

# The Pound 'N Pint

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## The Colonial Navy of Massachusetts

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## Commodore's Log

It's a wonderful feeling as well as an honor and privilege being at the helm of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts once again. It has been awhile since I wrote my last log to the Fleet and I'm very pleased we have people stepping forward and taking responsibility for this publication. It is no easy task publishing the Pound 'N Pint given all the time spent soliciting articles of interest, editing, formatting, mailing etc. Additionally, "it's a tough act to follow" applies here since we have had some great editors and publishers in the past.

Given that, I was delighted and most appreciative when Kieran Murray volunteered to take over as editor of the Pound 'N Pint. As the CNM celebrates its fiftieth anniversary there are many memories that can be shared and Kieran is ready to hear from you. Let's help him keep this informational publication going strong.

We are halfway through the year and have had a busy schedule with more to come. All the work that has gone into planning the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary is showing very positive and exciting results. Information will be coming out shortly regarding the CNM Family Day, Formal Dinner, State House Recognition in Boston and the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Delray Beach, Florida.

I would be remiss if I didn't salute the new and younger members of the CNM who have filled our ranks and brought their talent to us. Some have taken leadership roles and others have been inspired, by our "veterans", to play a fife or drum or carry a musket. We need to help them learn our sea shanties now. WELCOME ABOARD!

**Frank Noble, Commodore**

The Fleet looking great at the Sail Boston Cadet Parade that wound along the waterfront and part of the financial district to Downtown Crossing on July 19, 2017.



## Upcoming Events

### August 26

Westbrook, CT - Muster

### September 9

N. Kingstown, RI - Family Day

### September 10

Narrows Festival – Concerts  
Fall River, MA

### September 24

South Kingston, RI – Parade

### September 30

Sudbury, MA – Muster

### October 8

Providence, RI – Parade

### October 21

Somerset, MA – Parade

### November 4

Somerset, MA – 50<sup>th</sup> Banquet

### November 11

Fall River, MA – Parade

### December 2

Fall River, MA – Parade

### December 2

Tiverton, RI – Christmas Party

### December 12

Annual Meeting

### December TBD

50<sup>th</sup> State House Ceremony



## CNM is recognized with the Brayton Community Service Award.

The Bristol County Chamber of Commerce selected the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts for the prestigious Brayton Community Service Award in recognition of its fifty years of service to the greater Fall River Area. The award is given to Individuals and organizations who voluntarily give their time and talent going above and beyond to contribute to community demonstrating excellence, creative and initiative.

It is named for John S. Brayton, Jr., a member of a pioneer family in Fall River, who was a leader of exemplary character and integrity. He is equally known for possessing extraordinary vision and determination, having much to do with the transformation from the old to the modern Fall River. He was a leader and helped to bring the Battleship Massachusetts and the other vessels to Fall River. He was also the founder of the Marine Museum at Battleship Cove. Mr. Brayton was far ahead of his time as he championed the strengths of what we today call the "South Coast."

## 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Planning Update

The 50th Anniversary Committee consists of the following subcommittees and personnel:

**Video Preparation:** Chuck Connors, Chairman, Bill Webb, Bill Hart, Frank Noble, Conor Murray, Bob Gregory and Al Deston. **Formal Dinner Planning:** Frank Noble, Chairman, Bob de la Fuente and Bill Hart. **Boston State House Recognition:** David Kiley, Chairman and Bob de la Fuente. **Family Day Picnic:** Pam Burlingame, Chair, Lee Singer and Kieran Murray. **Pins/Medals/Awards:** Pam Burlingame. **Sponsorships;** Tom Murray.

### Status Report

**Family Day Picnic:** September 9th in North Kingston, RI. Pam will pull together directions and a list of items to bring to the picnic; chairs, time frame, etc. Food and drink will be provided. Pam will send this information to the Clerk for mailing to all "Active Members" and their families.

