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Commander 1994 - 1995

Crossed the Bar, July 1, 2019

"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

- Obituary on Page 5 -

Commander's Message

Cdr Joseph F. Frawley, AP



Dear members of Great Blue Hill:

I hope that all of you have been able to get out on the water with your families making memories as much as possible this season. We have been very fortunate with regards to the weather for boating this summer. Hopefully, it'll continue till the end of October.

The Vineyard Rendezvous was once again a success. Vineyard Rendezvous veterans Jim & Donna Andersen, Laurie Reilly, Chip Wayne, Gayle Becker and her grand daughter, Lily, were in attendance. Rendezvous newcomers Col Black, daughter Maureen, Leo and Maureen Boudreau, rounded out Illumination Night and joined us for a cookout at our home.

During our Town Meeting last March our Membership put forth a lot of great ideas to make GBH more efficient and fun. These ideas have been codified into the "GBH Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2022" Thanks (once again) to Peter Griswold for your time & effort in making this a reality. Starting at our September Dinner Meeting we will be making some changes and implementing the most popular ideas from our Membership to make our meetings more efficient and enjoyable.

Piloting starts on Sept on September 10th and is being held at the Westwood MA Senior Center. This course is being taught by our own Capt. Mike Hanlon, JN, and Jim Andersen, N, (Certified Instructors).

This is an outstanding course & seating is limited. Registration made easy on our website at abc-gbh.org.

See you all on the 12th of September.

Commander *Joseph F. Frawley, Jr., AP*





Executive Officer's Message

Lt/C Bette O'Conner, S



Dear Members of Great Blue Hill:

GLUE! In our lives glue impacts each person differently. The time comes to fix something and, in the repair, making it better. Yet how does glue truly impact other significant areas in our lives? I have spent the past months looking at GBH to see how we can make life better for the membership. I present an idea and I hear, "Great idea, but who is going to help?" Well, my response is "membership" (aka the glue). Membership is our biggest asset and without members we would not be afloat.

Indeed, we have a great Bridge with seasoned boaters and with diverse backgrounds. What is the role of the Bridge beyond keeping the organization afloat? Simple. We are in office to follow the direction of the membership to work for and *with* every member to make our already great Squadron better.

Is our membership working with us? In the near future a challenge will be made to all members with a time to complete the challenge of next Spring. And yes, there will be a nice reward for the person most successful in their effort.

Happy Boating,
Bette

Administrative Officer's Message

Lt/C David F. Albanese, S



Dear Members of Great Blue Hill:

Hopefully everyone has had a great summer. Remember that there are plenty of great boating days left! As we move towards our "regular" season in September, we've got some great guest speakers lined up. As a reminder, for the rest of 2019, our meetings will be Thursday, September 12th, and Thursday, November 7th. Both at our usual location at the American Legion Hall, 155 Eastern Ave, Dedham. Watch for the email so you can sign up and pay online, or just go to the GBH Squadron website. We're going to explore changing the order of business this year, so that we can make better use of our time. This is based off of the workshop we did last year where everyone gave input. We'll be conducting the business portion of the meeting first, followed by dinner. The guest speaker will start while we have desert and coffee.

In September, bestselling author Mike Tougias will return and do a presentation on the Pendleton rescue from his book, and the movie, *The Finest Hours*. As a bonus, he'll also present the story detailed in the book, *So Close to Home*, an account of an American family that survived a U-Boat attack in WWII.

In November, Professor Jim Holmes from the US Naval War College, in Newport RI, will present on the Treasure Fleet of Zheng He. This was recommended by one of our fellow GBH Squadron mates as a riveting story about ancient Chinese maritime exploration and their ships.

Fair winds and following seas, and we'll see you in September!"

Dave



United States Power Squadrons

Great Blue Hills Sail & Power Squadron Dinner Meeting

Come for the boating education...stay for the friends

This meeting...

