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The Pilot



Main Line Sail and Power Squadron December 2018

This just in: The December Ex-Com meeting will be 7:30pm Dec. 12 (not Dec. 5) at Paoli Presbyterian Church

**Commander
John Beardsley**



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Don't miss the Holiday Party!

Greetings! I hope that everybody had a good Thanksgiving and is gearing up for Christmas. The weather seems to be cooperating with that early snow and mid-winter cold on Thanksgiving Day.

Speaking of Christmas and the holidays, I suggest you make plans to attend our Squadron's Holiday Party at Glenhardie Country Club on Saturday, December 15.

This year, instead of a Pollyanna gift exchange, we've decided to accept contributions that we will donate to the Schuylkill River Greenways, a group that is working to restore the Schuylkill River by coordinating a public/private partnership. All donations are voluntary. The Bridge felt it would be best to donate our resources locally. (You can learn more about the organization at <https://schuylkillriver.org/>)

If you haven't already signed up for the party, do so now. You don't want to miss "entertainment by Frank." Please see the event flyer on Page 7 for details. The deadline to RSVP is December 4!

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday**, March 24, 2019 -- for the Change of Watch at Downingtown Country Club. The cocktail hour will start at 4 pm, with the dinner at 5 pm.

I know the date has changed several times. We encountered



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2018 -2019 Bridge

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Members' attitude is stellar, continued from Page 1

scheduling conflicts with other events at the country club, and with the Greater Philadelphia Boat Show in Oaks the weekend of March 8-10. So, we're now set for March 24. That's my final answer. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

The lifeblood of any organization is its active members. That being the case, every year one of the goals of the Squadron is to increase membership. Lisa Fegan, our new member involvement chair, is organizing a new-member meet-and-greet/orientation to occur in January. The exact date and details will be available when the arrangements are complete.

It seems like 2018 has flown by. It seems like it was just a few weeks ago when I was being installed as Commander and now we're starting to make arrangements for the ceremony to install my successor. I've had a lot of fun this year and look forward to more good times at the events we have scheduled over the next three months.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a happy holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing all of you at the holiday party on December 15.



*Save
the
date!*

**MLSPS
Change of Watch
Sunday, Mar. 24, 2019
Downingtown Country Club
4-8 pm**

[Click here to
find us on Facebook!](#)



**And check out the
event photos!**

Executive Officer
Lt/C Frank Visich



Online seminars — you're 2 hours from new skills

Patti and I watched sadly as the “Flyin V” was hauled out recently and was put up on the hard for the winter. We were disappointed that another sailing season had come to an end, but our unhappiness was short-lived with the anticipation that new sailing adventures will begin next spring, only months away.

Being fairly new to sailing we realize that we still have so much to learn and are always trying to hone our sailing skills to catch up to all you “Old Salts.”

The timing could not have been better when I found an e-mail from USPS in my inbox promoting nine new seminars being offered online. What a great idea that these courses are offered while we are “landlocked” for the winter.

Here are the courses, which each cost \$30 and take about two hours. Go to the link at the end of this column and check them out.

I'm certainly going to try to get a couple under my belt between raking leaves and shoveling snow as I dream of next year's sailing activities.

- **Using GPS on Your Boat** – A boater's guide to electronic navigation

- **AIS Electronics for Boaters** – See and be seen on the water

- **About Marine Radio** – Choosing and using a VHF radio for your boat

- **Weather for Boaters** – A boater's guide to forecasting, winds and storms



Learn how to navigate locks in the Boating seminar.

- **Boating on Rivers, Locks & Lakes** – Navigating inland waterways

- **Planning Your Cruise** – Boating beyond the day trip

- **Boat Propane Systems** – Safe operation, maintenance, and inspection

- **Hurricane Preparation for Boaters** – Protect your boat from storms

- **Crew at the Helm** – Key skills your crew needs to know

Take one, or take 'em all — Volume discounts available.

Here's the link: <https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/online-boating-education/>. Go to the page, click on the Learn menu, and scroll down to the Online Boating Education tab.

