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Ed. Because of the turnover of our Editor and our Commander, the May issue of the Bilge Pump was not published. We published the annual reports of the Commander and Education Officer in the September issue. Annual reports of the Administrative Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer were published in the October issue. Committee Assignments appear in this issue.

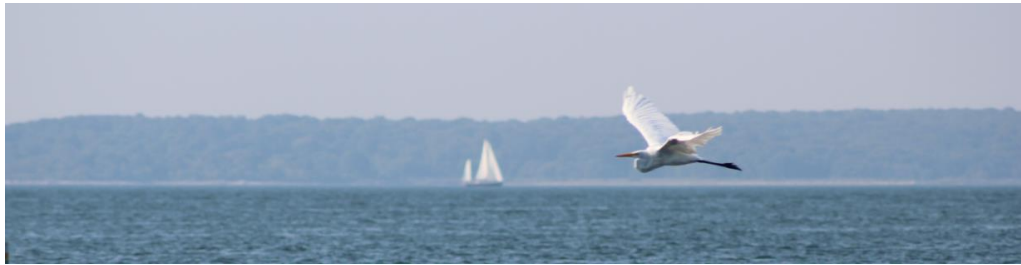
From the Helm

P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P

It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us and in a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Twenty nine days later we will be celebrating Christmas. Most of our boats are on dry land waiting for the spring to be able to sail again. After Christmas most of us will be climbing the walls waiting to put our boats back in the water. I offer you a remedy; get involved in your squadron. Take a course, come to some members' meetings, become an instructor, serve on a committee, volunteer for the boat show; all of this will make time fly by and before you know it spring will be here. The executive bridge, particularly your Administration Officer, is working hard in getting some great speakers for our members' meetings. Support your squadron. If you have not attended a meeting yet, try it out!

The Executive Bridge and I wish you a great Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas.

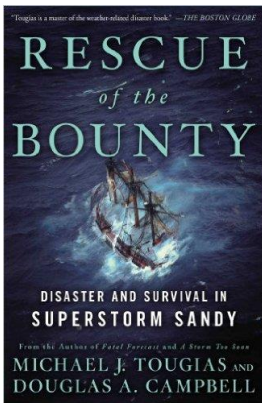
P/D/C Patrick Pabouet
Commander



October Members' Meeting Featured **RESCUE of the BOUNTY**

DISASTER AND SURVIVAL IN SUPERSTORM SANDY, by Michael J. Tougias AND Douglas A. Campbell

The October meeting featured a presentation by Co-author Douglas Campbell. The meeting was well attended both by HPS members and members from other squadrons. Douglas started the discussion by pointing out some similarities between the Bounty sinking and that of the container ship El Faro, recently sunk by Hurricane Joaquin.



A history of the Bounty was given starting with its roots as a Hollywood movie prop. Commissioned by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film studio for the 1962 film *Mutiny on the Bounty*, it was built in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia in 1960. Bounty was an enlarged reconstruction of the original 1787 Royal Navy sailing ship, HMS Bounty. Scheduled to be burned at the end of the film, Bounty was saved from an ignominious demise when actor Marlon Brando protested “no one is going to burn my ship”. Bounty had several owners before her destined encounter with hurricane Sandy, including Ted Turner who unknowingly acquired it as part of the MGM film library and the town of Fall River, Massachusetts who believed it would be a grand tourist attraction and ambassador for the town. The life and character of Bounty’s final master, Robin Walbridge, and how they may have led to her sinking on that fateful day, were also discussed. After the talk, questions were taken on a number of topics including the heroic crew rescue by the United States Coast Guard. A book signing was also held. All in all, it was a very entertaining, thought provoking evening.



Education Department News

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The fall education season has gotten off to a great start with classes underway for Seamanship and Advanced Piloting.

We will report the results of these classes in the spring. Speaking of spring, we are beginning to put together the class schedule and while we don't have start dates yet, we have some information that will help you plan your education.

We will be offering **America's Boating Course (ABC3)** in the spring at both Farmington and Simsbury. Both will be starting in February. **Piloting (P)** will be offered in the spring in Farmington with a start date in February. We also plan on offering the Engine Maintenance elective.

We hope this helps in your planning for the spring and hope you will sign up for at least one course. The January Bilge Pump will give you the schedule for all the courses. Please watch for it!!

