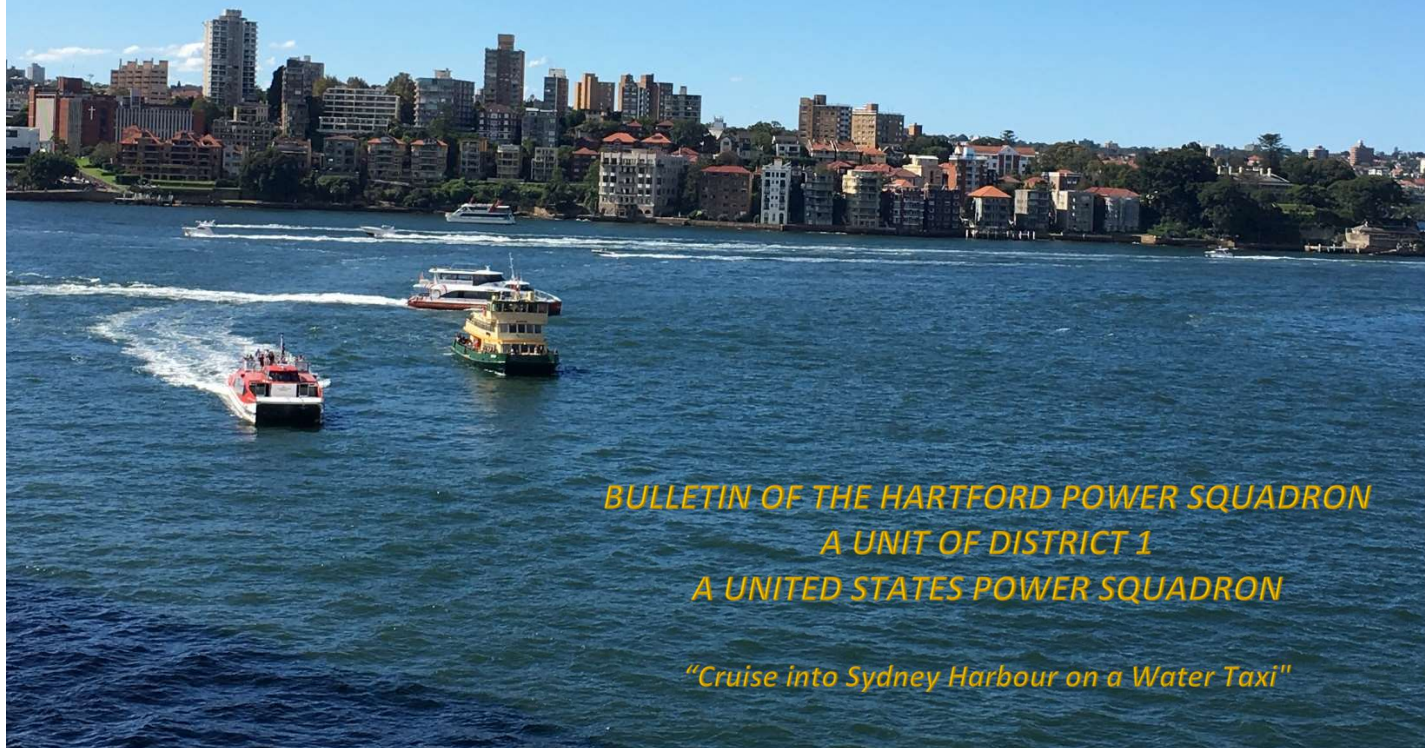




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**BULLETIN OF THE HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON
A UNIT OF DISTRICT 1
A UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON**

“Cruise into Sydney Harbour on a Water Taxi”

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21 May	ABC Class- Bristol Library 5 High St, Bristol CT		
24 May	May Members Meeting- Olympia Diner 6:30pm		
11 June	Coop Charting Event		
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities			
25 June	District Rendezvous and Council at the Essex Island Marina		
17 September	90 th Anniversary Party with the Middletown Power Squadron		
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At the Helm

Cdr. William Waseleski | (860) 212-2636 | wwaseleski@centuryspringmfg.com

Ahoy All,

Spring has finally Sprung! Time to take the shrink wrap off your boat & get the bottom painted!

Our Change of Watch Dinner at the Manor Inn in Milldale was well attended. Unfortunately, our entertainer Tony Riccio got sick the day of our event & had to cancel.

Tony sings and plays the keyboard to classic tunes by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, & Dean Martin, to name a few. Hopefully we will see him at a future event.

In addition to announcing the National and District Awards (see page 3), I was pleased to present Elaine L. Cleary with a bound copy of the Bilge Pumps she created during her 5 years as Editor.

