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## At the Helm



Well things they are a changin'! The Executive Committee decided to have true "social" events every other meeting starting at the April meeting. Look at the calendar for the date and location and we'll send out an email for a reminder. Sort of like the old hot stove socials. But we have some other surprises coming! Stay tuned.

Now for the other news! Have I got a deal for you! Berkshire is hosting the District 2 Spring Conference and members of Berkshire and their guest can come to the event for free. Well maybe not completely free. Drinks are not included but imagine, the Williams Inn – plus a maximum of 4 meals for free? Not bad.

Want to stay at the Inn? Even the rooms are reasonably priced (See the flyer in this issue). Think about it – it will be fun – there will be entertainment both on Friday night and Saturday night (music) so plan on being there. And we can use your help – please let me know you're coming and will help for an hour or two and trust me – it will only be an hour or two.

We will also have our Berkshire Change of Watch on Saturday night of the Spring Conference. Why are we hosting the Conference? I've been asked to step up and become the District Commander again. It is an honor to be asked and I only hope I am up for the challenge. And let's face it, to do this job and host the Conference, I really need your support and your help! **PLEASE!**

Lots of easy jobs to do – check people in – direct traffic and simply be a friend to our guests. I really hope and want to see you at the **P-A-R-T-Y!!**

As I said before, we want to keep you informed and **"Keep Berkshire Alive and Have Lots of Laughs and Fun Doing It!"**. Join in the mission – as the commercial says **"Try it, You'll Like It!"**

**Susan Darcy, JN**

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**BSPS & USPS CALENDARS**

- March 14 -- Berkshire Leadership Team Meeting, 7 PM, Zucco's Restaurant**
- March 31 - April 2 -- D2 Spring Conference, Williams Inn, Williamstown, MA**
- April 1 -- BSPS Change of Watch (at the D2 Spring Conference)**
- April 11 -- Berkshire Leadership Team Meeting & Social Event, Location TBD**
- May 9 -- Berkshire Leadership Team Meeting, Location TBD**
- June 13 -- Berkshire Leadership Team Meeting, Location TBD**
- June 28-30 -- Spring Rendezvous in Provincetown, MA (stay tuned for plans for cruise to Rendezvous on June 24-27)**
- Date to be determined -- CPR/First Aid Course**

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Berkshire-Sail-and-Power-Squadron/528850690570303?ref=hl>



**BSPS Info Line**  
**413-266-1130**

Do you know that we have an informational telephone line? Call to learn details of upcoming events. Refer your boating buddies for information on upcoming on Public Boating classes and

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[http://www.usps.org/d2/d2\\_squadron\\_news.html](http://www.usps.org/d2/d2_squadron_news.html)

**Please Remember...**

All members are requested to notify our commander or editor of the death of any other member or a member's family as soon as possible. We want to express our condolences in a timely manner and we need the help of all our members to this end.

## 2017-2018 Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Section 6:13 of the Squadron By-Laws, the Nominating Committee herewith submits the following list of Squadron officers and members to be elected by the membership, Saturday, 1 April.

### BRIDGE OFFICERS:

Commander: David L. Trudeau, JN  
 Executive Officer: G. Richard Stidger, SN  
 Education Officer: Leo O. Robillard, SN  
 Administrative Officer: Kevin Dinan, AP  
 Secretary: Peter W. Samsel, AP  
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Assistant Education Officer John C. Holden, SN  
 Thomas A. Dailey, JN  
 George Reynolds, S  
 P/C Susan L. Darcy, JN  
 P/C Rick Gore, AP

### GENERAL COMMITTEES:

#### AUDITING

Paula Dailey, P (Chair)  
 Cindy Dinan, AP (2 years)

#### RULES

P/C G. Richard Stidger, SN (Chair)  
 P/C Leo O. Robillard, SN (2 years)  
 P/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (3 years)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2016-2017:

P/C Leo Robillard, SN (Chair)  
 P/C Kevin Dinan, AP (2 years)  
 P/C Rick Gore, AP (3 years)

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Rick Gore, AP (Chair)  
 P/C Leo Robillard, SN (2 years)  
 P/C Kevin Dinan, AP (3 years)

## **The Whale Gourmet** (Recipes for Every Galley)

These recipes are from long ago but in looking out the window at the snow, it seems like snacks or treats might be needed. They work well at home or on the boat. One of the most difficult things to have enough of are snacks. Here are three recipes for snacks you've probably made but have forgotten about. Make them at home and you won't have as much mess on the boat. They keep well in airtight containers – to make it easy and quick to serve, before putting the snacks in the containers, divide into individual plastic bags – enough to snack on during your pre-dinner social hour or for a light snack.

