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At the Helm

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It is officially Fall. Autumn is in the air. Many of us are preparing our boats for their long winter nap. Others are still trying to stretch the season and have not yet begun to consider shrink wrap.

I had mentioned in my last message that I was bringing home a boat from Canada. That trip is behind me now and I am pleased to say that both vessel and crew made the trip without serious harm to either. Bullseye is now resting on the hard in Portland Connecticut. She came with that name, and although I originally thought we would change it, the name has grown on us and Bullseye she will be for the foreseeable future. The trip was just short of 700 miles and is the longest boat trip I have ever taken. Although I would have preferred the shakedown cruise to have been spread over several shorter trips in familiar locations, it was none the less enlightening and a bond was formed between man and boat. She is now, and will forever be, a part of me. I'm eager to begin work on the "punch list" that was developed on the way home.

You will see several activities posted in this issue. First, we are planning our second bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino. This year's trip will coincide with the Hartford Boat Show which is being moved to this location. Please consider joining us. The more the merrier! Bring your friends along. They need not be squadron members. Let's fill up our bus for the event.

Next, we have a full schedule for Fall educational offerings. Please note that although we are offering Navigation this Fall, if there is not enough interest this can be changed to Junior Navigation (JN). JN was offered last Fall and although there was some interest, there was not enough to make a formal class worthwhile. If you would like to take JN, please contact Roy Bergeron and make your preference known. Sharpen your skills by taking a course this Fall. It helps you, your loved ones, everyone on the water, and your squadron.

Stand Up Paddleboards is the topic for this month's member meeting. I'm sure you've seen them around and may have questions on what they are and how hard it is to get started in this fast growing sport. Come and find out what you've been missing. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your questions.

Last thing...you'll notice we have a lot of vacancies in our teaching staff and in our committee assignments. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please let me know. The squadron cannot continue to exist without new volunteers. You'll see the same names you always see showing up in more and more positions. It's not that we want to do all these things ourselves, on the contrary, we would love to take on less and share the satisfying feeling of volunteerism with others. If you see something you think you could help with, even if it already has a name associated with it, please let me know. Your squadron needs you.

Stay safe out there.

Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN



Lady Liberty

Picture taken in New York Harbor just before entering the East River to make the Hell's Gate passage into Long Island Sound.



Educational Department

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Fall Course Schedule

We have a great line up 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 11 October at 1900 at St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington (\$63 member, \$160 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 15 October at 1900 (\$57) – *The location for this course is still to be determined.*

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

Navigation (N) (Celestial Navigation Part 2) (\$150 member) - *The date/time and location of this course is still to be determined but it is expected it will start in late October.*

You must have passed the Junior Navigation (JN) course as a prerequisite. Learn navigation using all the celestial bodies! Use navigational software tools to plan and execute an offshore voyage. In the event of a loss of electronics on board, you’ll be glad you took this course and developed the necessary backup skills for an offshore voyage. Even if you have no plans to travel offshore, you will be able to impress your boating friends with your depth of celestial knowledge. The *Navigation* course will teach you how to use the moon, planets, and stars to determine your position at morning and evening twilight to supplement daytime sights on the sun, moon, and bright planets. You will also get access to and use navigational software tools that can be used to plan and execute any voyage. *If you are not ready to take Navigation (N), but instead would like to take Junior Navigation (JN), please contact Roy Bergeron. We will consider replacing N with JN if there are enough people interested. JN description follows:*

Junior Navigation (JN)

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.

Marine Communications Systems (\$54 member, \$151 new member) – *This is an elective. The course is planned for October. Date/time and location to be determined.*

Marine Communications Systems is an in-depth review of those systems available to the recreational boater. Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn, to choose the best communications method for his/her situation. One chapter is devoted to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and another to FCC Rules and regulations to set the stage for instruction of radiotelephone operating procedures (both voice and digital messaging are covered). The remaining chapters cover High Seas radio (MF/HF) and satellite communications) and other systems such as Family Radio Service transceivers. There is also a chapter on troubleshooting of radio installations.