Our Boat Show/ Swap meet was a Big Success! We had perfect weather, and the members of our Executive Committee were there bright & early to set up and direct vendors to their spaces. Several members circulated and sold the remaining tickets for our raffle. There were scores of vendors and hundreds of shoppers. Comments from the vendors were very positive and from the shoppers as well, as they were carrying items out by the arm loads. There were a lot of good deals.

We had a great raffle, with all but 34 tickets of 400 selling. The winners are on page 9.

Great Job & thank you to all who helped!

We have a great speaker with a true adventure to tell us about at our next member meeting on Tuesday, May 24th, at the Olympia Diner. It's a boating excursion you would never want to take, and it promotes the value of the courses we teach.

Our coop charting event is coming up on Saturday, June 11th. We will be checking the location & condition of all the Aids to Navigation on the Connecticut River from Old Saybrook all the way up to Hartford.

Our next ABC Class is being offered at the Bristol Library on Saturday, May 21. Attendance so far has been light, so please tell your friends.

Lastly, mark your calendars. We will be having a 90th Anniversary party together with the Middletown Power Squadron on Saturday, September 17th, at the Middlesex Yacht Club. Planning is underway. There will be great food & entertainment.

Our squadron is becoming more active & recognized by the boating public with each event. Please send us your ideas for new events, services, meeting places, & entertainment. Visit & "Like" our Hartford Power Squadron Facebook page & "Share it" with your friends.

Hope to see you at our next member meeting!

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP





BRIDGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2022-2023

BRIDGE

Commander:	Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP
Executive Officer:	Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
Education Officer:	Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
Assistant Administrative Officer:	P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P
Secretary/Treasurer:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

Executive Committee Members at Large

Elaine L. Cleary
P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
P/C Timothy Tyler, SN

Elected Committees

Nominating Chairman P/C Timothy Tyler, SN
Auditing Chairman P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P
Rules Chairman P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP

AWARDS

The following Awards were earned for individual accomplishment or outstanding service to the Squadron, District, or USPS.

HPS Awards for 2021-2022

National Awards

National Awards for Excellence in Communication:

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

National Awards for CoOp Charting

Hartford Power Squadron	Honor Roll, ranked 15 th in country
Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Honor Roll, ranked 26 th in country
P/Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 68 th in country
Ken Letendre, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 68 th in country
P/C Tim Tyler, SN	Honor Roll, ranked 68 th in country
Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P	Honor Roll, ranked 72 nd in country
Cdr William Waseleski, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 72 nd in country
P/C Ted Wurz, P	Honor Roll, ranked 72 nd in country

Contribution to the USPS Educational Fund: Contributing for the 23rd 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

Thomas Berlandy, Elaine Cleary, Kenneth Letendre, Cliff McKibbin, Pat Pabouet, Frank Pascucci, Mike Rinaldi, Jim Salvatore, Tim Tyler, Jeanne Waseleski, William Waseleski, Ken Weeks, and Theodore J. Wurz

District Awards

100% Histories Award: HPS received this award for its exceptional record keeping efforts.
Historian: D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN



United States Power Squadrons®
Hartford Power Squadron
Annual Reports
22 March, 2022

Annual Report of the Commander

Due to the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus, 2021 was a tumultuous year for the Hartford Power Squadron. The year started off well, with our Change of Watch Dinner and Coop Charting event. Immediate Past Commander Timothy Tyler also hosted a nice ExCom meeting/outing in August at the Ragged Rock Marina. Nick Civitillo gave an excellent presentation on the Great Loop at our September member meeting and at our October member meeting Command Master Chief, Kellen Voland, from the Navy Submarine Base in New London told us about the work of the US submarine force.

Our Squadron helped host a wonderful District Christmas party at Campagna's Restaurant in December, with Steve Kauslaskas, Echoes of Sinatra, as our entertainment. It was shortly after the Christmas party the Covid 19 virus reared its ugly head & some of our educational offerings, along with the Hartford Boat Show, and our January Member meeting were canceled.

In February we were up & running again, we hosted a Trivia Contest with Steve Petty at our February Member meeting & gave out awards for a Photo Contest we ran while Covid had us down.

Our Executive Department's Co-Operative Charting efforts did not go unnoticed by National. Our Squadron was ranked fifteenth in the country, and seven of our members received individual awards for their actions. Great job, guys.

The Secretary's Department received awards for all our publications, provided accurate and timely meeting minutes, and once again kept our histories 100% up to date.

The Treasurer's Department performed all its responsibilities in a timely fashion, arranged for our (successful) yearly audit.

