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Editor’s note: Because the February member’s meeting was cancelled, we were not able to award our January contest winners Jon Emerson and William Waseleski their prizes. Jon and William, please stop by the March Annual Meeting and pick up your prizes. If you can’t make it, let me know and I’ll make arrangements to get them to you. My contact information is on page 8.

From the Helm

Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P

Our participation in The Hartford Boat Show was a success. People stopped to talk about the Power Squadron and test their skills on the boating simulator. The simulator was a big hit last year and it was equally popular this year.

My thanks go out to all who helped set up our booth. I would also like to thank members from our neighboring squadrons who helped staff our display.

Winter caught up with us in February with snow storms and record cold temperatures. Our Members' Meeting was cancelled due to hazardous conditions much to the disappointment of our sailing members. We hope to reschedule this program in the fall.

Looking ahead to the month of March, I encourage all Hartford Power Squadron, (HPS), members to attend our Annual Meeting as voting for the election of Officers for the coming year will take place. The Hartford Power Squadron 2016 - 2017 Nominating Committee Slate is on Page 4 of this publication.

Please note the District Conference takes place on March 19th and is the Annual Meeting for District 1 (D1). We have arranged to provide training for those of you who would like to become a Vessel Safety Examiner, (VSE). Time will be allotted for training during the Conference. Details are available in the Sounds of One. The Conference is a great way to meet your district officers and members of other Squadrons in D1.

The Hartford Power Squadron Executive Bridge is exploring the possibilities of going to the Newport International Boat Show in September. Newport is a great place to visit in September and going to an in the water boat show is an added attraction.

Get involved with your Squadron. There are lots of great things to do and people to meet.

Patrick A. Pabouet,
Commander

Newport International Boat Show



We're planning a bus trip to the Newport International Boat Show on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The bus will leave Manchester at 9 a.m., arrive in Newport around 11:00 a.m., and leave Newport at 7:00 p.m. to return to Manchester around 9:00 p.m.

You'll be on your own all day to spend time at the Boat show and visit beautiful Newport. We're still in the planning stages, but we do know the cost will include both the bus trip and admission to the show. More information will be provided in the May Bilge Pump. If you think you'd like to attend, please contact Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet at 860-528-7700. This will help give us a rough count which will in turn help with ticket pricing.

March Contest

There wasn't a lot of room left this month for a contest, so we're making this a "Contest Ideas Contest". We'd like to run a contest this summer that all members can participate in and we need some ideas. The prize will be a Hartford Power Squadron burgee.

The concept is to run the contest from May 1st through August 22nd and let members keep building on their entry to the contest all summer long. It shouldn't be time consuming, or hard to do, but should be enjoyable and allow for some creativity. Perhaps something like pictures of boats sporting a USPS Ensign, points given for each different boat, with extra points given if they are flying their squadron burgee. Picture contests can be fun and allow you to show creativity. Everyone is carrying a camera these days, so impromptu pictures are easier than ever. But you don't have to limit your contest to a picture contest... use your imagination and help us make this contest a success.

Please email your ideas to summercontest@hartfordpowersquadron.com. They can also be mailed to Elaine Cleary, 306 Cherry Hill Drive, Newington, CT 06111.

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The link you need for registration is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-6055634>. Or scan the QR code to the right using your smart phone.



Education Department News

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Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Course

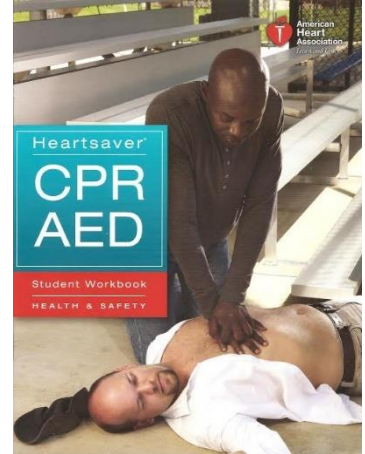
We are once again offering a CPR course. The course is presented by certified instructors and includes a textbook and American Heart Association Certification good for 2 years.

As boat captains, our responsibility is to the safety of our vessels, crew and passengers. When those passengers are our friends and loved ones that responsibility takes on a very special significance. The American Heart Association says that CPR done within five minutes of a person's collapse, combined with professional care, can increase survival rates by as much as 50 percent. It can also buy precious minutes while waiting for paramedics to arrive. So this month we urge you to seriously consider taking this course. It's on a weekday evening, takes only three hours and the three hours includes pizza!

Those who took our last course – your certificate is expiring – sign up and get the latest information and a new certificate. Those who have not had CPR training – here is your chance to learn a possibly LIFE SAVING PROCEDURE. You owe it to your spouse, partner, parents and kids to be up-to-date on CPR.

The size of the class is limited and is first come first served. **Reservations are Required.** Contact Jim Salvatore at: jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680) to reserve your spot.

