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ANNUAL REPORTS & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

They will be full soon!

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12 July	Fishing Derby – Waterford, CT (<i>Rain date July 13</i>)	
13 July	District Sail Race – “Branford Yacht Club” – 39 Goodsell Point Rd, Branford, CT 06405	
19-21 July	Mini Cruise – “Mitchell Park Marina” – Front Street, Greenport, NY	
16-18 August	Mini Cruise – “Strong’s Water Club and Marina” – 2255 Wickham Ave, Mattituck, NY 11952	
24 August	Executive Committee Meeting – S&S Marina at Riverside, 18 Riverside Ave, Old Saybrook, CT 06475	
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Fallen Comrade

James “Jim” A. LeGeyt, passed away on 17 December 2018



James “Jim” A. LeGeyt, 80, of Wethersfield, former member of the Hartford Power Squadron, passed away on Monday, December 17, 2018, with his loving family by his side. Jim was a graduate of Wethersfield High School and attended UConn. He was also a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Jim was an avid boater for over 60 years, working as a Captain for both Deep River Navigation and Lady Katharine Cruises. He was a past Commodore and lifetime member of the Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club.

James’ full obituary is at:
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wethersfield-ct/james-legeyt-8091564>



At the Helm



Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN | (860) 561-0669 | timtyler@hartfordpowersquadron.com

This month’s issue is a large one and doesn’t leave much room for my message, so I’ll keep it short. First, I would like to thank you all for electing me as Commander for another year. If you missed this year’s Change of Watch, you missed a great time. My swearing-in was, to say the least, especially entertaining.

We are kicking off the boating season with our Swap Meet and Cookout on May 4th. Please, considering getting yourself a **free** space. It’s a great way to help your squadron and potentially yourself by checking out sale offerings. [Details immediately follow.](#)

We are also having a Summer Photo Contest. This contest is a fun way to document your Summer, show off your photographic artistry, and perhaps win first prize. Please give it serious consideration. We want to see your photos! [Details are on page 10.](#)

We have added some last-minute courses to our educational schedule. We are offering both a 1-day and 8-week basic boating course, and a CPR class. Taking the CPR class will earn you an American Heart Association Certification good for two years. Take the class, and you may save a life. Take it with a friend or family member and they may save yours. All classes start this month. [Details are on page 4.](#)

Please take the time to check out the summer activities the District is offering. They are a fun way to make new friends and have a good time on the water. I wish you and yours a safe fun-filled summer, hopefully on the water with people for which you care. If you see a boat named Bullseye flying a USPS Ensign, please stop by and introduce yourself. Remember, time wasted on a boat is time well spent.

Stay safe out there.
Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN



HPS 5th Annual Swap Meet and Cookout

The HPS Swap Meet and Cookout is back! The event will once again be held at the Portland Riverside Marina on May 04 with a rain date of May 05.



This year a free 10’ x 12’ space will be given to any member of District 1 that requests one! That’s right, FREE!

In addition to renting spaces to those who wish to sell their items, we will be accepting donations of lightly used boating items someone else might find useful. Proceeds from the sale of these items will be added to the squadron treasury. Please contact Bill Waseleski, (860) 212-2636 to arrange your donations. As in the past, food will be available throughout the day. There will be a simple cookout menu consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, kielbasa, chips, and other cookout items. And don’t forget the 50/50 raffle!

You can find the latest event details and make reservations for a space at <http://www.usps.org/hartford/swapmeet/index.html>.



2019-2020 Bridge Officers and Committees

Bridge

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

Executive Committee Members at Large

- P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
- P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, 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 | P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN |
| | | P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP |
| Auditing: | Chairman | Lt/C William Waseleski, AP |
| Rules: | Chairman | P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP |



HPS Annual Meeting

Hartford Power Squadron held their Annual Meeting at the Olympia Diner on Tuesday, March 23rd.

Cdr Tim Tyler called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Chaplin Cliff McKibbin gave an invocation. Bridge members presented annual reports, and the reports are published in this issue of *the Bilge Pump*. Reports are also on file with the Secretary. Treasurer Cliff McKibbin presented the proposed budget for 2019-20, and those in attendance accepted it. Audit Chairman William Waseleski, AP presented the report of the Audit Committee, and those in attendance also accepted it.

