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## At the Helm



Well I did it — I stepped in and took Command of the Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron. Why, you ask? As we all know, David is a very tough act to follow. He started a great program of “fun” every other month.

Don't worry, I plan on continuing his program since I think more “fun” makes a better squadron. We're starting in June with our Spring

“Land” Rendezvous with a dinner train ride. Just take a look at our proposed calendar - everything from music, pizza, docks, spaghetti, movies, auction and PARTIES! Do we need your help?

You betcha we do. We need you to come to the events We're also going to do something really different with our courses. We're going to do some very useful seminars — two hours and you'll learn another piece of boating information.

What's my wish for this watch year? To see you all at these events. Now let's Spring into Summer!

*Safe Boating,*

*Susan Darcy*

### **Welcome Guest Contributors!**

***This issue we have two articles by George Reynolds.  
Next issue will be an article by Tom and Bev Gilbert***

***Got something to share? Just send it to Peter or Susan - Pictures are always welcome!***

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**BSPS & USPS CALENDARS**

- June 18, Tuesday - BSPS Leadership Meeting, 7:30 PM at Zucco's, Dinner at 6:30.**
- June 28-29, Friday-Saturday - Dinner Train Ride Friday and Lunch on Saturday (see page 6)**
- July 8, Monday - Dock Party, 5:30 PM (see page 4)**
- July 24, Wednesday - Live on the Lake - 5 PM (see page 4)**
- August 17, Saturday - Summer Lobster Picnic, 2 PM (see page 6)**
- September 8 to 15 - USPS National Fall Governing Board at Galt House Louisville, KY  
Call Susan if interested**
- September - Spaghetti Dinner?? - Social Event**
- Mid-late September - Fall Rendezvous**
- November - Movie and Pizza night - Social Event**
- The Calendar for District Events to be announced**

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***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.

## Get Your Feet Wet with Seminars

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/in-person-boating-education/seminars/>

Round out your knowledge or discover something new by taking one of our brief, boating education seminars led by experienced volunteer instructors. **What do you want to learn? Please let us know. Leo, Tom or Susan**

- **Boat Handling**
  - Boat Handling Under Power
  - Advanced Powerboat Handling
  - Anchoring
  - Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes
  - Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
- **Navigation**
  - Using GPS
  - How to Use a Chart
  - Basic Coastal Navigation
  - Mariner's Compass
  - Mastering the Rules of the Road
  - Marine Radar
- **Facing the Environment**
  - Basic Weather and Forecasting
  - Hurricane Preparation for Boaters
  - Tides and Currents
- **Safety**
  - Emergencies on Board
  - Fuel and Boating
  - Partner in Command
  - Man Overboard
  - Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio
- **Techniques**
  - Knots, Bends, and Hitches
  - Paddle Smart
  - Trailering Your Boat
- **Cruising**
  - Crossing Borders

**Skills:** Short, focused training to boost your boating confidence

**Time:** 2 hours

**Cost:** Varies; members get a discount

## Webinars -- Learn Online with an Instructor

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/online-boating-education/webinars/>

Live webinars let instructors and students meet in a virtual classroom. Because the sessions are live, instructors can deliver the most up-to-date information available. We record most sessions for students to review, and in case they can't attend the live session. Preregistration is required.

### Previously Offered

- Crossing Borders
- Emergencies on Board
- GRIDs and GRIBs: Computer Forecasting and Navigation
- Marine Weather Forecasting
- Thunderstorm/Severe Weather Forecasting

### Upcoming

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- Updated 500Mb Chart Forecast
- Communication Equipment Onboard to Secure Weather Information
- Forecasting Weather Conditions for Running Inlets and Passes

**Skills:** Computer navigation, marine weather forecasting and more

**Time:** 2 hours including Q&A

**Cost:** \$20–30

## Apps for Boaters

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-apps-for-boaters>

or

[http://www.darcy-systems.com/squadrons/berkshire\\_Full\\_List\\_Apps\\_for\\_Boaters.pdf](http://www.darcy-systems.com/squadrons/berkshire_Full_List_Apps_for_Boaters.pdf)

Mariners may find the links above for boating related apps for smartphones, iPods Touches, and tablets useful in their boating activities. Many are free but not all. Note that this listing does NOT suggest endorsement by USPS of any of the apps. See the USPS Disclaimer page for information.

