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Spring Education and Hartford Boat Show



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14 February	<i>Valentine’s Day – Captains, take your Admiral to dinner!</i>	
27 February	Members’ Meeting – <i>“Topic to be determined”</i> Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT	
13 March	Executive Committee Meeting – <i>“Bridge and general membership welcome”</i> – MDC	
27 March	Annual Meeting <i>“Awards and Recognitions”</i> Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT	
8 April	Change of Watch Dinner	

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16 February	February Council - Eversource Energy, 107 Selden St, Berlin, CT	
17 March	Spring Conference – Manchester Country Club 305 S Main St, Manchester, CT 06040	

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At the Helm

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I hope we all enjoyed the Holidays and are ready for 2018. Looking back to 2017, we started classes, had great members meetings, and enjoyed our time on the water. This coming year, we hope to do the same.

Our ABC classes will start after the Hartford Boat Show. If you know someone that is going into boating for the first time, you may want to suggest the benefits of taking one of the ABC courses. Our advanced courses will begin soon. It is a great time of the year to build on your boating skills while getting you closer to boating season.

We will be offering some new activities, some not boating related, but none the less fun. We have a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino. You pay \$30.00 for the trip, but you get a \$15.00 food voucher and \$15.00 to gamble, so your trip is free. Who knows, you may come back with enough winnings for that new boat.

We are considering new locations for the swap meet, so stay tuned for more information. Get involved in your squadron activities in 2018. We all benefit from the work of our volunteers.

The Bridge Officers and the Executive Committee join me in wishing you a great New Year.
Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P

Executive Department

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Hartford Boat Show

The Hartford Power Squadron will be sponsoring a booth at the Hartford Boat Show. The show now in its 49th year provides us with an opportunity to reach out to the boating community and get them involved in our squadron.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the show. Volunteering gets you into the show for free on the day you are scheduled to work. It's not too early to get involved.

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

Even if you can't volunteer, we'd still love to see you at the show. Buy your tickets at HartfordBoatShow.com before February 7 and use our special promo code **HPS123** to save \$2 off each adult ticket. Tell your friends and family too. They can all use our code.

COME SEE US!!

HARTFORD BOAT SHOW 18
February 8-11, 2018
Connecticut Convention Center

Life Is Better With A Boat
SAVE \$2 OFF
EACH ADULT TICKET

Buy ticket at HartfordBoatShow.com
Before February 7 and save!
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Educational Department

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Get the most out of your membership - GET MORE EDUCATION!

Following are our advanced and elective course offerings for Spring 2018. Please call Roy at 860 841-8620 or e-mail him at roybergeron01@yahoo.com with your questions or to register.



Advanced Course:

Piloting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at St. James Church, 3 Mountain Road, Farmington, CT.

Cost:

\$73 Member (Includes \$17 for piloting instruments)

\$187 Non-Member (Includes 1-year membership to USPS/HPS and \$17 for piloting instruments)



Elective Course:

Engine Maintenance Course will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at the MDC Training Center, 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT.

Cost:

\$54 Member

\$151 Non-Member (Includes 1-year membership to USPS/HPS)



Spring 2018 ABC3 Public Boating Courses are scheduled as follows:

The ABC3 Course consists of eight two-hour classes that fulfill the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) requirements for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation with Personal Watercraft, Safe Waterskiing, and Coastal Boater Endorsements. Our next course offering will be held at:



Simsbury: Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Rd., Simsbury (Must register with Simsbury Continuing Education at 860-658-3870) Cost: \$69 plus a town-imposed facility fee.



Farmington: Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., Farmington High School, 10 Montieth Dr., Farmington (Must register with Farmington Adult Education at 860-404-0290) Cost: \$69 plus a town-imposed facility fee.

If you are interested in taking any of our courses or seminars, or if you think you may be interested in teaching, please contact Roy at the email or phone above.



Hartford Power Squadron

**Mohegan Sun
BUS TRIP**

**\$30
DONATION**

SATURDAY, January 13th

ONE DAY OF FUN!

FOR \$30 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- > \$15 CASINO GAMING CREDITS
- > \$15 FOOD CREDIT AT ANY RESTAURANT IN THE CASINO
- > ON BOARD ENTERTAINMENT
- > ON BOARD COCKTAILS
- > RAFFLES & PRIZES

BUSES DEPARTS DOT COMMUTER PARKING LOT, RTE.15, NEWINGTON, CT AT 3:00 PM AND RETURN BY 10:00 PM

GREAT CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFER

Google Maps Directions:

If you're reading an electronic copy of this newsletter, click this link to the DOT Commuter Lot at [2800 Berlin Turnpike](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2800+Berlin+Turnpike,+Newington,+CT) in Newington, CT. Otherwise, you can enter this link into your browser: <https://goo.gl/maps/ahxVevpoWN72>.