**Formal Banquet:** November 4th at Magoni's Restaurant in Somerset. We estimate 90 members and guests for this event. Invitees will come from our "Active Members" list. Any Guests of Honor and/or Widows will be determined. Menu selection has been determined and a charge of \$30 per person has been established. Program books and invitations will be worked on with Pam and Conor spearheading that effort with the goal of sending out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. These invitations along with an R.S.V.P. card will be given to the Clerk for mailing to our "Active Members" and any special guests.

**State House Ceremony:** The date is still to be determined. The cost of transportation is expected to be approximately \$1,000 with half being covered by Representative Pat Haddad. Pat is also working on deferring more of that expense..

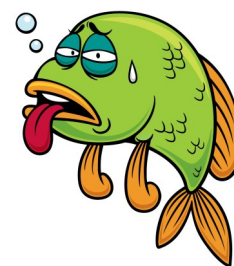
**Video:** We have no expenses to date but are anticipating \$200 to cover the cost of the DVD's we will be producing for our members. We will charge for them, reducing our overall cost to produce.

**Pins and Medals:** Medals have been agreed to and are on order.

"Active Members" has been defined for the purposes of these events as those with paid up dues and other expenses.

**Chuck Connors, Chairman**





## Binnacle

During these past few months there were several events resulting in members of the Fleet making it to the Binnacle List.

- Harry Rogers had procedures involving his cardiovascular system and he is making slow but steady recovery back to being his "old self".
- David Kiley had a total knee replacement that put him on the shelf for a while during his physical therapy post-op. After first doing half the distance of our parades he is now ready to go back to full duty with his new bionic knee.
- Kieran Murray was out of action for a while after having gall bladder issues that led to surgical removal of the offending organ. A low fat diet is sometimes required after this but luckily beer is basically not considered a fatty food so Kieran is back to full "duty".

**Bob de la Fuente, MD**

## Fundraising

The Fleet has submitted annually for a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Commission formerly the Arts Lottery council. They have been very generous over so many years. For the first time in fifty years the Fleet conducted a solicitation for support from the local businesses. To date we have raised \$ 2,525 from 12 businesses. We have received sponsorships ranging from \$25 to \$500. The following is a listing of the participating businesses to date:

BankFive; RDA Insurance;  
Waring Sullivan Funeral Homes;  
Meyer, Regan & Wilner, CPA's;  
Frank Smith Insurance; a

Thomas P. Murray, CPA;  
D.E. Rodrigues & Company, CPA's;  
Hadley Insurance;  
The Lapointe Insurance Agency.

Silvia Faria Funeral Homes;  
Auclair Funeral Home;  
Wilkinson Oil Company;

We are thankful for the support of these companies but more importantly we are most grateful for their appreciation of what we do to promote community and demonstrate history.

**Tom Murray**

**Congratulations to all the members of the Sailing Masters on their  
50th Anniversary.**

**Special congrats to Vicki and Bob Morelli who march with the Sailing Masters and the  
Colonial Navy of Massachusetts.**



New britches for Frank, new vests for the color guard modeled here by Bob , and Marine's vest, shirt, and britches for Tom were all completed by Pam Burlingame. Thank you Pam for your great work.



## Performance at the Durfee—Lafayette House in Fall River

" Fall River's Link to American Revolution"

This is the home of Col Joseph Durfee who led the Fall River militia during the War for Independence and was frequently visited by the Marquis de Lafayette. It is Fall River's only restored colonial house open for public tours. Every Room is recreated as if it were 1750. The House contains beautiful 18th century style hand stitched clothing, civilian muskets and military weapons, medical equipment, furnishing as well as cooking and household items.



Thanks to  
Bill Hart, the  
senior, for  
arranging this  
gig.



## NOW HEAR THIS

I need input. The next issue will be the 50th Anniversary issue so I welcome pictures, past articles, current thoughts, ditty's, shanties, recipes, features, comics, mementos and anything else you think may be memorable or tickle the Fleet.

