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Fallen Comrade

Past Commander Donald Gregory "Greg" Truss, P, age 62, of Moodus, died Friday, March 11, 2016 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford.

Greg was Commander of the Hartford Power Squadron during the 1995-96 year. He worked in IT as a computer specialist at Hartford Steam Boiler. Greg had a great love of the sea and could often be found relaxing on his boat at Brewer's Marina in Deep River, Connecticut.

Your friends in the Hartford Power Squadron salute you and wish you Godspeed Commander.



From the Helm

Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P

As I write this message, boating is in the air but the weather is still not fully cooperating, it's a bit cold and doesn't feel like boating season. Many of us have started working on our boats hoping and wishing for boating weather.

The squadron was busy getting the boating course completed and some advanced courses done. We conducted a seminar at Chester Point Marina in Chester on the Connecticut River, keeping our SEO Roy Bergeron busy.

We had our Change of Watch Dinner on April 4th, our District Commander Art Andrea swore in the officers and I for the 2016-2017 year, our 85th anniversary year.

The officers and I wish to thank the members for your trust to direct the squadron for another year. We ask that you get involved in your squadron, take a course, come to a meeting and get involved in a squadron activity. Have your boat safety inspected and read *the Bilge Pump*.

Patrick A. Pabouet,
Commander

Newport International Boat Show



We're planning a bus trip to the Newport International Boat Show on Saturday, 17 September 2016. The bus will leave Manchester at 0900 and arrive in Newport around 1100. It will leave Newport at 1900 to return to Manchester at 2100.

You'll be on your own all day to spend time at the Boat show and visit beautiful Newport. The total cost of the trip is \$45.00. This includes both the bus trip and admission to the show. This is considered by many to be the best boat show in the Northeast. Thinking of driving? Parking will cost you \$20.00, a ticket \$15.00-\$20.00, you'll pay for fuel for a 3-4 hour round trip, there's driving the 3-4 hours and finally you'll need to ride the shuttle after your long drive. Taking the bus will be less expensive, you'll get to the show fresh, you'll be

dropped at the show entrance and not have to stand in line for full price tickets. On the way home: once again no shuttle ride to the parking area, no long drive home after being on your feet all day and if you decide to have dinner at one of the great Newport restaurants, you won't need to skip that second glass of wine because... you've got it, you're not driving! This is an incredibly good deal. So before it slips your mind, pick up the phone and call Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet at 860-528-7700 to make your reservations. Your seats will be guaranteed and it will help give us an idea of how many busses we'll be hiring. More information will be provided via email as the date of the show approaches. See you at the show!

HPS Website Has a New Look

To commemorate our 85th anniversary, and as a birthday present to ourselves, our website has been overhauled and given a new look and feel. The site has been optimized so it will reformat itself to display well on all device types. We're proud of it and hope you will be too. Please give it a try and let us know what you think. www.HartfordPowerSquadron.org

April Contest

There were no submissions to April's contest, so there will of course be no winner. We started our first contest in January hoping it would increase your enjoyment of *the Bilge Pump*. Submissions to the contests have been few in number. Based on this we will be eliminating them. To those of you who did participate, we thank you.

2016-2017

Bridge Officers and Committees

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: D/Lt 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*
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

Hartford Power Squadron Turns 85

Hartford Power Squadron turns 85 on 28 November 2016. The anniversary will be commemorated in a series of history articles in *the Bilge Pump*. This is the first in a series of four articles that will be featured in our remaining 2016 issues.

The Hartford Power Squadron Founding of the Hartford Power Squadron

*The following is excerpted from the 50th anniversary **the Bilge Pump** in April, 1981 (Kenneth Weeks, Jr., AP, Editor) as well as the 75th anniversary booklet of District 1.*

The Hartford Power Squadron had its beginning in late 1930 when Kenneth B. Noble, JN of New Haven Power Squadron sent Piloting class placards to local yacht clubs. Walter Pittman of Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club wrote to Noble expressing interest in the course and offering full cooperation.

