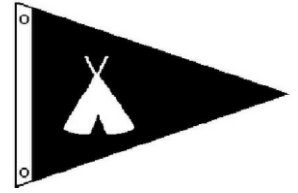


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15 Dec TRSPS Reg./Exec Meeting @ Arbors @ 1930  
Pizza @ 1830

20 Dec Happy Hanukkah

25 Dec Merry Christmas

1 Jan Happy New Year

19 Jan TRSPS Reg./Exec Meeting @ Arbors @ 1930

25 Jan Seamanship Course begins @ Richardson School, Attleboro, MA @ 1900

16 Feb TRSPS Reg./Exec Meeting @ Arbors @ 1930



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As a USPS member you are welcome at any of these events hosted by other squadrons. If you need more information on a particular event call P/C Wayne Cardoza, AP, P/C Ellen Cardoza, AP or someone in the host squadron. Reservations may be required – particularly if food is involved. TRSPS meetings at “The Arbors At Taunton” are open to all USPS members. Reports are given, committee results are acknowledged and ideas are discussed. The course of TRSPS is determined at these meetings. “The Arbors At Taunton” is located at 763 County Street. The phone number is 508-824-4800. A social hour with refreshments follows the meeting. *The Taunton River News* is the quarterly newsletter of the Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron, Inc., District 14, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®. Articles and opinions in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect USPS policy or endorsement unless so designated.

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## Message from the Bridge

*from the Commander*

Thanksgiving is in the rear-view mirror and we are going full steam ahead into the Holiday Season. The boats are all winterized by now and wrapped for the cold winter months ahead. What better way to spend a cold winter day than to take a course with your fellow squadron members. If you have not yet taken Seamanship or are a new member now is your chance as it will be offered in January. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor, our friends in the Buzzards Bay Squadron are offering the Instructor Development Course. I really hope that some of our members take advantage of this opportunity. All of the details are listed on the Education page of this newsletter.

Please check out our award winning website. Webmaster Morey Waltuck has done a great job with the website and has again this year been awarded the Distinctive Communicator Award for his work.

As we get closer to the end of the squadron year in March, the nominating committee is busy looking for members to fill Bridge positions that will be vacant at the end of the year. Please consider helping out the squadron by volunteering to serve.

On behalf of our bridge members I would like to extend holiday greetings to all our members for a safe and healthy holiday season.

Wayne Cardoza, AP

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## **Message from the Educational Department**



### **Boating Course**

Class is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 March 2012 at Bristol-Plymouth High School, Taunton, MA. Classes will be held from 1900-2100 for 5 weeks followed by the exam on week 6. Fee: \$35.00. Registration will be held from 1800 to 1900 on 7 March. First class will be held immediately following registration from 1900 to 2100. Exam is scheduled for 11 April 2012. Online registrations are also being accepted.

### **Seamanship Course**

Seamanship will start on Wednesday, 25 January 2012 at the former Richardson School, 95 Pine Street, Attleboro, MA. Class will be held from 1900-2100. The course will run for 8 weeks with the exam scheduled for 4 April 2012. This course is the first step in building a foundation for confidence and competence for the safe operation on the water. It extends the knowledge and skills of boat handling and maneuvering a vessel, sail or power. The course provides a better understanding of how boats handle under various conditions, including close quarters and open water operations.

The Executive Board has voted to offer this course "Free of Charge" to TRSPS members; a \$40 value. This is a great opportunity to obtain some free education. Please call 508-947-6317 or email us at [trps54@verizon.net](mailto:trps54@verizon.net) so that material can be ordered.

### **Instructor Development Course**

The Buzzards Bay Sail & Power Squadron is offering this course beginning Saturday, 14 January 2012 for 5 weeks. The emphasis of Instructor Development is on enhancing instructor skills. The course has been designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning. If you would like to take this course to become a certified instructor please let me know before 23 December.

## **Message from the Executive Department**



**Vessel Safety Check**- Taunton River now has 6 Vessel Examiners: Ken Amaral, Roy Belcher, Lee Blackburn, Pat Kokoska, Jim St. Don, and Phil Spenard. You may call any one of them for a Vessel Safety Check or call Lee Blackburn at 508-947-2119. He will be glad to arrange one for you. If you pass the inspection you can proudly display this decal on your boat (port side). You'll be glad you did.

**Congratulations** P/C John Murphy, SN and his able crew for getting TRSPS on the Co-Operative Charting Honor Roll. Thank you, John and crew for all your efforts.

**Message from the Administrative Department**



**Come join us for pizza at 1830 on 15 Dec. at the Arbors before our monthly meeting. Hope to see you there!**

Welcome to all our new 6 month free membership members who are now eligible to take classes, hold an office, earn a merit mark and attend all squadron events. This is a great opportunity for our new members and we would like to see you all get involved in some way with the squadron.



## ABC Boating Course Presentation at Fall District Conference



We are very pleased that our new member, Melanie Lameiras, did a presentation for the Fall District Conference presenting the ABC boating course that was held this past June at Bass Pro Shop. She also had taken the initiative to contact Bass Pro Shop in June to hold this public boating course. Thank you Melanie so much for your involvement. We appreciate all your time and efforts.



### **The Voice of the Secretary**

Hello! My name is Denise Sherman & I am the new secretary for the Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron. My fiancé, Kristopher Wesley, & I completed the ABC Boating course in the spring. We thought it would be a great idea for both of us even though he had been boating for many years & I was brand new to boating at the time. In the beginning I was nervous about getting out on the water, but I have to say after taking the course I felt more confident knowing I had learned the basics. While I still rather Kris take the lead when steering & navigating our 27ft SeaRay Sundancer, thanks to the instructors I now know what to do if need be.

Our class was the first graduating class to be offered a 6 month free membership to the Power Squadrons. Neither of us had ever heard of the Power Squadrons before taking the course, so we were curious. We attended our first meeting in April & were hooked! Since then we both have sought to become actively involved in every way we can. Kris has stepped up to be our Squadron Photographer alongside Commander Cardoza. I was proud to fill the open position of Squadron Secretary so our District Secretary, Claire Blackburn, did not have to continue to help out the Bridge. We actively try to attend all events & meetings including District ones.

Kris & I are in the process of becoming full members. We both are planning to attend the Seamanship Course in January & are looking forward to starting to fill our certificates. Kris also has plans to become a VSC examiner in the future & we both are interested in becoming instructors. We really feel that we have found a great group to be a part of & have made some wonderful friends already. We are both planning to be in this for the long haul & are interested in finding ways to educate a younger generation on all the United States Power Squadrons have to offer.

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Holidays**



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