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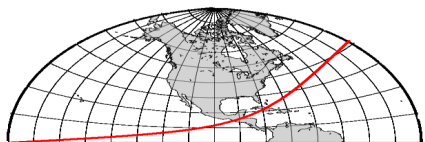
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The Rhumb Line



Commander's Message

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed your holidays! Those of you who love to ski are definitely getting some good powder to navigate up North as means to distract you from your true love, boating. The rest of us will just have to suffice with going to the New England Boat show in February. If you want to help out your Squadron and get in for free, check out the email I sent you to sign up for booth duty.



Since our last *Rhumb Line* a lot has been happening. We had a great member meeting in November with Alison O'Leary and a fantastic Christmas and Holiday Party at the Wayside Inn in December. In January, if you weren't one of the members at our January Meeting you missed a great dinner and lecture from Mike Tougias who wrote the book that Disney made into a movie, ***The Finest Hours***. He spoke to us about another book he wrote about a daring rescue during the Blizzard of 78, ***Ten Hours Until Dawn***.

On another note we kick off our Spring ABC class at Keefe Tech on March 14th. Our Change of Watch, is still to be determined as is our new Bridge. The COW should take place sometime in early April.

Our editor of the *Rhumb Line* and Legal Officer, Bob Capobianco, has resigned as our Legal Officer. Bob will continue to be actively involved in the Squadron and as editor of the *Rhumb Line*. The good news is that Bob has help now! I'd like to thank Dick and Jill Winski who have offered to help as editors and contributors to the *Rhumb Line*. This publication is still an important way for us to communicate with our Members and I am happy to have these three great people working together to keep the publication alive and well.

In my last message to you I asked that you join us on Facebook and LinkedIn. Some have joined but there are many more who haven't. Please, the next time you are online, join us. We hope to communicate information to you using the latest technology but also hope to attract folks from outside the Squadron to learn more about who we are and what we do. Please participate! Post anything you want regarding the Squadron or anything nautical that comes to mind. The more activity we create on these sites, the more interest we will generate from the general Internet public. Go to the links below to make your request to be a member of these 2 groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/66283496221/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8544115>

Hope to see you at our next event!

Best wishes,

Cdr. Dave

Merit Marks

If you received a merit mark for 2016, you received the following message from our Chief Commander, "For over 100 years, the United States Power Squadrons has worked to make the water a better place. We've done this through the hard work and dedication of volunteer members like you. A merit mark is awarded to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. Please accept the thanks of the members of USPS for your efforts to achieve our goals and fulfill our mission."

"Congratulations and I hope you will continue your support in the coming year and beyond.

Yours in Boating,

Louie

Louie Ojeda

Chief Commander

United States Power Squadrons"

The following members of Nobscot Sail and Power Squadron received merit marks for 2016:

Name	Merit Marks
P/D/C Joseph V. Mac Phee, SN	43
P/D/C James E. Mello, AP	41
P/C Robert R. Capobianco, JN	39
P/D/C Warren L. Hawkins, JN	36
P/R/C Don L. Hagen, SN	35
P/C Frank R. Marobella, AP	33
P/D/C Paul J. Nordquist, AP	29
P/D/Lt/C Richard H. Winski, AP	29
P/C Thomas J. Toomey, SN	27
David O. Jones, SN	24
P/Lt/C Jill L. Winski, AP	23
P/C Susan Kennedy, AP	22
P/Lt/C Michael M. Sullivan, AP	19
P/C John O. Savilonis, AP	18
Cdr David Danehy, P	17
P/D/Lt/C Ai Lean Lim, JN	13
D/1st/Lt Frederick A. Costanza, N	10
Clifford Scott, JN	9
P/C Stephen P. Mullen, JN	7
P/C Bruce D. Arey, AP	7
P/Lt/C Richard J. Kozlowski, JN	6
Mary Scott	6
Glenn Connell, N	5

Data compiled by Dick and Jill Winski

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN OUR SQUADRON?

