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Sailboat, Woods Hole Passage (Photo by Nawrie Meigs-Brown)



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September 25 Anchoring Don't Get Carried Away







Please join us in Newport, RI as we meet fellow boaters and friends, listen to our keynote address, enjoy lunch, and celebrate the history of USPS/America's Boating Club.

Saturday, 18 May 2024 from 0900 to 1400.

\$30/person for morning refreshments, lunch, and parking until 1600 at the venue.



The United States Power Squadron (USPS) was founded 110 years ago in 1914 by Rear Commodore John Upton of the Boston Yacht Club, Charles F. Chapman, author of the boatmen's bible Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling, and others to formalize the education and training of civilian boaters and it grew into the nations' foremost recreational boating organization.



Schedule for the Day

- 0900 Gather for morning refreshments and socializing.
- 0945 Welcome message by D/C Valentina Bizunok, JN.
- 1000 History of Narragansett Sail and Power Squadron by Cdr Denis Moonan, AP.
- 1015 Swearing in ceremony for Narraganset Squadron Bridge Officers.
- 1030 Introduction of Keynote speaker.
- 1035 Keynote address.
- 1130 Questions and answer session with speaker.
- 1145 Catered lunch.
- 1400 Adjournment.
 - Remainder of afternoon free to enjoy local sights and experiences.

Newport Elks Lodge 141 Pelham Street Newport, RI

Local Sights, Attractions, and Experiences

- Sailing Museum and Sailing Hall of Fame
- International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum
- The Cliff Walk
- Newport Mansions Tours
- Fort Adams State Park
- Castle Hill Lighthouse
- Brenton Point State Park
- Newport Art Museum

- Audrain Auto Museum
- Naval War College Museum
- Herreshoff Marine Museum / America's Cup Hall of Fame (Bristol)
- Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum (Bristol)
- Colt State Park (Bristol)
- Newport Car Museum (Portsmouth, RI)

Cost is \$30 per perons. Go to www.ABC-D34.org to sign-up

Buzzards Bay Sail and Power Squadron Marlinspike Buffet

Guest Speakers: Bob Sweet & Dick Moore what is marlinspike? rope, lines, knots, bends and hitches

Towne Tavern, 3138 Cranberry Highway, Wareham

5:30 PM Thursday May 30, 2024

BBSPS Members FREE

Guests \$20 per person Cash bar

First Course

Caesar Salad Second Course : Pizza Buffet Assortment of cheese and one topping pizzas Dessert Freshly Baked cookies

Reservations

Contact: Richard Moore: telephone: 508-888-8238 email: chmbrrck@live.com Payment: check made payable to "BBSPS" or cash at the door

Program

5:30 – 6:30 social hour 6:30 pizza buffet

Guest Speakers Marlinspike Don't Get All Tied Up It's not just rope anymore



BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON presents

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 2024 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
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 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 1685Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-1685Email:chmbrrck@live.comTelephone:508-888-823* Registration form can be found on the web site www.bbsps.org

BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON presents **COMPREHENSIVE ON WATER TRAINING 2024 SCHEDULE** Do you fear docking your boat? Do you think it is much easier to parallel park a car than dock a boat? Do you have trouble leaving a dock with wind pushing you? Is it a mystery why your boat behaves like it does? We have organized boat operator training into a two-part program: Part 1 Boat Handling - Close quarters maneuvering & docking / undocking. On water training uses a training boat in Red Brook Harbor and off Barlow's Landing Pocasset. Typically, two students with an instructor. Part 2 Boat Handling - Review of part 1, use of twin engines, trim tabs, bow thrusters, planing speeds and operation on open waters with waves wind and currents. On water training uses your boat at it's docking location / area. One student with an instructor.

Each part is comprised of two sections:

Pre-training Seminar

2-3 hour live, virtual, interactive classroom seminar and discussion session presented using Zoom with two instructors designed to prepare the students for the following on water training.

On Water Training

This a $3-3\frac{1}{2}$ hour hands-on, on-water training where the student practices a sequential set of exercises all multiple times and works on their areas of concern.

On-Water Training Requirements:

- 1. Completion of pre-training seminar.
- 2. Completion of a NASBLĂ-approved basic boating course.
- 3. (Part 2 only) student's boat must have a USPS/USCGA Vessel Safety Check prior to the training session.