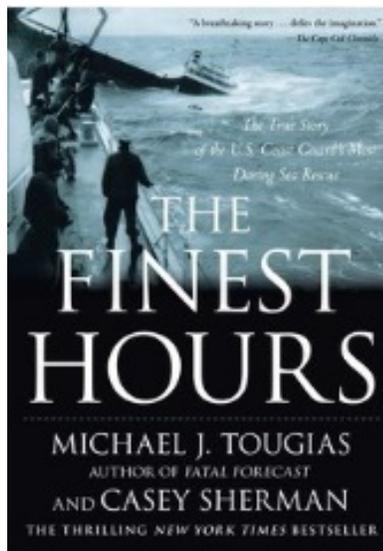
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On Thursday September 12, Mr. Michael Tougias will be our speaker at the GBH dinner meeting. Mr Tougias (pronounced Toe-gis) is a well-known lecturer and author of over 20 books. He was our guest speaker at a 2010 dinner.

In a 1952 nor'easter, the distress of two ships off Cape Cod initiated a dramatic Coast Guard operation recounted here. Both vessels were WWII surplus, cheaply built, unwisely kept in service, and broken in two by the storm. All four halves floated and the narrative tracks four separate search-and-rescue efforts.

This will be a busy night. Last May we cancelled our dinner meeting because it would have occurred only a few days after our 50th Anniversary & Change of Watch (the COW). A few awards, usually given out in May, will be conferred upon deserving members at this meeting!!

**General Meeting Thursday September 12
American Legion Hall**

155 Eastern Avenue, Dedham

**1830 Social hour - 1900 quick business reports followed by a buffet dinner
2030 Speaker presentation**

Please contact A/O Dave Albanese for reservations:

ao@abc-gbh.org or online at <https://abc-gbh.org/registration>

Register by Sunday 9/08 for \$20. After Sunday \$25!

We really don't want the extra money- we want you to register right now!

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Great Blue Hill Sail & Power Squadron FALL 2019 CALENDAR

GBH Dinner Meeting, VFW, Dedham	12	September
USPS Governing Board Mtg., Louisville, Ky	8-15	September
Newport Boat Show	12-15	September
GBH Executive Committee Meeting, CoA, Westwood	3	October
Boat Hauling!		October
Multi-District Fall Conference, Location TBA	1 - 3	November
GBH Dinner Meeting, VFW, Dedham	7	November



Meet our newest members!

by P/C Joseph Kelliher, AP

This spring GBH offered **America's Boating Course** in Westwood and Walpole. Here are a few details about the eight students that joined our Squadron. SO= significant other

Marjorie Charney, Jamaica Plain: shares a 15' Boston Whaler with Boe Morgan, mostly in Provincetown. She is a paralegal and, among other things, teaches motor cycle safety. SO- Nancy.

John Fitzgerald, Mansfield: owns Shannon Rose, a 30' Grady White, docked in Falmouth. SO – Sandy. Look for an article in this issue about John's quick action to help rescue a MOB!!

Thomas Grimes, East Walpole: he is an investment advisor. He docks his 27' Grady White, Surfside, in Bass River. SO – Judith.

Christopher McGrath, West Roxbury: keeps his 21' Grady White, Sol Mate, in Cotuit. SO- Megan.

Barbara Ann "Boe" Morgan, Roslindale: Shares a 15' Boston Whaler with Marjorie Channing. She is an attorney and has her Class A CDL.

Tom Murphy, Plainville: travels to Westport to use his 27' Worldcat, Kimberly Ann. He is in the Water and Sewer construction business. No surprise, his SO is Kimberly!

Robert Perilli, North Attleboro: an electrical engineer, he belongs to the Marshfield yacht Club. He owns a 21' Wellcraft, Anna Bell. SO - Sheila

Jay Sheck, Medfield: boats out of Dennis on his 21' Wellcraft.

Welcome Aboard!

CATBOATS, PIRATES & GRANDCHILDREN?

by Jim Andersen, N



The next adventure in Jim Andersen's new YouTube Channel, "Catboat Adventures", is all about capturing the dreams and imagination of his 5 year old grandson, Victor. His video takes us into the fantasy world of finding an old key hidden in a library book about pirates, and then upon a little more searching at the back of the book, they find a map where "X" marks the spot.

But, the island on the map is called "Monkey Island". They searched Google Earth and found a "Little Island" in Padanaram, that looked like the island on the map. And then they learned that Little Island was nicknamed "Monkey Island" by the locals. And so off they went in their Marshall CatBoat "You Betcha" in search of pirates and long-lost buried treasure.

Jim tells us that he's learned that being a grandfather is all about creating experiences and memories for your grandchildren that will last a lifetime. By the looks of things, Victor did not get disappointed. Don't forget to leave comments on the video about your special experiences with your children or grandchildren. And if you like the video, click on the "Like" button and Subscribe to the channel.