Nobscot Sail & Power Squadron Christmas Party 2016

Twenty folks enjoyed the festivities at the annual Christmas Party held at the Wayside Inn. (See pictures in this issue.) The event was held in the Old Kitchen with the blazing fireplace exuding a warm glow and the holiday decorations creating an atmosphere only to be found at Christmas time.

Some of the family names that graced the event included Capobianco, MacPhee, Marobella, Prouty, Mullen, Danehy, Mello, Savilonis, Nordquist, Eakmann and Connell.

The food as always was excellent. Guests enjoyed their choice of prime rib, salmon, walnut stuffed chicken or seasonal raviolis.

During dessert everyone took part in our un-traditional Capobianco Yankee Swap! Several times the Sudbury Militia Fife and Drum unit marched through our room to add more revelry to this already lively time!

If you couldn't make it this year hopefully you will make it next year. Our thanks go out to Bob Capobianco for planning this event and to the Past Commander's Club for generously helping fund the cost of the dinner.

Fascinating Presentation by Capt. Stefan Edick, the Schooner *Adventure*

Nobscot Members who attended the Membership Meeting on November 16th enjoyed a great presentation about one of only two surviving Essex-built knockabout fishing schooners. Capt. Edick commands the schooner, *Adventure*, docked in Gloucester, MA. It was built in 1929 and now serves as an operational schooner which educates the public on the life of fisherman who crewed on a vessel of this type. The schooner received its name, "knockabout" because it has no bow sprit. Bow sprits were called widow makers due to the fact many seaman lost their lives while managing sails from that part of the schooner. The knockabouts were designed without a bow sprit to eliminate this source of danger to seaman.

January Member Meeting was "*Ten Hours Until Dawn*"!

On January 18th Nobscot held its membership meeting at Welly's Restaurant in Marlborough. All Squadrons from District 12 were invited. 20 folks attended the event. Cdr Hermann and DEO Tom Gonsiorowski attended the event along with Cdr. John Lowe, Betty Lowe and Judy Shuppert from Minuteman, Carole and Gordon Talley from Great Blue Hill and Andy and Meg Ware from Charles River.

Meetings at Welly's are always a fun event where the ambiance is warm and inviting, the guests always have something to talk about, and the meals for \$10 save you cleaning dishes when you get home! Guests got to choose from Shrimp Chicago, Baked Stuff Haddock, Cashew Chicken or Maple Mustard Pork Chops. If the sumptuous dinners were not a draw, the speaker definitely was. Mike Tougias, an accomplished author, with his last book made into a movie by Disney Studios, spoke to the group about his book, *Ten Hours Until Dawn*, which described the events that took place during the Blizzard of 78 Storm where the daring crew of the *Can Do* set a course out of Gloucester to rescue a Coast Guard crew and the crew of a floundering tanker off the coast of Marblehead. His presentation was enjoyed by all. Everyone got a chance to pick up a few of his many excellent books and have them autographed by the author himself.

Commander's Report to the Executive Committee

January 26th, 2017

PM 6:30 – Kennedy's Pub & Restaurant

247 A Maple Street

Marlborough, MA 01752

1. Our Membership Meeting was held at Welly's on January 18th with Michael Tougias who spoke to us about his book, ***10 Hours Until Dawn***. His presentation was enjoyed by all. He offered his book and several other literary pieces for sale and autographed each book for his clients. We had 20 folks attend with over 9 from other D12 Squadrons. 3 from the WC Squadron joined us.
2. We celebrated Christmas and the holidays at our annual party held at the Wayside Inn on December 7th. Bob Capobianco MC'd his version of the Yankee Swap which was enjoyed by all.
3. D12 is looking for help manning the booth at the Boat Show. I forwarded the email to all Members allowing them the chance to sign up for this annual event.
4. Jim Mello, Dick and Jill Winski and I attended D12's session on how to generate more interest in the ABC Class and how to convert students from these classes over to members which took place on Saturday, November 19 from 9-11:30 at the Westwood Senior Center. Some useful ideas were generated from the brainstorming session. See details in a separate report.
5. I approached Dick Winski about being Membership Activity Chair. After some thought he felt it was too much to take on especially since a majority of the Members reside in the Metro West area and he is not familiar with venues and potential places for entertainment to be an effective activities chair. Instead he and Jill volunteered to assist Capo in publishing the Rhumb Line.
6. D12's Council Meeting will be held Saturday, February 4th, at the Cooper Tavern at 10 A.M. The Spring Conference is scheduled for March 25th in Plymouth.
7. In an email with Mike Sullivan, I got confirmation that the WC Squadron books passed a typical Squadron financial audit.
8. After some discussions with Keefe Tech we have decided to offer the ABC class this Spring. It is already in their catalogue and the class is scheduled to commence March 14th on Tuesday evenings. There is no class on April 18th due to school vacation. Also, we have an extra day and maybe we could use it for the BSVT?
9. I reached out to Abbey Kidder, President of World Ocean School and the schooner, the *Roseway*, to see if she would like to speak to our group. Tentatively, I have her waiting for our Change of Watch date. She will speak at the COW if our date fits her schedule.
10. Capo has resigned as Nobscot Law Officer. He has retired from the practice of law after 53 years. His daughter, Theresa, has taken over his practice.

