



the Bilge Pump



BULLETIN OF THE HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF DISTRICT 1

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

Volume 80, Issue 7 March-April 2019

Schedule of Upcoming Squadron Activities		Page
12 March	Executive Committee Meeting – “Bridge and general membership welcome” – MDC	
26 March	<u>Annual Meeting</u> “Awards and Recognitions” – Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT	<u>3</u>
07 April	<u>Change of Watch Dinner</u> – “Awards and Recognitions” Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT 06489	<u>4-5</u>
09 April	Executive Committee Meeting – “Bridge and general membership welcome” – MDC	
04 May	<u>Swap Meet and Cookout</u> – Portland Riverside Marina, 37 Riverview St, Portland, CT	<u>4</u>
14 May	Executive Committee Meeting – “Bridge and general membership welcome” – MDC	
28 May	<u>Members’ Meeting</u> – “Ferry Tales” – Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT	<u>6</u>
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities – For further details, see the current issue of <i>Sounds of 1</i>		
30 March	District Spring Conference – “Branford Yacht Club” – 39 Goodsell Point Rd, Branford, CT 06405	
21-23 June	June Rendezvous – “Essex Island Marina” – 11 Ferry St, Essex, CT 06426	
22 June	District June Council – “Essex Island Marina” – 11 Ferry St, Essex, CT 06426	
13 July	District Sail Race – “Branford Yacht Club” – 39 Goodsell Point Rd, Branford, CT 06405	
19-21 July	Mini Cruise – “Mitchell Park Marina” – Front Street, Greenport, NY	
TBD	Fishing Derby – Waterford, CT	
16-18 August	Mini Cruise – “Strong’s Water Club and Marina” – 2255 Wickham Ave, Mattituck, NY 11952	
14 September	Cross Sound Ferry Lighthouse Cruise – 2 Ferry St, New London, CT 06320	
21 September	Poker Run – “Hamburg Cove Yacht Club” – 13 Cove Rd, Old Lyme, CT 06371	
Also in this Issue		
	<u>At the Helm</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>Educational Department</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>2019-2020 Budget Recommendation</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>2019-2020 Nominating Committee Slate</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>Hartford Power Squadron Positions Available</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>Last Month’s Members’ Meeting</u>	<u>4</u>



At the Helm

Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN | (860) 561-0669 | timtyler@hartfordpowersquadron.com

It's March and spring is just around the corner. The weather is finally starting to warm up loosening winter's icy grip. If you are anything like me, the *itch* to start working on your boat has begun. It happens every year about this time. Benadryl doesn't help. The only thing that does help is being around boatyards and boats. Any excuse to be around them will do. If you happen to be near a body of water, your car's steering wheel develops a mind of its own. Before you know it, you are gazing out over some expanse of water; lake, river, ocean, it doesn't matter which. It's water and boats float on it. The draw of water is irresistible. It's soothing; cathartic really. You can feel the muscles relax in your back and neck, and for just a moment it's summer again.

Your Defender catalog has shown up in the mail and it is chock full of stuff to make your boat safer, more enjoyable, or just prettier. When I started boating, Defender was just about the only place you could buy items for your boat. Everything you could need or want was in one place conveniently categorized for your viewing pleasure. When my first catalog showed up, I thought I died and went to Heaven. Who knew there were so many things available for a boat? I spent hours with it every spring. As a young adult, it took the place of the Sears Catalog. That too showed up like clockwork every fall. Devouring every page of the toy section made for many pleasurable hours. Although it's getting harder and harder to shop at Sears, I still shop at Defender.

You can envision the boat projects in your mind. The only problem now is prioritizing them and getting the weather to cooperate. Do you do the things that need to be done first like sand and paint the bottom, or wax the hull? Or do you scratch that *itch* and install that new MDF you got for Christmas? Me, I'm installing the MDF, I can usually get another year out of the bottom paint.

Elaine and I will be starting a new chapter in our boating saga this year. We are leaving our slip in beloved Noank for a new one in Saybrook. The marina could not accommodate our new boat, and we were forced to leave a place we have always loved and move to an area in which we spent many days in our early years of boating. For Elaine, it started much earlier. She grew up in the area and knows it well. Summers spent at the beach with family, friends, and summer boyfriends will never be forgotten. It will be good to explore new places and see how much things have changed in 40 years. We will miss the opportunity of walking down the dock and visiting our friends in Noank, impromptu hookups for a cruise, or just an enjoyable day on the dock. We'll visit our Noank friends and make new friends in Saybrook.

Don't forget our Swap Meet in May. It is a good event, and exactly what you are looking for might be among the items for sale. Bring your family, friends and even your dog for a pleasant day by the river. If you are a camper, why not make a weekend out of it? Call Karen at Portland Riverside Marina (860-342-1911) and arrange to stay a night or two. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Educational Department

Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP – Squadron Educational Officer | (860) 841-8620 | roybergeron01@yahoo.com

HPS Fall Education Results

We are pleased to report the following students completed our fall courses. Congratulations on a job well done!

