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Fallen Comrade

Past Commander Edward L. Taisarsky, AP, passed away on 26 March 2017.

Ed was a Registered Architect and actively involved in The Boy Scouts and The Power Squadron. His interests included boating, sports cars, camping, hunting and fishing. Ed is survived by his wife Gail, son Thaddeus, grandson Griffin, son Lee and granddaughters Elisa and Izabella. He was also survived by his sister, Sue Williams.

Ed was a long term active member with 32 merit marks since joining the Hartford Power Squadron in 1983.

He immediately became active as a member of the Executive Committee in 1984, Asst. SEO in 1985, Admin Officer in 1986, and Commander in 1989. During the 1990s he was active in "Member Involvement" and on the Executive Committee until 2004. He began instructing the "Basic Boating Course" in 1999 and was still helping out in 2016. In 2005, he began instructing the "Instructor Training" course and helped train many of our instructors until 2016.

In later life, Ed took up RVs (Land Yachts) and liked to contrast the 5.5 gallons/hour of his "Yacht" to boat gallons/hour. Of course, he went over 3000 miles at 60mph.

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



Ed sitting with "friend" in front of Wall Drug Store, Wall, South Dakota.

At the Helm

Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P | (860) 528-7700 | argus06108@aol.com

The annual meeting has come and gone and the squadron is starting a new year. You, the members, have given us, the officers of the squadron, a mandate to continue our work to make Hartford Squadron better than it was last year. Last year was a success and everyone worked hard to excel in all our programs. We need to exceed what we did last year.

I would like to thank you for your trust in reelecting last year's executive bridge and to thank you for reelecting me as your Commander. I promise you that we will work harder than we did last year.

Now you, the members, must show us your appreciation by getting involved in your squadron. We need instructors, committee members and eventually members to take over in command positions, and we need you now.

Last month I lost a great friend, P/C Ed Taisarski. Ed was Commander when I started to get involved in the squadron, I remember him asking me to run a fishing contest, I did and we became friends through many events that we shared. When I became Commander, I would always call on Ed and he would always help. HPS and I lost a great friend. I will miss him.

Ed was an example to all of us. Let us carry on his legacy.

Thanks again for your trust.

Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P



2017-2018

Bridge Officers and Committees

Bridge

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

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
 P/Lt/C James Monroe, AP
 P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
 Frank J. Ventrella, AP
 P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP
 P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP

Elected Committees

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

*Previously elected

HPS Annual Meeting

Hartford Power Squadron held their Annual Meeting at the Olympia Diner on Tuesday, March 28th.

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*. Reports are also on file with the Secretary. The proposed budget for 2017-18 was presented by Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, and was accepted by those in attendance. The report of the Audit Committee was presented by Chairman William Waseleski, P, and was accepted by those in attendance.

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 squadron 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 2 April 2017. A list of the new Bridge can be found in this issue on page 3.





Change of Watch Held at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne

The Hartford Power Squadron held its annual Change of Watch on Sunday 2 April 2017 at the Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Newington. District Commander Charles Marino officiated in swearing in the new Bridge and welcoming Executive Committee members and presenting awards.

In accepting the third year in command, Cdr Patrick Pabouet thanked the Squadron and members of the Bridge and Executive Committee for 2016-17 for their generous support and assistance that made his job easier during the past year. D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN was recognized with gratitude for his significant contributions.

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.



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



Joan Blackwell and Ken Weeks



Lucille McKibbin and Betty Carlson



Bill, Ashley and Joanne Waseleski



Don Watson



Roy Bergeron



Pat Pabouet, Elaine Cleary, and Charles Marino



Tom Berlandy



Frank Pascucci



Mike Rinaldi and Roy Guile



Jim Salvatore and Barbara Pajak



Karen and Frank Ventrella



Annual Reports Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Commander 2016 - 2017

This past year, I attended all District Council meetings and all District Conferences. I chaired all HPS Bridge meetings and HPS member's meetings., I also represented HPS at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando.

We had a good year. We received awards for our Co-op Charting efforts. We came in First in the Vessel Safety Check Program for District 1. Additionally, we were recognized for our contribution to the USPS Education Fund.

I would like to thank Tim Tyler, our Exec. Officer, for all he does above and beyond his duties. Tim is always ready to take on a new project and lends his help when there is a need.

I would like to thank Jim Salvatore, our Admin. Officer, for a job well done. Thanks to Jim, our member's meetings have increased in attendance. Jim set up all our social functions from meetings to the Change of Watch.

Roy Bergeron, our Education Officer, sets up all the classes that HPS offers. At times, it can be a thankless job, but we all appreciate the hard work Roy does putting our educational program together.