Jim promises more videos to come later this summer and fall where he will be exploring the skinny waters around Buzzards Bay, the Elizabeth Islands and Martha's Vineyard. The little hidden gems where only shallow draft boats can go. Enjoy the journey!

P/C Vincent F. Kajunski, SN

Vincent F. Kajunski, of Milton, age 77, passed away peacefully on July 1st. Beloved husband of Ruth A. (Cannon) for over 53 years. He was the cherished father of Paul V. and his wife Donna of Hanover, Joseph F. of West Quincy, Daniel T. and his wife Suzy of Needham, Annmarie Hamill and her husband, Paul of Manchester, MO, and Christine R. Scott and her husband, Sam of Roslindale. Vin loved his 14 grandchildren: Madison, Hailey, Abigail, Natalie, Charlotte, Christopher, Kathleen, Joseph and Steven Kajunski; James, Patrick and Megan Hamill; and Catherine and Isabelle Scott. He was the devoted son of the Frank and Charlotte (Wysocki) Kajunski and brother of the late Gerard F.X. Kajunski.



After graduating from Mission High in Roxbury, Vin went on to receive his Bachelors in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University. He then spent 41 years at the F.C.C. in positions of increasing responsibility, retiring as the Chief Engineer in Charge of New England.

In addition to his job and raising a family, Vin was an avid skier, boater and fisherman and was the Past Commander and active member of the Great Blue Hill Sail and Power Squadron. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family and friends on the porch or water in Hull or on the slopes in North Conway. Visiting hours at the Alfred D. Thomas Funeral Home, 326 Granite Ave., Milton Sunday 4 to 8 PM. Funeral Mass at St. Elizabeth Church, Milton Mon. morning at 10. Burial Milton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research by mail to Donation Processing, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or online at <https://www.michaeljfox.org/donate>

There'll be some changes made!

You may have noticed the change to our *View from the Blue* header on the front page, as well as, the absence of the U.S. Power Squadron logos and name in this newsletter. I have tried to preserve most of the original Header for the *View from the Blue* that was designed by Ann Kline, the wife of our founder P/C Bill Kline.

These changes are a part of the rebranding and marketing campaign from U.S.P.S. National to move the "U.S. Power Squadrons" brand name to become "America's Boating Club". The changes are minor, but the results, we hope, will be major as more and more boaters find our local Squadrons and training programs. Please see the article below for more information on the purpose of these changes.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB®

By Eileen Rickard, SN and Paul Mermelstein, SN



How many times have you talked about the United States Power Squadrons® to boating friends and gotten a blank look? Well now we have a way to talk about our organization that helps us connect better to the boating public. USPS has trademarked an alternate brand – America's Boating Club®.

For a long time the USPS national organization and individual squadrons have wrestled with the idea of changing our name because it is often not even recognized as being connected with boating. Unfortunately changing our name is expensive and has many downsides.

But using another brand, one owned and registered by the United States Power Squadrons, gives us many of the advantages of changing our name without many of the costs. Businesses do this all the time. The GAP, for example, uses four other brands to appeal to different groups – Old Navy, Banana Republic, Athleta and Intermix. We are legally the United States Power Squadrons, but we are also America's Boating Club. Likewise we are legally *Your Squadron* Sail and Power Squadron but we are also either *Your Squadron's* Boating Club or America's Boating Club, *Your Squadron*.

The new brand also does a better job of encompassing all parts of our organization. As a club we are seen as a social organization that has fun as well as providing great boating education and public service.

The new logo incorporates the Ship's Wheel in the "O" and a forward-looking graphic indicating water and sail, power and manually powered boats. It also uses the USPS colors and fonts.

There are several formats of the logo for different uses. One version can be used as a letterhead or a newsletter masthead. It can also be combined with the local squadron or district name and/or flag.



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The time to transition to the new logo is now. We hope to complete the change by the end of 2019. National has made some suggestions on how individual squadrons may use the new logo. But the rules and the timing are not hard and fast in order to allow time for squadrons to adapt to the new concept. The Marketing Committee has published a Marketing Guidebook to help with the transition and local decisions. Many of you know that in the last couple of years we have changed to brand standards that made sure that the United States Power Squadrons name and logo were presented in the primary position and specific ways. Competitions and awards were given only to squadrons and districts that adhered to these detailed standards.

