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“Sun Setting on a Fabulous Fall”



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14 December	Executive Committee Meeting – Century Spring Mfg 6pm	
25 January	January Members Meeting, Olympia Diner 6:30pm	
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities		
20 November	District 1 Fall Conference, Patticonk YC, Chester, CT	
05 December	District Holiday Party- Capagna’s Restaurant Portland, CT	
19-27 February 2022	USPS Annual Meeting 2/19-27, 2022 Ponte Vedra, FL	
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All, and Ho! Ho! Ho!

The Holidays are upon us. It's a great time to start shopping for all those nice accessories we want for our boats, or put them on our Holiday Wish List.

Our Christmas Party is coming up quickly, get your reservation in! It's on Dec 5th at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland, featuring the "Echoes of Sinatra", an excellent dinner, and Yankee Swap Grab Bag.

District 1 is participating in the 2022 Hartford Boat Show again this year. We are looking for volunteers to cover the booth. If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4-hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please call Cmdr. RuthAnne Collins @ 860-444-9027 or email her at rdctruffles@gmail.com

I'm sad to report that we will not be running a Bus Trip to the Hartford Boat Show. Due to the COVID pandemic, the Mohegan Sun no longer gives incentives to Bus Trips. They no longer have their Buffet, and to make matters worse, the bus company has raised the cost to charter a bus!

We're hoping to bring back the Swap meet in the Spring and searching for ideas for new, interesting, & fun programs for our member meetings in 2022. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact me or our Admin Officer, Jim Salvatore, at jimsal1@comcast.net.

Don't forget our Photo Contest, send your entries in to HPSZoom@comcast.net, the deadline is November 23rd.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next member meeting & wish you all a safe, healthy, & happy Holiday Season.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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Education Department

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Want to Help Teach? The Hartford Power Squadron Education Dept. is looking for instructors to teach Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigator and Navigator.

If you are looking to pass on your boating knowledge we need to hear from you. Join an elite group of members that give back to our organization and keep your fellow boaters safe. Take the first step: Call Pat Pabouet at 860 781-7106 or Cliff McKibbin at 860 655-4623

Giving Back

Nominating Committee Chairman - P/C Timothy Tyler, SN

Although squadron elections are 5 months away, it is never too early to think about giving back. Most of our elected members have held various positions for at least 6 years, and some for quite a bit more than that. Although they all find serving rewarding in their own ways, it would be great if other members came forward and helped take a turn at the wheel. We need your help. All the positions have minimal time requirements, most of which are for a couple of evening hours once a month during the non-boating months.

The easiest way to get your feet wet is in an assistant position. You normally serve as an assistant for a year or two and then move up. Assistant positions which need to be filled in the upcoming election are Assistant Education Officer, Assistant Administration Officer, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The titles may sound intimidating, but the responsibilities are easily learned.

If you are ready to expand your skill set, add an interesting entry to your resume and help your squadron, please give me a call. You can also speak directly to the individual now holding a Bridge position that you may be interested in assisting. You can find contact information on the last page of this Newsletter.

This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard. You will bring new blood into the organization, and we will invite your fresh ideas. You will be an integral part of the process of running our squadron. Step forward and support your squadron in a new and exciting way.

DON'T FORGET OUR FALL PHOTO CONTEST! DEADLINE NOVEMBER 23RD



1st prize \$50 cash
2nd prize \$25
3rd prize \$10.

LAST CHANCE! 2020-2021 NAUTICAL-THEMED

Click: HPSZoom@comcast.net and Upload your JPEG PICTURES!

October Member Meeting Speaker CMDCM (SS) Kellen Voland Command Master Chief, Navy Submarine Base New London



Our 26 October meeting featured “Submarine Force of Today” with Command Master Chief Kellen Voland of the Submarine Base New London.