Hartford Power Squadron Education Staff for 2015-2016

Our thanks go out to the members of the Education Department who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to teaching our courses. Education is one of the primary missions of the United States Power Squadrons and the Hartford instructors have taught courses to over 9000 members and residents of Connecticut in the last 25 years.

Squadron Education Officer:	Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP	Assistant Squadron Education Officer:	Vacant
Chairman Boating:	Pat Pabouet	Engine Maintenance:	Dick Stone – Saybrook Sail & Power Squadron
Seamanship:	Roy Bergeron	Marine Electrical:	Greg Oseep
Piloting:	Roy Bergeron	Sail:	Martin Abrams
Advanced Piloting:	Martin Abrams	Weather:	Richard Carlson
Junior Navigation:	Roy Guile	Cruise Planning:	Vacant
Navigation:	Roy Guile	Instructor Training:	Ed Taisarsky
Basic Boating Instructors:		Seminar Instructors:	
Frank Dworak, Mike Goman, Ed Taisarsky,		Eric Manner, Richard Carlson,	
Marvin Goldberg, Jon Emerson, Richard Carlson,		Cliff McKibbin, Frank Pascucci, Craig McAllister,	
Cliff McKibbin		James Monroe	

The Education Department always has a need for more instructors and help with everything from grading exams to working with the national computer system to enter student information. If you would like to help out, please call Roy Bergeron, at 860 841-8620.

Committee Assignments for 2015-2016

These members have volunteered their time and effort in the following squadron positions:

Membership Chairman	Pat Pabouet	Historian	Cliff McKibbin
Bylaws Chairman	Kenneth Weeks	Law Officer	Vacant
Chaplain	Christine Gwizd	Parliamentarian	George Gwizd
Cooperative Charting	George Gwizd	Publications Editor	Elaine Cleary
Programs Chairman	Jim Salvatore	Publication	Bilge Pump
Cruise & Rendezvous	Vacant	Planning Committee	Ed Taisarsky
Entertainment	Vacant	Public Relations	Vacant
Safety Officer	Eric Manner	Photographer	Cliff McKibbin
Supply Officer	Alan Grabsch	Liaison Chairman	Peter A. Bigelow
Predicted Log	Vacant	Merit Marks	Dick Carlson
USPS Education Fund	Vacant	Computer Records	Paul Silversmith
Officer Training Chairman	Pat Pabouet	Web Master	Frank Pascucci
Property Officer	Alan Grabsch	Aides to Commander	George Gwizd
Boat Show	Frank Pascucci	Flag Lieutenant	Vacant
Budget Chairman	Cliff McKibbin	Member Involvement	Vacant
Ships Store	Cliff McKibbin	Vessel Safety Check	Pat Pabouet

District Holiday Party

The District is hosting a holiday party on Saturday December 12th. The Hartford Squadron has agreed to attend the District party instead of hosting its own.

CAMPAGNA'S RESTAURANT
151 MARLBOROUGH STREET, PORTLAND, CT

Cocktails –1800 – Cash bar
Buffet Dinner – 1900
Dancing to the music of DJ Al Bower
Raffle prizes

Please bring a toy for “TOYS FOR TOTS”

See your Squadron Commander for tickets: \$35.00 per person



Win a prize for the Ugliest Holiday sweater; one for the ladies and one for gentlemen.

Boat Shows



The **CMTA Hartford Boat Show** will be held on January 28-31, 2016 at the Connecticut Convention Center.

Because it was such a hit last year, District 1 has made arrangements to procure a Boating Skills Virtual Trainer™ (BSVT) for use at the show for the second year in a row. Fondly referred to as “The Simulator”, the BSVT embodies a realistic boating experience using sophisticated water physics developed by Virtual Driver Interactive and course content provided by the US Power Squadrons® as well as input from the National Safe Boating Council, the Boat U.S. Foundation, Brunswick Marine, Mercury Marine and Boston Whaler.

The simulation allows users to practice a wide variety of boat handling and safety procedures. Even subtle maneuvers are made possible thanks to extremely accurate boat and water physics.

The BSVT boasts high-end technology featuring three HD monitors with an expansive field of vision and actual boating controls including a Mercury Marine throttle. Your boat reacts accurately to trim settings, current and wind, in day or night scenarios, all controllable by the driver. To Be More Realistic You Would Have to Get Wet!

So come to the show and give The Simulator a try. Better yet, volunteer some time to help us run the booth. Volunteering gets you a free day pass to the show and the great feeling you get from helping out your organization. It's not too early to volunteer! Call Frank Pascucci at 860-759-9058 to get signed up. No experience required.