The meeting was turned over to P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr., AP, Chair of the Rules Committee. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN, read a list of nominations. P/D/Lt/C Weeks asked if there were any other nominations submitted to the Secretary and there were none. He asked for any nominations from the floor for open positions, and there were none. P/D/Lt/C Weeks asked for a motion from the floor to accept the report of the nominating committee. The motion was made, seconded, and voted on in favor of the nominees. The new officers were installed at our Change of Watch on Sunday 7 April 2019.

The squadron presented a birthday cake to P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP in celebration of his 97th birthday. For those of you who do not know Don, he is a Life Member and has been a member of USPS for 71 years. During that time, he has supported the organization in many ways and has earned 37 Merit marks while doing it. He currently serves the squadron as an Executive Committee Member at Large. Don is also a WWII veteran who served his country proudly as an Engineer in the U.S. Army 71st Infantry Division assigned to the Third Army under General George S. Patton. Happy Birthday Don!

You can find pictures of Don and his birthday cake on [page 13](#).

Educational Department

Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP – Squadron Educational Officer | (860) 841-8620 | roybergeron01@yahoo.com

America's Boating Course

This spring, we are offering two different America's Boating Courses for the CT Boat Operator Certificate.

- We are holding a 1-day course on 18 May at Hamburg Cove Yacht club in Hamburg, CT from 8AM-6PM. The cost is \$55 including the manual. This course does not contain a piloting component.
- We are holding an 8-week course at Goodwin College in East Hartford, CT. This course contains a piloting component and will begin sometime in May. The cost is \$69 including the manual.

Please contact Roy Bergeron to sign up for either of these courses.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Class

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

Those who took our last course – your certificate has expired – 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 Roy Bergeron to reserve your spot.

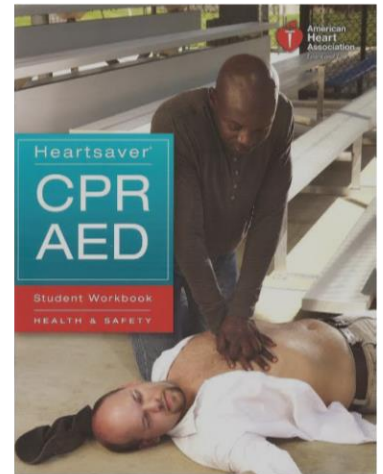
Date: 22 May 2019

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.



Annual Reports



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Commander 2018 - 2019

Overall, I would say we enjoyed a successful year at the Hartford Power Squadron. Our financial results for the year were positive, and our Members' Meetings were for the most part well attended.

Since I'm a "bad news first" person, I'll start by saying this was the first year we were not able to host the Annual Hartford Boat Show, breaking a 49-year tradition. The decision not to sponsor the show was a tough one, but the logistics of trying to support the show at its new venue in Uncasville with a handful of volunteers would have put an unjustifiable burden on them. I believe the decision to let the District sponsor the show was the right one. They were able to meet the staffing needs more easily and had a very successful show.

We also canceled the Annual Swap Meet and Cookout this year. Originally intended to be held as an event to get our members together to help kick off a new boating season, there has been very little interest shown in volunteering to help put the event on, and more importantly in attending it. Most of our attendance was from other squadrons. It was a lot of work to go through for an event that was not being well received by our members. We have had a request from the



marina where the event was held to bring it back. Marina patrons enjoyed it and asked marina management to see if we would come back. So, having skipped a year, we have repurposed the event, and we are bringing it back as a fundraiser for the Squadron. It will be used to get our name out there, to try and increase membership, to have fun, and to hopefully make a few dollars too. Please note, we have not forgotten our members. Anyone who would like to take part in the event by selling their items will be provided a free space to do so. We still welcome volunteers to help, people to make a food dishes, and members to attend the event with their friends and family.