On 23 January 1931, Captain Noble, having received authority to give the class from then C/C Frederic W. Keator, N, of the New Haven Squadron, reports that he began the Hartford introductory course with 23 students. The course was held at the Morse Business College in Hartford. Attendance grew to 70 men from Springfield, Hartford, Wethersfield and Middletown. On 27 March, 1931, it was reported that 23 Hartford men passed the exam, most with very high scores.

The original By-Laws of Hartford Power Squadron were voted on 9 April 1931 and captain Noble was elected the first Commander.

On 28 November, 1931, the Hartford Squadron received its charter signed by C/C Frederick L Reid. The names of the following twenty-seven charter members appear on the charter: C.D. Belanger, C.C. Bell, G. Benoit, A.W. Bevin, F.N. Deardon, R.P. Drew, M. Fishborn, R. Fox, H. Halliday, S.S. Hasbrouck, S.A. Hasbrouck, T. Holden, R.A. House, W.E. Morse, E.A. Moyer, K.B. Noble, W.T. Palmer, H.R. Philbrick, W.E. Pittman, K.B. Post, R. Robbins, J.H. Schwarz, Jr., H.A. Sorenson, E.G. Spencer, H.R. Stockder, W. Walther, H.B. Wilson.

It's Dues Season

By now you should have received your dues notice via email or "snail mail" and many of you have already sent in your payment. For those who are procrastinating, why not send it in now and cross it off your to-do list? That way you will continue to enjoy the benefits of membership in our 100-plus-year-old organization. In fact, there may be benefits you haven't discovered yet. Browse through the list of activities, partners and discounts offered at <http://usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/14900>.

Awards

The measure of an organization can be determined in no small part by the awards it receives. We are pleased to announce the following awards that have been made for individual accomplishment or outstanding service to the Squadron, District or National USPS.

National

Awards for Excellence in Communication:

- Publication - **Sounds of 1** Editor: D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
- Publication - *the Bilge Pump* Editor: Elaine Cleary
- Publication - **HPS Website** Webmaster: P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP

Contribution to the USPS Educational Fund Contributing for the 17th year in a row.

District

100% Histories Award - Historian: D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

HPS received this award on both a District and Squadron level for its exceptional record keeping efforts.

Most VSC checks in the District - Hartford Power Squadron

Most Individual VSC checks in the District - 2nd Place - Cdr Pat Pabouet, P

Amazon Smile

With millions of customers, Amazon is the leading e-retailer in the United States. If you buy from Amazon, here's your chance to help your squadron at no cost to you. Instead of shopping at <http://amazon.com>, do your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/>. You'll need to complete a one-time registration naming the Hartford Power Squadron as your charity of choice. From then on, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be donated to our organization. The important thing to remember is to shop using the <http://smile.amazon.com/> address otherwise your purchases will not get credited. 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.



CPR Course

The eight members attending the CPR Course held 11 April at the East Farms Fire Department in Farmington, CT had an enjoyable evening while helping to make their crew and guests that much more safe. After visiting and dining on pizza, the class was presented by Bonnie Sudell and her husband Bob. The latest techniques for performing CPR on both adults and infants were demonstrated through a video presentation and guided hands on training using adult and baby CPR training manikins. The use of Automated External Defibrillators or AEDs was also presented. Each person attending earned their 2 year American Red Cross AED/CPR certification.



Jim Salvatore giving "Rescue Breaths".



Tim Tyler doing "Chest Compressions" under Bonnie's watchful eye.

HPS Annual Meeting

Hartford Power Squadron held their Annual Meeting at the Olympia Diner on Tuesday March 22nd.

Cdr Pat Pabouet called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Annual reports were presented by bridge members and the reports are published in this issue of *the Bilge Pump* and are also on file with the Secretary. The proposed budget for 2016-17 was presented by Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, and was accepted by those in attendance. Also presented and accepted was the report of the Audit Committee.