Anything you send to me I will return to you. I will come by and pick it up if necessary. You can reach me at my cell phone; 508.567-8008, my email at [bigburlybeard@gmail.com](mailto:bigburlybeard@gmail.com) or the home computer [themurraystoo@comcast.net](mailto:themurraystoo@comcast.net). I encourage your input, both sailors and followers. Thanks,

Kieran Murray, Editor





# My 2017 Marching Season to Date

*By Captain David Kiley CNM*

From the warm and balmy St. Patrick's Day parade in lovely downtown Pawtucket to the massed crowds behind Lafayette-Durfee House I hobbled along on my peg leg with my trusty walking stick. *Ah, the adoring crowds kept up my sprits (along with all the pain killers I could get).*



**AH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** After minor surgery I was laid up for a bit.

I missed out seeing Bill Hart being carried away in Boston and could not make the crossing to the Island on the 4<sup>th</sup> but I did at least have my pretty nurses to keep me company, except off course when Emily visited my hospital room.



At Deep River I popped in at the end of the parade, just to show my handsome face. The front of the line had been lacking a dashing leader having had to do with the just the Commodore of Vice (Tim).

Finally the debut of the new and improved Prize master in New Bedford. So excited was the crowd they declared a feast in my honor. I was humbled.



Bob Miorelli, marching with the CNM at the Sail Boston Cadet Parade just ashore after sailing on the Picton Castle.

A reunion of the Boulangers and Murrays on The Vineyard on July 4th.



The Music (left) and Colors (right) leading the music in the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament\* Parade in New Bedford on a beautiful afternoon on August 6, 2017.

\* Now apparently called "The Feast of Dave Kiley"



## General John Glover; Nearly Forgotten

*Compiled by Tom Murray from the essay "Overlooked Hero; General John Glover" by Michael Schellhammer which appeared in the American Journal of the American Revolution and "George Washington's Great Gamble and the Sea Battle that won the American Revolution" by James L Nelson.*

Henry Knox, Nathaniel Greene, the Marquis de Lafayette and John Glover had little or no prior military experience yet had a natural aptitude and each accomplished great military feats in the American Revolution. The first three names are familiar to most who have studied the War for Independence. The fourth name seems forgotten but should be remembered as the true father of the Massachusetts Colonial or State Navy.

John Glover was a merchant, ship owner, and militia colonel from Marblehead, Massachusetts. In April 1775, at 43, he equipped and ran his regiment which in 1776 would be named the 14<sup>th</sup> Continental Regiment. He drilled his men with strict, shipboard-like discipline. Many of his men were sailors from Marblehead and other fishing towns who understood the value of working as a crew.

Glover was indispensable without whom the American Revolution might have collapsed within two years. Apparently he convinced General Washington, who knew little of maritime power, that capturing unarmed enemy merchant ships could be accomplished with small sloops and schooners armed with a few cannons. Glover outfitted seven of his own ships as privateers to harass British shipping in and around the Boston waters. They operated from Beverly to Plymouth, ports that King George's warships would not dare to enter. They deprived the British Garrison in Boston of much needed food, wood and military equipment. The captured bounty instead supplied the Continental troops.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment joined the colonial army outside Boston and remained there until the spring of 1776. With the British evacuation of Boston they moved with the army to New York City in the early summer. In August, Glover's soldiers applied their nautical skills to ferry the Continental Army from Manhattan to Brooklyn Heights. The Redcoats routed the Americans and pushed them back to Long Island's west shore. Escape back across the East River to Manhattan was the army's only hope to avoid destruction, and Washington called on Glover's sailors again to ferry his soldiers to safety: he and his men amazingly pulled off the movement over the course of one night and saved the Continental Army.

