

# The Pound 'N Pint

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## The Colonial Navy of Massachusetts

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## Commodore's Log

Greetings all! It's good to be behind the gorget once again!

Another marching season is upon us! We've already started the year off well with the Pawtucket St. Patrick's Day Parade not being too cold! The jaunt south to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Del Ray Beach, FL was a great success. First Place for Music with 30 on the street! Everyone had a great time! A special thanks to Pam, Lee, and everyone else involved in the work involved in making the trip work!



At the William Diamond Muster even though we didn't have overwhelming numbers, the field music sounded wonderful as usual! Bob D. and I did our best to provide a colorful front! We then retired to the Colonial Inn for a bit of grog and friendship!

Unfortunately the Sailing Masters Commemoration was cancelled due to some nasty weather in the area. That's always a good time to meet up with old friends and enjoy the music... ah well, better luck next year!

Next up was the Somerset Memorial Day Parade. It's a change from Bristol... no Aidan's, but the Murrays were kind enough to invite everyone back to their house for a cookout post parade!

We've a busy year this year, and I look forward to great turnouts from us marching to the enthusiasm of great crowds – so let's look sharp! Paint those hats and polish those shoes and buckles!! If you need a uniform item, get in touch with Conor Murray. As always, keep an eye on your email and the webpage for any changes that might occur over the year!

It's an honor to lead you! Here's to more booms than clicks!

Cheers!

*Capt. Tim Larkin, Commodore*

## 2018 Events

### May 12 (2PM)

Essex CT—Sailing Masters Commemoration

### May 28 (10AM)

Somerset, MA—Memorial Day Parade

### June 3 (11:45)

Fall River, MA—Battle at Fall River  
Encampment and Reenactment

### June 9 (10AM)

Pawtuxet, RI—Gaspee Days Parade

### July 4 (5PM)

Edgartown, MA—Independence Day Parade

### July 21 (11AM)

Deep River, CT—Muster and Parade

### August 5

New Bedford, MA—Blessed Sacrament Parade

### August 25—26 (11AM)

Westbrook, CT - Muster and Parade

### September 9 (times TBD)

Fall River, MA—Narrows Festival - Concerts

### September 23 (time TBD)

South Kingston, RI - Firefighter's Parade

### September 29 (12PM)

Sudbury, MA - Muster & Parade

### October 8 (Unconfirmed)

Providence, RI - Columbus Day Parade

### October 20 (Unconfirmed)

Somerset, MA - Music Town Festival Parade

### November 11 (1PM)

Fall River, MA - Veteran's Day Parade

### December 1 (1PM)

Fall River, MA - Children's Christmas Parade

### December 1 (6PM)

Location TBD - Christmas Party

### December 2 Unconfirmed

Boston, MA - Commissioning Ceremony  
USS Thomas Hudner

### December 11

Tiverton, RI—Annual Meeting

## Binnacle List



Chuck Connors sister died and condolences sent from the Fleet.

Bob Boulanger's father died and condolence card sent to the Boulanger family from the Fleet.

Don Hemnitz's grandmother, Ruth Stoudt and Don's brother James passed away last month and condolences a card was sent to the family from the Fleet.

Walter Sweet had surgery to replace his aortic valve. Wishes for a speedy recovery as well as a fruit basket were sent from the Fleet. Walter is doing well and was able to attend the muster in Lexington.

Bob delaFuente



Tom Keane, a long-time member of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts has died. Tom, who was a John Paul Jones Marine, passed away after a lengthy illness. Famously known to his contemporaries in the CNM as "Tommy Tanaka", for his attempt at Sumo wrestling against the famous "Gary Ginsu". Services were held and attended by Frank and Linda Noble. Condolences were sent by card to the family by the Fleet. If you wish to send personal condolences, Tom and Louise's address is: 442 Florence Street, Fall River, MA 02720.

### The Pine Tree Flag 1686

The "Pine Tree Flag" is a generic name for a number of flags used in New England from 1686 to 1776. The use of the Pine tree as a symbol was common in colonial times. Legend tells us that the Sons of Liberty would first rally under a Pine tree they called the "Liberty Tree." (The actual Liberty Tree in Boston was an Elm, however, not a Pine)

A white Pine Tree ensign, accompanied by the motto "Appeal to Heaven" became that of the Massachusetts Merchant Navy in 1775, and a year later became the official flag of the short lived Massachusetts Navy which was destroyed by the British at the Battle of Penobscot Bay. The tradition continues today and since 1971, the plain white flag with just the Pine tree has been the official Massachusetts Naval Flag.



### On a Lighter Note

An admiral is standing by a candy machine at the Naval Academy in Annapolis when he stops a plebe walking by. *"Sailor, do you have change for a dollar?"*

*"Sure, buddy,"* says the plebe, rooting around his pocket.

*"That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?"*

The plebe snaps to attention and barks, *"No, sir!"*





March 17, 2018  
Delray Beach, FL  
St. Patrick's Day  
Parade  
30 Marchers  
Strong

Delray Beach  
photos courtesy of  
Richard Cejka,  
Emily Kiley, Judy  
Gregory, and Tom  
Murray







First Place Marching Unit



What is St. Paddy's  
Day without a  
session with live  
music and a little  
dancing?

A great time was had by all including the three squad cars of police officers sent to quiet down the CNM revelers at 8:30PM!!!



THE Appearance of the CNM at the Battle of Fall River encampment was funded in part through generous grant from the Fall River Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council.



Durfee Lafayette House program commemorating the Battle of Fall River. Photos submitted by Rick Lewis. Thank you Rick.

