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27 March	Annual Meeting <i>“Awards and Recognitions”</i> Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT	
1 April	Change of Watch Dinner	
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20 October	District Fall Council – Eversource Energy, 107 Selden St., Berlin, CT	
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At the Helm

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Sitting on the deck of my boat watching the leaves floating by the docks, the slips at the marina are half empty. A few die-hard boaters are hoping for more good weather while some have already pulled their boats and have started to cover them for the winter. I know what is coming, but HPS is getting ready to fight the cold and that white stuff with some great activities. The members' meetings will start again in January and will offer more great speakers, so stay tuned.



To usher in the Christmas season, the District has planned an exciting Christmas party. HPS is going to the Mohegan Sun Casino in January. The boat show will take place in early February, so be ready for a busy winter season.

The HPS Bridge and I would like to wish everyone a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

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Hartford Boat Show

The Hartford Power Squadron will be sponsoring a booth at the Hartford Boat Show. The show now in its 49th year provides us with an opportunity to reach out to the boating community and get them involved in our squadron.



As in the past, we are planning on offering several free educational and safety seminars to the public.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the show. Volunteering gets you into the show for free on the day you are scheduled to work. It's not too early to get involved. To assist with the booth and gain free admission to the show, call Frank Pascucci at (860) 635-3172 or email him at frank@fpascucci.com. Look for more details in the January issue of *the Bilge Pump*.

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The fall season is in full swing and a great time of year to learn more about boating. Each Fall we offer classes in Seamanship and Advanced Piloting. This Fall we also offered Weather and Junior Navigation. We are looking to enroll a few people in the Junior Navigation Course. To qualify for Junior Navigation you must have completed Advanced Piloting.

Also at this time of year, we are looking ahead and planning the seminars that we will present at the Hartford Boat Show.

For Spring, we will be offering America's Boating Course, for the CT Boat Operator Certificate, in both Farmington and Simsbury. For an elective course, Engine Maintenance is planned in Hartford. Piloting will be offered as an advanced course in Farmington. Piloting is offered each Spring and begins in February usually the first Thursday after the Boat Show. Specific start dates, and locations of the Spring Courses will be in the January Bilge Pump.

The October Members' Meeting

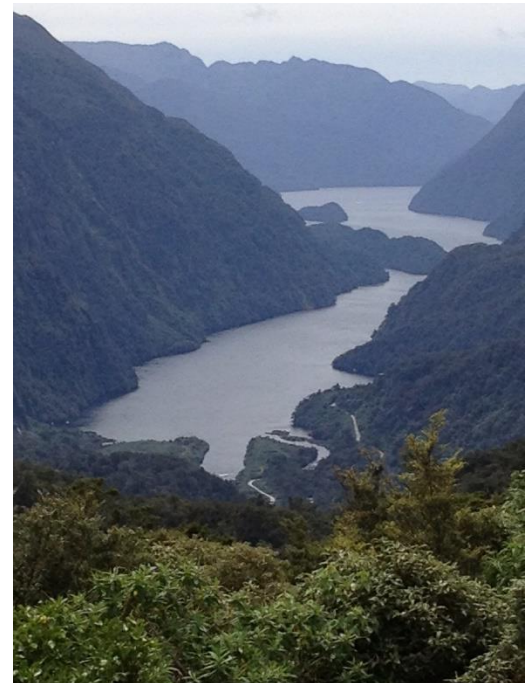


The October 24th Members' Meeting featured a talk on beautiful New Zealand by Past District Commander George Gilbert. George, five of his brothers, and a friend rented vintage Triumph motorcycles and celebrated George's 60th birthday by touring the south island of New Zealand.

George showed pictures of the roads, cycles, and towns they encountered on their journey.

He also spoke of bridges hanging over the mountainsides, some of which were one car wide. There were boats too. The last few days they rode on a smaller "steamer," traveling up several fiords, all bursting with spectacular scenery.

Nothing kept our intrepid travelers from finishing their 1,500-mile quest, not mechanical failure, sickness, or even high mountain sleet. This was an entertaining and educational presentation that taught us a lot about New Zealand and the fortitude of sexagenarians (and quinquagenarians too!). All in all, it was a great 60th birthday adventure for George his family and friend.



Casino Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

Hartford Power Squadron has booked its first ever bus trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino. The trip is reserved for Saturday, Jan 13, 2018. We will be leaving from the [commuter parking lot](#) just north of Walmart on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington at 3 PM and will arrive at the Mohegan Sun at 4 PM. It is a 5-hour stay. The return trip will leave Mohegan Sun at 9 PM and arrive at the commuter lot at 10 PM. This is not a members-only event, so please feel free to bring friends and family along.

Each passenger will get a \$15 food voucher, good in any restaurant at the Mohegan Sun, plus a \$15 free bet voucher. The \$15 food voucher will be accepted as payment in full for the Mohegan Sun "Seasons Buffet", a \$22 value.

Tickets are priced at \$30.00 per person. With your free vouchers, your trip costs you nothing. This trip is already filling up fast. For reservations, please send your check for \$30 per person made out to "HPS" to Cliff McKibbin, 44 Copplestone Rd, Avon, CT 06001, no later than December 31st.

District Christmas Party



The District is hosting a holiday party on 16 December at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne, 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT. Come and join us for a great "kick-off" to the Holiday season. This year we are having a complete dinner with cheese platter and pizza during the cocktail hour, appetizers of stuffed mushrooms and fried calamari, pastas of Linguine with white clam sauce and penne marinara both served family style, bread and rolls, salad, your choice of 15 veal, chicken, fish, and beef entrees, dessert, coffee, and tea. You will select your entrée when we sit down.

The fixed cost is \$35 which includes tip and there will be no tax. Cocktails – 17:30, dinner at 18:30. Lots of raffle prizes. Please bring a toy for "TOYS FOR TOTS."

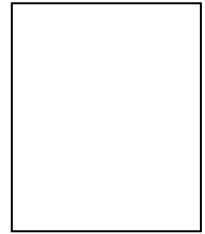
For reservations, please send your check for \$35 per person made out to "USPS-District 1" to Jim Salvatore, 4-3 Canterbury Ct, Middletown, CT 06457-4934 by December 9th.



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January Members' Meeting Will Feature "A Discussion on Search and Rescue"

The January 23rd Members' Meeting will feature a discussion on Search and Rescue by USCG Commander J. Andrew Ely. The Commander will discuss the Coast Guard's search and rescue organization and the methodologies they use to respond to reports of actual or potential distress. He will cover Search and Rescue statistics for the Long Island Sound region, partnerships they leverage to maximize response, recent updates to technology and systems they use, the importance of media (including social media) in solving search and rescue cases, statistics, the most at-risk boating populations, and actions taken to effect change in at-risk groups. The Commander is also willing to discuss anything else that is of interest to our group.



Since graduating from the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, NJ, in 1993, Commander Ely has amassed an impressive set of credentials. His honors include the Captain David H. Jarvis Award for Inspirational Leadership, the National Graduate School Distinguished Academic Student Award, the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and four Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons. He currently serves as the Response Department Head at Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound in New Haven, CT where he is responsible for oversight of maritime search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, and incident management. Please plan to join us for an evening that is sure to be interesting and informative.

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