Master Chief Volland first described the sub base New London as having been established in 1916. It has almost 18,000 people working on it now. It adds \$4B to the CT economy and is home to the east coast attack submarines. It is one of 71 US Navy installations around the world

The modern US Navy now includes almost 347K active duty personnel, 97K reserve personnel, and 281K civilians. The fleet includes 294 ships of which 72 are submarines. There are 84 ships deployed now, 50 underway, 2 carriers underway and 3200 aircraft.

He described the threats to America and the free world which included major state actors such as Russia and China; rogue state actors such as Iran and North Korea; and terrorist organizations.

The sub force relies on four components to meet its mission: Stealth-the ability to go around the world without being detected; Agility-the ability to move at high speed; Endurance-the ability to go years without refueling; and Payload-the ability to host a variety of weapons. As he knew we were interested in GPS, he described their underwater guidance as using gyro compasses that can maintain such an accurate location that they can come up very near the intended GPS location after traveling half way around the earth.

He described the types of subs, including: SSBN-Ballistic missile launchers; SSN-Attack subs; SSGN-Guided missile launchers. The latter can carry 128 missiles per sub.

We had a very good turnout despite the nor’easter striking our area. Our meetings will be resuming in January.



Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Secretary



Lt Jeanne Waseleski



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1) Command Master Chief Kellen Voland speaks to audience at October Members Meeting.

2) & 3) Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP presents speaker with Power Squadron mouse pad, pen, and donation in his name to Navy & Marine Corps Relief Fund for \$100.

New Members



We are pleased to report the following new members to the Hartford Power Squadron.

Vincent Smith, Joanne Ruiz, and Bridget Camacho have transferred to HPS from the National 'Cyber' Squadron. The Cyber Squadron is for members that join on-line before they have chosen a squadron. We are pleased that Vincent, Joanne, and Bridget have chosen the Hartford Squadron and hope they will take advantage of our courses and other activities.

Peter and Paula Berlandy have recently joined. Peter is the brother of our Executive Officer Tom Berlandy. Peter and Paula have already helped with our Vessel Safety Check last summer and they come to our meetings regularly.

David Pero and Susan Chenard were invited to join our squadron by ExCom member Ted Wurz. They enjoy boating, have attended member meetings, and our COW.

DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, 5 DECEMBER

Campagna's Restaurant 1pm.

151 Marlborough St. Portland, CT 06480

FEATURING: Steve Kazlauskas, '**Echoes of Sinatra**', will entertain us with a tribute to this legendary performer with stories and songs that bring back the golden era!

*For fun we have planned a **Yankee-Swap**. Bring a wrapped gift in the \$10 range.*

We'll tell you all the rules when we start.

*We will also be collecting unwrapped gifts for **Toys for Tots**.*

The party will start at 1:00 PM with a **cash bar** and a cheese and cracker platter. The appetizers will be their wonderful stuffed potato skins. The meal will begin with bread and tossed salad. The Main Course will be penne ala vodka, meat balls, string beans, and chicken piccata. We will finish with coffee and your choice of several desserts.

Don't miss out on this party. The cost is only \$25.00 per person. Book it early!

Please send your check for \$25.00 per person made out to "USPS D-1" to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Court, North Haven, CT 06473-2892 by 28 November, 2021.

Is your Certificate number somewhere in this Issue? Notify Commander Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP or Secretary Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN to receive a \$20 cash prize and a free dinner at the Olympia Diner. Winner must come to a meeting to receive the prize.

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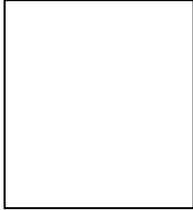


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JOIN US!
DON'T MISS OUT!
DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY at CAMPAGNA'S RESTAURANT
151 Marlborough Street, Portland, CT 06480
Sunday, 5 December 1pm.
Includes a **Yankee Swap** and optional donation to **Toys for Tots**
\$25 per person by 28 November (details inside) Book it Early!

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH STEVE PETTY!
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR JANUARY PROGRAM
FEATURING CATEGORIES OF NAUTICAL QUESTIONS
25 January 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
6:30 Dinner. Trivia starts at 7:15p