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“Ready for Warmer Weather”



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22 February	February Members Meeting	
08 March	Executive Committee Meeting – Century Spring Mfg 6pm	
22 March	March Members Meeting, Olympia Diner 6:30pm	
09 April	Change of Watch Dinner Banquet – Manor Inn, Portland, CT	
23 April	Boat Show/ Swap Meet – Westbrook Outlets, 314 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook, CT	
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities		
19-27 February 2022	USPS Annual Meeting 2/19-27, 2022 Ponte Vedra, FL	
19 March	District 1 Spring Conference – Campagna’s Restaurant 151 Marlborough St. Portland, Ct 06480	
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

Great news, the ground hog saw his shadow on February 2nd, which predicts 6 more weeks of winter. Some may regard that as sad news, but..., since the first official Ground Hog Day in 1887, the ground hog has only been correct only 39% of the time, so there's a 61% chance we'll have an early spring & can get our boats back in the water.

More good news, we're moving full speed ahead with plans for our Boat Show/ Swap Meet.

Mark your calendars, Saturday April 23rd, at the Westbrook Outlets, 314 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook, CT

We will have 150 vendor spaces & room for 6 Food Trucks. Vendor/Swap meet spaces for Hartford Power Squadron members will be free, all others \$25/space. The spaces are 9 ft & 18 ft. We ask that most of what you bring to sell is boating, fishing, or water sports related, but miscellaneous non boat related items will be allowed. You are welcome to bring boats on trailers with proof of insurance.

Westbrook Outlets is being very accommodating and helping us promote the event on their Electronic Sign at the entrance on Flat Rock Place, with posters throughout the complex, & emails to all their customers. They are also allowing us to set up on Friday, 4/22. If you have a large boat on a trailer, you can park it in your space on Friday so you will be ready to sell at 8AM Saturday morning when the sale begins!

The proceeds from our Boat Show /Swap meet will be used to continue subsidizing the cost of our classes, bring interesting speakers to our member meetings, do vessel safety checks, coop charting , and offset the cost of another new service we are looking in to , "On the Water Training/ handling & docking in close quarters".

Other events in the works are our Annual Meeting March 22nd; Change of Watch Dinner Banquet April 9th at the Manor Inn; and our 90th Anniversary Celebration- tentatively planned for September 17th at a venue to be announced.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2022.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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Is your Certificate number somewhere in this Issue???? Notify Commander Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP or Secretary Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN to receive a \$20 cash prize and a free dinner at the Olympia Diner. Winner must come to a meeting to receive the prize.



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Please consider a self- guided course from the Hartford Power Squadron. Below is the list of courses that are very practical to take on your own and the ‘Net’ cost to you. If you are interested, please email Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)		Cruise Planning	34
On-line version	\$36	Engine Maintenance	29
Book	43	Marine Electrical Systems	29
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Marine Communication Systems	35
Plotting tools	15	Navigation Systems	37
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	31	Radar for boaters	48
		Sail	29
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America’s Boating Course (ABC) will be offered ‘in person’ at the Bristol Public Library on the following Saturdays in the new year: March 12, April 16, and May 21.

The cost will be \$50 which includes the manual, morning coffee, and lunch.

Passing the course allows the student to purchase the CT DEEP ‘Certificate to Operate a Power Boat’, including PWCs, and towing others.

If you have family members who need their certificate, please contact Cliff McKibbin at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net to sign up.



Thank you to Frank Pascucci for his assistance in judging the Fall Photo Contest



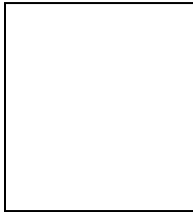
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THE FEBRUARY MEMBERS MEETING

FEATURING TRIVIA NIGHT WITH STEVE PETTY!

Challenge yourself with a category or two, including Nautical questions

22 February 2022

Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.

Reservations: Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net

6:30 Dinner. Trivia starts at 7:15p