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Commander's Message



Attention! All Hands on Deck! Spoiler Alert! It's Happening! January 26th (Albany, NY, statistics), our **FIRST 5:00 P.M. SUNSET!**

The next big event will be Ground Hogs Day, the more or less mathematical midpoint of winter weather. (December 2nd-April 2nd) This is what patience is for

In the meantime, now is the time for planning summer events on the water and on land. We hope to have some usual ones, dock party, Live on the Lake, a picnic. A Rendezvous? Something else unusual? We start now as the sun rises higher with the ecliptic.

In the short term, if venturing out on the ice, or encountering others outing on the ice, please wear a life preserver for your self. You might also want to bring a throwable boat cushion with 50 feet of 1/8 inch braided nylon line. If you throw and miss someone who has fallen through the ice, you can retrieve it and throw again.

Let's hope it only get used to sit on the ice!

Commander David Trudeau



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BSPS & USPS CALENDARS

Tom's Fabulous February Pizza/Salad Party - See the Flyer on Page 4 - Reservations a MUST by Feb. 12th

A special March event - Find a small blurb on the event in this newsletter.

USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Plaza - Feb. 2 thru Feb. 9, 2025

Fall Governing Board in Grand Rapids, MI - Sept. 1 thru Sept. 7, 2025

ABC (Basic Boating) — two Saturdays
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 accomplish this.

WE NEED YOU!! WE DESPARATELY NEED YOU!!

This is an urgent plea - Why do we need **YOU?** We need **YOUR** help to continue teaching - we need **PROCTORS** - we need **BOATING STORIES** - we need **FRIENDS!!** We also need the **BOATING STORIES** that we, ourselves, laugh at - running aground or sinking a dinghy!

Oops, we won't tell who "THEY" were! As we all know, we are not perfect boaters but we enjoy each other's company and more importantly, we learn from each other and are there to help one another.

We're not asking **YOU** to actually teach a session but just be there - get to know the **STUDENTS** - tell funny boating stories in the breaks - just be a presence!!!

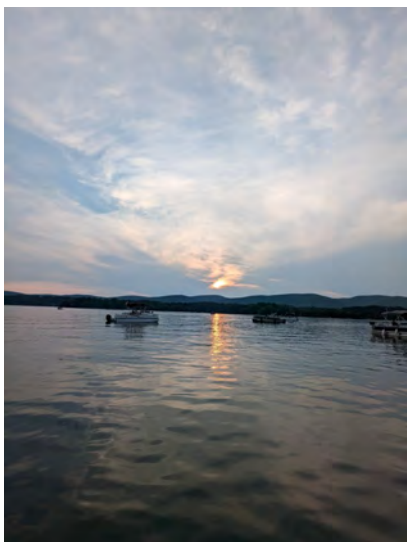
Of course, after you see how easy it is to teach a class, we figure you'll probably want to participate more but ... that might not be until the next class is offered.

We also need **YOU** to send us (via email, phone, text or carrier pigeon), what you would like to "participate" in - we are open to ALL suggestions. We've talked about a road rally (a possible Spring event); a car/boat Rendezvous; plus all our regular scheduled events!!

Look at the flyer page for the next two spectacular events (Who doesn't **LOVE** pizza and salads) and the appetizer stuff that always tastes **BEST?** So come to the events - help us teach and of course have lots of fun doing it!!

SEE YOU AT THE DAILEY PIZZA-SALAD PARTY!!

I absolutely LOVE these photos - so I'm reprinting them
Sunsets from Onota Lake during a Live on the Lake sail!





**Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron
Winter get-togethers**

Hailing our BSPS friends. You are cordially invited to a relaxing & casual pizza/salad gathering at Tom Dailey's home.

- **When: 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22nd**
- **Where: 580 Hancock Road, Pittsfield**
- **\$10 per person & BYO Beverage**
- **RSVP by February 12th:**
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IT'S HAPPENING!



JUST STAY TUNED

Rich & Carol Stidger have graciously offered their home for a Sunday afternoon party in March. It will start at 2:00 p.m. The price of admission will be for you to bring hors d'oeuvres for eight.