Seamanship (S) - Instructor - Roy Bergeron
18 October 2018 - 3 January 2019

Betsy Carnes
Shawn Hoar
Denis Moreau

Advanced Piloting (AP) - Instructor - Marty Abrams
8 November 2018 - 14 February 2019

David Waseleski
William Waseleski



Call to the Annual Meeting 26 March

Lt/C Bill Waseleski, P – Squadron Secretary | (860) 212-2636 | wwaseleski@centuryspringmfg.com

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Elections will be held for the new Bridge that will take office at the “Change of Watch Dinner” on April 7, 2019. Shown below is the report of the nominating committee. The report includes nominations for the Bridge, Executive Committee Members at Large and Elected Committees. As a member, you can also nominate members to these positions by petition. To do this, please contact the Secretary fifteen days before the Annual Meeting (by March 11, 2019). We will then make the petition nomination available to the members seven days before the Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Olympia Diner in Newington. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please note, if attending at 6:30 p.m., there is a \$15 meal charge. If you choose just to attend the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., there is no charge.

Please contact Commander Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669 or <mailto:timtyler@hartfordpowersquadron.com> if you are interested in becoming active in our Squadron, participating in committees, or learning more about our organization.

2019–2020 Budget Recommendation

Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN – Squadron Treasurer | 860-655-4623 | cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net

Each year the Executive Committee develops a proposed budget for the year beginning 1 March and presents it at the March Annual Meeting for approval of the members. The proposed budget includes an approximate \$50 positive result for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Please click on the following link (or type it into your browser) to review the proposed budget. Once there, you can print a copy of the budget to bring with you to the annual meeting for discussion: <https://bit.ly/2tBAGpl>.

If you have any questions on it before the annual meeting, please feel free to contact our Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net.

Hartford Power Squadron 2019–2020 Nominating Committee Slate

Bridge

Commander:	Cdr Timothy Tyler, SN
Executive Officer:	Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Education Officer:	Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
Secretary:	Lt/C William J. Wasleski, P
Treasurer:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN – Immediate Past Commander	
P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP	P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP
P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP	P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP
Frank J. Ventrella, AP	

Elected Committees

Nominating Chairman:	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
Nominating:	P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
Auditing Chairman:	Lt/C William J. Waseleski, P
Rules Chairman:	P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Hartford Power Squadron Positions Available

We are presently entertaining nominations for Assistant Officers for Administration, Education, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Mike Rinaldi at (860) 651-3203 or michaeljrinaldi@gmail.com.

Swap Meet and Cookout

The HPS Swap Meet and Cookout is back! The event will once again be held at the Portland Riverside Marina on May 04 with a rain date of May 05. In addition to renting spaces to those who wish to sell their items, we will be accepting donations of lightly used boating items someone else might find useful. Proceeds from the sale of these items will be added to the squadron treasury. Please contact Bill Waseleski, (860) 212-2636 to arrange your donation. As in the past, food will be available throughout the day. There will be a simple cookout menu consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, kielbasa, chips, and other cookout items. And don't forget the 50/50 raffle! You can find complete details on our website at hartfordpowersquadron.org/swapmeet. There, you can view the latest event details and make reservations for a space.

Last Month's Members' Meeting "A Discussion on Connecticut's Boating Industry"



February's meeting featured Don MacKenzie. In addition to being an owner of a Marina and boat dealership, Don is on the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut Marine Trades Association (CMTA), and it is clear he has a passion for the boating industry. The CMTA has approximately 350 business owning members that represent about 8000 employees. They represent every facet of boating in Connecticut. Among the topics discussed was the recent reduction in Connecticut's sales tax on boats to 2.99% which the organization worked on for almost three years to bring about. The tax decrease has reversed the trend of declining sales in Connecticut's boating industry by allowing the state to be competitive with Rhode Island which has no tax on boats. Instead of losing money on the tax cut, revenues the state obtains from the boating industry have increased. Unit sales are up 31%, gross sales are up 56%, 86% of the dealers added employees, 46% of the sales were due to the new tax rate, 95% of the businesses grew, and tax revenue increased 4% over the same period last year. All this at half the rate! Because boating is perceived as a rich person's hobby, and the tax cut is seen by some as one for the rich, our new governor is seeking its repeal. The reality of the situation is that the average boat size in Connecticut is 21 feet, not what comes to mind when you think of a rich person's boat. The governor must be made to see how detrimental his proposal would be to the state and the boating industry.

Don also discussed the need to get the 30-year-old population back into boating. He believes what is needed is a 17' center console boat package, (boat, motor, and trailer) that can be purchased for \$15,995. He believes this type of package would rival the success Boston Whaler had in the late 50's with a similar package based on its 13' Sport. This boat was a mainstay for Boston Whaler for three decades, and it got a significant number of today's boaters started in boating.

