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UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

**Annual Meeting  
&  
Change of Watch**

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# At the Helm

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I want to thank all of our members who participated in representing our organization at the Hartford Boat Show. Also, kudos to Pat Pabouet for acquiring the boating simulator that provided a new experience for the many attendees who were able to use its many programs. A special thank you for our instructors who taught our seminars at the boat show that were well attended.

Although our January member meeting was cancelled for weather conditions, our planned presentation "Emergencies At Sea" will be held at our May 26<sup>th</sup> member meeting. Our annual meeting will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Olympia diner and I personally want to invite our entire membership to this important meeting.

Finally, as a 501 {c}3 organization dedicated to boating safety through our educational activities, I want to encourage our membership to make a contribution to our organization which is tax deductible. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated to promote our boating safety and educational programs. Contributions can be sent to our squadron treasurer as listed on the back page of this issue.

Cdr. Michael J. Rinaldi, JN



## Change of Watch of the Hartford Power Squadron

The annual Change of Watch of the Hartford Power Squadron is set for Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 1600 at the Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford. This will be a great opportunity to meet with friends from the past and we hope everyone will attend.

The cost of the meal will be \$30.00 per person and you will have a choice of prime rib, Stuffed Chicken Cape Cod, or Stuffed Sole. If you would like a vegetarian meal, please let us know in advance. The meal will also feature salad, penne marinara, dessert, and coffee. A cash bar is available.

Please contact Jim Salvatore at [jimsal1@comcast.net](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net) or 860-346-0680 to place your reservation and meal choice.

**Reservations are required:** USPS Blazer or business attire required.

**Directions** to the Marco Polo Restaurant:

From west on I-84: Take exit 60 and turn left onto Rte 44 (Burnside Ave.). Proceed approximately ½ mile to the Marco Polo on the right.

From east on I-84: Take exit 60, turn right, and proceed as above.

# HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON

## 2015 – 2016 Nominating Committee Slate

**Commander:**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Education Officer**  
**Administrative Officer**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Immediate Past Commander**

**Lt/C Kevin Vibert, AP**  
**Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP**  
**Roy Bergeron, AP**  
**Lt/C James Salvatore, AP**  
**1st/Lt Janet Frick, AP**  
**P/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN**  
**Cdr Michael J. Rinaldi, JN**

### Executive Committee Members at Large

**P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN**  
**P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P**  
**P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP**  
**P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP**  
**P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP**  
**P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP**  
**1st/Lt Timothy Tyler, AP (Asst. Admin. Officer)**  
**P/C Richard C. Carlson, SN**

### Elected Committees

#### Nominating

**2013-2016**  
**2014-2017**  
**2015-2018**

**\*P/C Richard C. Carlson, SN**  
**\*P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP**  
**Cdr Michael J. Rinaldi, JN**  
**\* - Previously elected**

**Auditing:** **P/Lt/C Peter K. Askham, Jr., AP,** **Ch, 2013-2015**

**Rules:** **P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP** **Ch, 2015-2017**

#### Respectfully Submitted:

**P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP**  
**P/C Richard C. Carlson, SN**  
**P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP**



## Phoenix Insurance Donates \$500 to HPS

We are pleased to report that the Phoenix Insurance Company has given HPS a donation of \$500 to HPS on behalf of its employee, Kevin Vibert, our current Treasurer and nominee for Commander. The letter to the squadron from Administrative Manager Babette Mantilla states: “Phoenix is proud to support the charitable organizations to which our employees and directors donate their time. Our Volunteer Grant Program recognizes employees’ and directors’ community involvement by allowing them to direct a mini-grant to the organizations they volunteer for.

We are pleased to provide the enclosed \$500 grant in recognition of Kevin Vibert’s volunteer commitment with your organization.”



## Would you like to Contribute to the HPS

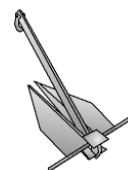
The Hartford Power Squadron is grateful for its active and past members. They do so much to donate their time to further our mission of providing boating education for a safer “on the water” experience.

Besides time, however, we always need funding for many of our activities such as paying for a booth at the Hartford Boat Show, checking buoys on the Connecticut River, presenting programs at our member meetings, and providing education to the boating public.

If you would be interested in donating to the HPS please contact our Commander or Treasurer as indicated on the back page. If your employer has matching grants or outright grants as does the Phoenix, we would appreciate your exploring those opportunities and contributing to the operation of the HPS.

