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At the Helm



I am honored the membership of Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron have allowed me to take the helm of the squadron as their commander. I will do my best to follow in the giant footprints of Past Commander Susan Darcy. Not an easy task.

I would like to thank all those who attended the Change of Watch at the Morgan House in Lee on April 16th. Special thanks to Beverly and Tom Gilbert for making the Morgan House arrangements and to Richard Stidger for organizing the program of the meeting. And especially, thank you to Commander Susan Darcy for keeping the squadron together for so many years.

We hope to have multiple events this summer including some on the water. The exact schedule to be announced. I hope we all can participate as much as possible and we can enjoy the summer together.

David Trudeau

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**BSPS & USPS CALENDARS**

May/June 2023 - D2 Winter Council - Spring Conference (dates to be determined)

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

Sept/Oct/Nov 2023 - D2 Summer Council - Fall Conference (dates to be determined)

In planning stages:

Lobster/Steak Roast; Another Pizza/Salad Party; Live on the Lake; Nautical Auction; Barbecue

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

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

Possible Courses being offered soon!

Vessel Safety Examiner Course — ?? hours

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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See announcements for courses and social events



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Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Forty Nine Years of Service to Boaters

1974 - 2023

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.

16 April 2023

Commander's Report for Watch Year 2022-2023

To the Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron
Membership

Thank YOU Leadership Team for this past Watch year. Your help, insights, plans and very successful events have brought a lot of our membership back to face to face. Having those events after the last few years have been a delight. A very large THANK YOU is yours for showing us what Squadron means. Thank you Squadron members for pushing yourselves to come together as a Squadron.

Over the last year since the Change of Watch at Mazzeo's, I attended two National meetings, five District meetings, and nine Squadron Team meetings.

Had my dislocated shoulder replaced. Suffered with Covid along with lots of others.

Went to a sunny Florida National meeting, only to bring back the creeping crud from Florida in February and FINALLY have gotten rid of it (fingers crossed)!

With our new team, I'm looking forward to a super successful Watch year. *Best to ALL!*

Sincerely,

Susan L. Darcy

It is with great sadness that we've learned of the passing of Sherry McDermott a few weeks ago. For those who would like to send a note or card to the family, the address is:

The McDermott Family
2641 E. Copper Oaks Place
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703

BERKSHIRE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: April 13, 2023

Please accept this Administrative Officers' Summary of Events Report to be presented at the 4/16/2023 Change of Watch. We had an active and meaningful boating season, and look forward to the upcoming year.

- Change of Watch - Mazzeo's - 27 attendees
- Live on the Lake Offered Wednesdays, July 6 through August 17 - with some nights using two Pontoon boats
- Hudson River Rendezvous Coeymans Landing Marina - 8 boats - 23 participants
- Lobster/Steak Roast-Saturday August 6 at the Reynolds' Farm - 30 attendees
- Pizza Party - Thursday November 10 at Zucco's - 22 attendees
- After Holiday Party - Sunday January 8 at Morgan House -12 attendees
- Change of Watch - Sunday April 16 at Morgan House - 20 attendees signed up

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly and Tom Gilbert,
Administrative Officers



Subject: BSPS Secretary Report 2022-2023

During the past year, I provided Secretary services by documenting meeting minutes for the leadership team meetings.

Susan Darcy collected, edited, produced and distributed the LOGs for the Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron. Many thanks to Susan for this effort.

Peter Samsel

Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron Educational Department Report

As a fairly new Educational Officer during the last years of Covid, there is basically nothing to report.

Currently, we are working on a plan to present the basic boating course, ABC3, later this Spring.

Would you be willing to come and proctor? Our plan is to have it on two consecutive Saturday mornings. If a student might have a question or you would like to share a boating story, we welcome the assistance.

Please let me know if you would be willing to help even for an hour or two. The pay is great plus there will be morning coffee and pastries available.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Dailey

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Educational Officer

BSPS Treasurer's Report for 2022/2023

Berkshire Bank Checking Account

Date	Description	Amount
3-15-22	Starting Balance	
3-15-23	Ending Balance	
	Change	

The ending balance on February 15, 2023 reflects the ending balance on the most recent statement received as of March 16, 2023.