Submitted ABC Schedule to Joe for Boat Show.

Respectfully yours,

Dave Danehy

Commander Nobscot Sail and Power Squadron



USPS District 12 Spring Conference and 76th Change of Watch



Saturday March 25, 2017

Plymouth Yacht Club, 34 Union Street

Hosted by the Old Colony Sail and Power Squadron

Full agenda, registration and payment info on D12 website: www.usps.org/localusps/d12

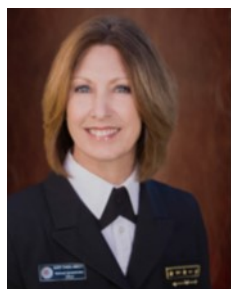
Education and socializing

Morning session includes coffee and pastries before:

Instructor Recertification OR

CPR/AED training- reservations required!

Catered hot buffet lunch at 1200 followed by our guest speaker Peter Shelley, Senior Counsel at the Conservation Law Foundation. Peter will discuss the New England fisheries.



After we hand out some well-earned awards, we will hear from [V/C Mary Paige Abbott](#), SN-IN, National Administrative Officer who will deliver Chief Commander Louis Ojeda's message.

Change of Watch

At this COW Richard Terry, SN will be sworn in as Commander of District 12. Please welcome him and his Bridge as they lead our District for the next two years!





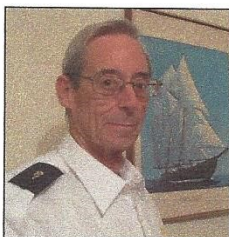
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Welcome to the United States Power Squadrons' 103rd Annual Meeting.

A great deal of planning and preparation by your National Meetings Committee has gone into making this an event well worth attending. The agenda is packed with useful meetings and seminars, our EXPO and plenty of opportunities to socialize with new and long-time friends. The Rosen Centre's

convenient location—with all that Orlando has to offer nearby—and its wonderful amenities and gracious hospitality promise you a comfortable and enjoyable stay.

EXPO 2017 is an integral part of our meeting. It will be held on Friday in the Junior Ballroom from 0900 to 1700. You will enjoy the exhibit booths representing all of our national committees. The purpose of the booths is to give members, squadrons and districts an opportunity to ask questions and interact with their committee's staffs and leaders. They are looking forward to seeing you, as you are from that all-important pool of active members who attend our national meetings. You will also want to vote in the Youth Poster Contest and view all of this year's entries in our annual Teaching Aid Contest.

While you're at the EXPO, you will also appreciate meeting many of our important United States Power Squadrons' sponsors who will have a booth at the EXPO. Please stop by and say hello.

Welcome to Orlando!