What interests you?



Education Officer
P/C Nick Montalto, SN

Main Line wins D5 honors; new radar course launches

MLSPS presented Marine Electrical Systems, and America's Boating Course classes this fall. The Advanced Piloting course is still in progress.

D5 FALL CONFERENCE:

Main Line had four members in attendance: Jim Heckman, Bill McManimen, my wife, Rosemary, and me.

Main Line was third place winner of Caravelle Trophy, which is awarded to the squadrons with the greatest increases in teaching Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting during the previous education year.

P/D/Lt/C Jim Heckman won the District 5 Teaching Aids competition for his 3D knot tying animation.

Databases: DB2000 is becoming a less used and a less useful tool for information.

The primary place to go is the "Information Center" on the national website. Each member should go to that site to review and update his or her information.

Kingsway Squadron in southern New Jersey is starting the dissolution process.

The new Boat Handling pilot program is available as an e-book course. I have the instructor kit on my computer, if anyone is interested in the material. The price is the same as the Seamanship course with manuals. It is divided into six sections, each of which can be taught as a separate seminar, or as one course.

The sections are Rules of the Road, Docking, Knots and Line Handling, Emergencies, Anchoring, and Boating with Confidence (boat handling issues). Completion will still give "S" grade.

A new course, "Radar for Boaters," has been added to the USPS curriculum. It was developed by the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, and is designed for 8-10 hours of classroom instruction.

I would like to offer this course next year.

If you believe you have on-the-water experience using radar on a boat, and could help teaching the course, contact me.

A new seminar, "Propane Systems on Your Boat," is now available.

There is a requirement to re-qualify our boating safety education certificate course, America's Boating Course, with the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), every three years. USPS approval would expire at the end of this year. USPS has revised the America's Boating Course content and slide presentation to comply with some revised requirements and calls it the 2018 revision. You can see the changes at this link: https://www.usps.org/images/eddept/b_files/abc3-2018-update-180709.pdf.

The names of four courses are changing: Seamanship will be called Boat Handling; Piloting

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Administrative Officer Lt/C Patty Pezely, S



Chance boat purchase became a 7-year mission

Squadron member Jim Spaulding was the featured speaker at our October dinner meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill in Oaks. He shared his

story about how his wife, Cheryl, one day acquired a 25-foot Atkin Packet Sloop which had been destined to be destroyed. Thus began a long process of restoring and rebuilding.

Jim described the seven-year overhaul, which he also recounted in his book, *Rebuilding Rose*.

Our holiday party will be at Glenhardie Country Club on December 15. We

will continue the tradition of accepting a voluntary donation.

Please RSVP for the party by December 4. The flyer is on Page 7.

This year our donation will go to the Schuylkill River Greenways' annual Schuylkill River Sojourn Mentor Program. This program covers the cost of hosting several young adults who have never been on the river before, with each assigned to a veteran Sojourner for guidance on the river. The purpose is for the next generation to embrace the river and its watershed to continue the legacy of preservation, protection and economic

development. The sojourn is a 7-day, 112-mile paddle down the river from Schuylkill Haven to Boathouse Row in Philadelphia.

We will hold our yearly Founders' Day meeting on January 17, again at Pizzeria Uno in Oaks. Look for some fun, unexpected activities as well.

Also at the meeting I will provide some cyber security education everybody should know. ***It's not paranoia; they are out to get you!***

Do you know what Catfishing is? Is the IRS really calling you? Is it safe to use your ATM card? I will provide some helpful advice for you and your family.

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Jim Spaulding

Photo by Meridith Barrett



Joe and Kathy Gibbons and Jan and George Painter listen as Jim Spaulding recounts rebuilding his sloop.

Photo by Rita Rossi



Fleet Captain
P/C Jim Friedrichs, JN*

I'm on the mend; are you still on the water?

First of all, Sue and I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes and thoughts that you have sent our way. Things are progressing and I hope to get back to my former (and now improved) self soon.