Cost	USPS member	non member
Part 1 seminar + on water training	\$300	\$400
Part 2 seminar + on water training	\$200	\$300
Part 1 + Part 2	\$400	\$500
[2 seminars + 2 on water training sess	ions]	

Schedule: MAY 8 Boat Handling close quarters on water training by appointment seminar 6:30 – 9:00 PM seminar JUNE 12 Boat Handling close quarters boat Handling open water on water training by appointment seminar 6:30 – 9:00 PM seminar AUG 21 Boat Handling close quarters boat Handling open water on water training by appointment seminar 6:30 – 9:00 PM seminar WHERE: Close Quarters on-Water Training Red Brook Harbor/Buzzards Bay Parker's Boat Yard, 68 Red Brook Harbor Road Cataumet, MA Open Water on-Water Training Using the student's boat, at the boat docking location PRE-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 * Registration form can be found on www.bbsps.org	The Log	Buzzards Bay Sail & Power Squadron	District 34	www.bbsps.org	Volume 63	Issue 5	May Edition 2024
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BUZZARDS BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

presents

2024 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 - 9:00 PM

Date	Cost	Subject
	USPS men	nber
MAY	/non-mem	ber
Boat Handl	ing Series	
8	\$40/50	part 1 close quarters & docking
22		part 2 underway on open water
Summer W	inds	
29	\$30/40	NE & Cape Cod weather
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JUNE		1 /
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5	\$30/40	using your GPS & chart plotter
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26		part 2 underway on open water
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	Navigating wit	th Electronics
11	\$30/40	using your GPS & chart plotter
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25	\$30/40	anchoring don't get carried away

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 <u>www.bbsps.org</u> web site

The View

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We have completed our annual squadron meeting. Our officers for this year are: John Rossi, JN – Commander; Dick Moore, SN – Squadron Education Officer; and Bill Kelly – Secretary/Treasurer. We also approved revised squadron bylaws subject to national approval. The new bylaws are a simplified version based on model squadron bylaws provided by the national organization. If you have not already, you can find the new bylaws on our web site at www.bbsps.org. The link can be found on the home page under "Featured Events."

At the annual meeting, we also enjoyed an outstanding meal at the Towne Tavern in Wareham and a very interesting presentation on boating in local waters given by Jeff Smith, Operations Manager for Cape and Islands Sea Tow.

Our next get-together will be on May 30, also at the Towne Tavern for pizza and a hands-on opportunity to learn and practice knots and marlinspike with Dick Moore and me as hosts. As a special treat, we are offering this at no cost to members of the squadron.

We completed our second 2024 session of **America's Boating Course** and just began our third. ABC is offered live and on-line which has at-tracted boaters from a wide region.

Coastal Navigation has begun and we have finished the new Marine Navigation Course which is an alternative to Piloting. We have deferred the **Advanced Piloting Course** until the Fall. In April, we offered our first sessions of the **Boat Handling Seminar** which explains how boats behave in response to your controls, thus making handling a snap. We like to say that docking a boat is really easier than parallel parking a car. You just need to know how. The next sessions begin in May and another in June. On water training is optionally available by Dick Moore on his boat, or by a number of us on your boat.

Hopefully, you are ready for a great boating season.

Best regards,

Bob Sweet

2024 – 2025 BBSPS ELECTED OFFICERS

Commander Secretary/ Treasurer Education Officer John A. Rossi William Kelly Richard Moore

$2024-2025 \ E \ BOARD$

Commander Secretary / Treasurer Education Officer John A. Rossi William Kelly Richard Moore

LOG Editor

Members At Large

Andrew Campbell

Rooster Fricke Karen Hong Robert Sweet

	L YEAR 2023 (4/1/2023 - 3/31/2024) 1E & EXPENSE BY CATEGORY		
Catego	ry	4/1/23 -	- 3/31/24
Income			
	BRIDGE INCOME	\$	160
	DINNER RECEIPTS		2,368
	DUES RECEIPTS		1,311
	EDUC. RECEIPTS		7,747
	MISC INCOME		752
	TUITION		2,290
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	14,629
EXPEN	ISES		
	ADV	\$	(1,025)
BRIDG	E EXPENSE		
	- Change of Watch Expense		(3,569)
	- Misc Bridge Expenses		(252)
	- WEBSITE		(1,004)
	DUES EXPENSES		(2,496)
EDUCA	TION EXPENSES		
	- Education Advertising		(1,051)
	- Education Equipment		(168)
	- EDUCATION EXPENSES (Other)		(146)
	- Education Materials		(2,218)
	Fuel		(143)
	Printing And Postage		(132)
	Uncategorized		(480.60)
	video conferencing		(170)
	. TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	(12,855)
NET IN	COME	\$	1,774

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Please see our 2024 Education Program pages in the LOG. Please tell us what interests YOU and we can try to schedule it!