Cdr Pabouet dismissed the bridge and all committee members and turned the meeting over to P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr., AP, Chair of the Rules Committee who read a list of nominations. Pat Pabouet was nominated as the squadron's new commander. P/D/Lt/C Weeks asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. P/D/Lt/C Weeks therefore asked for a motion from the floor to accept the report of the nominating committee. The motion was made, seconded, and voted in favor of the nominees. The new officers were installed at our Change of Watch on Sunday, 3 April 2016. A list of the new Bridge can be found in this issue on page 3.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Jerry Desmond of the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Boating Division who spoke and showed slides regarding boating education and safety in Connecticut. He commended the Power Squadron for its educational and safety efforts and urged us to continue to teach courses. Jerry stated that they have added a slide to the DEEP course that provides the websites of the Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary so that the students can seek further education.



Jerry Desmond

Change of Watch Held at Marco Polo

The Hartford Power Squadron held its annual Change of Watch on Sunday 3 April 2016 at the Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford. District Commander Arthur Andrea officiated in swearing in the new Bridge and welcoming Executive Committee members and presenting awards.

In accepting a second year in command, Cdr Patrick Pabouet thanked the Squadron and the members of the Bridge and Executive Committee for 2015-16 for its generous support and assistance that made his job easier during the past year, with particular gratitude to D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN.

Cdr Pabouet is dedicated to improving membership and attendance in part by continuing to sponsor timely and interesting speakers at Members' meetings and by promoting boating centric events like the Newport International Boat Show.



From left to right: D/C Arthur Andrea, AP; Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP; D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, JN; Lt/C James Salvatore, AP; D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN; Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P.

Co-Op Charting

We have scheduled our annual Co-Op Charting outing for 11 June. Boats will be leaving Hartford and Saybrook at 1000, meeting at Haddam Neck State Park for lunch and returning approximately at 1500. Members will check movable Aids to Navigation (ATON) positions and fixed ATON maintenance on the way and report discrepancies to the US Coast Guard.

If you've never done this before, it's a wonderful way to meet some of your fellow squadron members and get out on the water for the day. You get to experience the Connecticut River while someone else is piloting the boat. It is a great way to get to know the river if you've never been on it before, or to get reacquainted if you've been away for awhile. You also get a free lunch and the fuel tab is picked up by the squadron. What could be better than that? No experience necessary. The only requirement is an enjoyment of the water. If you're a mom or dad, come with your teenage daughter or son and spend some quality time showing them it can be fun to volunteer.

If you would like to participate in this fun activity, please contact Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669 to discuss signing up. He would really love to hear from you.

Annual Reports

Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Commander 2015 - 2016



I was appointed your Commander last August during our Executive Committee meeting replacing Commander Vibert who resigned for personal reasons. Since August, I represented our squadron at all District 1 meetings and presided over all Hartford Squadron member meetings. I chaired all Executive Committee meetings and managed the day to day operations of Hartford Squadron. I was unable to attend the USPS annual meeting in Orlando due to time constraints.

Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Treasurer Fiscal Year Ended 29 February, 2016



This year we have made a number of changes to the accounting and finances of the Hartford Power Squadron. Among these, we:

1. converted to using the spread-sheet used by the District to maintain the books. This has resulted in an improved monthly Statement and Balance Sheet that show previous year's results.
2. converted our Capital One CDs to Fidelity resulting in an increase of our interest income from \$139 to \$242 this year and an anticipated \$580 in the next fiscal year.
3. assured that all income and expenses for the spring education season are pushed into the next fiscal year. In this way, the next fiscal year will have the correct match up of the education income and expense. This will allow us to fine tune the course charges so that we can achieve a break even in the education department.
4. wrote off approximately \$1050 of educational manuals that were either outdated or non-existent. Some of this was seminar material that was unable to be returned over 5 years ago.
5. added back to the inventory all of our educational equipment including sextants, computers, and projectors. It was felt that this equipment should be carried as an asset.
6. contributed to the National Education fund for the 17th year.
7. prepared a draft budget for the Executive Committee at the January, February, and March meetings and submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting on 29 February, 2016.
8. paid our State of CT sales tax for manual sales in a timely manner.
9. filed the CT Secretary of State Annual Report in a timely manner.
10. filed the IRS 990-N for non-profits in a timely manner.
11. elected as our new auditor, D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN. His report will be presented at the annual meeting.