It was a particularly bad year for deaths within our ranks. We lost a Past Commander and several long-time members who contributed significantly to the Squadron over the years. Those lost were:

- P/Lt/C Paul Silversmith, AP, passed away on 19 June 2018
- P/Cdr George D. Gwizd, JN, passed away on 28 July 2018
- P/Lt/C Eric (Ric) Manner, S, passed away on 13 November 2018
- James A. LeGeyt passed away on 17 December 2018
- P/Lt/C Franklin R. Pylant, AP, passed away on 22 January 2019

My condolences go out to their families and friends. They are all sorely missed.

Now for some good news. Our CoOperative Charting efforts did not go unnoticed by National. Our Squadron was ranked fifth in the country, and five of our members received individual awards for their efforts. Great job guys. We had successful Fall and Spring Educational seasons which resulted in two new Advanced Pilots, a better-educated boating community, and some new members too.

We held our second annual bus trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino. This year we were able to combine the bus trip with boat show attendance making for an even greater outing. We had a larger crowd this year, resulting in a profit. Everyone who attended had a great time and is looking forward to next year's trip. Special thanks go to Bill Waseleski, his wife Jeanne, and his daughter Ashley for making this a very successful event.

Finally, I would like to thank our Instructors, Volunteers, and the Executive Committee for the continuing support they have given our Squadron and me. Without them, there would be no Squadron.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy F. Tyler, SN, Commander



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Executive Officer 2018 - 2019

The Executive Department was busy last year with various activities. The Executive Dept has under its direction, the Safety Department, the Coop Charting Department, and the Boat Show.

Under the Safety Department, we conducted two flare demonstrations, one at the Essex Yacht Club in May and the second at the Essex Island Marina. Both were very well received.

We also did 29 Vessel safety checks at various marinas. Your vessel examiners are Cliff McKibbin, Roy Bergeron, Marvin Goldberg, and Pat Pabouet.

Co-Op Charting: Co-Op Charting Chairman, Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN reported that we had a very successful outing on 16 June to survey the aids to navigation (ATONs) on the Connecticut River. Participants included P/Lt/C Tom Berlandy AP; Lt/C Roy Bergeron AP; Ken Letendre, AP; Lt/C Pat Pabouet P and Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin AP. Many floating ATONs were found to be in bad shape, some having no numbers, and several fixed ATONs were found to be obscured by foliage. We also found a large tree in the river and an old piling sticking up in the water at one point. We reported all of these problems the US Coast Guard.

While the new reporting system proved to be very labor intensive, the Squadron's efforts paid off with Hartford ranking 5th out of 27 Squadrons participating. Cliff Mckibbin was ranked 5th in terms of "points awarded" while Pat Pabouet was 10th, Roy Bergeron 11th, Tom Berlandy 12th, and Ken Letendre 13th. Hartford and all participants made the National "Honor Roll" for their efforts.

Since the boat show was moved to a new venue this year at Mohegan Sun Casino, District 1 took over the boat show. Hartford let the District borrow our boat show display, and some of us helped with the staffing. Hartford ran a bus trip to Mohegan Sun for those members that wanted to attend the boat show.

I want to thank the members of the committees that make up the Executive Department for their continuing support and their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted
 Lt C Patrick Pabouet P, Executive Officer



**Hartford Power Squadron
 Annual Report of the Squadron Educational Officer
 2018 - 2019**

Public Boating Course attendance was good, resulting in 3 new members. Almost as important to our membership growth was our policy of advertising our advanced courses to non-members.

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 educational mission. We gave five merit marks to our staff this year.

For 2018-19, we had the following course completions:

Course	Instructor	Passed	New Members
ABC Farmington-Spring	Jon Emerson	2	0
ABC Simsbury-Spring	Mike Goman	3	1
Seamanship	Roy Bergeron	3	2
Advanced Piloting	Marty Abrams	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all Courses		10	3

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



**Hartford Power Squadron
 Annual Report of the Administrative Officer
 2018 - 2019**

The Hartford Power had another great year full of activities!