Date: April 11, 2016
Location: East Farmington Fire Station, 94 South Rd, Farmington.
Time: 6:00 p.m. - Refreshments (pizza, soft drinks)
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Instruction
Cost: \$20.00, includes pizza and soft drinks by HPS. Fee payable at the course.



Change of Watch Dinner



This year's Change of Watch (COW) dinner will once again be held at the Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, CT.

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 February 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 a good time.

If you are only able to attend one event all year, this should be the one! Dinner at the Marco Polo is always memorable, so why not make your reservations, put on your glad rags and join us at what is sure to be another fun filled event.

Event Details

Time: April 3rd, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Place: Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, CT
Menu: A cash bar will be available. Pizza appetizers will be served prior to dinner. Your dinner entree will be a choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Parmesan, or Baked Scrod. *If you would like a vegetarian meal, please let us know in advance.* The meal will also feature salad, penne marinara, dessert and coffee.
Cost: \$35 per person
Dress: USPS Blazer or business attire required.
Reservations and Meal Choice: Contact Jim Salvatore at: jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.



Call to the Annual Meeting 22 March

Secretary's Desk
D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN, Secretary
(860) 242-8187

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 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 mark your calendars for this important meeting. Elections will be held for the new Bridge, to take office at the Change of Watch dinner on April 3, 2016.

The Nominating Committee Slate follows. 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 19, 2016). Any petition properly submitted will then be made available to members 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

At this year's Annual Meeting, in addition to the officers' reports and the elections, it will be our pleasure to welcome our speaker Jerry Desmond. Jerry is the Boating Safety Coordinator for the State in the Boating Division of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Before taking his current position with the DEEP, Jerry was a long time police captain for the town of Stonington. Jerry served the department as a reserve officer while at Southern Connecticut State College and was hired as a full-time officer in 1980. He was the department's first DARE officer while serving as youth officer from 1985 through 1990. Among his accomplishments are:

- Teaching boating safety classes for the State and privately for 18 years
- Substitute teacher in the Stonington School District and at Grasso Technical High School in Groton
- Earned his Bachelor's Degree in education
- Earned a Master of Professional Studies Degree in Homeland Security from the University of Connecticut
- Went through the FBI Academy's eleven week course in Law Enforcement Executive Training in 2007
- Taught Homeland Security classes at Mitchell College in New London as an adjunct professor

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

If you arrive for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the cost is \$15 with cash bar - or just come at 7:30 p.m. for the free Annual Meeting and presentation.

HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON 2016 – 2017 Nominating Committee Slate

Bridge

Commander:	Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Executive Officer:	D/Lt/C Timothy Tyler, JN
Education Officer:	Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
Secretary:	D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN
Treasurer:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Immediate Past Commander:	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN
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 Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
Frank J. Ventrella, P

Elected Committees

Nominating (Chairman 2015-2018):	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN	(Previously elected)
Auditing (Chairman 2016-2018):	D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN	
Rules (Chairman 2015-2017):	P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP	(Previously elected)

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

Safety Corner – SUP

Editor's note: This month's Safety Corner concerns the use of Stand Up Paddleboards, or as they're more commonly referred to, SUP. The following article was found on the NRS.com website and is being reprinted in its entirety with their permission. Rumor has it that the Coast Guard, State and Local authorities will be taking special notice of these regulations this season. Make sure you're in compliance and save yourself a ticket and a spoiled day.

U.S. Coast Guard Regulations for Stand Up Paddlers

The sport of SUP boarding has exploded. Thousands of new folks are getting on the water with their boards for the first time. It's great, it's fun, but do you know what you need to have and do to be legal on the water?

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has determined that SUP boards operated outside a surfing, swimming or bathing area are "vessels" under USCG regulations. The following refers to what that means for you when you're outside those areas.

Life Jackets:

- Each paddler 13 years of age or older must have a USCG-approved Type I, II, III, or appropriate Type V (see below) life jacket. It doesn't have to be worn, although that's certainly the wisest plan, and one which we strongly recommend.
- A child 12-years old or younger must wear their USCG-approved life jacket.
- The jacket must be in "serviceable condition," without rips, tears or deterioration that will diminish its performance.
- The jacket must be of an appropriate size and fit for the wearer.
- A Type V jacket can be used as long as it's USCG-approved and applicable for the activity.
- Belt pouch-type inflatable PFDs, such as the ones we carry, must be worn on the person to meet the life jacket regulation. For other types of inflatable PFDs, check the approval description printed on the unit for restrictions.
- For all life jackets, be sure to read the label to know if special requirements pertain to that device.



Other Required Gear:

- A whistle or other sound producing device must be carried to warn other boaters.
- If you're on the water after sunset, you need to have a flashlight, or similar lighting device, to warn other boaters.

What You Need to Do:

- As the operator of a vessel, you need to follow the Navigation Rules.
- You are also required to report any boating accident or injury to the local reporting authority, either the USCG or other agency that has been delegated that authority.



