



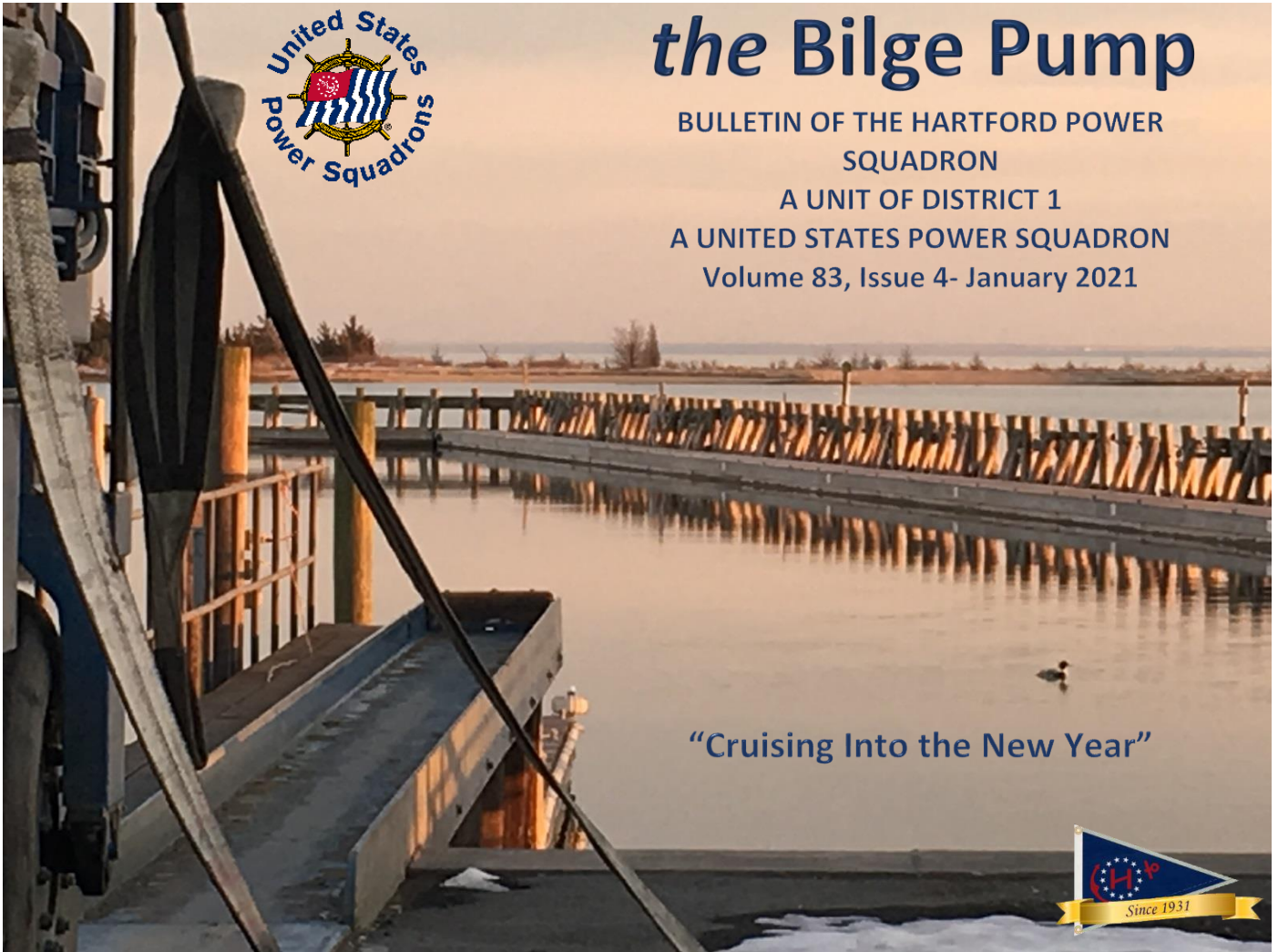
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# At the Helm

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The holidays' festivity is behind us now, and "Tis the season to be gloomy!" It is biology: the shortened days and lack of light mess with our circadian rhythm. Especially here in the north, we can get anxious, tired, moody, and a lot of us put on weight. It is referred to by some as the winter doldrums. Given that we are into winter, and aside from the occasional "cover check," few of us are visiting our boats, I thought I would pass along some reading recommendations to keep you connected with the lifestyle we all love. Hopefully, they will help get you through the winter doldrums and add to your boating enjoyment come spring.

This list contains books I have read and enjoyed. None of them are currently best sellers, but a search of Amazon, or better yet visiting bookstores that carry used books, should yield desirable results. Hopefully, you will find something to pique your interest.

**The Complete Anchoring Handbook** by *Alain Poiraud, Achim Ginsberg-Klemmt, et al.* – If you want to stop spending all your money on slip fees but also want to be able to get a good night's sleep while anchored, you should give this book a try. Whether you have a sail or powerboat, this book will teach you about anchor selection, ground tackle, deck hardware, anchoring techniques, and so much more. Consider giving it a read, and start enjoying your time on the hook.