Just in case anyone is still on the water:

- Craig Hill Channel — upper range front light extinguished
- Elk River Junction Buoy ER — temporarily replaced by unlighted buoy
- Delaware River at Christina River — Dredging
- Baltimore River Sparrows Point — Dredging
- It is also the time that the summer buoys will be replaced by ice buoys.

Note: to see the challenges an ice buoy endures,



Miss sailing in winter? The Severn Sailing Association hosts a weekly laser Frostbite Challenge until the end of January. Bundle up!

Amy Davis/Baltimore Sun

check out this YouTube video taken on the Delaware River near Croydon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLWfcSImbkk>

His boat purchase became a mission, *Continued from Page 5*



Jim and Hilary Heckman, and Wayne and Meridith Barrett listen to Jim Spaulding.

Photo by Rita Rossi

Please RSVP by January 10, 2019. See the flyer on Page 12 to sign up and to learn more details.

Our MLSPS annual meeting, when we elect officers and committee members, will be at the February 21 dinner meeting. More details to come.



2018 DECK THE HULLS HOLIDAY PARTY

Dinner, and Music – By Frank

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Cocktails at 6 pm ~ Dinner at 7 pm; Cash Bar

(Semi-Formal Attire Encouraged)

Glenhardie Country Club

1399 Old Eagle School Rd., Wayne, PA 19087 (610) 687-2110

~ In lieu of our gift exchange this year, we are asking for a voluntary donation of \$ 25 per couple to the Schuylkill River Sojourn Mentor Program to introduce young adults to the river.

NAME: _____

Check amount: #dinners _____ at \$ 55 each Total: \$ _____

Entrée Choice: (All entrees include a vegetable medley and red bliss potatoes)

Whole Roast Beef

(with wild mushroom sauce)

Grilled Salmon

(with sweet honey chili glaze)

Chicken Marsala

(chicken breast sautéed with mushrooms, marsala wine)

Please RSVP by December 4

Send checks to Patty Pezely, 130 Oakwood Lane, Phoenixville, PA 19460
(Please include your donation with your dinner check.)

Make checks out to Main Line Sail and Power Squadron

2019 MLSPS Commander's Cruise itinerary

By P/C Russ Jones, SN

Our Main Line Sail and Power Squadron 2019 summer cruise itinerary is set. We call this the **Commander's Cruise** since the commander decides which ports of call we will visit. Incoming Commander **Frank Visich** has chosen five ports. We estimate that between **15 and 20 boats will join us.**

If you would like to crew on a boat, let me know. If you are new to boating, we can team you with another similar boat.

The cruise will include many interesting activities, all of which are optional. They will include a tour of Poplar Island, a Gilligan's Island beach party, dinner at several great restaurants, more of our celebrated boat crawls, the infamous "forward throttle award" ceremony (of course), and other events still in development. You will be able to sign up for them at our May pre-cruise dinner.

Don't miss our annual cruise! Something exciting always provides wonderful memories. And if you aren't boating, join us on land!

Itinerary:

Friday, July 12 – The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
Saturday, July 13 – The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
Sunday, July 14 – Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
Monday, July 15 – Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
Tuesday, July 16 – Knapp's Narrows Marina, Tilghman Island
Wednesday, July 17 – Knapp's Narrows Marina, Tilghman Island
Thursday, July 18 – St. Michaels Marina, St. Michaels
Friday, July 19 – St. Michaels Marina, St. Michaels
Saturday, July 20 – Haven Harbour Marina, Rock Hall

The marinas have requested a list of the boats that will require slips. **Please complete this form** indicating the marinas for which you will require a slip. Send the completed form to: P/C Russ Jones, 115 Oak Street, Downingtown, PA 19335. **No deposit required.**

Boat Name: _____ Captain: _____ Cell number: _____

Boat Make: _____ Boat Model: _____ Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Type: ☐ Power; ☐ Sail; Electric: ☐ Single 30; ☐ Dual 30; ☐ Single 50; ☐ Dual 50