T.Rowe Price Spectrum Conservative Allocation Fund

Date	Description	Amount	Shares	Share Price
12-31-21	Starting Balance			
12-31-22	Ending Balance			
	Change			

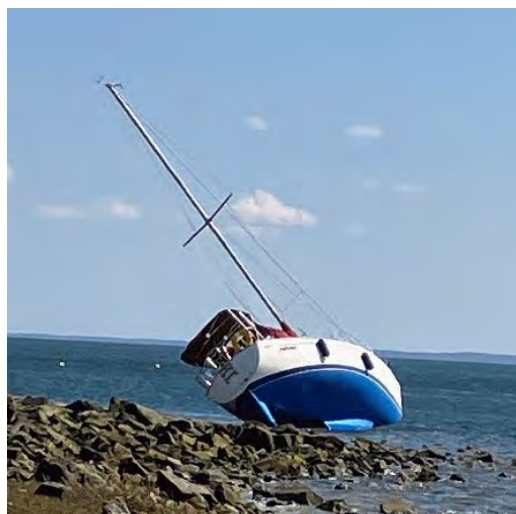
The ending balance on December 31, 2022 reflects the ending balance on the most recent statement received as of March 16, 2023.

As this is a mutual fund account, the share price will fluctuate daily.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Mason, SN

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Treasurer



Off Compo Beach, Westport, CT
Photo by Barbara Raffel
Saugatuck River Sail & Power Squadron - April 19, 2023

BSPS Audit Report for 2022/2023

The audit of the Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron financial records for the 2022/2023 year -- has been successfully completed. BSPS Treasurer Frederick Mason presented me with the records on March 16, 2023

The Berkshire Bank statements for the period were reviewed and matched against the Treasurer's records. The Treasurer is using Microsoft Excel software as a Ledger to record all transactions. The latest available Berkshire Bank statement from February 15, 2023 reported an ending balance of . This amount agrees with the Ledger ending balance after accounting for un-reconciled debits and credits.

The T. Rowe Price Spectrum Conservative Allocation Fund records were also reviewed. The latest statement, dated December 31, 2022, reported a market value for this account of . As this is a mutual fund account, the fair market value will fluctuate daily

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Dinan, AP
Audit Committee

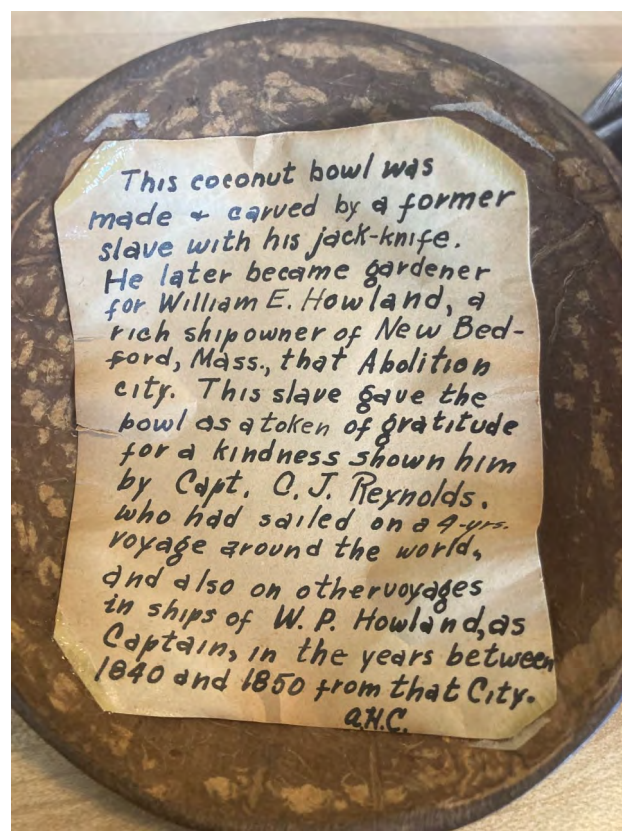
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A Note From George Reynolds

This is the bowl George spoke about. The carving is quite detailed but the true value to George is the note inside.



All Photos by Beverly Gilbert



David Trudeau being sworn in as Berkshire's Commander.



Outgoing Commander Susan Darcy with Squadron gift presented by P/C Rich Stidger



Left to right: THE 2023-2024 BERKSHIRE BRIDGE

Tom Gilbert; Beverly Gilbert; Fred Mason; Tom Dailey; David Trudeau; Susan Darcy

Now to end this missive: Two important or maybe 1 important thing & 1 kinda.

No. 1 - The financials will not be on the issue that will be put on the web.

No. 2 - Stidger's Ensign article was selected for the Facebook Ensign page (but check out the comment on it by Erik Williams, Educational Officer at Delaware Valley.)

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