— Stf/C Mark Gathings, SN-CN, National Meetings Committee

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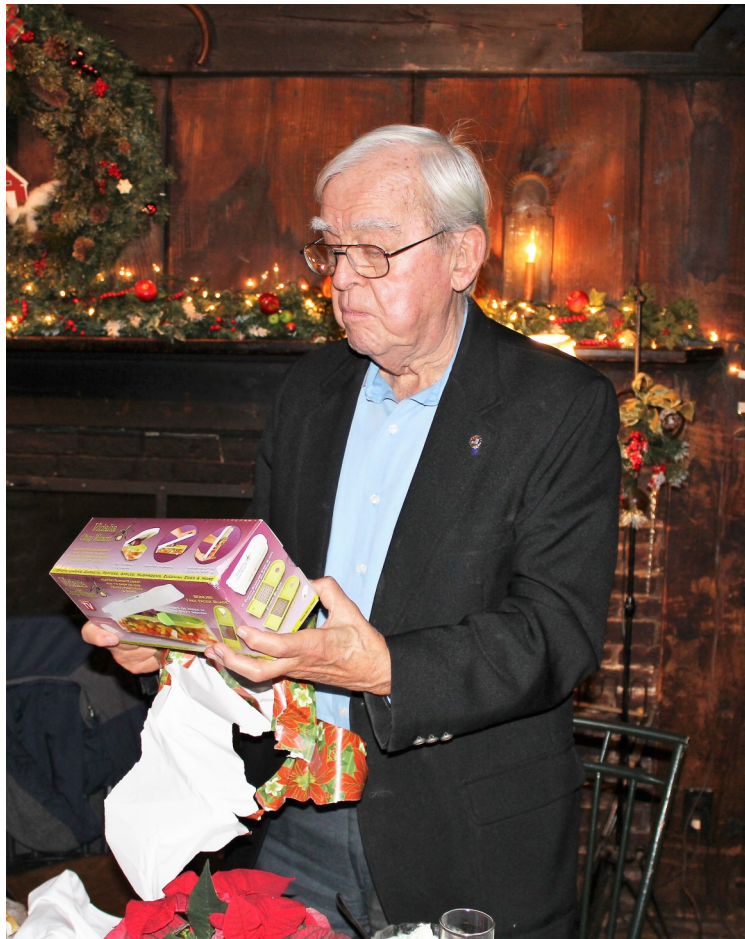
Meet Our Platinum Corporate Sponsors

Christmas Party Pictures



Stephen Eakman, Glen & Donna Prouty, Stephen & Janet Mullen, Dottie & (a hand, arm and nose of her husband Jim Mello, John Savilonis and Celia Danehy.





P/D/C Paul Nordquist, AP



Sudbury Ancient Fife & Drum Corp performing at the Wayside Inn



Donna Prouty, Stephen and Janet Mullen and Jack Savilonis



P/C Frank Marobella, AP and P/C Robert R. Capobianco, JN
"What is it Frank?"



Sue & Frank Marobella with Bob Capobianco in the background



P/C Stephen Mullen



P/D/C James E. Mello, AP



P/C Stephen & Janet Mullen, P/C & Cmdr. Dave Danehy, P and his mother and step father, P/D/C Paul Nordquist, AP with P/C Frank Marobella AP



Glen & Donna Prouty, Steven & Janet Mullen



Dot & Jim Mello



Carol A. MacPhee, S



Jeanne A. Capobianco



Joan E. Melanson guest of
Jeanne Capobianco



Change of Watch

**Where: Wayside Inn
Sudbury, MA**

When: April 8, 2017

**Time: 6:00 PM (1800 for you nauticals) for social
hour. Cash bar. Dinner served at 7:00 PM**

Reservation details on the next page.

Menu: Prime Rib	\$31.25	_____
Schrod	\$25.35	_____
Raviolis	\$21.80	_____
Total		_____

Includes a garden salad, rolls, vegetable, coffee/tea and deep dish apple pie with whipped cream.

Please make your reservations with Susan Kennedy:

Check off your menu selections with the number of meals selected.

Fill in total amount of purchase.

Make check out to Nobscot Sail and Power Squadron, Inc.

Mail check and copy of above form to:

P/C Susan M. Kennedy
125 Edgebrook Road
Framingham, MA 01701-3818

OR: Make your menu selections and payment on our PayPal link on the Squadron's website:

www.nobscotusps.org

OR: Send an email to Susan Martone with the required information: susan_martone@yahoo.com

Please be prepared to pay your bill upon arrival at the function. Sorry but you cannot cancel after April 1, 2017.

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