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At the Helm



Endless January is over! A full lunar eclipse at 8:27 a.m. (est) January 31st, a cold winters night and day. The ice is on the lakes and May seems long away, but we have already gained approximately 46 minutes on the sunset end of the day and 26 minutes at the sunrise. Boating season will come again.

Boundless thanks to Susan Darcy for organizing and officiating at the holiday party on January 7th. We visited, we ate, and we practiced our piracy skills, also known as the gift exchange.

We have three social events coming in the near future: a bridge/social pizza party on February 13th, a winter blah's auction on March 10th and a change of watch on April 8th. Please come and enjoy food, company and even a little business.

In the more distant future (when the sun has warmed us), there is a Live on the Lake and perhaps a Dock Party to consider as well as a Rendezvous somewhere on the ocean. The where's and when's need ideas and discussion, so please bring them along.

Hoping all is well with one and all this new year.

Sincerely,

David Trudeau

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BSPS & USPS CALENDARS

- February 13 -- Social event at Vivaldi's (see page 3 of this LOG)**
- February 18-25 -- USPS Annual Meeting**
- March 3 -- District Winter Council Meeting**
- March 10 -- Winter Blahs Auction (see pages 5 and 6 of this LOG)**
- March 13 -- Berkshire Leadership Team Mtg, Zucco's Restaurant, dinner at 6, mtg at 7**
- April 7 -- District Change of Watch**
- April 8 -- Annual Meeting & Change of Watch (see page 3 of this LOG)**
- April - May -- ABC Course**
- May -- Movie Day**
- August -- National Meeting in Minneapolis**

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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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In LIVINGCOR at:

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, Sunday, 8 April.

BRIDGE OFFICERS:

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RULES

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2018-2019:

P/C Kevin Dinan, AP (Chair)
 P/C Richard E. Gore, AP (2 years)
 Susan L. Darcy, JN (3 years)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Be ice safe

the ice is nice - the ice is thick

the ice is thin - wear your preserver - in case you fall in!

David Trudeau

Annual Meeting & Change of Watch -- April 8, 2018

*** Save the Date ***

The Annual Meeting and Change of Watch will occur in the Zucchini's downstairs banquet room

– Sumptuous Buffet – 5 PM – Meeting 7 PM

FREE but Reservations a **MUST** to Susan, call 413-637-2275 or eMail Susan at (sldarcy@roadrunner.com).



Pizza Social

Free to members and guests

Pizza, salad, soft drinks,
compliments of

Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron.

Bring your own beer or wine if you wish.

**Time 6:00 pm, Tuesday, February 13th
at Vivaldi's Pizzeria, 5 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield
(in Allendale shopping center).**

Come and enjoy!

**Please RSVP to Cdr Dave Trudeau
at omdavi@gmail.com or call 413-717-4012.**

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

As it's important to have working fire extinguishers, please be aware that Kidde has Recalled Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment. For more information, please use the following link:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>

USPS Annual Meeting

The USPS Annual Meeting will be Feb 18-25, if anyone is interested. The District Commander (our own Susan Darcy) will be hosting a hospitality event on Friday Feb 23, at the Rosen Centre.

A FASCINATING SHORT SEA STORY

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John D.S. Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line". Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

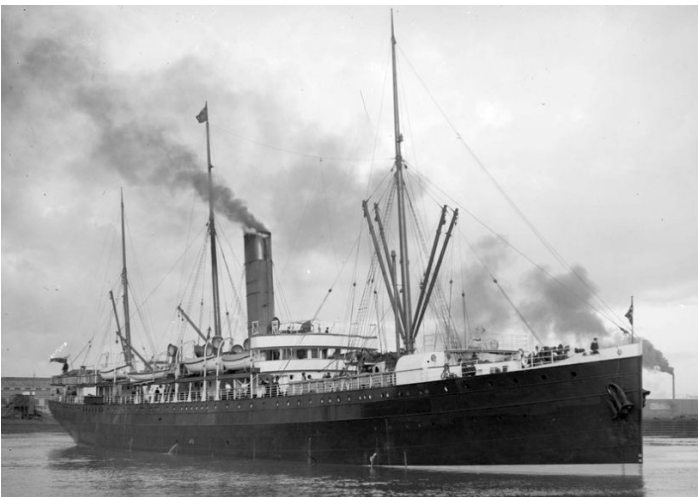
This ship was therefore not only in:

Two different days,
Two different months,
Two different years,
Two different seasons

But in two different centuries - all at the same time.

Think about that!

Story found on the internet by Don Rochelo



Note: Our Junior Navigation and Navigation Courses provide a deeper understanding of time and world position, and are strongly recommended to all our members.

Upcoming Activities for All

Don't miss our activities:

Social event - February 13 -- at Vivaldi's; free dinner is covered by BPS; alcohol costs are the responsibility of each member -- see page 3 of the LOG.

Winter Blahs Auction - March 10 -- see rules below and flyer on pages 5 and 6 of the LOG.