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iOS (iTunes Store) or Android (Google Play Store and/or Amazon Appstore)

**Coming Up are Some Fun Events along with the ones already listed.**

**A Spaghetti Dinner - September**

**A Movie Night with Pizza - November**

**Winter Blahs Auction - Early February**

**Keep in touch - Share your eMail!**

## Dock Party - July 8

Join us for a Dock Party, on Monday, July 8, at Onota Boat Livery. We'll be meeting at 5:30 PM.

The Squadron will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks.

Attendees should bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, and your own beverages.

You should also bring chairs, and some should bring a card table or two

RSVP to Susan Darcy (413-637-2275 or [sldarcy@roadrunner.com](mailto:sldarcy@roadrunner.com)) by July 1.

## Dive Deep with Courses

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/in-person-boating-education/courses/>

Beginner, intermediate or advanced — whatever your skill level, our in-depth boating education courses will boost your knowledge and confidence on the water.

- **America's Boating Course** gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most states boating education requirements. Now available in Spanish.
- **Seamanship** builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills.
- **Piloting and Advanced Piloting** give you the skills you need to get where you're going using charts and marine electronics as well as a knowledge of winds, currents and tides.
- **Junior Navigation and Navigation**, a must for oceangoing captains, teach you about planning and monitoring your voyage using modern marine electronics and how celestial observations can help you estimate your vessel's position with confidence.
- **Cruising and Cruise Planning**
- **Engine Maintenance**
- **Marine Electronics**
  - Marine Electrical Systems
  - Marine Communications Systems
  - Electronic Navigation
- **Sail**
- **Weather**

**Skills:** In-depth, real world skills to boost your boating confidence

**Time:** 6–8 weeks

**Cost:** Varies; members get a discount

## Live on the Lake - July 24

Join us for a Live on the Lake event, on Wednesday, July. The performing band is not yet announced.

We'll be meeting at 5 PM at Onota Boat Livery, and leaving the dock promptly at 5:30, to be well positioned for the 6-8 PM show.

Attendees should bring food (hors d'oeuvres) to share, and your own beverages. It should be a great event.

RSVP to Tom Dailey (413-441-3769 or eMail [t.a.dailey44@gmail.com](mailto:t.a.dailey44@gmail.com)) by Sunday, July 21, so we reserve enough spaces on boats.

(Rain date one week later, on Wednesday, July 31).

## Fire Extinguisher Recall

The recall involves 134 models of plastic handle Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including some models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and in February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher. See the recall list on the next page.



Plastic handle models produced between January 1, 1973 and October 25, 2015			
2A40BC	Gillette TPS-1 1A10BC	Sams SM 340	
6 RAP	Home 10BC	Sanford 1A10BC	
6 TAP	Home 1A10BC	Sanford 2A40BC	
Ademco 720 1A10BC	Home 2A40BC	Sanford TPS-1 1A10BC	
Ademco 722 2A40BC	Home H-10 10BC	Sanford TPS-1 2A40BC	
ADT 3A40BC	Home H-110 1A10BC	Sears 2RPS 5BC	
All Purpose 2A40BC	Home H-240 2A-40BC	Sears 58033 10BC	
Bicentennial RPS-2 10BC	Honeywell 1A10BC	Sears 58043 1A10BC	
Bicentennial TPS-2 1A-10BC	Honeywell TPS-1 1A10BC	Sears 5805 2A40BC	
Costco 340	J.L. 2A40BC	Sears 958034	
FA 340HD	J.L. TPS-1 2A40BC	Sears 958044	
FA240HD	Kadet 2RPS-1 5BC	Sears 958054	
FC 340Z	Kidde 10BC	Sears 958075	
FC Super	Kidde 1A10BC	Sears RPS-1 10BC	
FC210R-C8S	Kidde 2A40BC	Sears TPS-1 1A10BC	
Fire Away 10BC Spanish	Kidde 40BC	Sears TPS-1 2A40BC	
Fire Away 1A10BC Spanish	Kidde RPS-1 10BC	Traveler 10BC	
Fire Away 2A40BC Spanish	Kidde RPS-1 40BC	Traveler 1A10BC	
Fireaway 10 (F-10)	Kidde TPS-1 1A10BC	Traveler 2A40BC	
Fireaway 10BC	Kidde TPS-1 2A40BC	Traveler T-10 10BC	
Fireaway 110 (F-110)	KX 2-1/2 TCZ	Traveler T-110 1A10BC	
Fireaway 1A10BC	Mariner 10BC	Traveler T-240 2A40BC	
Fireaway 240 (F-240)	Mariner 1A10BC	Volunteer 1A10BC	
Fireaway 2A40BC	Mariner 2A40BC	Volunteer TPS-V 1A10BC	
Force 9 2A40BC	Mariner M-10 10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ	
FS 340Z	Mariner M-110 1A10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-3	
Fuller 420 1A10BC	Mariner M-240 2A40BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-4	
Fuller Brush 420 1A10BC	Master Protection 2A40BC	XL 2.75 RZ	
FX210	Montgomery Ward 10BC	XL 2.75 RZ-3	
FX210R	Montgomery Ward 1A-10BC	XL 2-3/4 RZ	
FX210W	Montgomery Ward 8627 1A10BC	XL 340HD	
FX340GW	Montgomery Ward 8637 10BC	XL 4 TXZ	
FX340GW-2	Quell 10BC	XL 5 PK	
FX340H	Quell 1A10BC	XL 5 TCZ	
FX340SC	Quell RPS-1 10BC	XL 5 TCZ-1	
FX340SC-2	Quell TPS-1 1A10BC	XL5 MR	
Gillette 1A10BC	Quell ZRPS 5BC	XL 6 RZ	
Plastic handle models with date codes between January 2, 2012 and August 15, 2017			
AUTO FX5 II-1	FA5-1	AUTO FX5 II-1	FX10K
FA10G	FA5G	FA10G	FX5 II
FA10T	FC10	FA10T	H110G
FA110G	FC110	FA110G	H5G
FA5-1	AUTO FX5 II-1	FA5-1	M10G
FA5G	FA10G	FA5G	M10GM
FC10	FA10T	FC10	M110G
FC110	FA110G	FC110	M110GM
AUTO FX5 II-1	FA5-1	FC5	M5G
FA10G	FA5G	FS10	M5GM
FA10T	FC10	FS110	RESSP
FA110G	FC110	F55	