Cliff McKibbin, our Treasurer, tries to keep us in the black as well as keeping the Commander from spending too much money. Cliff is also acting secretary, and he has been acting secretary for more than a year. Cliff is always there to help on the different projects including Co-op Charting.

Along with Tim, Jim, Roy, Cliff, and our Bridge members (Mike, Frank, Don, Tom, Frank V. and Ken), our Bilge Pump editor, Elaine Cleary, we would not have a boat show, a newsletter, and members programs. Life would be harder trying to run a squadron without you. I cannot forget all our Instructors, the Vessel Safety Examiners, and all our members that support our programs.

Thank you All. Patrick Pabouet Commander HPS



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Executive Officer 2016 - 2017

This past year, I attended all Executive Committee meetings and most Member's meetings. I also attended all District Council meetings, District Conferences, and a District Mini Cruise.

The Executive Officer departments had a very good year achieving several goals and receiving two awards.

Boat Show: Chairman Frank Pascucci, AP, procured a "double wide" booth so we could display the Boating Simulator obtained from National by Cdr Pat Pabouet. It was a big draw to our booth. Due to a change in the National policy concerning free seminars, we did not offer them as we did in the past. Instead of the seminars, a television was obtained, and a DVD containing all the Digital Media Library (DML) videos created for 2016 was created. This DVD aired continuously during the show, and it generated a significant amount of interest. Unfortunately, bad weather and poor placement of our booth on the show floor resulted in significantly fewer visits to our booth than in prior years. We could not attribute Spring class registrations to our participation in the show.

Vessel Safety Check. Thanks to the efforts of our VSE Chairman, Pat Pabouet, and our Vessel Examiners, the squadron gave 48 Safety Checks last year which placed it first in the District. A District award was received for these efforts. We now have 4 Safety Examiners with one more pending completion of the initial checks. If you would like to become an Examiner, please contact Pat.

Co-Op Charting. Chairman D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, reported that we had a very successful outing on 11 June to survey the aids to navigation (ATONs) on the Connecticut River. They found no ATONs out of place but did find several of them needed their numbers repainted. Also, some of the fixed ATONs were obscured by foliage. Unfortunately, the primary reporting system, "ccweb," has been taken down by NOAA because of security issues. Although our National CoOP Charting Organization is working to replace the reporting system, as of this time, a method for reporting future findings is still forthcoming. Without a reporting system, we had no way of communicating our Co-Op Charting results for the National squadron rankings for last year. Still, without a new system, our Co-Op Charting efforts were recognized by National with an award.

My sincerest thanks go out to all who participated in these programs and made them successful. Your contributions have made the waters of our state a safer place for all who use them. I know endeavors of this type represent a lot of work, but hopefully there was a bit of fun had as well.

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



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Squadron Education Officer 2016 - 2017

Public Boating Course attendance was good, resulting in 4 new members. Almost as important to our membership growth was our policy of advertising our advanced courses to non-members. This resulted in 5 new members taking our advanced courses. We also gave a seminar at Chester Point Marina with 12 students attending.

I want to thank those who served the Education Department this past year: our ABC Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P, and our instructors who are so dedicated to our education mission. We gave 4 merit marks to our staff this year.

For 2016-17, we had the following course completions:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>New Members</u>
ABC Farmington-spring	Jon Emerson	6	4
Piloting	Roy Bergeron	8	5
Advanced Piloting	Marty Abrams	2	0
Engine Maintenance	Dick Stone	9	0
Totals		25	9

Seminars

Partner in Command	Roy Bergeron	12
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Total Courses and Seminars 37

Respectively submitted,
Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP, Educational Officer



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Administrative Officer 2016 - 2017

The Hartford Power Squadron had another great year of activities.

1. The Hartford Power Squadron held its Annual Change of Watch dinner at Marco Polo restaurant in East Hartford on the of April. District Commander Arthur Andrea officiated the swearing in of the new bridge and presented awards.
2. The 11th April we had CPR training at the East Farms Fire Department in Farmington.
3. 30th April, the 3rd Annual Swap Meet at Riverside Marina in Portland was held.
4. 23rd of May, Member's Meeting, Captain Bill Palmer give a talk on the last battle of the Atlantic and the sinking of German U-Boat 853 at the end of WWII – which occurred off the coast of Block Island.
5. 27th of September, Cliff McKibbin gave a presentation on Venice, Italy. The presentation focused on culture and the prevalence of marine trade and transport.
6. 25th of October, Dan Stadtlander gave us presentation on the Bermuda 1-2 race which Dan won in 2015. He also talked about other not so successful races and the trials and tribulations of these trips.
7. 24th of January Member's meeting, John Langlois of Enfield Scuba and Watersports gave us a presentation on the evolution of scuba diving. He also shared pictures from various dives and raffled off a free diving course.
8. 28th February, we had Don Watson, a life member of the United States Power Squadron with 69 years of service. Don talked about the 71st Infantry Division during WWII and shared the experience of the recent 71st Division reunion, held in Erie, PA.
9. 2nd of April is our Change of Watch. It's sure to be a fun event and I hope to see you all there.