Our biggest endeavor for the year was our revival of the Swap Meet. It will now be a Boat Show/Swap Meet, to be held at the Westbrook Outlets, in Westbrook, CT. This new endeavor has huge potential, bringing us the funds to subsidize the cost of courses & activities for our members. This in turn will attract new members.

I would like to thank all our members and especially the Executive Committee who have supported the Squadron & me throughout the past year. You are the ones that make the Hartford Power Squadron the great organization it is today.

Respectfully submitted, Cdr William Waseleski, AP

Annual Report of the Executive Officer

Last year was a busy one for the Executive Department even as we were limited by Covid. As you know, the Executive Department has under its umbrella, the Safety Department, the Vessel Safety Check Department, the Coop Charting Department, and the Boat Show.

Vessel Safety Checks. We were only able to 12 Vessel Safety Checks as we are down to only 2 Examiners. Pat is hoping to offer a VS Examiner class to attract more members into the VSC program.

CoOp Charting. We had a successful Coop Charting year. Our trip on the CT River on 5 June recorded a number of irregularities on the river, checked aids to navigation and new structures not appearing on the charts. The results awarded us with 'Honor' status at the National level.

National Awards for Coop Charting Nationwide Rankings

Hartford Power Squadron	Honor Roll, ranked 15
Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN	Honor Roll, ranked 26
Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 68
Ken Letendre, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 68
P/C Tim Tyler, SN	Honor Roll, ranked 68
Lt/C Bill Waseleski, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 72
Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P	Honor Roll, ranked 72
P/C Ted Wurz, P	Honor Roll, ranked 72
District 1	ranked 9

(Hartford was the only Squadron participating)

Hartford Boat Show. As most of you know, the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun in January was cancelled by Covid so our normal participation in the show did not happen.

My thanks go to all the members of the Executive Department.
Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P Chair, Vessel Safety Check Committee
Lt/C Cliff McKibbin SN Chair, CoOp Charting Committee
P/C Tim Tyler, SN Chair, Safety Committee
Lt Frank Pascucci, AP Chair, Boat Show Committee

Without their help, my job would be a lot harder and time consuming.

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP

Annual Report of the Education Officer

Due to Covid our Education Dept's year was slow with not much education going on. We tried to run some zoom classes but we ran into snags with the presentation of exams, I hope all this covid stuff is over.

We started presenting the ABC course again on March 12th 2022, and will have additional classes on April 16th and May 21st at the Bristol Library. These courses are one day courses. If you know anyone needing the course please pass it on.

Not much has happened with our advance courses outside of some members have taken the courses on their own and passed the exams. The main problem with the advanced courses is that we do not have any instructors to present the courses. If you would like to become an instructor please let me know; call me or email me.

I would like to thank Cliff McKibbin, acting as my assistant, going above and beyond and making my job a lot easier Thanks again Cliff.

Two members of the Education Department received merit marks this year.

For 2021-22, we had the following course completions:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>New Members</u>
ABC Bristol Carousel Museum	24 April, 21	Pat Pabouet	2	1
		Cliff McKibbin		
ABC Bristol Carousel Museum	22 May, 21	Pat Pabouet	9	0
		Cliff McKibbin		
ABC Bristol Public Library	25 September, 21	Pat Pabouet	2	0
		Cliff McKibbin		
Boat Handling (S)	11 February, 22	Self-administered	1	
Total all Courses			14	1

Respectively submitted, Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P Educational Officer

Annual Report of the Administrative Officer

For our fiscal year, 2021-22 we had a number of excellent meetings despite the continued Covid threat:

- 10 April 2021 the Hartford Power Squadron held its annual change of watch dinner at Manor Inn restaurant in Southington. Members were recognized for their achievements and the new bridge was sworn in by the district commander.
- 25 May members meeting we had a chocolate and wine pairing event with fascia,s chocolate company it was a fun event.
- 5 June we did our co-op charting. The crew looked for buoys that may have moved or have missing numbers and Antons blocked by foliage.
- 14 August we held our officers meeting and picnic at ragged rock Marina it was a fun day with excellent food.
- 28 September Nick Civitillo gave a presentation on America's Great Loop, Nick covered 8300 miles went through 110 locks and 50 bridge openings.
- 26 October the presenter was command master chief Kellen Voland from the Navy submarine base New London Connecticut. Kellen talked about the several tactical missions of the submarines.
- 5 December we had our district holiday party at Campana's restaurant Portland Connecticut.

- January our bus trip to the casino and boat show was canceled.
- 25 January members meeting was canceled.
- 22 February members meeting was trivia night with Steve Petit everyone had a chance to challenge the nautical skills.
- 9 April 2022 change of watch will be held at the Manor Inn in Southington, this important event is when our new bridge will be officially handed the reigns.

