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Morgan House, Lee, MA.**

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At the Helm



Ho Ho Ho - Yes that's me - I know you did recognize me but I'm trying to put you in the mood for our fantastic "After the Holidays Party". Thanks to Tom and Bev Gilbert, we have a wonderful venue and LOTS of great menu choices. And of course, bring a gift, get a gift. (8 January 2023 at 2PM or 1400 nautical)!

Why do we do it after the holidays and not before? Well, we decided a few years back that we were ALL SO VERY BUSY before the holidays, it was difficult to find a good date BUT after we could pick lots of days. So that is why we do it after.

Right now, I'm looking out the window at the snow and thinking is it really December 11? I absolutely don't know where the year has gone. Looking back at some of our great times together, I thank all of you for all you do for the community, your families, your friends and the Squadron. The Squadron is really fortunate to have all of you contributing so much.

If you missed the pizzas, the lobster, the chowdah, the rendezvous, the concerts and boat rides, look for more next year! We really want to do more - a barbecue plus all the other great times.

I know you are planning to attend the After Holidays Party on 8 January 2023 - be sure to get your reservations in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Morgan House!

Happy Holidays and Please Stay Safe and Well!

Susan Darcy

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BSPS & USPS CALENDARS

- January 8, 2023 - "After the Holidays Party"**
Morgan House - Lee, MA (Details Page 3)
- February 19-26, 2023 - USPS Annual Meeting**
at the Rosen Plaza - Orlando, FL
- March/April 2023 - D2 Winter Council - Spring Conference** (dates to be determined)
- Aug. 27-Sept. 4, 2023 - National Governing Board - Kansas City, MO**

In planning stages:

Lobster/Steak Roast; Another Pizza/Salad Party; Nautical Auction; Barbecue
And yes, we do need help so please volunteer and lend a hand?

ABC (Basic Boating) — two Saturday Mornings in January 2023

Possible Courses being offered soon!

Weather Seminar — 2 hours

New Boat Handling Course (New & Improved Seamanship) — 6 weeks

What courses are *YOU* interested in? Let either Tom Dailey or Susan Darcy know what you would like to take.

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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 this end.



Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron After the Holidays Party

2:00pm, Sunday, Jan. 8th
Morgan House Inn, 33 Main St., Lee

Sumptuous Buffet: Yankee Pot Roast, Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Pasta Pesto, Chocolate Cake, Green Salad, Rolls & Butter, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea **Cash Bar**

Cost: \$25 per person. Check payable to BPS
Mail to: Bev Gilbert, 32 Bentrup Ct., Lenox, MA 01240

Reservations Required - RSVP by December 27th:
Beverly Gilbert bevkat426@gmail.com
or 413.822.4306 (mobile/text)

**Optional Gift Exchange (\$15 limit)
Bring a Gift – Get a Gift**



"What was your boating score?"

Answers were Yes or No!

1. Are gasoline fumes lighter than air?
NO. Gasoline fumes are heavier than air and can accumulate in the bilge.
2. Do boats under sail always have the right of way over powerboats?
NO. Sailboats overtaking a powerboat DO NOT have the right of way
3. Is the PORT running light a GREEN light?
NO. The port running light is RED. The starboard running light is GREEN.
4. Is 'WINDWARD' a direction AWAY from the wind?
NO. If you face *into the wind*, you are facing WINDWARD. If you are facing *away from the wind*, you are facing LEEWARD
5. Should a POWERBOAT sound a bell when underway in fog?
NO. Powerboats should sound a BELL at anchor in a fog; a HORN underway in a fog.
6. Does a SPRING LINE often help in docking a boat?
YES. Spring lines run from a vessel to a piling or fitting on a pier that prevents the boat from moving ahead or astern.
7. Should you treat hypothermia by warming the victim's extremities?
NO. This may cause cold blood to be circulated to the core of the body, lowering its temperature even lower. This lessens the chance for survival.
8. Are NUN buoys usually even numbered and painted red?
YES. Nun buoys are usually RED and EVEN-NUMBERED.
9. Is the purpose of the 'Navigation Rules' to prevent collision?
YES. The Navigation Rules were written to prevent collisions at sea.
10. Is a life preserver necessary for every person aboard a boat?
YES. U. S. Coast Guard regulations require that recreational boats, including canoes and kayaks, have a USCG-approved life preserver on board for each person in the boat. **(REMEMBER NEW LIFE-JACKET RULES)**
11. Does the LUBBER LINE hold the compass in place?
NO. A *Lubber Line* is a line on the compass bowl to read the vessel's heading from a compass card.
12. Would a boat on a true course of 270° be heading East?
NO. True course 270° is WEST. True course 090° is EAST.
13. Is the skipper liable for damage caused by the vessel's wake?
YES. Skippers are responsible for damage to persons or property caused by a vessel's's wake.
14. Do coastal navigation charts show water depths?
YES. Numbers representing water depths are prominent and important features of coastal charts.
15. Is TIDE the horizontal movement of water?
NO. *Tide* is the VERTICAL movement of water. *Current* is the HORIZONTAL movement of water.
16. Do six feet equal a fathom?
YES. Depths on nautical charts are usually shown in feet, meters or fathoms.
17. Do the white colored areas on nautical charts indicate deep navigable waters?
YES. White areas indicate deep water. Blue areas indicate shallow water.
18. Would a compass bearing help determine a vessel's position?
YES. A compass bearing will establish a line of position that will help determine a vessel's approximate position. Two bearings will establish a FIX. A FIX is the exact position of a vessel at a given time.
19. When anchoring, does the amount of line you pay out affect the holding power of an anchor?
YES. The longer the anchor line, the smaller the angle of pull, and the easier the anchor will dig in and hold.
20. Is the USPS Boating Course offered in your area?
YES. Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron will be offering ABC3 - Basic Boating in January 2023.