Respectively submitted,
Lt/C James Salvatore, AP, Administration Officer



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Treasurer Fiscal Year Ended 28 February 2017

This year we continued all of the policies instituted last year for the accounting and finances of the Hartford Power Squadron. Among these, we:

1. converted to using the spreadsheet 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 for comparison purposes.
2. continued to roll over our Fidelity CD ladder resulting in an increase of our interest income from \$242 last year to \$556 this year.
3. assured that all income and expenses for the spring 2016 education season were pushed into this fiscal year. In this way, we were able to gauge an accurate result for the education department which allowed us to more effectively budget for next year.
4. contributed to the National Education fund for the 18th year.
5. prepared a draft budget for the Executive Committee at the January, February, and March meetings and submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting on 28 February 2017.
6. paid our State of CT sales tax for manual sales in a timely manner.
7. filed the CT Secretary of State Annual Report in a timely manner.
8. filed the IRS 990-N for non-profits in a timely manner.
9. elected as our new auditor, William J. Waseleski, P. His report will be presented at the annual meeting.

The result of reconciling the education income and expense to the same 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 \$38.95 on income of \$6,004.34 and expenses of \$5,965.39.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for its support in my efforts and thank Bill Waseleski 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
Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, Treasurer





Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Secretary 2016 - 2017

The Secretary Department operated efficiently this year.

Staff

The staff for the year were:

D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN, Secretary until his untimely passing.

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, acting secretary

1st/Lt Elaine L. Cleary, editor, Bilge Pump

1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP webmaster

1st/Lt Paul Silversmith, AP membership director

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN historian

Membership

1st/Lt Paul Silversmith, AP did an excellent job maintaining and reporting on the squadron's membership list. The breakdown of our membership by grade 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
Feb, 2016	147	21	23	29	11	3	2
Feb, 2017	142	17	31	30	11	3	1

Bilge Pump

The Bilge Pump continued to be our primary means of communicating with our membership. Editor 1st/Lt Elaine Cleary published seven issues from March 2016 to February 2017. The Bilge Pump includes the schedule of upcoming activities, reports from department heads, and articles of general interest. Elaine Cleary was once again honored for the Bilge Pump, receiving the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for 2016.

Squadron Web Site

We want to thank 1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP for maintaining our squadron website at www.hartfordpowersquadron.org. Frank and D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, JN re-worked the website during the year to give it a more modern look. Frank was awarded the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for the website for 2016. The website includes up-to-date information on upcoming activities, classes, officers and contacts.

Squadron History

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, completed the 2015-16 history in a timely manner and we have submitted 100% of our histories.

Respectively submitted,

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, acting secretary

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**

Governing Board Member Emeritus

A member whose long service has earned them 50 merit marks is granted the status of Governing Board member emeritus, with lifetime voting privileges. As might be imagined, this award is not bestowed very often and is received by only by our most dedicated members. Hartford Power Squadron is proud to congratulate our Rules Chairman **P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP** on receiving this most prestigious of awards. Congratulations Commander and thank you for your years of service.

2016 CoOp Charting Honor Roll Award

Awarded to the Hartford Power Squadron for ranking 37th among all squadrons for participation in the Office of Coast Survey Chart Maintenance Program.

Contribution to the USPS Educational Fund

Contributing for the 18th year in a row.

Merit Marks

Every year merit marks are given by National to individuals who have contributed extraordinary time to the squadron, usually by holding an elective office, serving on a committee or teaching courses. Only one merit mark can be given to a person per year. Members achieving "Senior Member" (5 merit marks) are entitled to receive one free class of their choice. Members reaching 25 merit marks become "Life Members" and no longer have to pay dues. The following members have been awarded merit marks for the calendar year 2016. We want

to thank them for giving their time and effort to help our Squadron in so many ways.

Marty Abrams, Roy Bergeron, Thomas Berlandy, Elaine Cleary, Jonathan Emerson, Marvin Goldberg, Kenneth Letendre, Cliff McKibbin, Pat Pabouet, Frank Pascucci, Mike Rinaldi, Jim Salvatore, Paul Silversmith, Tim Tyler, Don Watson and Ken Weeks

Senior Member

When a member earns 5 merit marks, he or she is recognized as a Senior Member.

D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN

Educational Proficiency Award

This award is granted to an individual for completing a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and three Elective Courses.