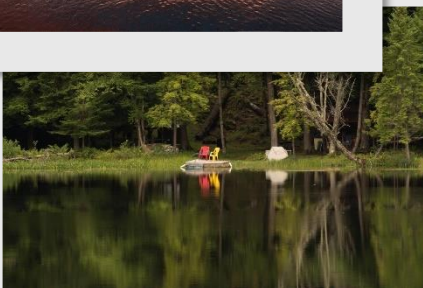
So, if you have this gear and follow these rules you should be legal under USCG regulations. State and local agencies may have additional rules or more restrictive versions of the federal ones.

Remember, on a SUP board you're about the most vulnerable person on the water. Watch out for power boats and other crafts; use your signaling devices to help them spot you. Wearing brightly colored life jackets and apparel in well traveled waterways can be a life saver. Also, many boating accidents involve alcohol; it's best to leave the celebration until you're back on shore.

Have a great time on the water and above all, boat safe!

Photo Contest Results

We asked for photos and you responded with wonderful entries. It didn't occur to me picking ONE photo I liked best would be a difficult job, but it was very difficult to choose a winner. In fact, having gone through each photo many times, I found I went to different places and focused on different feelings with each photograph. You took me on a remarkable voyage and I feel all of the photographs are winning images. But, I have to choose only one winner and that winner is in the center of this page and was submitted by Frank Pascucci. All of your photos are GREAT and all of you should have won. I am sure everyone will enjoy viewing your submissions. Thanks for participating.



HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON

3rd ANNUAL MARINE SWAP MEET AND COOKOUT

COME FIND YOUR TREASURE!

Sign up for a space and free yourself of no longer needed treasures. Searching for treasure? Stop by and find what you've been looking for at a great bargain.

WHEN

April 30 – May 1, 2016
Rain Dates May 14 - May 15, 2016
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE

Portland Riverside Marina
37 Riverview St, Portland, CT 06480

PER DAY SPACE RENTAL

10' x 12' space for \$15 or a 10' x 30' space for \$25.00
Reserve your space no later than April 23rd.
Call Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669
Email swapmeet@timtyler.us

FOOD

Cookout style food will be available for purchase.

50/50 RAFFLE

Money collected from 50/50 raffle ticket sales will be split evenly between the winner and the HPS.

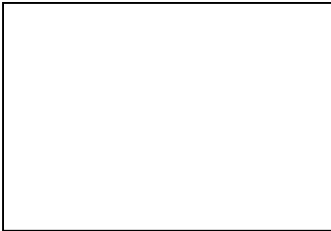
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a nonprofit educational boating organization.

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INFORMATION.

We're looking for volunteers for this year's swap meet. Since the meet has expanded to two days, we're looking for people who know their way around a grill and are good with a spatula to help cook... pretty much just burgers, dogs and buns. No need to volunteer for the entire day, but if you could donate a few hours of your time it would be greatly appreciated. We're also looking to expand our menu. If you enjoy cooking and have a specialty dish (beans, special salad, dessert, etc.), that too would be appreciated. If you think you'd like to help out your squadron, please contact Tim Tyler by phone at (860) 680-3386 or by email at swapmeet@timtyler.us.



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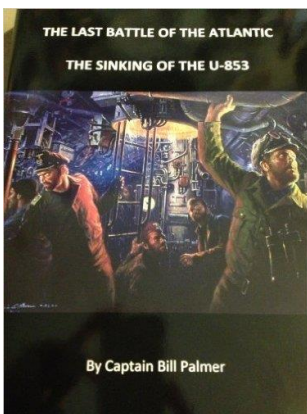
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May Members' Meeting Will Feature The Last Battle of the Atlantic "The Sinking of the U-853"



The May 24th Members' Meeting will feature author, adventurer and wreck diver Captain Bill Palmer. Captain Palmer is one of New England's leading authorities on underwater wrecks, and has videotaped dozens of submarines, U-boats, and sunken vessels that have been lost in East Coast waters. The topic of May's meeting will be his book, *The Last Battle of the Atlantic "The Sinking of the U-853"*. Copies of his book will be available for purchase along with his historical video series on wrecks of the Eastern Seaboard. Come join us for what is sure to be an interesting and informative evening.

Out in the cold Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Rhode Island, lies the remains of what was once a feared and mighty hunter. It's not a fish or shark, for that matter it's not even a marine creature. It's what men feared the most when they went to sea aboard their vessel back in the World War II years. It's a German Submarine called a U-Boat. The U-853 was the last German submarine sunk in World War II. She was sunk with all hands just minutes before World War II ended. The once mighty hunter feared by all who put to sea, now lies in 130 feet of water off the coast of Block Island, Rhode Island, her grave marked only by a circle on the nautical charts, DANGER Unexploded Depth Charges, May 1945.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Cost: \$15 for dinner with cash bar - or just come at 7:30 p.m. for the free presentation.

Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at: jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.