Don's last message was the workforce in the boating industry is aging and it is getting harder to bring in new blood. There are a lot of good paying jobs in boating, particularly in engine maintenance. Training is offered and a career with excellent benefits can be made by individuals with a strong work ethic that are not afraid to work. All and all, an enlightening presentation.

Change of Watch Dinner

This year's Change of Watch (COW) dinner is being held at the Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT 06489. If you are not familiar with the COW, it is an annual time-honored formal event preserved by a rich heritage of naval tradition. The COW gives squadron members the opportunity to witness the transfer of responsibility of bridge assignments and to give recognition to the accomplishments of both outgoing officers and squadron members. Officers elected at the Annual Members' Meeting held in March are also sworn in.

All squadron members are encouraged to attend this event not only to show appreciation to those who do so much to keep the squadron viable, but also to meet other members, make friends, and most importantly, have an enjoyable time.

If you are only able to attend one event all year, this should be the one! The Change of Watch dinner is always memorable, so why not make your reservations now and join us at what is sure to be another fun-filled event.

Event Details

- Time:** April 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Place:** Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT 06489
- Menu:** A cash bar will be available, and 3 different appetizers are being served. We have also arranged for a six-course dinner menu. Please see the complete menu on page five.
- Cost:** \$25 per person, including tax and tip. This meal is being subsidized by the squadron to encourage more members to attend. If you walked in off the street and ordered the same meal, it would cost you more than \$50.00.
- Dress:** Uniform A with bow tie, or equally suitable civilian attire.
- Reservations:** Reservations are and must be made by March 31, 2019. To make your reservations, please contact Jim Salvatore at jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680. *Entrée choice must be made when making your reservations.*



Manor Inn Restaurant Deluxe Sit Down Dinner Menu

Hors d'Oeuvres

*Scallops-n-Bacon
Mozzarella Sticks
Stuffed Mushrooms*

Appetizer

Choice of Soup

Salad

Tossed Garden Salad with Vinaigrette

Pasta

Ziti

Entrées (Choice of 1)

Filet Mignon – Charbroiled to Your Liking

Pecan Crusted Cod with Lemon and Wine

Chicken Marsala – Served with Mushroom Brown Sauce

(Entrees served with Baked Potato & Vegetable du Jour)

Dessert

Vanilla Puff

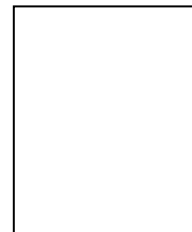
Also Includes:

Freshly Brewed Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea



Hartford Power Squadron
 c/o 44 Copplesstone Rd, Avon, CT 06001-2913

Commander	Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN	860-561-0669
Executive Officer	Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P	860-209-1776
Educational Officer	Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP	860-841-8620
Admin. Officer	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP	860-346-0680
Secretary	Lt/C William J. Waseleski, P	860-212-2636
Treasurer	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	860-655-4623



the Bilge Pump is the official publication of the Hartford Power Squadron. USPS, United States Power Squadrons, The Ensign, Jet Smart, Boat Smart, and Americas Boating Club are registered trademarks. The Squadron Boating Course is a service mark of the USPS. Articles and opinions do not necessarily reflect USPS policy or endorsement unless so designated.

Address Service Requested

Any article may be reproduced in any USPS publication when credit is given to both the author and *the Bilge Pump*.

Edited by: Elaine Cleary 860-561-0669
 elainelcleary@gmail.com

Records: Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN



May Members' Meeting "Ferry Tales"

by Bill Fournier



Windsor's Bissell's Ferry

The May 28th Members' Meeting will feature a talk by Bill Fournier. Bill will present us with the intriguing history of Connecticut River ferries from the earliest 'Fording Place' to their eventual replacement with bridges. Bill's research into the subject included viewing many items housed in local Historical Societies and Libraries, as well as his own extensive collection of Connecticut River historical items, books, Army Corps of Engineers charts and related reports. He is a wealth of knowledge and his presentation will be enlightening.

We will also be given a glimpse into the history of well-used ferry crossings located at Windsor, Hartford, Wethersfield, Haddam, and Old Saybrook.

Having grown up living next to the Connecticut River at the family homestead, Bill obtained his first rowboat at seven years old. He helped his parents maintain and operate Fournier's Boat Livery for the rental of Shad fishing boats. His interest in boating includes service in the CT DEEP Boating Division. Starting in 1983, he coordinated and taught various boating safety education classes throughout the State.

Bill's interests in history continued to grow while researching the history of King's (Terry's) Island. Currently, in preparation for publication, his research will be a reference for historians. The reference should also have a wide appeal to a general audience of those interested in River history. We are honored to have him as a speaker and look forward to his presentation.

Date: May 28, 2019

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.