, lights, and horns. If you don't have one, I recommend you acquire a hand bearing compass for checking bearings, a handheld GPS and VHF radio as backup. These are relatively inexpensive tools that add safety and redundancy to your boat. If you are a member of Freedom Boat Club or rent your boat, you should take these items along with you.

While we're talking about new gear, consider acquiring an AIS receiver. AIS stands for Automatic Identification System. Commercial vessels are required to use an AIS transceiver which continually transmits their location, course, and speed. With an AIS receiver you will know who and where they are and get alerts if they may be coming too close to you. Even more important, the Coast Guard is implementing virtual buoys which show up on charts and your AIS, but are not physically there. That's a lot less expensive than maintaining physical buoys, so you can expect more of them. Also, other navigation and safety related information will be transmitted via AIS. You will only receive this if you add AIS to your inventory of equipment. The best deal for adding AIS is to buy a VHF radio with AIS built-in.

A suggestion, if you are looking to get a handheld GPS and radio, consider an ICOM M94D. This \$350 handheld includes a radio with DSC for rescue, GPS for navigation, and AIS receiver to monitor other boats and navigation aids.

Also, don't forget your compass. It is really your basic navigation instrument. If it has a bubble, get it serviced or replace it. Also, consider checking how accurately it points in at least four cardinal directions. Turn your various electronics on and off and see if they have any effect on the compass pointing direction. If you adjust the compass, do so with your electronics on. There is a chapter in my book explaining how to adjust your compass using your GPS.

Check your chartplotter and make sure it is operating properly. It should accurately identify your position. Review the waypoints you have stored and make sure they are current. It's a good idea to have an alternate resource for reviewing waypoints, and routes. For example, you can export a "GPX" file from your chartplotter and review them on your tablet or computer. Navionics offers an annual subscription for US and Canadian charts on their app for \$25. You can create waypoints and routes on the app and export them via GPX file to your chartplotter, or visa versa using a MicroSD card. The app regularly updates the charts so you will have the most recent data to work with. The Navionics app also shows details of many lakes. An alternative for a computer is Open CPN. This is an open-source freeware program for PC's or MAC's that you can use to download free charts from NOAA to plan your waypoints and routes and export them to your chartplotter.

Check your radio. The best way, after the boat is launched is to use a working channel and communicate with a friend to make sure you are both transmitting and receiving. Also, make sure your DSC-equipped radio is connected to your GPS. And, make sure you have registered your vessel and have entered the resulting MMSI number into your radio. These are essential if you issue an emergency call, so the Coast Guard knows who you are and where. If the radio is connected to your

chartplotter, the location of other DSC callers will show up on your screen.

Do you have radar? If not, this is something you should consider adding to your boat. Using radar takes some practice. It is most useful for detecting nearby boats that could be a concern. The new solid-state chirp pulse radars are excellent and most of them add a Doppler feature that changes the color of targets that are getting closer. This makes identifying potential threats a snap. They also transmit much lower power pulses that removes any concern about radiation. Radar also helps detect approaching storms and acts as a backup for navigation. Unlike your chartplotter which infers your position on a chart, radar shows you what is actually out there.

We are a resource to our members who might need some help or coaching with their equipment. We can come aboard and show you how to use your equipment. Just ask!



# Latitude Announcements



## **CONTENT**

We are always looking for articles, stories and photographs to include in the LOG that would be of interest to our members. Please send them to the LOG editor.

## **COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING**

**FREE**

The business must be a BBSPS supporter and provide assistance to BBSPS in presenting its programs and/or events.

Up to 1 Page Ad

## **MEMBER ADVERTISING**

**FREE**

BBSPS member AND LOG Booster

Ads are limited to boating related items (not your lawnmower)

Ads are limited to 1 page maximum

Ads will run for 4 consecutive months

All Ad submissions should be made to Andrew Campbell using a Microsoft Word attachment for the desired ad

Please notify the LOG editor if your item(s) is(are) sold so the ad(s) can be removed

## **United States Power Squadrons Website**

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

## **BOOSTERS**

Our Boosters list is shrinking. Please re-up your membership if it has recently expired or feel free to join if you have not recently, or never, been a member. It is a cheap way to support the Squadron and in particular the Log.

## **LOG EDITOR**

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# *Squadron Boosters* *2022 - 2026*



**Dates reflect booster expiration**

<b>Willett, Herbert III Estate Continuing Support</b>	<b>Buzzards Bay</b>	Meigs-Brown, Nawrie 2/28/25	Buzzards Bay
Brown, William & Deborah 8/31/23	Buzzards Bay	Moore, Richard & Ellen 8/31/24	Buzzards Bay
Campbell, Andrew 2/28/25	Buzzards Bay	Richmond, Charles 4/30/23	Buzzards Bay
Church, Ron 2/29/24	Buzzards Bay	Rossi, John & Rose 1/31/24	Buzzards Bay
Diekmann, Werner 4/30/24	Buzzards Bay	Rugg, David 8/31/23	Buzzards Bay
Fricke, Rooster 8/31/23	Buzzards Bay	Scavotto, John & Eleanore 11/30/26	Buzzards Bay
Hong, Karen 8/31/23	Grt Blue Hills	Schofield, Robert & Penny 11/30/23	Buzzards Bay
Lingard, Frank 5/31/23	Buzzards Bay		

### Enjoy the LOG? Become a Booster!

Annual Booster memberships are being accepted for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

Members of BBSPS can become a booster for \$10, non-BBSPS, \$15 (Adds you to our mailing list).  
So show your support by becoming a Booster today!

**YES! I want to become a Booster NOW!**

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4 hours - Suggested Destinations: Bassett Island, Phinney's Cove, Cleveland's Ledge Lighthouse, Cape Cod Canal/Round Trip
- **Coffee & Coastal Calmness**  
Sunrise Charter - 3 hours
- **Red Sky at Night - Sailors Delight**  
Sunset Charter - 2.5 hours
- **A Celebration of Life**  
Scattering of Ashes at Sea, call for details
- **Departure Location**  
Monument Beach Marina,  
Phinney's Harbor, Bourne, MA



41°43'10.38"N 70°36'43.11"W



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