Written Directions:

Coming from the south on the Berlin Turnpike, pass Griswoldville Ave and take the next right and then a sharp right into the DOT commuter lot.

Coming from the north on the Berlin Turnpike, pass the DOT building at [2800 Berlin Turnpike](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2800+Berlin+Turnpike,+Newington,+CT) and take the next left and then a sharp right into the DOT commuter lot.

The Bus will be at the south end of the lot.

The deadline to sign up for this trip has past, but if you call Cliff McKibbin at (860) 655-4623 he can still reserve seats for you.

Tickets are priced at \$30.00 per person. Remember, with your free vouchers, your trip costs you nothing. This trip is already filling up fast so give Cliff a call now while it's fresh in your mind.

District 1 Christmas Party

The District 1 Power Squadron held its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Newington. Those attending enjoyed rekindling old relationships and making new friends during the cocktail hour and dinner that followed. The menu was lavish, and the food was excellent. A teacup raffle was held, and those participating enjoyed themselves. All in all, the Christmas Party was a relaxing way to start off the holiday season.

District Commander Charles Marino welcomed members from all squadrons in District 1, wishing all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year. He also spoke about district activities planned for 2018, not the least of which will be a repeat of the well attended 2014 mini cruise to the Coast Guard Academy in New London.



Barbara Pajak and Jim Salvatore



Frank and Karen Ventrella



Roy Bergeron, Don Watson and Frank Pascucci



Dave and Marissa Waseleski



Bill and Jeanne Waseleski



Tim Tyler and Pat Pabouet



Safety Corner

Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment:

One Death Reported

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Remedy:

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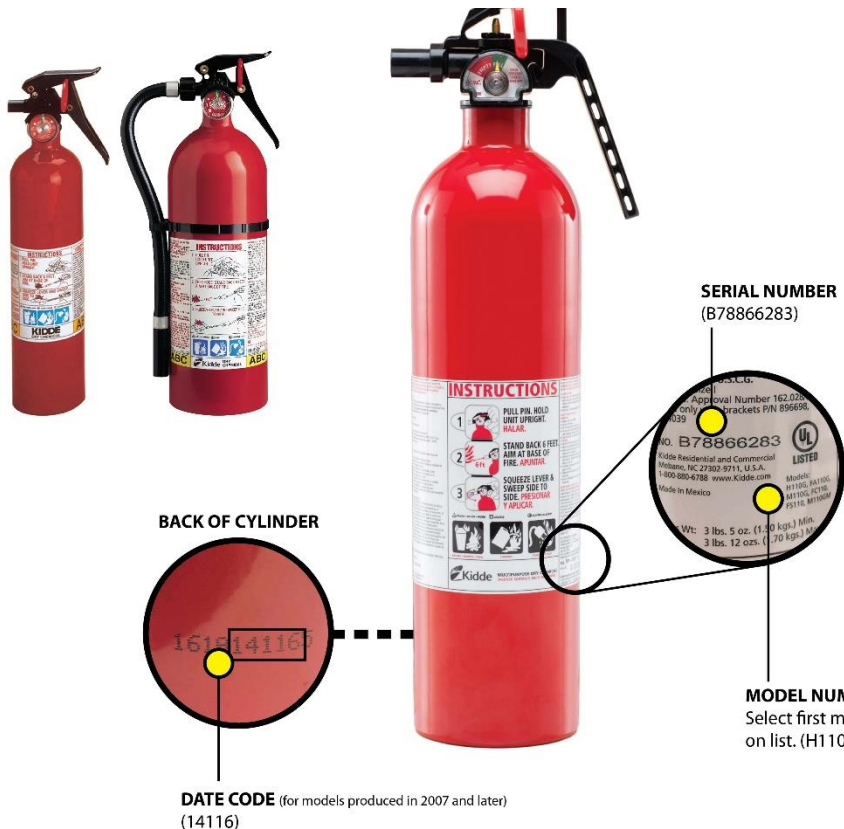
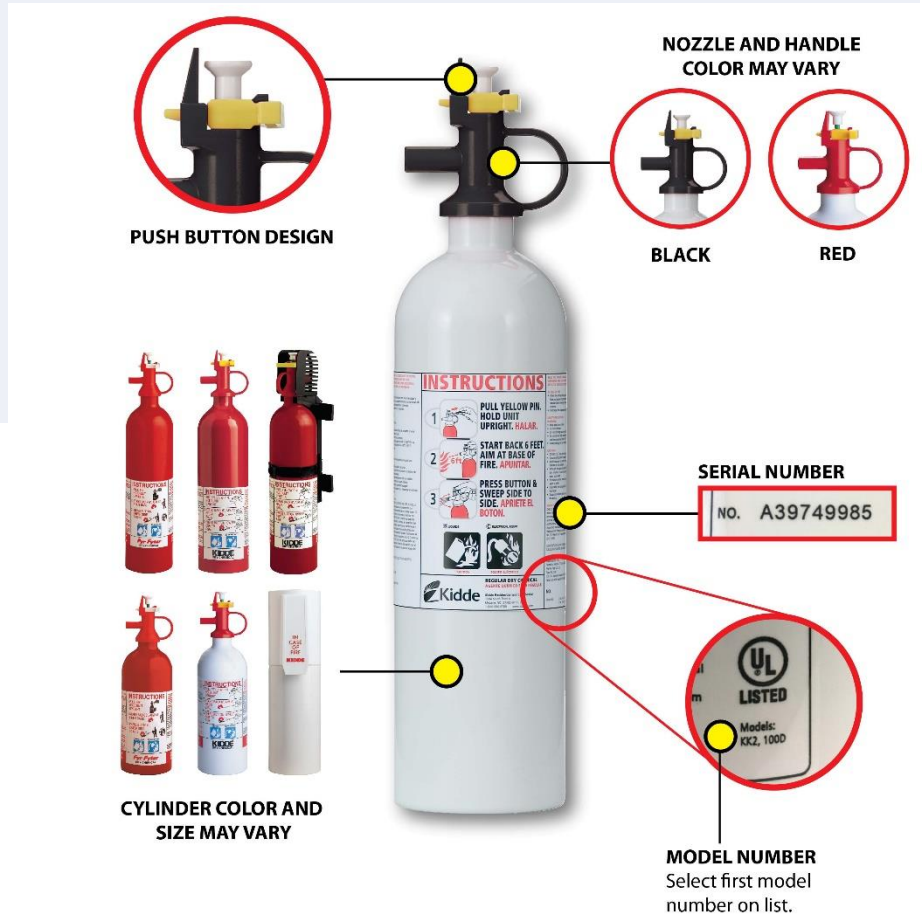
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Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on “Product Safety Recall” for more info.