1. 8th April 2018: The Hartford Power Squadron had its annual Change of Watch dinner at the Manor Inn Restaurant in Southington. District Commander Charles Marino officiated the swearing in of our new Bridge.
3. 22nd May 2018: At our members' meeting, the featured speaker was Nancy Balcom of the National Sea Grant college program. Nancy talked about the mission of the program and its focus on Long Island Sound.



4. 16th June 2018: We had our Co-Op charting. Roy Bergeron took his boat from East Hartford Landing to Haddam Meadows State Park with Pat Pabouet. Tom Berlandy took his boat from Old Saybrook ramp to Haddam Meadows. Cliff McKibbin and Ken Letendre were onboard with Tom. Findings consisted of ATONS blocked by foliage, ten buoys with missing numbers, and two buoys off by three-hundred feet.
5. 25th August 2018: We held our officer's meeting and picnic at Hamburg Cove. The weather and food were both excellent.
6. 25th September 2018: Cliff McKibbin gave a presentation on successfully navigating the waters surrounding the ports of Martha's Vineyard.
7. 23rd October 2018: The presenter for our member's meeting was a last-minute cancellation. No meeting was held.
8. 12th December 2018: We held our annual Christmas party at Campagna Restaurant in Portland.
9. 19th January 2019: We had our second Mohegan Sun bus trip. This trip is a fun excursion without the hassle of driving and parking.
10. 22th January 2019: Our member's meeting presenter was Susan Taumulevich. Susan is Executive Director of the New London Maritime Society. She spoke about Harbor Pequot lighthouse, Ledge Light and Race Rock off of Fisher Island's West End.
11. 26th February 2019: Member's meeting presenter was Don MacKenzie from Boats Incorporated. Don talked about boating industry politics, the state of the marine industry job market, and the challenges of attracting new boaters.
12. 26th March 2019: Our annual meeting to elect new Bridge members will be held.
13. 7th April 2019: Our Change of Watch dinner will be held at the Manor Inn in Southington.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C James Salvatore, AP, Admin Officer



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Secretary 2018 - 2019

The Secretary Department operated efficiently this year.

Staff

Lt/C William Waseleski, AP, Secretary
Lt Elaine L. Cleary, Editor, Bilge Pump
1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP webmaster
Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN historian

Membership

The breakdown of our membership by grade is as follows:

Year	Members	S	P	AP	JN	N	SN
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
Feb 2018	115	13	25	26	7	3	2
Feb 2019	104	14	21	22	7	2	2

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 2018 to February 2019. 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 2018.

Squadron Web Site

We want to thank 1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP for maintaining our squadron website at www.hartfordpowersquadron.org Frank was awarded the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for the website for 2018. The website includes up-to-date information on upcoming activities, classes, officers and contacts.

Squadron History

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, completed the 2017-18 history in a timely manner and submitted 100% of our histories.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C William Waseleski, AP, Secretary



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Treasurer Fiscal Year Ended 28 February 2019

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

1. Continued to roll over our Fidelity CD ladder resulting in a steady increase in Interest Income.
2. Contributed to the National Education Fund for the 20th year.
3. Prepared a draft budget for the Executive Committee at the January, and February meetings and submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting on 26 March 2019.
4. Paid our State of CT sales tax for course manual sales in a timely manner.
5. Filed the CT Secretary of State Annual Report in a timely manner.
6. Filed the IRS 990-N for non-profits in a timely manner.
7. Met with our auditor, William J. Waseleski, AP. His report is attached.

The results for this year were positive with a net gain for the year of \$485.85, income of \$4,543.99 and expenses of \$4,058.14.

I want to thank the Executive Committee for its support of my efforts and thank Bill Waseleski for his efforts 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 Audit Committee
Fiscal Year Ended 28 February 2019**

March 06, 2019

To the Members of the Hartford Power Squadron,

At the request of the Commander, the internal audit committee completed an internal audit of the financial statements and controls of the Hartford Power Squadron for the year ended February 28, 2019.

The audit concluded that receipts and expenditures were properly accounted for, cash accounts were properly reconciled, and that the financial statements reflect the results as presented. We also found that federal and state filings were up to date and that accounts with National are regularly balanced and accounted for.