## 2nd Annual Hartford Power Squadron Swap Meet and Cookout Coming in May

Have boating related materials you want to sell, trade or just get rid of? Start gathering them now for the 2nd Annual Hartford Power Squadron Swap Meet and Cookout to be held in May. Help yourself and your squadron while enjoying what is sure to be a great spring day. Details will follow in future issues of the Bilge Pump.



Say goodbye to, and stop tripping over, all those nautical dust collectors... or pick up some new-to-you treasures to complete your spring project!

Secretary's Desk  
Secretary  
Lt/C Brooke E. Martin, N  
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## Call to the Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at the Olympia Diner in Newington.

The meal will begin at 18:30 and the meeting will begin at 19:30. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. Elections will be held for the new Bridge, to take office at the "Change of Watch" meeting on 29 March, 2015.

The report of the nomination committee is on the next page. As a member, you can also nominate members to these positions by petition. To do this, please contact the Secretary 15 days prior to the Annual meeting (by March 9, 2015). We will then make the petition nomination available to the members 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Please call the Secretary if you are interested in becoming active in your Squadron and participating in committees or learning more about the organization of the squadron.

In addition to the officer reports and elections, we are pleased to have a presentation by Capt. Curt Michael who will present a program on "How to get your Captain's License". If you have thought about getting your Captain's License this program will give you an excellent primer for what it entails.

### Education Department

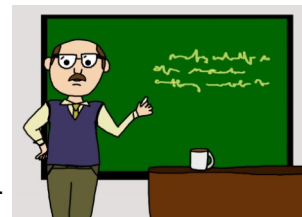
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### Correction

The February issue incorrectly stated that Jon Emerson taught the fall Seamanship course. He did teach the course the previous fall, but Roy Bergeron taught this fall

### Interested in Teaching Advanced Piloting?

Our long term AP instructor, Marty Abrams, would like to reduce his teaching load and wonders if someone else would like to teach the AP course next fall. The prospective instructor would have to have a grade of "AP" or more. Please contact Cliff McKibbin at [cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net](mailto:cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net) or 860-673-1584 if you are interested in discussing the course.



## Boat Show, Seminars, and Simulator a Great Success

The Hartford Power Squadron attracted a lot of interest this year at the CMTA Hartford Boat Show. In addition to our booth and seminars, Pat Pabouet was able to obtain a loaner of the USPS Boating Simulator. This device allows the “student” to drive the boat including: leaving the dock, driving through a slalom course, and returning to the dock. Over 100 “students” tried the simulator and it was universally “liked”. Many seasoned boaters thought it was very realistic and it brought a lot of “buzz” to the booth. The CMTA advertised it heavily.

Our free seminars brought in many prospective members with 49 members of the public taking the four seminars including: How to Read a Nautical Chart, Electronic Charting, How to Use a GPS, and a new seminar, Partner in Command. We have great hopes for the new seminar as it familiarizes the “captain and partner” on all the topics to be learned by the “partner”. We hope to give it at a future member meeting.

The operator of the simulator sees three screens with a view of the water in front. He/she has a wheel and throttle with forward and reverse. The instructor can add wind and/or current to make it harder to dock. There is even a night view so that the operator has to watch for boat lights to avoid crashes.



P/D/C Pat Pabouet shows D/C George Gilbert the operation of the USPS Boating Simulator at the Hartford Boat Show in February.



## Events Calendar 2015



- 10 March 1900-2100 **Executive Committee Meeting** Bridge members & general membership welcome. MDC, 240 Brainard Rd., Hartford, CT
- 24 March 1830-2030 **Annual Meeting** Awards and Recognitions Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT
- 29 March, 1600 **Change of Watch**, Marco Polo Restaurant, East Hartford
- 2 May **Annual Swap Meet and Picnic**, location TBA
- 26 May, 1830-2030 **Member's Meeting**, "Emergencies at Sea", Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT.

### District Events

District 1 **Spring Conference**, 21 March

## Advanced Schedule of District Summer Activities (mark your calendar)

Details will be in the spring and summer *Sounds of 1*

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| 26 June      | District Fishing Derby, Waterford, CT         |
| 26-28 June   | District June Rendezvous, Essex Island Marina |
| 27 June      | District June Council, Essex Island Marina    |
| 11 July      | District Sail Race, Branford YC               |
| 7-9 August   | District Mini Cruise, Cedar Island Marina     |
| 19 September | District Poker Run, Hamburg Cove YC           |





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