In October, Glover's 14th Continental was one of three Massachusetts regiments that faced British commander Gen. William Howe who landed 4,000 troops at Pelham near Pell's Point on October 18, intending to trap the American forces on Manhattan. Outnumbered 5 to 1, Glover placed his men behind a series of stone walls with orders to stand and fire as the British approached, then withdraw to the next wall. The tactic was deadly in its effectiveness at this battle of Pell's Point. Glover's defense slowed Howe's advance to a crawl and bought Washington enough time to evacuate Manhattan. It was the second time Glover saved the Continental Army.

In late December, Washington planned to attack the Hessian garrison at Trenton. The first step to achieve success was to get 2,400 soldiers across the Delaware River on Christmas night so the attack could begin at dawn. Washington turned to Glover's regiment again, along with some local boatmen, to perform this vital, though unglamorous, task. The ferrying of the soldiers, artillery, and horses across the ice-choked Delaware in 30-foot Durham boats in a snowstorm was Glover's most famous feat. This was the third time his men came through for Washington when he desperately needed success. The Marbleheaders then joined the attack and swept into Trenton along the east bank of the Delaware. Though their muskets and cartridges were soaked and useless, they overwhelmed the Hessian defenders and cut off the enemy retreat across the Assunpink Creek. At Trenton, Glover and his Marbleheaders proved themselves to be great soldiers as well as great mariners.

At Washington's recommendation, Congress promoted Glover to brigadier general in February 1777. Wishing to retire Washington convinced Glover to accept the promotion, and Glover took command of a brigade comprised of

four Massachusetts regiments at Peekskill, New York. In July 1777, Washington assigned Glover's brigade to the northern army under the command of Gen. Horatio Gates, defending against a British invasion from Canada commanded by Gen. John Burgoyne, in what would become known as the Saratoga Campaign.

On October 11, Gates assumed that Burgoyne was retreating, and sent forward three brigades, including Glover's, to gobble up what he thought was the British rear guard. A Redcoat deserter appeared out of the woods as Glover's men advanced and told the Yankees that all of Burgoyne's army – not just a cowed rearguard – lay ahead waiting in solid positions. Glover told the man flatly, "if you are found to be deceiving me, you shall be hung in half an hour," but the man stood by his claim. Realizing that the Americans were headed for an ambush, Glover reported the information to Gates and the other attacking units, and probably saved the army. Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga on October 17, and Gates gave Glover's Brigade the honor of guarding the captured British troops on their march to captivity in Massachusetts.

He remained in this position until the spring of 1782. His health was deteriorating and he requested dismissal a third time. Washington and Congress finally complied, and released him from duty in July. Glover returned to Marblehead, rebuilt his businesses, and served two terms in the Massachusetts Legislature and six terms as a Marblehead selectman. He was a highly honored citizen when he died January 30, 1797, at the age of 64. There is a statue of John Glover on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall in Boston.

Those that want to read more about Glover should check out the books; *A Memoir of General John Glover, of Marblehead* by William P. Upham, *General John Glover and His Marblehead Mariners* by George Athan Billias and *Washington's Savior: General John Glover and the American Revolution* by Richard A. Brayall.

## From the **Former** Grog Master's Old Recipe files A Yard of Flannel

So you exceeded the prescribed ration of 2 servings of **THREE WATER GROG** a day. Never fear we have the hair of the dog that bit you.

1 egg            2 teaspoons sugar  
1 pint Ale       1 teaspoon butter  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground nutmeg



Have ready two large (about 1 quart) earthenware jugs. beat the egg with 1 tablespoon of Ale in one jug. Heat the remaining Ale in a saucepan with the nutmeg, sugar, and butter, until the mixture is nearly boiling. Gradually add the hot Ale mixture to the egg mixture, stirring rapidly to keep it from curdling. "Flip" the mixture by pouring it rapidly back and forth between the two jugs until it is creamy and well-frothed.

*All recipes have been tested and certified by the Former Grog Master.*

*This isn't as bad as it sounds. I could keep down about 8 ounces.*

**Captain David C. Kiley CNM**