Annual Meeting & Change of Watch - April 8 -- See page 3 of the LOG for details.

ABC Course - Target Date: two consecutive Saturdays in April or May -- call Leo Robillard at 413-499-1625 if you'd like to join the event or know anyone interested.

Movie Day -- probably in May

Did You Know?

By and large is originally a sailing term meaning "alternately close-hauled and not close-hauled." A ship that is sailing "close-hauled" is sailing as directly into the wind as possible. The "by" part of the phrase means "close-hauled." "Large," by contrast, refers to a point of sail in which the wind is hitting the boat "abaft the beam," or behind the boat's widest point. A 1669 example of a variant spelling of "by and large" gives us a sense of the range implied: "Thus you see the ship handled in fair weather and foul, by and learge" (S. Sturmy, *Mariners Magazine*). The suggestion of a wide range carries over into the term's "in general" sense.

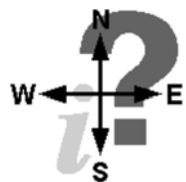
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Sailor Tattoos...

Rich Stidger ran across the following which might be of interest to some of you:

http://mymodernmet.com/traditional-sailor-tattoos-decoded/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=atlasobscura



Ask Mr. Melville

Got a question about BPS or USPS®? Not certain what to do? Send a note to Mr. Melville.

***Note: Mr. Melville and Moby think this is way too cold for them and heard that there is the America's Boating Club in Orlando. You know Moby, he wants to see his friends at both Sea World and of course Disney. So guess what? They went south - sounds like a great idea but you know what? Some of our members went with them! Well maybe not to Orlando but Florida - some even went by boat. What tales they will share.

Dear Mr. Melville. Okay, what is with this America's Boating Club?

Signed: *Oldie but*



Dear "Oldie but"

Isn't it neat? Have you seen the video where it moves? It certainly makes us younger looking but the more important item is that it says we are a Boating group not some para-military organization. Some of the Squadrons who have been using it have stated they are attracting boaters both big and small, paddle boaters and simply outdoor enthusiasts.

They're not getting rid of the United States Power Squadron but focusing on a much more BOATING organization. Look for more actual ads and information to come.

Mr. M. & Moby



Educational Opportunities

Learn How to Safely Operate a Boat,
To Sail
To Pilot
To Navigate
To Cruise the Oceans of the World Over
It All Starts With the USPS, ABC of Boating

In addition to the ABC Course, USPS offers many additional courses. Call Leo Robillard at 413-499-1625 or John Holden at 413-458-5143 if interested in some of our courses.

Chicken Piccata

At our After-Holiday Party, our table got into a discussion about different foods, and I claimed that I have an easy recipe for chicken piccata, which omits many of the extras found in other recipes. That led to my promising to share it in the LOG, so here it is...

Ingredients:

- 2-4 pounds boneless skinless chicken, dredged in flour
- 2 jars (approx. 3/4 cup) capers, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1.75 cups chicken stock
- 1/4-1/3 cup olive oil

Coat chicken in flour, fry in olive oil until cooked (internal temperature 165-170 deg, then remove from pan.

Add capers, lemon juice, chicken stock to pan and simmer until a bit thicker. Put chicken back into pan, cover, and simmer for a few minutes.

Peter Samsel

Winter Blahs Auction Rules

This is an opportunity for you to get rid of those treasures and an opportunity for us to snatch up some real bargains. **BUT THERE ARE RULES!**

MOST IMPORTANT RULE: If you bring an item for auction and it does not sell, you **HAVE TO** take it home!

Proceeds from the auction will go into a "Fun Fund for Fun Events". But if you bring an item which you **should** keep some of the proceeds, you simply pay \$1 if the item sells for less than \$100. For those BIG items that sell for over \$100, the auctioneer fee will be 10% of the sale. Not a bad deal!

To make sure we know **ALL** the items you bring, we'll have a form for you to fill out at the auction.

List **ALL** the items you brought.

Check if a donation
or

If not a donation, please list the **minimum** bid you will accept.

And no matter what, **HAVE FUN!**

Winter Blahs Auction & Munchies

Date: 10 March 2018

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Zucco's Restaurant

451 Dalton Avenue Pittsfield, MA

Winter got you down? Too Cold? Too much Snow? Feeling the Winter Blahs? Come and have some boating fun. You can have some great food and a super opportunity to buy or sell some wonderful treasures both boat and land. Come to the Zucco's Restaurant for some fun of a real live auction of our unused stuff and lots of food.

Have some boating items or miscellaneous items you want to unclutter the cellar or garage? Going to miss the Auction but still want to get rid of some stuff? You can call Dave or Susan for a pickup of your unwanted items. No, neither have a truck!

All items brought or picked up, *MUST* be sold or taken back!

Cost? *Free* -- Appetizers, Soda, Coffee, Tea provided.

Cash Bar



**Reservations a *MUST* by 7 March
so we can order enough Appetizers!!
Contact Susan - 413-637-2275 or
Cdr Dave - 413-717-4012**