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“Graceful skies bring destined tomorrows”

Susan Clancy



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25 January	January Members Meeting- CANCELED	
08 February	Executive Committee Meeting – Century Spring Mfg 6pm	
22 February	February Members Meeting, Olympia Diner 6:30pm	
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities		
19-27 February 2022	USPS Annual Meeting 2/19-27, 2022 Ponte Vedra, FL	
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

I hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season and got all the accessories for your boat that you asked for.

Unfortunately, we are still plagued by the Corona Virus, and our winter activities are restricted. The Hartford Boat Show has been canceled and meeting in large groups is not recommended. Our member meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th is canceled also.

We were lucky to get our Holiday Party in before this latest Omicron variant surge, and a great time was had by all. Our entertainer (Steve Kazlauskas/ Echoes of Sinatra), after the party, donated nearly ½ of his fee back to our squadron for all the good we do, a very kind gesture.

We'll start running our ABC classes again on February 19th, at the Bristol Library. The class will be FREE for any person who joins our squadron as a New Member at the class and \$50 for nonmembers. Please tell your friends. Members can audit the class, just to brush up on their boating knowledge. Any member interested in auditing the class should contact Cliff McKibbin (cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net) or Pat Pabouet (Argus06108@aol.com). The cost to audit the class is \$10 as lunch will be provided.

Plans to revive our Swap Meet are still underway, with a tentative date of Saturday, April 23rd, location and details to follow soon.

District VSC Chair Pat Pabouet is also organizing a class to train Vessel Safety Check examiners. Hartford members, please contact him with your interest.

In the meantime, an on-line Boat Handling Class is available on the USPS website. It's a good use of time while being restricted indoors.

The District is planning activities for 2022. Let me know any ideas you have. We need your input to make our squadron better.

The Boating Season will be here before you know it.

Goodbye 2021 you surely will not be missed!

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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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 you 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
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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: **February 19, 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.

For members with the CT DEEP Certificate, there is an option to ‘audit’ a class. Cost \$10.



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.

the Bilge Pump FALL PHOTO CONTEST **WINNERS!!!**

First Prize: Featured on the first page of the Bilge Pump: Susan Clancy

Second Prize: Ted Wurz



1st prize \$50 cash

Susan Clancy

2nd prize \$25

Ted Wurz

3rd prize \$10.

Ken Letendre

Third Prize: Ken Letendre



DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY

CAPAGNA'S RESTAURANT, PORTLAND, CT

The Holiday Party on 5 December 2021 was well attended, with 45 members from USPS D-1. Entertainment featured Steve Kazlauskas, with 'Echoes of Sinatra'. He did not disappoint. When participating in the Yankee Swap, those who brought a wrapped gift were pleasantly surprised with the choices they had. Who would think a large jar of honey would be so popular! Unwrapped gifts were collected for Toys for Tots.



photos: Lt Jeanne Waseleski

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Toys for Tots gifts

Krystal Waseleski assisting Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP with raffles

Steve Kazlauskas, featuring 'Echoes of Sinatra'

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ATTENDEES at the District Holiday Party



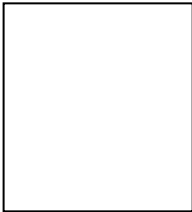
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FALL PHOTO CONTEST NAUTICAL – THEMED WINNERS REVEALED!

CHECK PAGES ONE AND FOUR!



TRIVIA NIGHT WITH STEVE PETTY!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAM
 FEATURING CATEGORIES OF 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