We will again be offering seminars. Although the list is not complete, last year we gave: How to use a Chart, Using Electronic Charts, Using GPS and Partner in Command. Check the next issue of the Bilge Pump for the final offerings. All of these seminars are free to the public and you don't have to pay to get into the boat show in order to attend them.



Our friends at the Manchester Power Squadron have invited us to join them on their trip to the **New York Boat Show** on January 9, 2016. Unfortunately, as we go to press, details on the trip have not been finalized.

If you are interested in taking this trip, please contact Earl Schofield prior to December 12, 2015. Email for Earl is EJSCHOF@aol.com.

Awards

Listed below are awards that were presented to both HPS and to its members at the District Fall Conference held November 11th at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester, Connecticut.

Everett M. LeBel Educational Achievement Award

This award is given annually to the squadron that has the most active educational program using a formula based on squadron members participation in continuing education. Receipt of this year's award is due in no small measure to the dedication of our past Squadron Education Officer, P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN. But Cliff will be the first to tell you that credit for the success of a squadron's educational program does not rest solely on the shoulders of its SEO. Acknowledgement must also be given to the instructors who selflessly give of their time and talent and their students who value and pursue the benefits of a continuing education. Hats off to you all!

100% Histories Award

"History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul." Lord Acton

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

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. This year, D/1st/Lt Timothy Tyler, JN received the award. Congratulations Tim!

Where Are We? Photo Contest

Below you'll find pictures taken during the 2014 - 2015 boating seasons. Pictures were taken at spots commonly visited by Connecticut boaters, but are not necessarily in Connecticut. The person who correctly identifies the location of the most pictures will win a HPS Burgee to fly proudly on their boat. Entries can be sent via email to WhereAreWe@timtyler.us. Mailed submissions should be sent to Tim Tyler, 306 Cherry Hill Dr, Newington, CT 06111. Cut-off date for submissions is midnight December 31, 2015. In the event of a tie, the prize will go to the first entry received. Email time stamps and post marks will be used to determine times sent. Winner will be announced in the January Bilge Pump. Prize will be awarded at the January Member's Meeting.



HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON

3rd ANNUAL MARINE

SWAP MEET AND COOKOUT

COME FIND YOUR TREASURE!

Sign up for a space and free yourself of no longer needed treasures. Searching for treasure? Stop by and find what you've been looking for at a great bargain.

WHEN

April 30 – May 1, 2016
Rain Dates May 14 - May 15, 2016
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE

Portland Riverside Marina
37 Riverview St, Portland, CT 06480

PER DAY SPACE RENTAL

10' x 12' space for \$15 or a 10' x 30' space for \$25.00

Reserve your space no later than April 23rd.

Call Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669

Email swapmeet@timtyler.us

FOOD

Cookout style food will be available for purchase.

50/50 RAFFLE

Money collected from 50/50 raffle ticket sales will be split evenly between the winner and the HPS.

All proceeds to benefit the Hartford Power Squadron, a nonprofit educational boating organization.

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January Members' Meeting will feature "The Great Loop"

Are the words "Great Loop" on your bucket list? If so, come to the January meeting and find out how you can join an increasing number of boaters who are living on their boats and seeing places they have only dreamed about.

The circumnavigation of the Eastern North America by boat is known as "The Great Loop". This journey normally covers from 5,000 to 7,000 miles, generally takes a year or two to complete, and is one of the last truly great adventures an avid boater can experience.

Come join us on Tuesday January 26, 2016, for a 1 Hour Presentation by Captain Henry Marx on "Doing the Great Loop" - making a circumnavigation of the East Coast up the Hudson River, across the Great Lakes, down the Tennessee River System and across the Gulf to Florida. An experienced bluewater sailor, Captain Marx has sailed and raced for over 60 years on the East and West Coast of the United States, Southern Coast of Norway and the Caribbean. He has served in a Norwegian Flag Oil tanker as a Seaman and his Military Service was in the U. S. Naval Reserve in Diesel Submarines. He continues to deliver private yachts with his longest Yacht Delivery bringing a 50 Ft. Trawler Yacht from San Francisco, CA to Stamford, CT via the Panama Canal in 1981.

So put on your boots and parka, grab your friends and family, and join us at the Olympia Diner for an informative evening that is sure to whet your cruising appetite.

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. For reservations contact Jim Salvatore at: jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.