The result of reconciling the education income and expense to the same year, the increase of dues to \$17 this year, the increase in interest income, as well as a general focus on holding the line on expenses has resulted in a net gain for the year of \$359.95 on income of \$3,933.49 and expenses of \$3,573.54.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for its support in my efforts and thank D/Lt/C Richard Carlson, SN for his efforts in his first year as our auditor.

The end of year Financial Statement and Balance sheet have been submitted to the Executive Committee and are available to any member wanting to review them.

Respectfully Submitted,
D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, Treasurer

Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Executive Officer 2015 - 2016



The Executive Officer departments had a very good year, achieving a number of goals.

Boat Show. Chairman Frank Pascucci, AP procured a “double wide” booth so we could display the Boating Simulator obtained by Cdr Pat Pabouet, P from National. It was a big draw to our booth. Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP and Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN gave 4 seminars to the public.

Vessel Safety Check. Chairman Pat Pabouet, P reported that the squadron gave 65 Safety Checks last year which placed it first in the District. We now have 5 Safety Examiners. If you would like to become a Vessel Examiner (VE), please contact Pat.

Co-Op Charting. Chairman P/D/Lt/C George Gwizd, JN reported that we had a very successful outing on 19 September with one boat going from Hartford to Haddam Meadows State Park. The group reported 1 vandalized Aid to Navigation (ATON), 2 obscured ATONs and the new Glastonbury boat ramp (not yet on chart) to the US Coast Guard. This resulted in the squadron ranking 31st in the country.

A well-deserved thank you goes out to all who participated in these activities and were instrumental in making them a success.

Respectfully Submitted,
D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, JN

Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Squadron Education Officer 2015 - 2016



Public Boating Course attendance was good, resulting in 13 new members. Almost as important to our membership growth was our policy of advertising our advanced courses to non-members. This resulted in 8 new members taking our advanced courses. This winter we gave seminars at the Hartford Boat show resulting in 29 students.

I want to thank those who served the Education Department this past year: our ABC Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P, and all of our instructors who are so dedicated to our education mission. We gave 16 merit marks to our staff this year. For 2015-16, we had the following course completions:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>New Members</u>
ABC Farmington-spring	Jon Emerson	10	9
ABC Simsbury-spring	Mike Goman	7	4
Seamanship	Roy Bergeron	10	4
Piloting	Roy Bergeron	5	4
Advanced Piloting	Marty Abrams	2	0
Junior Navigation	Roy Guile	1	0
Marine Com. Sys.	Dale Nies	2	0
Total		37	21

Seminars

Reading a Chart	Cliff McKibbin	14	Hartford Boat Show
Electronic Charts	Cliff McKibbin	7	Hartford Boat Show
VHF/DSC Radio	Roy Bergeron	6	Hartford Boat Show
Partner in Command	Roy Bergeron	2	Hartford Boat Show
Total Seminars		29	
Total all Courses		66	21

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP, Educational Officer

Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Administrative Officer 2015 - 2016



Hartford Power Squadron had another year of fun events:

- 29 March - we had our change of watch dinner held at Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford. We had a Great turnout. Members were recognized for their achievements for the past year. The new bridge was sworn in by D/Cdr Arthur Andrea.
- 2 May - we had our Second Annual Swap Meet and Cookout at Portland Riverside Marina. It was a great day and boaters were able to sell old nautical toys and pick up some new ones.
- 26 May - at our members' meeting the featured speaker was Captain Jim Cranston from Central Connecticut SeaTow. Captain Cranston gave a presentation on how to prepare for and handle emergencies at sea.
- 15 August - members spent the day at Chester Point Marina conducting vessel safety examinations. Instructions were also given in the proper use, handling and disposal of vessel distress signals.
- 22 September - at our members' meeting we had a presentation from the Connecticut River Museum on transportation along the river from sail to steam. The talk was about early sailing history beginning with Andriaen Block in 1614 to steam power.
- 27 October – at our members' meeting, a presentation was given by Co-author Douglas Campbell on the book Rescue of the Bounty. This was an incredible true story about a captain leaving a safe port and sailing his leaking 50-year-old vessel towards hurricane Sandy.
- 26 January – at our members' meeting we had Captain Henry Marx from Landfall Navigation present a program on the American Great Loop; a continuous waterway that encompasses the eastern half of North America.
- 23 February - our meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. We had Dan Stadlander all set to give a presentation on the Newport Bermuda 1-2 sail race and we hope to get him back in the fall.
- 3 April - coming up shortly is the squadron's Change of Watch. Again, it's sure to be a great dinner and a fun event.

