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At the Helm

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Although we are still in the middle of our winter season, I know that all our members are looking forward to our upcoming boating season.

While you are waiting for a little warm weather to start getting your boat ready, the Hartford Power Squadron has planned a number of excellent programs for our January, February and March member meetings that are listed in this issue of the Bilge Pump. Also, take a look at our course schedule for the spring and try to take a course.

We have also included in this issue a list of our members who have received Merit Marks for their contribution to our squadron over the past year. I want to thank each of these members for their efforts in making this past year so very successful. If you would be interested in contributing your time to the squadron, please do not hesitate to call me or any one of our officers listed on the next to last page.

Our 2015 Events Calendar lists all our upcoming meetings and events. I hope to see you at some of these fine events.



Cdr Michael J. Rinaldi JN

February Member's Meeting

February Member Meeting to feature Jeff Feldmann

Jeff will show slides and speak of "Kayaking with Nature along Connecticut's Waterways".

Come to this meeting to enjoy nature at its very best, from water level.

Local photographer Jeff Feldmann kayaks during some of nearly every month of the year. In so doing, he sees much of nature: reflections, sunrise, sunset, birds, wildflowers, turtles, etc. This program may also include landmarks familiar to boaters in Connecticut.

See what it's like to paddle during a thunderstorm.
Watch a little green heron catch it's breakfast.
Clouds in the sunrise in Litchfield, and fog on the river in Hadlyme.

Bring your friends to this meeting, Tuesday, 24 February at the Olympia Diner.
Time: 1830 Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT
Cost: \$15 for dinner with cash bar- or just come at 1930 for the talk. For reservations contact Jim Salvatore at jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.



HPS Spring Classes

Education Department

Cliff McKibbin, SN SEO 860-673-1584
Tim Tyler, AP ASEO 860-561-0669

Get the most out of your membership

GET MORE EDUCATION

Advanced and elective courses are ready to start as shown. Please call Cliff at 860-673-1584 or e-mail at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net for questions or to register.

Piloting Thur, 2/12 1900 St. James Episcopal Church
Cost \$70/Members Farmington, CT
\$170/Non-Members*#

Marine Communication Wed, 2/18 MDC Training Center
Systems Cost \$55/Members 125 Maxim Rd.
\$140/Non Members* Hartford, CT

*Includes 1-year membership

#Includes \$15 for plotting ruler and dividers. If the student already has those, this fee would be waived.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is 9 FEBRUARY.

ABC3 PUBLIC BOATING COURSES ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

The following courses consist of eight-two hour classes and meet the CT. DEP boating, personal watercraft, and "Coastal Endorsement" qualifications.

Simsbury Thur. 2/26 1900 Henry James Memorial School
Firetown Rd., Simsbury

(Must register with Continuing Education at 860-658-3870)

Farmington Thur. 2/26 1830 Farmington High School
(Must register with Adult Education at 860-404-0290)

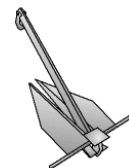
10 Montieth Dr., Farmington

Cost-\$69 plus a facility fee to the town in each case.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is 22 FEBRUARY.

2nd Annual Hartford Power Squadron Swap Meet and Cookout Coming in May

Have boating related materials you want to sell, trade or just get rid of? Start gathering them now for the 2nd Annual Hartford Power Squadron Swap Meet and Cookout to be held in May. Help yourself and your squadron while enjoying what is sure to be a great spring day. Details will follow in future issues of the Bilge Pump.



Say goodbye to, and stop tripping over, all those nautical dust collectors... or pick up some new-to-you treasures to complete your spring project!

HPS Fall Education Results



Education Department

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We are pleased to report the following students that passed our fall courses. In addition, those students that joined the Hartford Power Squadron are indicated with an *. Please welcome them at our next meetings.

Seamanship-Instructor-Jon Emerson

Lee Hellwig Frank Ventrella
Dave Englehardt Pat Masopust
Dave Masopust Bill Woodsome
Annemarie Smith P

ABC Farmington-Instructor-Dave Sinder

*Bach, Karen and Tom
*Caiaze, Edward
*Nies, Dale

Sail, Instructor-Marty Abrams

Brooke Martin
Tim Tyler

Our JN course is still in progress.

Interested in Teaching Advanced Piloting?

Our long term AP instructor, Marty Abrams, would like to reduce his teaching load and wonders if someone else would like to teach the AP course next fall. The prospective instructor would have to have a grade of "AP" or more. Please contact Cliff McKibbin at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net if you are interested in discussing the course.

Secretary's Desk

Secretary
Lt/C Brooke E. Martin, N
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Call to the Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at the Olympia Diner in Newington. The meal will begin at 18:30 and the meeting will begin at 19:30. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. Elections will be held for the new Bridge, to take office at the "Change of Watch" meeting on 29 March, 2015.

