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I want to wish all the members of the Hartford Power Squadron a joyful New Year. The coming year has a number of interesting presentations at our member's meetings. Please see inside for details of our January and February meetings. Also inside, you can find our spring course listing and a list of free seminars we will give at the Hartford Boat Show. The new seminar, "Partner in Command", is especially useful. Please bring your partner to learn some of the things she/he might need if you were incapacitated on the water. Finally, a calendar of our spring meetings is included.

We will again sponsor a booth at the Hartford Boat Show to promote our courses, safe boating, and of course, membership in the United States Power Squadrons. If you sign up to help staff the booth, you will get in free so be sure to email or call Frank Pascucci to get your name on the schedule.

Thank you for supporting the Hartford Power Squadron with your membership and if you would like to offer your time please do not hesitate to call or email me.



Cdr. Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Members' Meeting 27 January 2015 Emergencies at Sea

You won't want to miss our first members' meeting of 2015. Captain Jim Cranston will offer a presentation on how to prepare for and deal with various emergencies at sea. The speaker has an exemplary background as Retired U.S. Navy Commander of 21 years service and Licensed Master of the U.S. Coast Guard. He is known for his Sea Training classes and has prepared a presentation for us about how to best handle at-sea emergencies such as fire, flooding, heavy weather, groundings, equipment breakdowns and man-overboard events.. Capt. Cranston will be happy to entertain questions and comments during and after his talk. Share your own experiences with emergency situations and how you dealt with them.

Also on the agenda the possibility of raising local squadron dues by \$2.00 for discussion and implementation.

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2015

Time: 1830

Place: Olympia Diner 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington CT

Cost: \$15.00 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





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

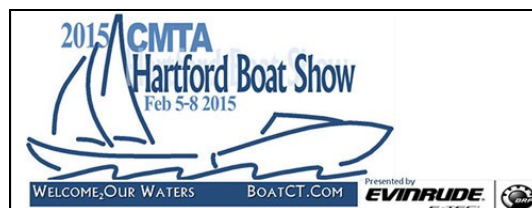
Emergency Stop



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.

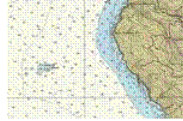
The seminars will all be on Saturday, 7 February at the following times:

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.

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, 24 February at the Olympia Diner.

Details will be in the February Bilge Pump

HPS Spring Classes

Education Department

Cliff McKibbin, JN 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)

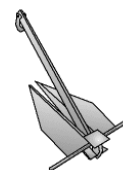
10 Montieth Dr., Farmington

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!

Events Calendar 2015



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

Trivia

If you are in VHF radio contact with the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary, they may direct you to switch to a channel followed by the word "alpha". What does the "alpha" designation mean?

Alpha designates that your radio must be set on "U.S." rather than "International" to receive and transmit.





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