America's Boating Club®

A New Marketing Approach for The United States Power Squadrons®

You may have heard that the United States Power Squadrons is changing its name to America's Boating Club. We are still the United States Power Squadrons. However, we ARE changing the way we promote our organization to the boating public, including a more dynamic image, more relevant words to describe ourselves, and modernized graphics. And that includes using America's Boating Club® as a marketing moniker and descriptor.

At the national Board of Governors meeting in Dallas, and from comments and suggestions from across USPS members over the last year or so, most of us agree that we need to update our image in the boating market place. Our name, the United States Power Squadrons, does not resonate with the public. What does a "squadron" mean? What does "power" mean? Nowhere does it imply that we are a boating organization. Furthermore, most of the recreational boating public is not familiar with our name at all, or they get us mixed up with other organizations. So, we need to update our image to appeal to today's boaters. It must identify who we are, and why someone should be interested. The logo that was developed to represent our new image is:



The logo incorporates our new moniker, our traditional ship's wheel logo, and graphic representations of paddling, power boating, and sailing all merged into one fluid representation of our organization.

The national organization is transitioning to the new identity, and so are squadrons and districts. The rollout timeline is still being finalized, but is currently estimated at 6-12 months. As the promotion evolves you will begin to see this logo more and more.

New National Website

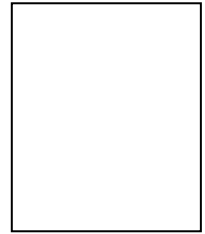
As part of the new USPS branding, there is also a new national website. There are two ways to reach it. You can still go to the traditional website www.usps.org and click on the "View the new [United States Power Squadrons public website](http://www.usps.org)." link near the middle of the page, or you can go directly to beyondboating.org. Give it a try. We think you'll like what you see.



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January Members' Meeting Will Feature "A Discussion on Search and Rescue"

The January 23rd Members' Meeting will feature a discussion on Search and Rescue by USCG Commander J. Andrew Ely. The Commander will discuss the Coast Guard's search and rescue organization and the methodologies they use to respond to reports of actual or potential distress. He will cover Search and Rescue statistics for the Long Island Sound region, partnerships they leverage to maximize response, recent updates to technology and systems they use, the importance of media (including social media) in solving search and rescue cases, statistics, the most at-risk boating populations, and actions taken to effect change in at-risk groups. The Commander is also willing to discuss anything else that is of interest to our group.



Since graduating from the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, NJ, in 1993, Commander Ely has amassed an impressive set of credentials. His honors include the Captain David H. Jarvis Award for Inspirational Leadership, the National Graduate School Distinguished Academic Student Award, the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and four Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons. He currently serves as the Response Department Head at Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound in New Haven, CT where he is responsible for oversight of maritime search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, and incident management. Please plan to join us for an evening that is sure to be interesting and informative.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar - or just come at 7:30 p.m. for the free presentation.

Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.