### **Honey Holiday Mix**

2 cans Honey Roasted Almonds  
 6 cups unsalted popcorn  
 2 cups (10 oz) chow mien noodles  
 5 tbsp. margarine  
 3 tbsp. sugar  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 1 cup golden raisins

Preheat your oven to 250° F and combine in large, shallow roasting pan the popcorn and chow mien noodles. Melt margarine and sugar. Stir in vanilla and cinnamon. Pour over popcorn and toss to coat. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 20 min. Stir in almonds and raisins. Spread on paper towels to cool. Makes 11 Cups.

### **Hidden Valley Ranch Oyster Crackers**

3/4 cup salad oil  
 1 envelope (1.0 oz.) Hidden Valley Milk Recipe Original Ranch Salad Dressing Mix  
 1/2 tsp. dill weed  
 1/4 tsp. lemon pepper  
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
 12 - 16 oz. plain oyster crackers

Whisk together the first five ingredients. Pour over crackers, stirring to coat. Place on baking sheets and bake at 275° F for 15-20 minutes. Makes 11-12 cups.

### **Popcorn Granola Munch**

8 cups popped corn  
 1 cup wheat germ  
 1/2 cup shredded coconut  
 1 cup rolled oats  
 1/2 cup sesame seeds  
 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter  
 1 tbsp. water  
 1 tbsp. oil  
 1/2 cup molasses  
 2 tbsp. honey

Preheat oven to 300° F. In a bowl combine popped corn, wheat germ, coconut, rolled oats, and sesame seeds. Heat peanut butter, water, oil, molasses, and honey in a saucepan. Pour the heated ingredients over the popcorn mixture and stir well. Spread on a greased baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes, stirring often. Makes 2-1/2 qts.

## Check the Chart

from United Marine Underwriters

By Randy Troutman · In Boat Insurance, Boating Safety, Boating Tips

A small diamond shaped navigational aid sitting atop a steel pole warns of “rocks” in letters so small even the use of binoculars can’t distinguish them. If you are close enough to read the message on the aid, you risk going aground.

Navigational aids are boaters’ road signs, much like signs on a highway, they direct you to safe passage. When accompanied by a chart of the area, they provide valuable information. Many boaters recognize cans, nuns and day beacons but others such as spherical red and white balls or diamond shaped aids can be confusing. If you do not understand the aids purpose or don’t have a chart to identify it, you could have a major problem.

The ability to read a chart overcomes the limitations of navigational equipment. A GPS, not equipped with a chart screen such as C charts, shows the direction to a position but the direction shown is “as the crow flies” (a straight line). It will not indicate shallows, reefs or even a land mass between two points.

Charts show red and green navigational aids; they indicate water depth, note rocky (rky) areas and wrecks, boulders (bLd) and shoals. The charts show Lighthouses and lighted aids; you can decipher one from another (G”I”FLG 45).

Boats with depth sounder transducers mounted astern should not rely solely on the sounders reading. Shoal areas, with quick depth changes, could place you hard aground by the bow while still showing good water depth astern. The use of a chart can show you where the shoals are and give you time to change course.

The ability to navigate by a chart is invaluable. Area Charts are the most reliable; most have “blow-ups” displaying local rivers and ports– an advantage when cruising somewhere unfamiliar.

To learn about charting, look for the latest edition of Chapman’s Piloting, or check out the Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary classes.

## Cartoons

These cartoons are included with credit to the United Marine Underwriters.





## SAVE THE DATE

**Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron  
2017 SPRING RENDEZVOUS  
Provincetown, MA  
June 28 - 30, 2017**



If you are interested or planning on attending the Spring Rendezvous, please contact Cindy or Kevin Dinan for more information at 637-4595. You can also email Cindy at [cfdinan@gmail.com](mailto:cfdinan@gmail.com) or Kevin at [kjdinan@aol.com](mailto:kjdinan@aol.com).