The America's Boating Club transition is being handled differently. This is a significant transition to a new way of promoting ourselves, so squadrons and districts are being given guidance but are encouraged to proceed with the approaches and schedule that fits their needs. The real requirement is that in some way America's Boating Club is shown to be owned by the United States Power Squadrons. The use of both logos and the possible wordings above indicate that. America's Boating Club should appear with an ® and somewhere on the page it must show that America's Boating Club is owned by the United States Power Squadrons.

What will you see soon for *Your Squadron*? You may start seeing it in emails or any written communication. We can try a changing the mailing page in new issues of *Your Squadron's* Newsletter. We will probably move to using the new logo on our website and eventually on the masthead of *Your Squadron's* newsletter when we reprint colored mastheads again. We need to decide where and how we want to use the name in official ways.

But you don't have to wait for that. In your conversations with others, including boaters, remember

We are America's Boating Club®



New member helps find a MOB in Nantucket Sound!

by P/C Joseph Kelliher, AP

John Fitzgerald just completed America's Boating course in Westwood this spring. (See our new member article in this issue.) He sent me an email detailing his participation in a search for a missing crew from a sailboat. His narrative describes his quick response and logical analysis that led to a successful outcome!

First off, thanks again for a great class. I really enjoyed it.

Second, I wanted to relay an experience we had with a search/rescue operation off of Martha's Vineyard. My wife and I were fishing just off Mashpee when a DSC alert came over the radio, followed by a mayday call. A sailboat (a big one - maybe 40') had lost someone overboard midway between Oak Bluffs and the mainland. I located their approximate location in my chart plotter and saw we were only about 4 miles away so we immediately ended fishing and went to help out. We encountered the sailboat under power (she was still headed towards the mainland - not sure why) and we tried to assess where we should set up for the search. After a short while I realized we were a long ways from where the swimmer went into the water - which was about midway between Hedge Fence shoal and l'Hommedieu shoal (we were, at that point already well north of both shoals). We knew which way the drift was going from our fishing so we set up between the shoals and then worked against the current to try to intercept the swimmer. Another boat which had joined was a short distance from us so we covered the area together. The other boat is the one that found the swimmer - they were about 150yds away and truthfully it had gotten so choppy we didn't see her until we heard over the radio that they had spotted her.

All ended well, as the swimmer was a strong swimmer and a number of boats jumped in to help. The Coast guard was involved of course. But it was good to help out.

In my response I noted that he confirmed what I teach in ABC- it is hard to see a person in only moderately choppy water. In a second email he offered some observations for all of us:

Agreed - amazing how much 2' (and less) seas made it hard to see anything in the water.

*A few thoughts on *my* learnings from this*

- knowing how to use the radio is important - especially at the moment of a "mayday" call. Know how to interpret DSC calls (if supported on your radio) and have a way to find location on a chart*
- don't unnecessarily get in the way caller<->Coast Guard communication.*
- (your lesson drilled this into us) first thing - put on your life preserver!*
- if you should pull a swimmer from the water, get a quick assessment of health and if possible name, age, and what ship they were on* you want to be sure you have the "right" swimmer before ending the search.
- know how to properly describe your location , both relatively ("1 mile north of Oak Bluffs") and by map coordinates (latitude and longitude)*
- this one was an eye opener for me - some displays of coordinates are in degrees and minutes (e.g. 70 degrees 30 minutes west) and sometimes its displayed as a decimal (70.5 degrees west). My GPS was showing 70.50 degrees but the other captain was using 70 degrees 30 minutes (which are the same thing). I'm lucky enough to have 2 displays on my chart plotter so I've since set one to display GPS coordinates in decimal and one to display in degrees/minutes.*
- it's hard to see people in the water.*

John and his wife Sandy demonstrated excellent seamanship and cool thinking. They deserve our congratulations for a job well done. We're proud to say that you are one of our own!!



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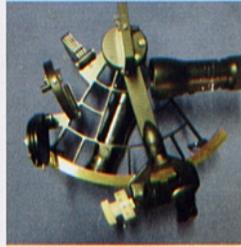
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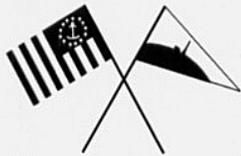
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