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08 thru 11 February	Hartford Boat Show	
13 February	Executive Committee Meeting – <i>“Bridge and general membership welcome”</i> – MDC	

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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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Fall has announced itself once again by turning the leaves of our trees into the colors of the season. It's hard for many of us to leave summer behind. Many boaters continue to take advantage of the warmer days we are enjoying. Other boats have already been winterized and are being pulled for land storage for the cold months ahead. While all this is happening, the Holidays are quickly approaching. Hartford had its first Members' Meeting and it was a success story. We learned a great deal about hurricanes and tropical storms. NOAA's representative, Glenn Field, provided us with a fabulous program. We enjoyed great food, and great people. I hope you will join us for our October meeting. We promise you another winning presentation.

October is when our advanced classes begin. We have not scheduled the ABC courses this semester, but these public courses will resume in the spring. Plan to take an advanced course this semester and maybe volunteer to teach a course. You've taken the course so you already know the subjects. We will train you on how to present it to others. It will be a worthwhile endeavor for both you and class participants.

Looking ahead, we have the District Fall Council Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the District Fall Conference Meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope you plan to attend these meetings as they are particularly informative and you get to meet other members from other squadrons.

I hope you get to enjoy your boat for a few more weeks before it's time to put it away for the winter.

Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P

## Executive Department

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Last year about this time, I wrote about the importance of volunteerism and what it means to a squadron's survival. I asked that everyone take a good look at the "Committee Assignments: section of the newsletter to where help is needed, and consider volunteering for an assignment. I copied last year's Committee Assignments, and Educational Staff listed in their entirety. I have included them in this publication. The only changes made were to eliminate names and make greater use of the word **Vacant**. Sadly, no one from our entire squadron stepped up to help. For our squadron to thrive, we need our members to volunteer for assignments that remain vacant.

The same names appear on our list year after year, and it is a rare occasion when a new name fills an empty spot. We know there are skilled members in our squadron. It's difficult when we asked for your participation, and every year we are faced with the same results. **"Many hands make light work."** The work of running an organization of this size is much easier when many people volunteer to take the time to help. The quote that introduces this note is a single reference to a truism that is discovered over and over by all societies. The more people that help with a task, the easier it is for everyone. Also, new volunteers bring with them new ideas. New ideas can encourage methods of getting a job done more efficiently.

Look at the Educational Staff table and consider if there is something you would be willing to do. A familiarity with the material and a willingness to share your knowledge with others are the only requirements for teaching a course.

We need an instructor for our weather course. Perhaps now that he is retiring, Brad Field will join our squadron and take the lead for this challenge. If not, I am sure there are many amateur meteorologists or those that have studied weather that would enjoy passing on what they have learned to other members in our ranks. It feels good when you share your subject expertise. It is not just the sharing; it is the caring enough to make your fellow boaters safer on the water when they can recognize potential weather hazards before they happen.

We need ABC instructors, and if you scored in the 90's and you enjoy sharing with others, please contact our Commander, Pat, or Educational Officer, Roy, and tell them you'd like to help.

Assistant Educational Officer and Assistant Administrative Officer are such important positions, and currently, both are vacant. Taking either of these positions, you work with the respective officer's, learn what it is they do, give them an occasional hand, and when you're ready to be asked to fill their position, you will be fully qualified to do so.

If you cannot commit to something full-time, call and let us know you are willing to serve a few hours at a time in whatever way you can, like helping with the Boat Show. It is easy, rewarding work and we need you. There are many needs like this where extra sets of hands would be appreciated and will not cost you a lot of time. Please help us out and give us a call.



## Educational Department

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### Fall Course Schedule

We have a great lineup of courses for this fall. If you are interested in one of these classes, please contact Roy Bergeron to talk about it and/or to sign up. Phone: (860) 841-8620 Email: roybergeron01@yahoo.com

#### **Seamanship (S) begins 19 October at 1900 at St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington (\$63-member, \$158-new member)**

This course provides more detail on many of the subjects covered in our basic “ABC3” course including rules of the road, navigation aids, using your VHF radio, boat handling under adverse conditions, anchoring, additional knots, and additional first aid and safety. If you have just finished “ABC3,” please try to take this course. New members that took Piloting last spring are also encouraged to take this course. If you signed up as a new member last spring, you can take this course as a member.

#### **Advanced Piloting (AP) begins 16 October at 1900 (\$57) – This class will be held at the instructor’s home in Glastonbury. Class size is limited to four students.**

You must have passed the Piloting (P) course as a prerequisite. Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student’s skills through hands-on practice and learning. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course



#### **Junior Navigation (JN) (Celestial Navigation Part 1) begins 15 November at 1900 (\$90 member) - Class will be held at the MDC Training Center in Hartford.**

In the Junior Navigation course, the student will learn to substitute celestial objects such as the sun as reference points. The course begins with the study of celestial navigation, teaching the student to take sights on the sun with a marine sextant and derive a line of position from that observation. Next, the student will apply the principles learned in Advanced Piloting, and plot a running fix from two sun sights taken about four hours apart. Once the student has learned the basics of celestial sight reduction, the course continues with planning, positioning, and checking one’s position in the offshore environment, using both electronic and celestial tools.