Respectively submitted,

Lt/C James Salvatore, AP, Administration Officer



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Secretary 2015 - 2016



The Department of the Secretary operated efficiently last year.

Staff

Janet Frick served as Secretary from April through August. Richard Carlson served from August for the remainder of the year.

Elaine Cleary served as editor of *the Bilge Pump*, Frank Pascucci served as Webmaster, Paul Silversmith served as Membership Director and Cliff McKibbin served as Historian.

Membership

Paul Silversmith did an excellent job maintaining and reporting on the squadron's membership list. The list changes during the year, and the breakdown by grades is as follows:

Year	Members	S	P	AP	JN	N	SN
Oct 2003	252	47	50	53	13	6	6
Oct 2004	231	36	51	46	12	6	6
Oct 2005	202	31	48	42	12	4	5
Oct 2006	189	32	37	42	10	4	4
Oct 2007	194	29	35	42	10	4	3
Oct 2008	182	26	37	34	14	2	3
Oct 2009	160	28	31	35	13	2	3
Oct 2010	172	25	27	35	13	2	1
Oct 2011	171	24	25	35	12	3	2
Oct 2012	168	24	29	31	14	3	2
Feb 2014	160	20	31	34	13	2	2
Feb 2015	153	19	29	31	10	3	2
Apr 2016	147	21	23	29	11	3	2

the Bilge Pump

the Bilge Pump continued to be our primary means of communicating with our membership. Seven issues were published from March 2014 to February 2015. *the Bilge Pump* includes the schedule of upcoming activities, reports from department heads and articles of general interest.

the Bilge Pump was once again honored, receiving the "Distinctive Communicator Award." *the Bilge Pump* is now published online in PDF format to those with e-mail addresses in DB 2000. I want to thank Elaine Cleary for stepping up and taking over as editor of *the Bilge Pump* on short notice in October.

Squadron Web Site

We want to thank Frank Pascucci for maintaining our squadron website at www.hartfordpowersquadron.org. Frank was awarded the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for the website in 2015. The website includes up-to-date information on upcoming activities, classes, officers and contacts. Frank now publishes copies of *the Bilge Pump* on the website in PDF format.

Squadron History

Cliff McKibbin, SN, completed the 2014-2015 history in a timely manner and we have submitted, 100% of our histories. Cliff also served as the district historian. My thanks to Cliff for another job well done.