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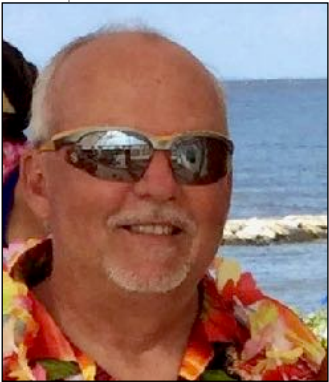
☐ **Friday, July 19 – St. Michaels Marina, St. Michaels**

☐ **Saturday, July 20 – Haven Harbour Marina, Rock Hall**



Don't forget to winterize your captain too

By P/C Gary Armstrong, SN
Captain, Seventh Sojourn



This time of year every boating magazine has an article on how to winterize your outboard, diesel engine, fresh water system, head, air conditioning and so on. But what about the captain?

Doesn't the captain need some winterization to keep him in shape through the long, dark winter? Of course he does. Use the following tips and tricks to keep the captain healthy until it's time to take off that shrink wrap and splash the boat in the spring.

Land Storage

At the end of the season, due to not having been in the water for a while, the captain will eventually dry out. Therefore, special care must be taken to make sure his stern does not sag or distort while confined to the hard. Seek out a storage solution that provides adequate support and will not cause scratches in the delicate finish. A leather Barcalounger is ideal for this purpose. If the captain has an especially broad beam or water line length, other options, including a reclining loveseat or sectional sofa, should be considered.

Antifreeze

Make sure you have laid in an adequate supply of Captain Morgan and Budweiser to keep the pipes from freezing when the thermometer dips. Also consider Makers Mark, Gray Goose

and Patron. The best practice is to fill a 16-ounce glass container on November 1 and check fluid levels continuously until April 15 or so. Top off when the levels drop below 50%.

Batteries

The captain's batteries are sure to run down over the long winter, so steps must be taken to top off the charge every so often. This is especially true for older captains because their batteries don't hold a charge very long. Each captain is different, so the recharging may vary depending on whether he is a cranking captain, deep cycle, gel or absorbed glass mat individual. Many captains get recharged by watching football, going to the movies or going out to a nice dinner. Some captains need to do all of these things to stay charged until the spring. Ask your captain what works for him and get to it!

Check Filters

Be sure to check the Sperry or Top-Sider filtration units for functionality. The best way to do this is to install them and secure with "small stuff" per instructions. Sniff in the area of the filtration units for any unusual odors that might be making it through the filtration media. Use the following table to determine if they need to be replaced. *Note that the captain is the best judge of this.

Level of Stink	Keep or Replace
Gym Locker	Keep
Litter box	Keep
Spoiled milk	Keep
Limburger	Keep
Garbage Scow	Keep
Mustard Gas	Replace (maybe)

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Winterizing your boat's captain, *Continued from previous page*

Stabilizer

The captain must be stabilized to make it through the long, cold winter. Many captains suffer from a form of insanity known as “NO BOAT Syndrome” (NotOK, Bored, Out-of-Sorts And Tired).

Any or all of the following procedures will help stabilize the captain and avoid institutionalization.

- Every once in a while prop him up on a bar stool, have him grasp a dinner plate at 10 and 2 and splash water in his face while rocking the stool back and forth and hitting him in the face with your blow dryer on the highest setting.

- Hang him upside down in a laundry chute and blow hot air up the chute with a space heater. Hand him a flashlight and wrench; come back in about an hour to help him climb out.

- Go on Amazon.com and buy a jar of dead

mayflies, strew them around the kitchen floor and, using a rolling pin, smush them into the linoleum. Hand him a roll of paper towels and a spray bottle of Formula 409. Come back from time to time and point out the ones he missed.

- Empty all the ice cubes from the freezer and hide his car keys. Tell him you are out of ice for your gin and tonic and suggest that the Wawa a half mile away has lots of ice.

- Disconnect the cable from the television and hook it up to rabbit ears. Try to watch your favorite show through the snow on the screen.

- Place an empty refrigerator box at the head of your bed and sleep for a week with your feet hanging off the bottom of the mattress.

By taking these very simple steps your captain is assured of making it through the winter no worse for wear and he will be ready come springtime to hit the waves with a renewed enthusiasm and energy.