Respectfully submitted, LT/C Jim Salvatore AP, Administrative officer

Annual Report of the Secretary

The Secretary Department had an excellent year with all sections receiving National Awards.

Staff

The staff for the year were:

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Secretary

1st/Lt Jeanne Waseleski, 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, 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
Feb, 2020	96	11	24	20	7	2	2
Feb, 2021	83	9	19	17	5	2	2
Feb, 2022	87	9	18	17	4	1	2

Bilge Pump

The Bilge Pump continued to be our primary means of communicating with our membership. 1st/Lt Jeanne Waseleski, published seven issues from May 2021 to March 2022. The Bilge Pump includes the schedule of upcoming activities, reports from department heads and articles of general interest, Jeanne Waseleski was honored as editor of The Bilge Pump, receiving the “Distinctive Communicator Award” for 2021.

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 2021. The website includes up-to-date information on upcoming activities, classes, officers and contacts.

We want to also thank P/C Tim Tyler, SN for his support in setting up our ‘ticketing’ website for our 2022 Swap Meet and COW.

Squadron History

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, completed the 2020-21 history in a timely manner and he was awarded the District 1 Award for 100% history submissions.

Respectively submitted, Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Secretary

Annual Report of the Treasurer

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. We did not renew our normal roll over of our Fidelity CD ladder as interest rates have tanked. We will continue the roll over if they increase a little.
2. Contributed to the National Education Fund for the 23rd year.,
3. Prepared a draft budget for the Executive Committee at the January, February, and March meetings and submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting on 22 March, 2022.
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, Ted Wurz, P. His report is included with the Officer Reports below

The results for this year were slightly negative with a net loss for the year of **\$450.25** on income of \$2047.16 and expenses of \$2497.41. This was less than the budgeted deficit and the negative results were primarily due to the Executive Committee's decision to forgo dues for Nov, 2020 to Nov, 2021.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for its support of my efforts and thank Ted Wurz 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

March 17, 2022

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, 2022.

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 loss this year of \$450.25. The donation to our Squadron from Thomaston Bank was generated by Commander Bill Waseleski. The Squadron did an excellent job of keeping operating expenses to a minimum. 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.

Theodore J. Wurz, AP, Past Commander
Chairman, Audit Committee

CHANGE OF WATCH PHOTOS

4-26-22



Instillation was done by P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

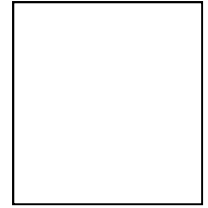
HPS FIRST ANNUAL BOAT SHOW/ SWAP MEET PHOTOS WESTBROOK OUTLETS 4-23-22



Winners of the 2022 Hartford Boat Show and Swap Meet Raffle: 1st Prize: \$500 Pete B. 2nd Prize: \$300 Fabio S. and 3rd Prize: \$150 Dave W. Photos by Lt Frank Pascucci, AP, Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, Lt Jeanne Waseleski, and Ashley Waseleski



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MAY MEMBERS MEETING

ANTICIPATE A GREAT EVENING FILLED WITH GASPS AND HOLDING YOUR BREATH!
 ROB GOLDSTEIN WILL KEEP YOU SPELLBOUND WITH HIS TALE OF A TRIP GONE WRONG!

24 MAY 2022

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

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.

Reservations: Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net

ROB GOLDSTEIN

Rob started sailing when he was around 10 years old at a Boy Scout sailing camp where he learned all the basics of sailing, including knot tying, splicing and racing. After sailing for a number of years on his family's 16 foot sailboat, then Rhodes 19, his family purchased their O'Day 27 that he continues to sail out of Westbrook Pilots Point marina. Rob enjoys reading up on all things sailing and anything to expand his knowledge of boating, maintenance and safety.

"How to survive when everything fails"

A friend was moving from CT to Puerto Rico to live aboard his 33-foot sailboat. I volunteered to assist as the 2nd Skipper in the 1st leg of the trip to Norfolk, VA, an approximate 400-mile trip.

Almost everything went wrong that could have: The head check valve failed, nearly swamping the boat until we started the pump. Then the batteries went dead and we realized the alternator had not been working. We were sailing through major shipping channels with no lights, no AIS, and no pump. We ended up pumping by hand. The Captain fell overboard and was barely saved. The remainder of the crew were inexperienced and got sea-sick. Finally, we had to have sea-tow bring us to port as the engine wouldn't start. To wrap it up, the Captain had a heart attack but is still planning to sail to Puerto Rico.

Rob will describe this 'trip from hell' with slides and videos of the voyage, and how he and the crew handled the emergencies. He wraps up with suggestions for any boater to try and avoid or at least prepare for emergencies at sea. Every boater should attend this important presentation.