P/Lt/C James Monroe, AP

Frank J. Ventrella, AP

District

100% Histories Award

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

Historian: **D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN**

Most VSC checks in the District

Hartford Power Squadron

Teaching Aid Contest - D1 Fall Conference

Hartford Power Squadron

P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P "Right of Way"



**Ken Weeks Receiving the
Governing Board Member Emeritus Award
from
Chief Commander Louie Ojeda
at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.**



Co-Op Charting

We have scheduled our annual Co-Op Charting outing for 10 June. Boats will be leaving Hartford at 0930 and Old Saybrook at 1000, meeting at Haddam Meadows 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 a while. 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.

Seating this year is limited, so if you would like to participate in this fun activity, please contact Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669 ASAP to discuss signing up. He would really love to hear from you.



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 smartphone.



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/memberbenefits2>.

Safety Corner

“Boating Safety Mobile App”

This article is written by D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, SN. The opinions are his and do not necessarily reflect the views of the HPS or the USPS.

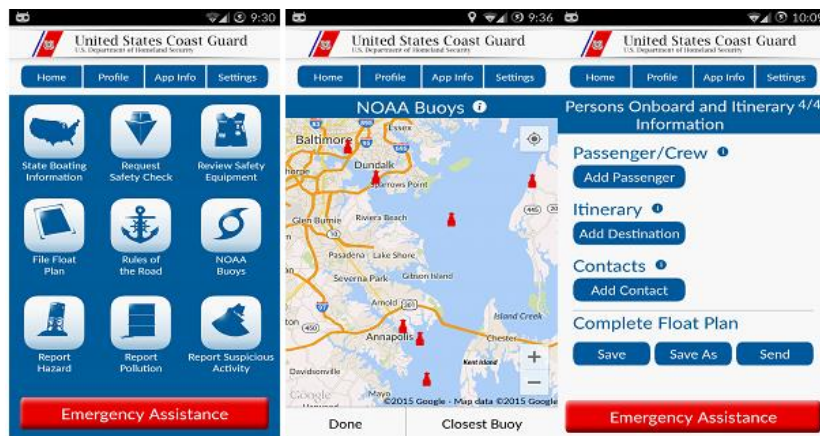
These days there are “apps” for just about everything, and everyone is getting on board. The United States Coast Guard is no exception. They have a new Boating Safety Mobile App available for Android and iOS phones.

From their website:

The USCG Boating Safety App provides information on the following subjects:

- Find the latest safety regulations
- Request a vessel safety check
- Check your safety equipment
- File a float plan
- Navigation Rules
- Find the nearest NOAA buoy
- Report a hazard
- Report pollution
- Report suspicious activity
- Request emergency assistance

About the App



As the nation's recreational boating safety coordinator, the Coast Guard works to minimize loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental harm. Our boating safety program involves public education programs, regulation of boat design and construction, approval of boating safety equipment, and vessel safety checks for compliance with federal and state safety requirements. The Coast Guard Mobile App supports these missions by providing the essential services and information most commonly requested by boaters.

Features of the app include: state boating information; a safety equipment checklist; free boating safety check requests; navigation rules; float plans; and calling features to report pollution or suspicious activity. When location services are enabled, users can receive the latest weather reports from the closest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather buoys as well as report the location of a hazard on the water.

The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.

The Boating Safety Mobile app was not designed to replace a boater's marine VHF radio, which the Coast Guard strongly recommends all boaters have aboard their vessels. The app was mainly designed to provide additional boating safety resources for mobile device users.

The app is self-contained, so personal information is stored on the phone and is not sent to the Coast Guard unless the user chooses to send it. The Coast Guard does not track a user's location, and the app does not track a user's location unless the app is being used.

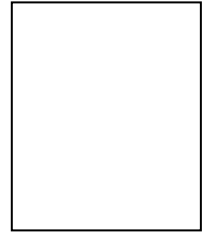
This is a very well thought out application and something every boater should consider having on their phone. So why not go to Google Play or the App Store and give it a try? I'm sure you'll be as impressed as I am. If you need more information before you give it a try it's available at <http://www.uscg.mil/mobile/>.

Stay safe.



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May Members' Meeting Will Feature *"Big striped bass with light tackle"*

The May 23rd Members' Meeting will feature Captain Mike Roy of Reel Cast Charters. His presentation will focus on "Big striped bass with light tackle and more".

Captain Mike is the founder and operator of Reel Cast Charters, a full-time fishing charter based out of Old Saybrook, Connecticut. From largemouth bass to giant Bluefin tuna, fishing in both fresh and salt water his angling pursuits have taken him across the country. He has also fished internationally. An innovative angler, he is constantly applying new techniques. His enthusiasm and passion for the sport are contagious. Captain Mike is a United States Coast Guard OUPV Licensed Captain and graduate of Southern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education. The seminar will feature a power point presentation.



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 jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.