**Boatowners Mechanical and Electrical Manual** by *Nigel Calder* – If you have a boat with something broken (and who doesn't), this book will tell you how to fix it. It can get a bit technical at times, more of a reference than a sit down and read, but sometimes technical is what you need. If you are a "do it yourselfer" or just interested in boat systems maintenance, you want to give this book a look-see.

**The Marlinspike Sailor** by *Hervey Garrett Smith* – Basic knots, bends, hitches, splices, this book has it all. But where it shines is decorative ropework. I will probably never make 99% of the things in this book, but I love looking at the illustrations and seeing how it is done.

**Mid Size Power Boats** by *David H. Pascoe* – If you are thinking about buying a fiberglass powerboat in the 30-55 foot range, new or used, this is a must-read. David is a second-generation surveyor, and if he were still working, he would be the one you would want to have. He covers all boat types from express cruisers to sport fishermen, detailing each's pros and cons.

**Surveying Fiberglass Power Boats** by *David H. Pascoe* – Yes, another one by David. Although this one is targeted at aspiring marine surveyors, if you own a fiberglass powerboat or intend to, this book is worth a read. A bit pricey, but in my opinion, worth every penny.

**Adrift: Seventy-six Days Lost at Sea** by [Steven Callahan](#) – I read this one when it came out in the '80s. A real-life story about a man surviving in the Atlantic over two and a half months. A great read chronicling how one man used his wits and seamanship skills to survive everything nature could throw at him.

**Up Periscope** by *Robb White* – I read this one back in the late '60s. I don't remember much about it other than it is a WW II adventure novel that takes place on a submarine. What I do remember is that I couldn't put it down. I believe it targeted young adults but should be a good read for those still young at heart. I'll probably take my own advice and look for it. I have been meaning to reread it for a long time now.

**The Caine Mutiny** by *Herman Wouk* – Another novel about life on a WW II warship. The book won a Pulitzer Prize and spawned two movies, one in 1954 starring Humphrey Bogart and another in 2012 starring Brad Pitt. Interestingly, although the 1954 production received Oscar nominations for, among other things, best motion picture and best actor, it did not win either. In both cases, it lost to *On the Waterfront* starring Marlon Brando. Tough competition! I have the book but have not yet read it. I intend to.

**Moby Dick** by *Herman Melville* - 'Nuff said!  
I think that should keep you busy for a while!

Stay safe out there.  
Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN



## Education Department

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Please consider a self- guided course from the Hartford Power Squadron.  
Below is the list of courses and the 'Net' cost to you. If you are interested, please email  
[Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net](mailto: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
Junior Navigation	57	Sail	29
Nautical Almanac	28	Weather	34
Navigation	101		
Ditto on Almanac	28		

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### 26 January Members' Meeting Program with David Molnar Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Marine Fisheries Office

David Molnar, a fisheries biologist from the DEEP, will do a Zoom presentation at our January 26, 2021 member meeting. He will speak about the Status of Stock, Catch, & Harvest. This will be a "Hybrid meeting" at the Olympia Diner. Members can attend in person or via Zoom. Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p. **Reservations:** Contact **Jim Salvatore** at [jimsal1@comcast.net](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net).

The presentation begins at 7:30. The Commander will open the meeting at 7:15 and Zoom visitors are encouraged to login a few minutes before that. **Click the following link to get into Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81715319622?pwd=ZWEvUm10VHVaNORpRjNLWTBpcFhZQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 817 1531 9622 **Passcode:** 684737

When the Zoom screen comes up if you already have Zoom installed on your machine click on the option in blue: **Launch Meeting**. Otherwise, click on the option: **Download and Run Zoom**.

- If you get a screen that has an option to **Join a Meeting**, click on that option.
- If the Host has not signed in, you will get a screen that says "Please wait for the host to start this meeting". Otherwise, you should see the host.
- At the end of the meeting, you can click on the option **Leave** near the bottom right of the screen. You will then get a larger button that says **Leave Meeting**. Click it and you can then close down the Zoom internet connection.

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### SPRING, DAFFODILS, and a PHOTO CONTEST!

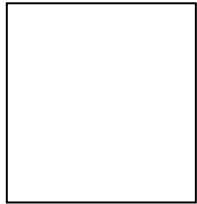
We want to see your **FALL, WINTER, and EARLY SPRING photos related to projects on, or around your boats. (2020-2021)** The contest is open to all members of the Hartford Power Squadron. Link will be provided for **CONTEST RULES** and submissions in the February edition of the Bilge Pump. **DEADLINE** is Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Winners will be announced at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting; and featured in the MAY ISSUE of the Bilge Pump. **FIRST PRIZE** will be a 13" x 19" **Gallery Wrapped Canvas Print** of the winning photograph.



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