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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

I hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season, we're off to a Great New Year!

Sorry if you missed our Holiday Party at Campagna's Restaurant. Jim Sisti amazed us with his magic & had us all laughing with his comedy. The LED work light was the prize to be had at our Yankee Swap, it was stolen & passed around several times. Campagna's did a great job catering the event, with delicious food & plenty of extra to take home.

We have lots of activities in the works. Our squadron will have a booth at the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun Casino, January 19-22. Come on down, check out the new boats and accessories & say hello.

We are doing our Trivia Contest once again at our January 24th member meeting at the Olympia Diner. Steve Petty will be our host, with Boating, General Knowledge, & Musical Trivia questions. Come enjoy a nice dinner and evening of fun. The festivities will start at 6:30PM

Darren Sweeney, meteorologist from NBC 30, will be our presenter at our February 28th Member meeting. No boater should venture out on the water without checking the weather first. Darren Sweeney will give us some pointers on what to look out for.

Our Boat Show/ Swap Meet on April 22 at the Westbrook Outlets is coming along. This year we will have Brandon Hyner, History Channel's "Forged In Fire", Season 8 Champion at the Meet demonstrating his skill. This year's meet will be bigger & better than ever. It's free to attend, but if you have a Boat, Marine Accessories, or craft items you would like to sell, go to our website (www.hartfordpowersquadron.org) and get a space now .

We'll start running our ABC classes again on March 25 and again on May 20th, 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.

The District is planning activities for 2023. Let me know any ideas you have. We need your input to make our squadron better.

You know, there are only 2 seasons, "Boating Season "and "Waiting for Boating Season "

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Happy New Year!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



Education Department

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We are pleased to announce the 'in person' one-day ABC courses for the spring. We will be teaching ABC at the Bristol Public Library on Saturdays, 25 March and 20 May. They will be held 8:30 to 4:30 and the cost is \$50 which includes coffee and lunch.

Below is the list of courses that are very practical to take on your own and the 'Net' cost to you, a saving of 20% over the normal price. Most are available in 'e-book' form if you prefer those at the same price.

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)	43	Cruise Planning	43
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Would you like to teach one of our courses? We need instructors for Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, and others. If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.



Members Meeting 24 January

Come Join Us for an Evening of Challenge and Fun!

Steve Petty has all the Questions- Do you have the Answers?



24 January 2023
Olympia Diner \$15

Reservations:
Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net

DARREN SWEENEY

Darren Sweeney of NBC 30 will be joining us for the 28 February Members Meeting. Darren is a Meteorologist, and delivers the forecast every weekend morning. He has been recognized by the American Meteorological Society (AMS), and the National Weather Association (NWA).

Darren is also an Associate Professor of Journalism at CCSU. He volunteers his time at many events raising money and awareness for different types of cancer research. Darren helps homeless animals find good homes. He has experience forecasting severe weather and chasing hurricanes.

Help us welcome Darren Sweeney!



**The Hartford Power Squadron Boat Show/
Swap Meet**
22 April at the Westbrook Outlets, 314 Flat
Rock Pl Westbrook, CT

Secure your space today! Boats, Marine
Accessories, or Craft items are GREAT to sell!
Just go to our Website to GET YOUR SPACE NOW!
(www.hartfordpowersquadron.org)

With all-day
Demonstrations
by
Brandon Hyner
History Channel
**FORGED
IN FIRE**
Season 8 Episode 39
Champion!



FEATURING: BRANDON HYNER, Season 8 Champion
of the History Channel's "Forged In Fire"
He will be Demonstrating His Skill for Attendees

8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2023
WESTBROOK OUTLETS, 314 FLAT ROCK PL., WESTBROOK, CT 06498
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 4TH 2022



Members and Guests
enjoying an afternoon filled with
Conversation, Delicious Food,
Magic, and a Yankee Swap!



MAGIC!



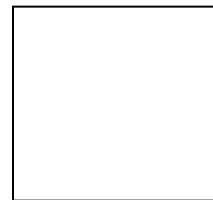
THE YANKEE SWAP!
(Can you guess what the most popular gift was...?)



**DISTRICT COMMANDER ARTHUR ANDREA, AP, and MRS GERALDINE ANDREA
HIGHLIGHT
TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS**



*Be sure to check page 7 for great information on the American Heart Association's **Heartsaver** CPR AED course*



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Do you know what to do if someone collapses in front of you?

Do you know how to relieve choking?

If you want the skills to respond to and manage an emergency until EMS arrives and need a completion card, take the American Heart Association's **Heartsaver CPR AED** course.

Heartsaver CPR AED: This course teaches CPR, AED use and relief of choking in adults, children and infants. It is designed for teachers, fitness instructors, babysitters, security guards, coaches, industrial companies and high school students. Participants will receive a textbook and, upon successful completion, a completion card.

- Date** Wednesday, March 15th at 6-8 p.m.
- Location:** East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department
94 South Road, Farmington
- Cost:** \$40 includes pizza and soda.
- Reservations:** Must be Made. Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net

Please wear comfortable clothing as you will be kneeling on the floor to practice providing compressions. Please park behind the firehouse.