Our course offerings are all planned using live "virtual" presentations using ZOOM, 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. Help us develop our schedule of classes and seminars and join us...learn something.....have fun.... and have some person to person interaction, both virtually and in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Moore SN IN Education officer

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Navigation has Changed

Bob Sweet

Like most things in our life, everything seems to be involved with phones, tablets and computers. So too has navigation. While it is still essential to understand how to plan and navigate using paper charts, the new tools are helpful and, at the same time, frustrating.

Enter WiFi. Hard wiring between your chartplotter and your phone, tablet, or computer is not commonplace. But, adding WiFi to the chartplotter adds a new dimension. This enables you to interact with your chartplotter. It is not convenient to take your chartplotter off the boat, but using your phone or tablet, you have the means to work on your charts and plans from anywhere.

Garmin acquired ActiveCaptain, a crowd-sourced on-line resource which collected all sorts of useful information from its members. They then added WiFi to their chartplotters and enabled ActiveCaptain to become the portal between the chartplotter and a host of resources. More recently, Garmin acquired Navionics, one of the two major digital chart providers. While Garmin had developed their G3 charts prior to the Navionics acquisition, they have merged the G3 charts with updates using the Navionics data. Also, Navionics offers an online app. For a nominal annual subscription fee, you get access to a host of regularly updated charts including bathymetrics (detailed underwater profiles). You can plan on your tablet or phone and transfer your results to your chartplotter, or take your tracks, waypoints, and routes from your chartplotter and view them on your phone.

Using Active Captain, you can access crowd-sourced depth data in great detail and present it on your chartplotter. This is especially useful for transiting shallow bays and passageways, and for finding those great fishing spots. And, you too, can become a crowd-source contributor, providing the output of your sounder to the app.

There are a couple of problems with all of this. First, while on the water, you need to have navigation be as simple as possible because you have lots of other duties to perform and should not have your head in the chartplotter. And, second, the chartplotter is but a small window to your navigation.

You really also need paper charts nearby to provide the bigger picture, and serve as backup when the electronics misbehave – they will. Alas, today, it has become a challenge to get paper charts. The whole world has gone electronic, driven in-part by the government. Try to buy a chart. About the only resources still around are Maptech with chartbooks, and OceanGrafix with printed charts. Most of the other former chart providers offer to print charts you create using the NOAA Custom Chart app (NCC) online. To do that, you need to become the cartographer. Using NCC, you can create your own charts in pdf format which almost any wide-format capable printer can print. That means going to a commercial resource and pay them to print it. By the way, NCC is useful, but still a work in progress that produces a product far short of the now obsolete paper charts it replaces.

All of these changes tend to frustrate the traditional boater who is not as tech-savvy as their children or grandchildren. We just concluded our first session of the new USPS Marine Navigation course which was intended to replace Piloting. It instructs the use of OpenCPN which is a computer-based navigation tool. Unfortunately, this becomes a major hurdle and obfuscates the real need to learn navigation until you can master the software. This push to computerization has met negative feedback to the extent that the original Piloting Course, which was slated to be replaced, has been continued by popular demand.

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The real utility of these new tools lies in the convenience to work on your navigation in the comfort of your home, or in the cabin after a day's cruise. Most folks do not take their chartplotter from the boat, so the ability to have access to and work with its navigation information provides an added measure of safe-ty and confidence.

Above, I highlighted Garmin. If you have a Raymarine, or Simrad, or Furuno chartplotter, there are similar tools available. Clearly, the easy way to interact with your ship's electronics is with your phone or tablet. If you are not yet ready to take the time and energy to explore that, you can still use physical electronic chips to transfer information to/from your chartplotter using GPX files.

My advice to navigators is, stick to your guns, make sure you have printed charts on board and know how to use them. The electronics are great, but they will go awry or mis-behave. You need to have an immediate solution to work around them.

Regards,

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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

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

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 down to 10 people. We can do better than that. 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 Andrew Campbell andrewriggscampbell@yahoo.com

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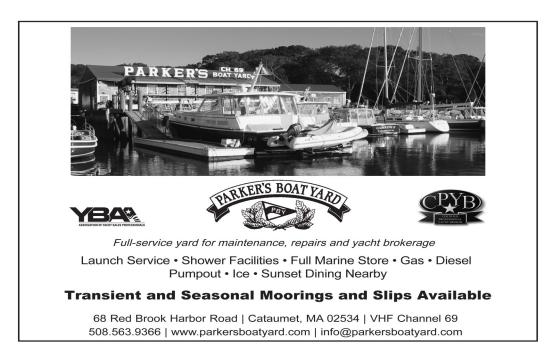
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Bellingham, Duane 10/31/24		Meigs-Brown, Nawrie 2/28/25	Buzzards Bay
Campbell, Andrew 2/28/25	Buzzards Bay	Moore, Richard & Ellen 8/31/24	Buzzards Bay
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