We note that the Squadron operated at a small profit this year of \$485.85. Income from the bus trip and member meetings offset the loss in dues income and although course fees were down the corresponding course expenses were down also. The Squadron did an excellent job of keeping operating expenses to a minimum. We found the shipping charge on some manuals to be exorbitant and ask that the Education Officer look into reducing the cost. We recommend that efforts continue to look for opportunities to continue on a break-even/profit basis year to year.

The Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, has done an outstanding job of handling and expanding the records since assuming office and should be commended.

It has been an honor to serve on the internal audit committee this year.

William Waseleski, AP, Chairman, Audit Committee



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. 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>.



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.

Summer Photo Contest



Please join us in celebrating summer by entering our Summer Photo Contest. The contest is open to all members of the Hartford Power Squadron. The deadline for submissions to the contest is 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2019.

First prize will be a 13" x 19" gallery wrapped canvas print of the winning photograph. We will feature the winning photograph on the cover of the November-December 2019 the Bilge Pump, and feature the top five runners-up in that issue.

You can find full contest rules and details for submission on our website at http://www.usps.org/hartford/photo_contest.html.



Awards

“Every achievement is a servitude. It compels us to a higher achievement.”
Albert Camus - French philosopher

We are pleased to announce the following awards earned for individual accomplishment or outstanding service to the Squadron, District or National USPS.

National Awards

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

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) has an Educational Fund whose purpose is to promote the development and the furtherance of educational programs and techniques in boating, seamanship, navigation, engine maintenance, marine electronic equipment, sailing, weather, boating safety, and other marine activities by issuing grants. Hartford Power Squadron has received an award for contributing to this fund for the **20th** year in a row.

Merit Marks

Every year National awards Merit Marks 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 is 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 must pay dues. The following members have been awarded merit marks for the calendar year 2018. We 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, Robert M. Goman, Kenneth Letendre, Cliff McKibbin, Pat Pabouet, Frank Pascucci, Mike Rinaldi, Jim Salvatore, Tim Tyler, Frank Ventrella, William Waseleski, Don Watson and Ken Weeks.



Awards for National Discrepancy Reporting Program (CoOp Charting)

The Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Program is a major public service of USPS. I'm proud to say that Hartford Power Squadron was ranked 5th in the country for its efforts. Also recognized for their efforts in this regard with individual awards were:

- Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN**
- Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P**
- Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP**
- P/Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP**
- Ken Letendre, AP**

- Honor Roll, ranked 5th in country
- Honor Roll, ranked 10th in country
- Honor Roll, ranked 11th in country
- Honor Roll, ranked 12th in country
- Honor Roll, ranked 13th in country

District Awards

100% Histories Award

HPS received this District Award for its exceptional record keeping efforts at the Squadron level. The Squadron Historian maintains genealogical records of the squadron as well as a biographical record of all squadron officers, and their duties not only on a squadron level but also on district and national levels. Also recorded, among other things, are meetings, activities, awards, educational achievements, and Vessel Safety Checks.

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

Squadron Awards

Educator's Award

We thank our squadron instructors for dedicating their time and talents to our squadron and its students with a squadron Educator's Award. Through their efforts, we can reach out to the public and provide them with exceptional educational opportunities. Not only do they provide students with the building blocks necessary to become good boaters, they also enhance their skills with continuing education courses.

- P/C Marty Abrams, JN**
- Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP**
- Jonathan E. Emerson, JN**
- Robert M. Goman, S**
- Roy N. Guile, N**

Audit Award

We thank our Audit Committee Chairman **Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP** for stepping up and taking on the auditing responsibilities and for the outstanding work he has done in performing our audit.

Commander's Award

The Commander's Award started in 2018. This award is presented to an individual whose work done on behalf of the Squadron is exemplary. The person who receives this award consistently goes above and beyond in their efforts and is always there when called upon by the Commander. The recipient is someone the Squadron would find difficult, if not impossible, to replace.

This year's award went to our Administration Officer **Lt/C James Salvatore, AP**. Jim has served as Administration Officer for several years now. He is always there to lend a helping hand when needed. HPS has been complimented many times by other squadrons on the quality of the presenters at our Members' meetings. The success of those meetings is due in no small part to Jim's efforts in consistently obtaining new interesting speakers, and it was an honor and privilege to present him with this long overdue award.