The report of the nomination committee is on the next page. As a member, you can also nominate members to these positions by petition. To do this, please contact the Secretary 15 days prior to the Annual meeting (by March 9, 2015). We will then make the petition nomination available to the members 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Please call the Secretary if you are interested in becoming active in your Squadron and participating in committees or learning more about the organization of the squadron.

In addition to the officer reports and elections, we are pleased to have a presentation by Capt. Curt Michael who will present a program on "How to get your Captain's License". If you have thought about getting your Captain's License this program will give you an excellent primer for what it entails.

HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON

2015 – 2016 Nominating Committee Slate

Commander:
Executive Officer
Education Officer
Administrative Officer
Secretary
Treasurer
Immediate Past Commander

Lt/C Kevin Vibert, AP
Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
Roy Bergeron, AP
Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
1st/Lt Janet Frick, AP
P/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Cdr Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN
P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP
P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP
P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP
1st/Lt Timothy Tyler, AP (Asst. Admin. Officer)
P/C Richard C. Carlson, SN

Elected Committees

Nominating

2013-2016
2014-2017
2015-2018

***P/C Richard C. Carlson, SN**
***P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP**
Cdr Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
*** - Previously elected**

Auditing:

P/Lt/C Peter K. Askham, Jr., AP, Ch, 2013-2015

Rules:

P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP Ch, 2015-2017





Merit Marks for 2014



Every year merit marks are given by National to individuals who have contributed extraordinary time to the squadron, usually by holding an elective office, serving on a committee or teaching courses. Only one merit mark can be given to a person per year. Members achieving "Senior Member" (5MM) are entitled to receive one free class of their choice. Members reaching 25 become "Life Members" and no longer have to pay dues.

The following members have been awarded merit marks for the calendar year 2014. We want to thank them for giving their time and effort to help our squadron in so many ways.

Abrams, Marty
Askham, Peter
Bergeron, Roy
Berlandy, Thomas
Carlson, Richard
Carlson, Elizabeth
Emerson, Jon
Frick, Janet
Goldberg, Marvin
Goman, Mike

Grabsch, Alan
Guile, Roy
Gwizd, Christine
Gwizd, George
Lyon, Glen
Manner, Diana
Manner, Eric
Martin, Brooke
McAllister, Craig
McKibbin, Cliff

Monroe, Jim
Pabouet, Pat
Pascucci, Frank
Rinaldi, Mike
Salvatore, Jim
Silversmith, Paul
Taisarsky, Ed
Tyler, Tim
Vibert, Kevin
Watson, Don
Weeks, Ken

Events Calendar 2015



5-8 February **Hartford Boat Show** Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT

10 February 1900-2100 **Executive Committee Meeting** Bridge members & general membership welcome. MDC, 240 Brainard Rd., Hartford, CT

24 February 1830-2030 **Members' Meeting** Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

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24 March 1830-2030 **Annual Meeting** Awards and Recognitions Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

29 March, **Change of Watch**, Marco Polo Restaurant, East Hartford

May, 2nd **Annual Swap Meet and Picnic**, location TBA

District Events

District 1 Council Meeting, 20 February

District 1 Spring Conference, 21 March



Hartford Boat Show



February 5-8

We are offering four free seminars this year at the Boat Show and this year the USPS will introduce the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer. It is an interactive simulation-based boating safety program for the computer and a powerful instruction tool that uses lesson environments that allow students to pilot a Boston Whaler under diverse conditions with maneuvers such as:

Departing the Dock

Pivot Turns

Docking

Crossing/Overtaking

Emergency Stop



The simulator includes three 20" monitors, a boating console with throttle and trim buttons, nav lights and horn, and it has the ability to change wind and current conditions, as well as choosing day or night navigation.

As in past years, the Hartford Power Squadron will have a booth in the Connecticut Boat Show at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. Squadron members who volunteer to help with the booth will have free admission to the show. Manning the booth also provides the opportunity for us to let the general public know who we are and to promote our excellent courses.

To assist with the booth and gain free admission to the show, call Frank Pascucci at (860) 635-3172 or email him at fpascucci@comcast.net

Safe Boating Seminars to be given at The Hartford Boat Show

The Hartford Power Squadron is going to repeat its very successful seminar series at the Hartford Boat Show on Saturday, 7 February. Last year we hosted 73 people at our four seminars. See the boat show's flyer/schedule when you enter the boat show for specific directions and other information on the Boat Show. Don't forget to come by our booth and say hello.

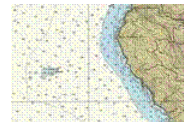
The seminars will all be on Saturday, 7 February at the following times:

1100 How to use a Chart

1200 Using Electronic Charts

1300 Using GPS

1400 Partner in Command



The new seminar "Partner in Command" is a must for all boaters. It illustrates many of the situations that a spouse/partner might need to do in case the boater is disabled. It covers topics such as: how to start/stop the engine, how to bring down the sails, how to operate a fire extinguisher, proper use of life jackets, how to call for help, basic rules of the road, how to anchor or come into a dock, how to prepare for towing, how to handle emergencies of crew overboard, propeller fowled, and bad weather.



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