Respectively submitted,
D/Lt/C Richard Carlson, SN, Secretary

Safety Corner

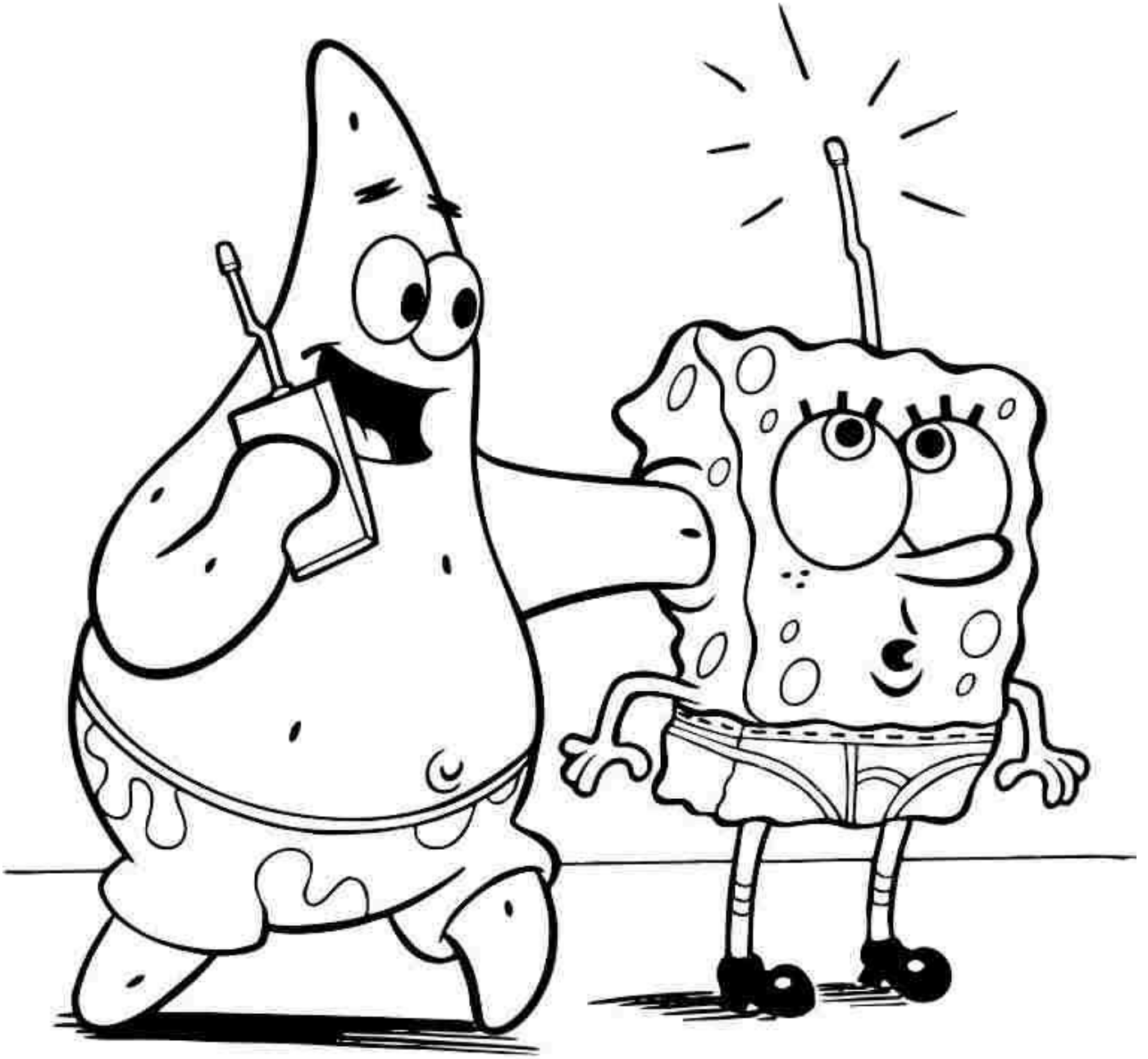
As human beings we have a great capacity for believing it can never happen to us. The other guy, sure, but not us. Well guess what... even if you're the safest boater around, that careless and perhaps uneducated "other guy" is out to get you and it can happen to you. So this month we just want to say please practice safe boating, stay vigilant and **watch out for the other guy**. We want all of you back to read our September issue! So go out there, get to know your boat, get to know your friends and families and have a very safe and enjoyable summer.

In the immortal words of Hill Street Blues Sergeant Phil Esterhaus: "Hey, let's be careful out there." Don't become one of these "other guys":



Coloring Fun

A little something to keep the little ones busy on a rainy day.
Found on azcoloring.com.



Patrick Star and SpongeBob SquarePants practicing what they learned in the Marine Communication Systems course.



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Admin. Officer	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP	860-346-0680
Secretary	D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN	860-242-8187
Treasurer	D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	860-6731584

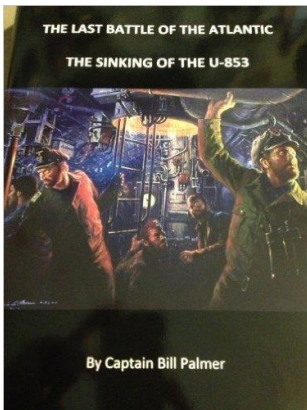
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Last Members' Meeting Before Summer Boating Season May's Meeting Will Feature The Last Battle of the Atlantic "The Sinking of the U-853"



The 24 May 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. Its'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: 1830
Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT
Cost: \$15 for dinner with cash bar - or just come at 1930 for the free presentation.
Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at: jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.