Change of Watch Held at the Manor Inn Restaurant

The Hartford Power Squadron held its annual Change of Watch on Sunday 7 April 2019 at the Manor Inn Restaurant in Southington. District Commander Charles Greenbacker officiated in swearing in the new Bridge, welcoming Executive Committee members and presenting awards. Honored guests this year were our instructors who provide the public, and our members, with high caliber education.

The evening started with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an Invocation given by Chaplain Cliff McKibbin, an Annual Memorial Service for those members we have lost over the past year, and a welcome from Commander Tim Tyler.

After dinner, Commander Tyler presented awards. Of special note was the "Hartford Power Squadron Commander's Award" given to Jim Salvatore. This reward was given to recognize Jim's significant contributions to the squadron. Congratulations Jim and a hearty *Thank You* from all of us. After the awards, District Commander Greenbacker gave the District Commander's Address and installed Commander Tyler for the 2019-2020 rotation. Commander Tyler then swore in the bridge officers.

Next was the Commander's Address given by our new Commander Tim Tyler. Tim thanked event attendees for their presence, his Bridge for the excellent work they do throughout the year, and our instructors for continuing to provide quality education year after year.

The evening ended with a Benediction given by Cliff McKibbin. All in all, it was a delightful evening with great food and wonderful company.



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



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Tim Tyler, Bill Waseleski



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Tim Tyler, Pat Pabouet, Cliff McKibbin, Roy Bergeron, Tom Berlandy



Pat Pabouet, Tim Tyler



Charlie Greenbacker, Tim Tyler



Tim Tyler, Charlie Greenbacker



Krystal Waseleski



Co-Op Charting

We have scheduled our annual Co-Op Charting outing for 15 June. Boats will be leaving both the East Hartford Riverside Ramp and the Old Saybrook State Landing (under the bridge) at 0900, 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. Our boat Captains for this year will once again be Roy Bergeron and Tom Berlandy.

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 wonderful 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 Co-Op Charting Chairman Cliff McKibbin at 860-655-4623 or by email at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net ASAP to discuss signing up. He would love to hear from you.



Happy Birthday Wishes to Don Watson

Don Watson honored us all by spending part of his 97th birthday at our Annual Meeting. We thought we would share a few candid photos from the event. Happy birthday to someone who is forever young!



From left to right: Ken Weeks and birthday boy Don Watson at the 2019 Annual Meeting.



Don making a birthday wish.

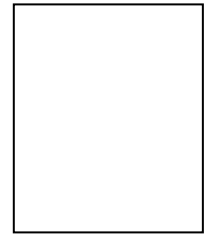


What's better than cake?



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May 28th Members' Meeting "Ferry Tales" by Bill Fournier



Windsor's Bissell's Ferry

The May 28th Members' Meeting will feature a talk by Bill Fournier. Bill will present us with the intriguing history of Connecticut River ferries from the earliest 'Fording Place' to their eventual replacement with bridges. Bill's research into the subject included viewing many items housed in local Historical Societies and Libraries, as well as his own extensive collection of Connecticut River historical items, books, Army Corps of Engineers charts and related reports. He is a wealth of knowledge, and his presentation will be enlightening.

We will also be given a glimpse into the history of well-used ferry crossings located at Windsor, Hartford, Wethersfield, Haddam, and Old Saybrook.

Having grown up living next to the Connecticut River at the family homestead, Bill obtained his first rowboat at seven years old. He helped his parents maintain and operate Fournier's Boat Livery for the rental of Shad fishing boats. His interest in boating includes service in the CT DEEP Boating Division. Starting in 1983, he coordinated and taught various boating safety education classes throughout the State.

Bill's interests in history continued to grow while researching the history of King's (Terry's) Island. Currently, in preparation for publication, his research will be a reference for historians. The reference should also have a wide appeal to a general audience of those interested in River history. We are honored to have him as a speaker and look forward to his presentation.

Date: May 28, 2019

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.