#### **Weather (W) begins 25 October at 1900 (\$83-member/\$158-New Member) - The location of this course is still to be determined.**

The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. The student will learn how to use pressure measurements and cloud formations to predict future weather, how to estimate wind speeds using the Beaufort scale and how to take precautions for emergency situations such as the gale force winds accompanying thunderheads and the excessive wind speeds of hurricanes. Every mariner contemplating longer cruises should take this course.



## Hartford Power Squadron Education Staff for 2017-2018

Our thanks go out to the members of the Education Department who have volunteered a significant amount of their time to teach 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.

Position	Incumbent	Position	Incumbent
<b>Squadron Education Officer</b>	Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP	<b>Assistant Squadron Education Officer</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Chairman Boating Instructor</b>	Pat Pabouet	<b>Marine Communication Systems Instructor</b>	<b>Vacant</b> - <i>Currently being offered as a self-study course.</i>
<b>Seamanship Instructor</b>	Roy Bergeron	<b>Marine Electrical Systems Instructor</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Piloting Instructor</b>	Roy Bergeron	<b>Electronic Navigation Instructor</b>	<b>Vacant</b> - <i>Currently being offered as a self-study course.</i>
<b>Advanced Piloting Instructor</b>	Marty Abrams	<b>Sail Instructor</b>	Marty Abrams
<b>Junior Navigation Instructor</b>	Roy Guile	<b>Weather Instructor</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Navigation Instructor</b>	Roy Guile Stanley Klein - <i>Middletown Power Squadron</i>	<b>Cruise Planning Instructor</b>	<b>Vacant</b> - <i>Currently being offered as a self-study course.</i>
<b>Engine Maintenance Instructor</b>	Dick Stone - <i>Saybrook Sail &amp; Power Squadron</i>	<b>Instructor Training Instructor</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Basic Boating Instructors:</b> Jon Emerson, Mike Goman, Cliff McKibbin and Tim Tyler.		<b>Seminar Instructors:</b> Roy Bergeron, Eric Manner, Craig McAllister, Cliff McKibbin, James Monroe, Frank Pascucci	

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, please call Roy Bergeron, at 860 841-8620.

## The September Members' Meeting

The season's first Members' Meeting was a rousing success with over 50 attendees. It was an entertaining evening with NOAA representative, Glenn Field, giving a both enlightening and sobering talk on New England hurricanes. Glenn talked about such things as which hurricanes have the potential to make it up to New England, the alarming speed at which they travel once they get past the Carolinas, why the eye of the hurricane is not the thing to watch for up here, the dramatic difference in rain and wind, depending on which side of the hurricane track you end up on, and where tornadoes are most likely to form in relation to the hurricane center. There was a question and answer period after the discussion and many in attendance spoke about hurricanes they were fortunate to survive, even the 1938 hurricane (we didn't start naming storms in the Atlantic basin until 1979). If you missed this one, you missed a good one. Please don't make the same mistake next month when George Gilbert takes us on a road trip through beautiful New Zealand on vintage Triumph motorcycles!





## Appointed Committee Assignments for 2017-2018

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

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

*Editor's note: The elected committee chairmen (nominating, rules, and audit) were listed in the May issue.*

## 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.”

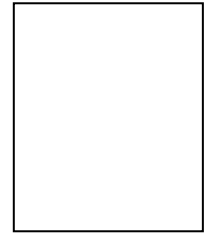
For reservations please send your check for \$35 per person made out to “USPS-District 1” to Jim Salvatore, 4-3 Canterbury Ct, Middletown, CT 06457-4934 by 9 December.



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## October Members' Meeting Will Feature "A talk by George Gilbert on beautiful New Zealand"

The October 24<sup>th</sup> Members' Meeting will feature a talk on beautiful New Zealand by Past District Commander George Gilbert. Come listen to the adventures of George and his brothers in New Zealand, the last habitable land mass on earth to be populated. A place where the natives are proud to be called Kiwis and 1/3 of the country is a protected national park. Also, home to Auckland, one of the most affordable cities in the world to live in, where one in three households own a boat and where there is a hill in Hawkes Bay named Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateapokaiwhenuakitanatahu which lays claim to the longest place name in the world.

The oldest brother of the Gilbert family turning 60 had benefits for all the Gilbert brothers and his good friend Kurt Tomolonius. George asked his brothers and Kurt to join him on what was to be a motorcycle trip of a lifetime. Come join us at the Olympia Diner as George takes us with him on a journey which takes place in January, the "summer" season of New Zealand. Riding 1970's vintage Triumph motorcycles we'll explore New Zealand, sharing two weeks with George's crew and the "Kiwis" that inhabit this island in the southern hemisphere. What transpired was a most awesome experience, and we'll be there to share the adventure with Kurt and the Gilbert brothers.



**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](mailto:jimsall@comcast.net) or 860-346-0680.