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At the Helm



I know, I know, you were expecting someone else and in a way, so was I. But sometimes our expectations cannot be met at the moment yet hopefully soon.

We did have a wonderful time at the Change of Watch. Not only did we honor two of our long time members but the fellowship and the dinners were delightful! Honoring Margaret Joseph and Al Burbank for their being not only our friends

but educators at many great times was truly a joy.

Besides our “Lobstah Fest”, this is one of the first times we have had to be together “Face to Face” for a long time. Certificates of Appreciation were passed to all who helped the Commander during the last Watch year.

On a more somber note, we mourn the loss of family and close friends including our great special friend and educator, Leo Robillard. Leo was not only my Basic Boating buddy, but a constant Berkshire Log contributor and mentor for all our students especially our Navigation students.

I have to admit it was a sobering and difficult year and we all struggled to try and get some normalcy into it and hopefully this Watch year, we will be able to do even more. We got a great Pizza/Salad evening planned for June and working on some other Summer things like boat trips (maybe even a Live on the Lake), picnics and “Lobstah”. Check out the June Pizza/Salad Party, reservations **ARE** required. Hope to see **YOU** there!

Stay Safe and Well!

Susan Darcy

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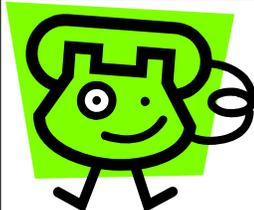
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BSPS & USPS CALENDARS

June 9, 2022 - Pizza & Salad at Zucco's 6PM - Details on page 5.

June 19? - D2 Winter Council & Spring Conference

June, July, August - In planning stages Picnic, Live on the Lake, Lobstah Fest

June thru September — Boating Rendezvous

Sept. 11-Sept. 18 2022 - National Governing Board - Raleigh, NC

Feb 19-Feb 26 2023 - National Annual Meeting - Orlando, FL

Possible Courses being offered soon!

Weather Seminar — 2 hours

New Boat Handling Course (New & Improved Seamanship) — 6 weeks

ABC (Basic Boating) — two Saturday mornings.

What courses are *YOU* interested in? Let either Tom Dailey or Susan Darcy know what you would like to take.

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

Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Forty Eight Years of Service to Boaters

1974 - 2022

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.

HELP! HFI D! WE NEED YOU!

Please, please, Volunteer!

We need to verify and maybe update our Squadron By-Laws to make sure they are in agreement with the model Squadron By-Laws.

It will all be done remotely and at your own pace. We still have two openings for members to help for this pure electronic job? **Contact Susan (Rules Committee), 413-637-2275.**

"There are certain queer times and occasions in this strange mixed affair we call life when a man takes this whole universe for a vast practical joke, though the wit thereof he but dimly discerns, and more than suspects that the joke is at nobody's expense but his own."

Herman Melville, from "Moby Dick"

MAYBE WE CAN OFFER SEAMANSHIP ELECTRONICALLY

The new Boat Handling (replacing Seamanship) has the following sections:

- 0—Getting Started
- 1—Rules of the Road
- 2—Confidence in Docking and Undocking
- 3—Boating with Confidence
- 4—Anchoring with Assurance
- 5—Emergencies on Board
- 6—Knots and Line Handling
- Final Thoughts

What do you want to learn? Please let us know. Tom or Susan

Let us know if you need a name tag with our own "Moby" on it (No Charge for them). Send an eMail with names needed to Cdr Susan at sldarcy@roadrunner.com with names needed.



Pizza and Salad Party

Date: Thursday, 9 June 2022
Time: 6 PM to ????
Where: Zucco's Restaurant
What to Bring? \$5 per person for food

Reservations a *MUST* to Cdr Susan at: 413-637-2275 or sldarcy@roadrunner.com
Search for more details on other pages!

New Microsoft Donated Applications from TechSoup

TechSoup has been the source that provides non-profit organizations, like BSPS, an opportunity to receive donated computer software and hardware. BSPS has used TechSoup for many years to receive software from Microsoft, Adobe, and other companies that donate to non-profits. Each company has eligibility rules and non-profits are vetted against these rules by TechSoup. These rules and donated products are subject to change over the years.

A significant change from only Microsoft will become effective on April 4, 2022. In the past, Microsoft has donated Windows operating systems, Office suites, and individual applications that are installed on local computers owned and used by our members for the benefit of BSPS. A few years ago Microsoft entered the arena of cloud computing and offered a subscription-based Office suite in addition to their on-premises (local) software.

The difference between on-premises software and cloud subscription software is significant. The on-premises software, like Office 2019 Standard, is a license to use on one computer forever. Free upgrades are provided for a limited time, usually two years. After two years, newer versions would require purchasing a new license.