We now accept credit card payments for course fees. You can pay for your courses by calling Cliff McKibbin at (860) 655-4623 and paying with your credit card.

Hartford Power Squadron Education Staff for 2018-2019

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



Gingerbread houses at Oak Bluffs Camp Meeting Ground

The first Members' Meeting of the season was a well-attended and informative meeting at which our Treasurer and Past Commander, Cliff McKibbin, described the nuances of navigating the waters surrounding the ports of Martha's Vineyard, the approach to its ports, and details on boater's accommodations and sights in each of the main ports of Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, and Edgartown plus the fishing village of Menemsha. He also had a handout with information on 2018 slip, electrical, and mooring fees at each of the ports, including the Harbormaster facilities and some commercial options.

Cliff also briefly discussed the options to navigate to the Vineyard and suggested boaters have a current copy of "Eldridge" to assure their knowledge of the currents around the Vineyard. Finally, he showed maps of the bike paths and bus routes on the Vineyard, stressing the extensiveness of both.

A 50/50 raffle was held at the meeting and the prize of \$55 was won by Ian Tingey. Congratulations Ian, and thanks for attending. If you were unable to attend and want further information, Cliff can send you the handouts and slides in electronic form. Send your request to cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net.



Appointed Committee Assignments for 2018-2019

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

Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

We are planning our second bus trip to Mohegan Sun. The trip will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019. The date was chosen because it coincides with the Hartford Boat Show which is being moved a Mohegan Sun venue next year. This scheduling was chosen to allow for the enjoyment of boat show, enjoying the casino, or both. To allow time for both, the bus will be leaving earlier than it did last year. We will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 8 p.m.

Despite a price increase for the bus, we will be selling seats for the same price as we did last year, \$30.00. This price will again include the bus trip, \$15 casino gaming credits, and a \$15 food credit that can be used at any restaurant in the casino. The credits effectively make this trip a no cost trip to you.

Although the cost does not include admission to the boat show, we are looking into discounted admission for participants and will pass that on to trip participants if we can. Please refer to next months issue of *the Bilge Pump* for more details.

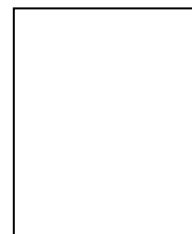
This trip is not just for squadron members, it is also a fund-raising event. Please bring your family and friends and let others you know they are welcome to attend.

Please call Cliff McKibbin at (860) 655-4623, or email him at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net, to reserve seats. We now accept credit card payments. You can purchase bus trip tickets by calling Cliff and paying with your credit card. He will mail you the tickets. Bus trip tickets make great Christmas presents/stocking stuffers!



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October Members' Meeting Will Feature "The Litchfield County Paddler" by Mike Cullinane



In the last few years, a new form of paddling has become very popular with people of all ages and physiques. This new form of boating is known as the Stand Up Paddleboard, or SUP, and has been called the fastest growing sport in the world. Fun and easy to learn, SUPs can be a great form of exercise or a relaxing way to explore waters unreachable by many other forms of watercraft. But all SUPs are not created equal. There are Surf SUPs, Touring SUPs, Fishing SUPs, Racing SUPs, Yoga SUPs, and All Around SUPs.

Whether you currently own one of these wonderful watercraft or are just trying to see how to start out in this new sport, October's speaker, Mike Cullinane, will help you explore the world of Stand Up Paddleboarding.

Mike is a certified instructor and founder of The Litchfield County Paddler. He will share with us his passion for the sport, discuss his efforts to spread his knowledge and passion throughout the state, and educate us about getting started and enjoying paddle boarding safely and confidently. Don't miss the

opportunity to become part of a new way to enjoy Connecticut waterways

Date: October 23, 2018

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 or 860-346-0680.