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22 May	Members’ Meeting – “Topic to be determined” Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111	
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17 March	Spring Conference – Manchester Country Club 305 S Main St, Manchester, CT 06040	
22 June – 24 June	June Rendezvous – Essex Island Marina 11 Ferry St, Essex, CT 06426	
23 June	June Council – Essex Island Marina 11 Ferry St, Essex, CT 06426	
14 July	Sail Race – Branford Yacht Club	
13 July – 15 July	Mini Cruise – Mystic Seaport 75 Greenmanville Ave, Mystic, CT 06355	
20 July	Fishing Derby – Waterford	
10 August – 12 August	Mini Cruise – U.S. Coast Guard Academy 31 Mohegan Ave Pkwy, New London, CT 06320	
15 September	Poker Run – Hamburg Cove Yacht Club 13 Cove Rd, Old Lyme, CT 06371	
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At the Helm

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The end of the squadron year is quickly approaching, and our annual meeting which signals the start of a new one will be on March 27th. Please mark your calendar. It's at the annual meeting that you get to vote for your Bridge Officers for the coming year. During our March members' meeting, also our annual meeting, you will hear what your officers have done this past year, approve the budget for 2018-2019, and elect your leaders. I really urge you to attend and take part.



Our members' meeting speaker is a member of the CT DEEP. Discussed will be conservation efforts on Long Island Sound. You will hear about fishing regulations and what the DEEP is doing to protect the species that live in the Sound.

I really enjoyed being your Commander for the past year, and I was honored to lead the squadron. As you know all good things must come to an end. I want to thank you for your trust and your participation. I also want to thank the Bridge for their continuous help and their commitment to the squadron.

Thank you,
Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P

Executive Department

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Hartford Boat Show

The Hartford Power Squadron was again in attendance at the Hartford Boat Show. All members managing our booth felt the turnout this year was much better than last year. We handed out close to 100 brochures for the America's Boating Course, more than 60 for our Engine Maintenance and Piloting courses, and close to 150 of the combined District 1 and District 2 course schedule. We're hoping to see this reflected in registrations for those courses.

It was announced that next year's boat show will be held at the new Mohegan Sun Exposition Center scheduled to be completed this summer. This is the largest expo space along the New York-Boston I-95 corridor. The Executive Committee is trying to determine how this change will affect us. We would like to continue the tradition of participating in the show but are concerned that a destination so far from Hartford will adversely affect our ability to staff our booth. Over the past few years, we have found it increasingly harder to get members to volunteer, putting an unfair burden on those that do. If we cannot get members to participate, the long drive to the new venue may be the straw that breaks the camel's back. We are hoping that despite the greater distance, holding the show at the casino may actually increase volunteerism. Time will tell.

Our intention is to put out an early call for volunteers. We will make our decision on whether or not to continue participating in the show based on the response from our membership.

This is a slow down this time of year Executive Department, so once again I'll share a short story. This one is called...

We've All Been There

The owner of a new 40 ft. yacht invited his only sibling to go for a three-day cruise. Going directly to the dock from the airport, the sibling arrived with luggage a little earlier than expected. The boat owner, upon arriving and seeing the amount of luggage said, "you should have warned me, I would have bought a bigger boat!"



Call to the Annual Meeting 27 March

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The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Elections will be held for the new Bridge that will take office at the “Change of Watch Dinner” on April 8, 2018. The report of the nominating committee is shown below. 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 prior to the Annual Meeting (by March 12, 2018). We will then make the petition nomination available to the members seven days prior to 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 to just attend the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., there is no charge. Please contact Commander Pat Pabouet at (860) 528-7700 or argus06108@aol.com if you are interested in becoming active in your Squadron, participating in committees or learning more about our organization.

2018-19 Budget Recommendation

Each year the Executive Committee develops a proposed budget for the year beginning 1 March. This budget is then presented at the March Annual Meeting for approval of the members. The budget proposal this year calls for a surplus of slightly over \$100.

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: <http://bit.ly/2F8VYZG>.

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 2018 – 2019 Nominating Committee Slate

Bridge

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

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN	Frank J. Ventrella, AP
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

Elected Committees

Nominating (Chairman 2015-2018):	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN	(Previously elected)
(2017-2019)	P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP	
Auditing	William J. Wasleski, P	
Rules (Chairman 2015-2018):	P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP	(Previously elected)

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.

Do You Need a HPS Burgee? (You Know you do.)



What boater doesn't love flags? A burgee is a flag used as an identification flag, especially by boats, bearing the colors or emblem of a boating organization. It is a proud yachting tradition.

In the case of the Hartford Power Squadron (HPS) burgee, it shows the boating community that you are a proud member of the HPS! It also helps you identify other members of your squadron when you are out on the water. To fly a squadron burgee, you need to be a member of a squadron of the United States Power Squadrons. All squadrons have their own. To fly ours, you need to be a member of HPS.

Our burgee is navy blue with a traditional Navy anchor in red, surrounded by 13 white stars representing the squadrons of District 1. A platinum band was added to each edge in 2006 to represent the squadron's 75th anniversary.

Most of us have a boat that is mastless or is single-masted. In this case, flag etiquette dictates that you fly your burgee from the bow staff. If your boat is of a different configuration, you can find details on how to fly your burgee here: http://www.usps.org/f_stuff/etiquest.html#usps-s-pennant.

During our "Get Ready for Spring Sale" now going on, burgees can be purchased for a limited time for only \$10. That's right ONLY \$10.00! Contact Cliff McKibbin at (860) 655-4623 or email cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net. They are also available for sale at our monthly member's meetings. Please support your squadron and fly a burgee.

Change of Watch Dinner



This year's Change of Watch (COW) dinner will be 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 to 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 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Place:** Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT 06489
- Menu:** A cash bar will be available, and three different appetizers will be 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 in excess of \$50.00.
- Dress:** Uniform A
If you not have the appropriate uniform, a USPS Blazer or business attire are appropriate.
- Reservations:** Reservations are required and must be made by April 1, 2018. 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
Swedish Meatballs w/Tarragon Dip*

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

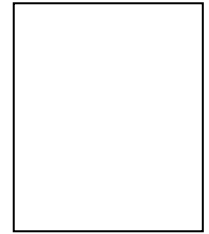




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March Members' Meeting Will Feature "DEEP Fisheries Management Program"



The March 27th Members' Meeting will feature a speaker from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Fisheries Management Program. Although the details of the program are still being worked out, it is expected that there will be updates on the Lobster Monitoring Program that was begun in 1982 and the Long Island Sound Trawl Survey.

The Lobster Monitoring Program provides basic information needed to assess the long-term health of the Long Island Sound (LIS) lobster population. The Department's goal is to ensure that the Sound's lobster population is sustained while also providing opportunity for harvest by commercial and recreational fishermen.

The Long Island Sound Trawl Survey is a vital tool Marine Fisheries staff use to measure the abundance and distribution of finfish, squid and other macroinvertebrates (lobster, crabs, horseshoe crabs, whelks) in Long Island Sound, independent of commercial or recreational fishing.

Because this will also be our Annual Meeting, the Annual reports of the Commander, Executive Officer, Education Officer, Administration Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer will be presented. Acceptance of the proposed budget for 2018-19 will also be voted on. The report of the Nominations Committee will be given, and election of nominated officers will be held. Join us for what is sure to be an informative meeting.

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.