The cloud subscription software, like Microsoft 365 Premium, is the same suite of on-premises Office applications but it is useable as a cloud-based application or it can be downloaded and installed on a local machine and used off-line. This cloud software is continuously updated so that users always have the latest version. Documents and files that are generated with this cloud software can be stored in the Microsoft cloud and shared with other members of the non-profit organization. There are no future upgrades to purchase.

So what is changing on April 4, 2022? Until this deadline, BSPS can still request donations of Office suites as on-premises software. The latest Office version is 2019 Standard (32 or 64 bit versions) and the TechSoup administration fee is \$52. This suite includes all applications except Access. Access can be obtained separately for \$18. Windows 10 upgrade is available for \$27.

After this deadline, donated Office suites will not be available, but discounted versions will be offered. The discounted versions will have an administration fee of 3-5x the current donated cost. Windows 10 upgrade donations will continue to be available.

However, for BSPS, we can request donations of Microsoft 365 Premium. This cloud-based package includes all of the same applications as Office 2019 Standard, plus Access, plus the Windows 10 operating system upgrade. The cost for Microsoft 365 Premium is ZERO for the first 10 licenses and just \$5 for each additional license after the first 10.

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But here is the fine print: Microsoft requires that users of donated Microsoft 365 Premium store some (not all) of the resulting documents and files in the cloud. 1Tb is provided for each license at no additional cost. So those of us that generate reports, articles for our publication, and in general any file that would normally be sent by email could use the cloud to share, collaborate, and meet the Microsoft requirements.

If anyone wishes to obtain any of this software or if you have questions, either before or after the April 2022 deadline, please contact P/C Richard Stidger, SN.

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"I'll grant you three wishes – as long as it's not for hand sanitizer, face masks or toilet paper."



Coastal evacuations urged as Hurricane Henri heads north

©Provided by Associated Press Robin Berthet, of Sheffield, Mass., **(one of our members)** watches as his sailboat is hauled out of the water onto dry land in advance of an expected storm, Friday Aug. 20, 2021, in Plymouth, Mass. New Englanders, bracing for their first direct hit by a hurricane in 30 years, are taking precautions as Tropical Storm Henri barrels toward the southern New England coast. (AP Photo/Phil Marcelo).

Q: How many boaters does it take to change a light-bulb?

A: None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

Snips and Quips

Some people are lucky enough to have their own private yacht where they can pretty much drop anchor anywhere in the world, whenever they want! Some day, I might be lucky enough to step on board a metal beast like this!



"I finally snapped," the man said. "Last night while I was going over the bills, I discovered how much money my wife squanders and I hit the roof." "What did you do?" asked his friend. "I stormed into the bedroom and gave her a lecture on economy and thrift." "Did it help?" "I'll say. Tomorrow we're selling my boat and sailing equipment."

Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Invites YOU & YOURS to Pizza and Salad Party

TIME CORRECTION

*IT IS **6PM***

Date: Thursday, 9 June 2022
Time: 6 PM to ????
Where: Zuccos' Restaurant
 Dalton Avenue, Pittsfield, MA
What to Bring? \$5 per person for food and if you
 want Liquid Refreshments

Reservations a MUST by 6 June 2022
To Cdr Susan - either 413-637-2275 or
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Don't forget to let us know if you need a name tag with our "Moby" on it.
 (***There is absolutely No Charge for Nametags.***)
 Send an eMail to Cdr Susan at sldarcy@roadrunner.com



Don't forget our List of Benefits with Our Membership which frequently get updated.



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FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS

You now have an opportunity to proactively communicate with fellow members and the public about a new U.S. regulation governing fire extinguishers aboard recreational vessels that will go into effect on April 20, 2022.

The U.S. Coast Guard has just approved for public release the America's Boating Channel (americasboatingchannel.com/) video that covers the new rule, "FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS," and you can access it now in both downloadable and closed-captioned streaming versions to use as you wish.

Suggested uses include distributing the video to your local member and prospective member contacts by email and/or social media or playing the video for your members and/or public audiences at in-person events.

Here are links for your use

FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS – Streaming Version (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj0bFyfWV08>)

FIRE EXTINGUISHER REGULATIONS – Download Version (drive.google.com/file/d/13QM_hK2hvWWZgSSSkK3wiX0fSFEf-tSL/view?usp=sharing)

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**U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
United States
Coast Guard**



BOSTON — The Coast Guard medically evacuated an injured fisherman 90 miles east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts. Coast Guard Sector Boston watchstanders received a notification from the fishing vessel Sea Rambler, reporting that a crewmember had severely injured his arm in a hatch, and were requesting assistance.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod MH60 Jayhawk helicopter crew, and HC-144 Ocean Sentry fixed wing aircraft crew launched, and safely hoisted, and transferred the fisherman to Mass General Hospital, in Boston, for treatment.



The Sea Rambler is homeported in Portland, Maine.

Click the link below to watch exceptional video of the rescue.

[DVIDS - Video - Coast Guard MEDEVACs injured fisherman 90 miles east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts \(dvidshub.net\)](https://dvidshub.net)

