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50 years of service 1974-2024



It's happening! The longest days of the year are upon us. June 20, 4:51 pm EDST. The sun has reached its zenith, 23° 26.3' N. Short nights and long days to enjoy. Hopefully some days on the water.

The theme for this year's activities will be:

“Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary with US!”

“**Live on the Lake**”, the music concerts at Burbank Park, as heard from the lake, on pontoon boats supplied by Onota Boat Livery. Wednesday evenings in July and August. They are a real fun way to feel the water under your feet. Come with us.

There will be a **Dock Party on July 16th**, (on dry ground). It's a good chance to catch up with other squadron members we haven't seen since the long dark days of winter. And what about you squadron members, we rarely see. It's our **50th Anniversary** as Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron and worth celebrating. We would love to see you.

A **Steak & Lobster Party on August 11th**. We are thinking of a cider and donut outing in the Fall and are casting about for ideas on a boating rendezvous somewhere this summer. Do you have any ideas? Contact me.

All the details are in the Log, thanks to our great flyers and staff. I hope to see you soon.

David Trudeau

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BSPS & USPS CALENDARS

Celebrating All Year our 50th Anniversary!

July 10th Starts "Live on the Lake"

July 16th - Dock Party at Onota Boat Livery

August 11th - Lobster & Steak Party - at the Reynolds' Farm

District Meetings: TBD

National Meetings:

Governing Board - Sept. 22-30 in Pittsburgh, PA

Annual Meeting - Feb. 1-10, 2025 in Orlando, FL

ABC (Basic Boating) — two Saturdays AMs

Possible Courses being offered soon!

Vessel Safety Examiner Course — ?? hours

Weather Seminar — 2 hours

New Boat Handling Course (New & Improved

Seamanship) — 6 weeks

Webinar on Hurricanes and Tornados

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

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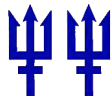
Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

FIFTY Years of Service to Boaters

1974 - 2024

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.



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You are invited join us on a pontoon boat to enjoy the 2024 [Live on the Lake Concert Series](#)

7 weeks on Wednesdays, beginning July 10 and ending August 21 (6pm till 8pm); Not all bands have been announced yet. The concert series is put on and managed by Live 95.9.



Members of our squadron are welcome to invite individuals interested in learning about safe boat handling and operation to join us for a pontoon boat cruise to a Live on the Lake Concert on Onota lake. During this event, we will discuss education and social opportunities that the Power Squadron offers.


Dates:	July 10	<i>Hot Shot Hillbillies</i>	July 17	<i>Whiskey City</i>
	July 24	<i>Horns B. Funk & Co.</i>	July 31	<i>Generation X Rock</i>
	August 7	<i>Legal Tender</i>	August 14	<i>Shyne</i>
	August 21	<i>The Liquid Courage</i>		

Arrival time / location: 5:00pm / Onota Boat Livery (463 Pecks Road, Pittsfield). Boat departs promptly at 5:30pm.

Please bring a dish to share.

Limited space, reservation required by the Sunday before each concert to allow for boating arrangements.

To register, e-mail Beverly Gilbert: bevkat426@gmail.com & indicate the dates you wish to attend. If you have questions, please contact Tom Dailey at 413 446-9119



You are invited to a
BBQ & Potluck
at
Onota Boat Livery

Tuesday, July 16th

6pm till 8pm

**Please bring a dish to share,
and \$10 per person to help
with the costs.**

**RSVP by July 9th to:
David Trudeau
413.854.5888 (cell/text)**

Summer Lobster Picnic

Come to our **BSPS Lobster Picnic on Sunday, August 11th**

The menu is:

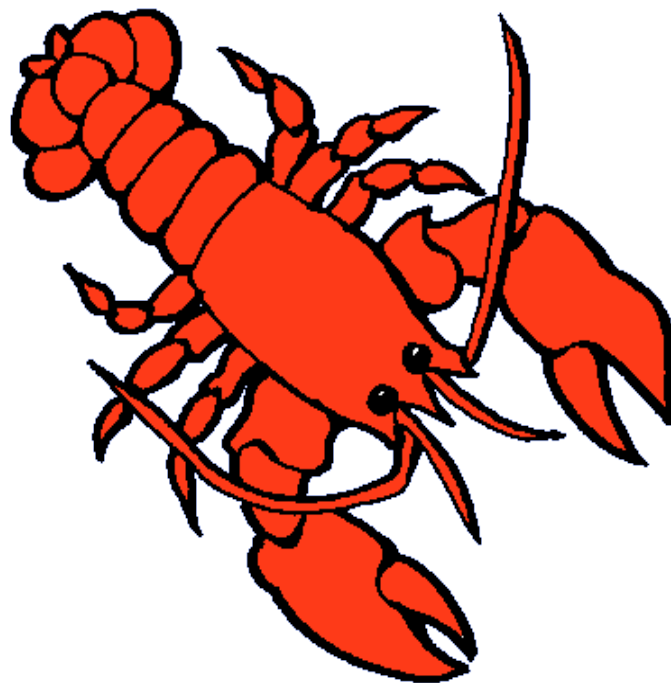
Appetizers

1 ½ Pound Maine Lobster w/Broth

Or a Steak instead of a Lobster

Salads, Veggies, Desserts

Soda, water, iced tea, and coffee



All attending please bring an **Appetizer, Salad, Veggie OR Dessert** to share and your own alcoholic beverage if you would like them.

You also need to bring lawn chairs and crackers and picks (if you have them) to eat your lobster. We have some **BUT ...** If you have extras, please bring them.

All BSPS members and guests are invited. Cost: **\$30 per person**

Sorry we had to increase the price.

Location: George & Karen Reynolds' Home, 45 Fred Mason Road, Cheshire, MA

Time Change: Setup at **NOON** – Socializing and cooking begins **1:00 pm**

RSVP no later than July 31st to Beverly Gilbert at bevkat426@gmail.com with the names of people attending, whether they will have lobster or steak, and what food item you are bringing. **If you have questions, please contact Susan Darcy at 413.637.2275 or 413.281.4169 (mobile).**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NEWS
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

28 people rescued near Cockenoe Island, Connecticut

PRESS RELEASE | March 21, 2024

NEW YORK – Twenty-eight people were rescued from the water after four boats capsized Wednesday evening near Cockenoe Island, Connecticut.

Watchstanders from Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound received a report of four capsized rowing boats around 5 p.m. Wednesday resulting in 28 people in the water.

The Westport Police Department successfully recovered 19 people from the water and brought them ashore. The other nine survivors from the incident swam to shore. All 28 people were evaluated for hypothermia.

Upon receiving the distress report, the Sector Long Island Command Center issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB) and launched a multi-agency response. Coast Guard Station Eaton's Neck responded alongside local law enforcement and first responders from Westport Police Department, Westport Fire Rescue Emergency Services, Fairfield Police Department, Darien Police Department, Norwalk Fire rescue, and Norwalk Police Department.

"This incident underscores the importance of safety while on the water, especially during this time of year," said Capt. Elisa Garrity, Sector Long Island Sound Commander. "The Coast Guard remains committed to the safety of all mariners and boaters and extends its gratitude to the community and our partner agencies for their continued support."

My question to this group of rowers: WHAT were rowing skulls doing on Long Island Sound in March? ed.

It was wonderful that so many rescuers were ready and able to come to their rescue and that no one drowned.