SEO report, *Continued from Page 4*

will be called Marine Navigation; Junior Navigation becomes Offshore Navigation, and Navigation becomes Celestial Navigation.

PUBLIC IMAGE

The United States Power Squadrons is putting heavy emphasis on its additional name -- America's Boating Club. Incorporated squadrons (such as MLSPS) should consider filing a d/b/a (doing business as) trade name change as these squadrons have done: America's Boating Club Rockville, and America's Boating Club Annapolis.

The Digital Media Library name will change to America's Boating Channel on

February 1, 2019 in keeping with new branding.

Do you need to contact a member by phone? Log in to www.usps.org/mobile with your USPS certificate number and password.

The USPS America's Boating Course and the USCG Auxiliary's About Boating Safely courses were combined and team-taught by both MLSPS and Flotilla 49 this Fall.

This worked because neither organization had enough registration (2 or 3) to offer the class, but together they did. Both courses teach the same NASBLA boating safety education certificate requirements.

November Ex-Com meeting highlights

Compiled from minutes by Lt/C Cindy Gorge, JN, Secretary*

- Lt/C Frank Visich reported that squadron members conducted 73 vessel safety checks — a new record for our squadron — and 68 vessels received a VSC certificate. Maryanne Boettjer organized the checks.
- After some discussion, members agreed to direct voluntary donations at the Holiday Party to Schuylkill River Greenways, to support its mentorship program. A \$25 amount was suggested.
- SEO Nick Montalto also discussed a

plan to identify members of our squadron who are interested in becoming instructors for the education department. He said instructors are needed to continue the squadron's education programs and for the development of leadership roles. P/C John Juzbasich recommended providing a description of the instructor position and time commitment that would be required.

- After some discussion, members voted to require the squadron to formally vote to approve contracts, events and expenditures. These will be recorded in the minutes to provide coverage under the National USPS insurance policy.
- P/C Lisa Fegan said that she will host a party for new members at her home in January. This was a successful event last year.



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Then we will have some fun Founders' Day surprises!

Please RSVP by January 11, 2019

Make checks payable to MLSPS

Send checks to: ***Patty Pezely, 130 Oakwood Lane, Phoenixville, PA 19460***

Name(s): _____ No. of Tickets: _____ Amt.: _____

Let me know if you have any dietary restriction or special considerations and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Members' birthdays — light some sparklers!

NOVEMBER

Kelly Grable	11/02
John McGowan	11/03
Maryanne Boettjer	11/09
George Painter	11/10
James Affleck Jr.	11/14
James Dale	11/15
James Spaulding	11/18
Wayne Barrett	11/19
Cheryl Krebs	11/20
Mark Parker	11/20
Kevin Krebs	11/22



DECEMBER

Michael Gibson	12/10
Richard Kennedy Jr.	12/12
Robert Long	12/18
Virginia Parry	12/25
Barbara Jones	12/31



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your family the
best of holidays!
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Don't miss the annual meeting!



United States Power Squadrons' annual meeting will be Feb. 19-24, 2019 in Orlando, FL.

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Coming Up on the Calendar



December

- 12 **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm, Room 201;
NOTE the new date. Room 201 is on the upper floor.
- 15 **Holiday Party**, Glenhardie Country Club, Wayne, 6 – 9 pm

January, 2019

- 2 **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 17 **Founders' Day Dinner Meeting**, Uno Pizzeria and Grill, Oaks, 6:30 pm;
Lt/C Patty Pezely will speak on cyber security

February

- 6 **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 19-24 **USPS National Meeting**, Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL
- 21 **Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**, details to come

March

- 6 **Ex-Com Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 8-10 **Winter Boat Show**, Convention Center at Oaks; contact Frank
Visich to sign up to help staff our booth!
- 24 **Change of Watch**, Downingtown Country Club, 4 – 8 pm
PLEASE NOTE: This is a SUNDAY!
- 29-31 **District 5 Spring Conference**, Ocean City, MD

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*Welcome to membership
beyond boating.*