## Is it Lobster or Lobsta?

At the December Bridge, when Peter was requesting articles for the winter Log, Commander David volunteered me to report on our summer lobster bake. I am not sure why he chose me but I was not about to say no to a team that gives so much I agreed.

On August 25, 2018 we held our first and hopefully annual summer picnic and lobster bake at Reynolds Farm in Cheshire. As usual David did the organizing and directing, Peter cooked the lobsters, Don grilled the steaks, and Susan, even though she was wounded, took care of all the details.

A hearty thank you to these folks and all of the 27 members and guests who attended. For those of you who were unable



to attend, you missed out on a fun event. Here are a couple of pictures from that afternoon. Hope to see you at this year's lobster bake! See the next column!

*George Reynolds*



On the subject of lobster bakes. This past July Karen and I sailed out of Rockland Maine on the Coasting Schooner Heritage with Captains Doug and Linda Lee. This trip was especially enjoyable as Capt. Doug de-

signed, built, and owns this Schooner. With a crew of six and fifteen other guests we spent three relaxing days and nights off the coast of Maine. One of the many highlights of this sail was an all you can eat lobster fest on a remote island in Arcadia National Park.



*George Reynolds*

## Come to our Lobster Picnic on Saturday, August 17th

*When All Else Fails, Eat Lobster!*

The menu is:

- ◆ 1 1/2 Pound Maine Lobster w/ Broth
- ◆ Or a Steak instead of a lobster
- ◆ Clam Chowder
- ◆ Soda, water, ice tea, and coffee



All attending are to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share and your own alcoholic beverages if you would like them.

You also need to bring lawn chairs and crackers and picks (if you have them) to eat your lobster. If you have extra crackers & picks please bring them also.

All BSPS members and one guest are invited. Cost: **FREE**

**Location:** George Reynold's Home,  
45 Fred Mason Road, Cheshire, MA

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**  
**NO RESERVATION, NO FOOD!**

**RSVP** to Cdr Susan at **413-637-2275** or eMail [sldarcy@roadrunner.com](mailto:sldarcy@roadrunner.com) with the **number of people** attending and how many steaks or lobsters **no later than August 10th**

## June 28 – 29 Spring Rendezvous in Rhode Island

Dinner Train Ride - 6:30 PM - From Portsmouth, RI to Newport, RI and back. On Saturday a late lunch at Quito's in Bristol, RI — Contact Kevin or Cindy Dinan at 413-637-4595 or [cfdinan@gmail.com](mailto:cfdinan@gmail.com) or [kjdinan@aol.com](mailto:kjdinan@aol.com).