

# Nobscot Sail and Power Squadron Membership Meeting

**Date: March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Cocktail Hour:** 1800-1830

**Dinner:** 1845

**Guest Speaker:** 2000

**Location:** [Welly's Restaurant](#) @ 153 Main St, Marlborough, MA 01752  
[Directions/map](#)

## **Becoming a Celestial Navigator in the 2017 Marion-Bermuda Race**

**Speaker: Bob Dugan**



The 645 nautical mile Marion-Bermuda Race is the only ocean race that encourages the practice of celestial navigation by giving sailboats without a GPS an advantage on corrected time. When I joined the crew of Tiara - Cape Dory 36 sailboat as navigator, I had a problem: I did not know how to use a sextant. This session describes firsthand how race preparation, capable captain and crew, careful celestial work, adaptations on the water and fortunate weather earned Tiara second place in the race.

**Bob Dugan** is a professor of computer science at Stonehill College. He has been sailing the waters of the New England and the Canadian Maritimes for twenty years with his wife Becky, son Ben, and reluctant dog Belle.

[Professor's Bio at Stonehill College](#)

