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At the Helm

Well it is that time of year when changes are happening almost every day. Just think, I'm writing this on Saturday when we set our clocks forward—change is an hour.

And of course this is the notice of our Squadron's Change of Watch where we change our officers — or out with the old and in with the new.

You'll have to search inside to find out the new officers and who (or is it whom) are the old ones. What can we say except "Thank You"?

Maybe what we should say is "Now is the time for a few good men and good women say 'YES' they will volunteer to assist as course proctors, By-Law editors, helpers at our events, article writers, and of course, the easiest, Squadron advertisers (promoting the Squadron where ever we are).

We already know we're going to do some other interesting stuff plus some special stuff plus!! Pizzas with a special program. Lobstah & Chowdah of course. A barbecue or is it bah-bee-qu and concerts and boat rides. Keep checking our calendar. We've got some great times a'comin! If you missed the pizzas, the lobstah, the chowdah, the rendezvous, the concerts and boat rides, look for more this year! .

Now for the Change of Watch, if you missed the After Holiday Party, you missed a marvelous meal and great friendships. So get your reservations in **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to enjoy the ceremony (short) and seeing all our friends.

Spring Soon? Please Stay Safe and Well!

Susan Darcy



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**BSPS & USPS CALENDARS**

February 19-26, 2023 - USPS Annual Meeting at the Rosen Plaza - Orlando, FL

March/April 2023 - D2 Winter Council - Spring Conference (dates to be determined)

April 16, 2023 - "Change of Watch" Morgan House - Lee, MA (Details Page 3)

Aug. 27-Sept. 4, 2023 - National Governing Board - Kansas City, MO

In planning stages:

Lobster/Steak Roast; Another Pizza/Salad Party; Nautical Auction; Barbecue

And yes, we do need help so please volunteer and lend a hand?

ABC (Basic Boating) — two Saturday Mornings in April 2023

Possible Courses being offered soon!

Weather Seminar — 2 hours

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

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

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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.



Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Change of Watch 2023

2:00pm, Sunday, April 16th

Morgan House Inn, 33 Main Street, Lee

Sumptuous Buffet: Yankee Pot Roast, Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almondine, Cheese Ravioli, Green Salad, Rolls & Butter, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea & Chocolate Cake **Cash Bar**

Cost: \$36 per person. Check payable to BSPS
Mail to: Bev Gilbert, 32 Bentrup Ct., Lenox, MA 01240

Reservations Required - RSVP by April 3rd:
Beverly Gilbert bevkat426@gmail.com
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"Was it a disaster, bad, good or great trip?"

Sometimes we tend to remember the bad and really forget the good. Here's an example of both—the absolute worst and the absolute best. Most will be able to identify with both. It started out the previous year of the event in question.. That was when, the owner of the boat, bent the tabernacle while dismasting the boat. More later.

Getting everything ready for the trip to Provincetown, MA was an adventure in itself — special mirrors were purchased to show the end of the boat trailer so that the 'rear end' could be watched. With lots of provisions, spare tires, a special car jack and rewired trailer lights, off the parade went.

Navigating where to launch was the biggest problem — most showed no water so the Provincetown launch was chosen. Having been many times over the years to Provincetown, the driver absolutely KNEW where the launch site was. Pulled into the place only to find it was long gone. Now to turn a 40 ft rig around in a 20 ft area. What seemed like it took hours, the rig was free. The extra mirrors seemed to protrude into the walkers on the road so maybe they weren't as good an investment as they seemed. Finally arrived at the launch site—let me list the problems quickly. Metered parking lot, 4 hour meter limit (maximum no. of hours on the meter). Now what? No boom!

The boom had been left—since it wasn't with the mast of the boat. Should the driver return to get it? Or stay without a boom. Where to put the rig after launching—how to sail the boat without a boom, How to get back to the rig to move it without a parking ticket. All great questions and no ready answers. But launch was done. Off to join the others at the rendezvous. Waving to the group as the boat motored in was pure success. Luckily, two of the members dinghied over as the cleats on the boat were too small for the mooring lines, called "Cute" by the others. Have you had enough bad and want good?

It was great seeing the group — and of course the two helpers drove the boater back to the launch site to move the rig. After moving the rig, the walk back to the marina was a welcome cool down. Now for the fun stuff — dinner out in Provincetown as most know is a challenge — not only were we too many but some of us were being setup (to be picked up). Just a really fun evening. Some others had had a challenging trip—one boat broke down in the canal and had to be towed on the hip. Amazing adventures still await for some as the weekend progressed. One of the helpers, told the harbormaster that our rendezvous had a new type sailboat without a boom so every time the harbor master went by asked what kind of a sailboat was it. As the weekend progressed, the trailer rig had to leave so without further ado, off it went.

On the trip back, no adventures were had and the boom was located where it was left. Why this story? To prove that we all have had the really bad boating days which on looking back were some of the best — the Squadron has terrific helpers, great friends and people who have the bestest boating stories. Who was the boater? Why me of course! Who else would leave their boom and have cleats too small and not check where to launch? But this was one of the best weekend's I had — with absolutely the best and worst of times.



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9 March 2023

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Subject: 2023-2024 Nomination Committee Report

Peter,

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, 16 April 2023.

BRIDGE OFFICERS:

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GENERAL COMMITTEES:

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Cynthia F. Dinan, AP (Chair)

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P/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Chair)
 P/C G. Richard Stidger, SN (2 yr)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023-2024:

P/C Kevin J. Dinan, AP (Chair)
 P/C G. Richard Stidger, SN (2 years)

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Kevin J. Dinan, AP

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Interested in buy a boat? Let us know as we have two possible people with boats to sell.

Have things you would like to advertise or sell or give away? We can publish information for you. The alternative will be to join us for another Winter Blahs Auction coming up soon.

Want to write your own good/bad boating story? Just send it to either Peter or Susan.

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About Tom McCarthy

Tom McCarthy grew up on the Great Lakes. His love of sailing and the ocean is the driving force behind this collection of stories. The editor of *Pirates!*, *Incredible Pirate Tales*, and *Incredible Tales of the Sea*, he lives in Guilford, Connecticut.

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