# D2 Spring Conference

## March 31, 2017 – April 2, 2017



*Hosted by*  
**Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron**  
**Williams Inn 1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620**  
**413-458-9371**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday	1500 – 1700	Early Registration
	1730 – 1900	Reception for the Chief's Rep and Conference Attendees
	1900 – 2200	Dinner (Uniform Blazer)
Saturday	0800 – 0900	Registration and Hot & Cold Breakfast
	0900 – 1200	General Meeting and Workshops
	1230 – 1400	Lunch
	1400 – 1630	General Meeting, Awards
	1730 – 1900	Reception
	1900 – Late	Dinner (Uniform A, or suitable evening attire)

**Sights to See:** The Clark Art Institute that features European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative art from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century (\$20); Mass MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams(\$18); Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge (\$18), Williams College Museum of Art (Free). Combo tickets available for \$32 for two of the three Clark, MOCA and Rockwell.

As an alternative to the Museums, there are Outlet Shopping Malls in Lee, MA and Manchester, VT. Maps will be provided for your own transportation. Remember if you signed up for the Saturday Breakfast/Luncheon, have your lunch at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees between shopping experiences.

**Directions:**

**From the South or West:**

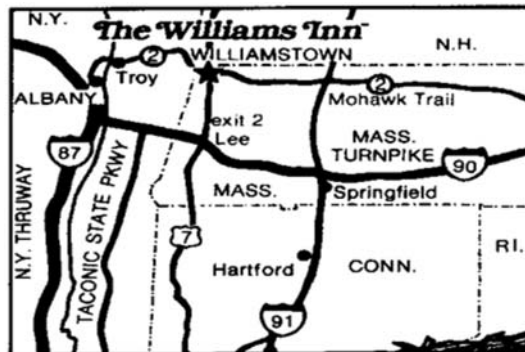
**Mass Turnpike (Rte 90)** -Take Exit 2 (Lee) on the Mass Turnpike — after exiting, turn right and follow Rte 20 West. Approximately 4 miles Rte 7 North merges with Rte 20. Continue on Rte 7 North about 28 miles to Williamstown. The Williams Inn is on the left of the Village Green at the Northernly Junction of Rtes 7 & 2. Go around the traffic circle about 270 degrees — The Williams Inn is located on the north side of the circle.

**Or:**  
 Rte 7 North from Danbury to Williamstown.

**Or:**  
 Taconic State Parkway North towards Albany. Take last exit before the toll - Rte 295 East (Chatham & East Chatham), to Rte 22 North to Rte 43 East to Rte 7 North to Williamstown.

**From the North:**

Route 87 South to Exit 6 (Rte 2 East into Latham). Take Route 2 East through Troy and over the mountain and down to Williamstown. Turn left at the junction of Routes 2 & 7. Continue 2 miles North on Rte 7 to Williamstown.



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

First Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

**First Time Attending A District 2 Meeting? Check Yes or No**

**If you have any food allergies please describe \_\_\_\_\_**

**Friday Night Dinner 31 March \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending at \$ 37 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Menu Choices:**

- Veal parmesan with Angel Hair Pasta & Marinara Sauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli tossed with a Pesto Sauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Dijon, Pan Seared Chicken with a Dijon Cream Sauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetarian Available on Request \_\_\_\_\_
- Garden Salad with Maple Vinaigrette, Fresh Baked Rolls, Chef's Choice Starch & Vegetable
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee
- Chef's Choice Dessert

**Saturday Hot/Cold Breakfast and Luncheon 1 April \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending at \$26 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Lunch Menu Choices:**

- Chicken Pot Pie in a Puff Pastry \_\_\_\_\_
- Chef Salad with Turkey, Ham, Cheese & Hard Boiled Egg with Italian Vinaigrette \_\_\_\_\_
- Cheeseburger with French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetarian Available on Request \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee
- Chef's Choice Dessert

**Saturday Dinner 1 April \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending at \$ 49 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Menu Choices:**

- Roasted Herb encrusted Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_
- Poached Salmon with a Lemon Caper Sauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Stuffed Statler Chicken with a Maple Cream Sauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetarian Available on Request \_\_\_\_\_
- Classic Caesar Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Fresh Baked Rolls, Chef's Choice Starch & Vegetable
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee
- Chef's Choice Dessert

**Rooms Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night \$ 130 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**No. of People \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_**

**GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

To ensure room availability and rates, Mail by **March 10, 2017** Reservations and Payment to Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron to: **D/L/C Susan L. Darcy, JN 7 Hutchinson Lane, Lenox, MA 01240-2217**  
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