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“Welcome to Fall”



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At the Helm

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This past Sunday evening, sitting on the afterdeck with Elaine, we turned to each other, smiled, and agreed there was no doubt about it; summer was finally here! Earlier, we had friends and family aboard, and unexpectedly, friends from our last marina also dropped by. They had with them their baby miniature dachshund named Salty. With our own dog Callie, and our fur baby niece Zadie, three small dogs were on board, all vying for attention and competing for treats.

Yes, summer had finally come to our marina, and everything was as it should be in a boating community. Earlier in the day, boats came back from an enjoyable day on the Connecticut River. All were in high spirits, enjoying the late afternoon at the marina. It was a glorious day to be a boater. Smells of different foods cooking filled the air. All were enjoying old friends, meeting new ones, swapping stories, and enjoying lots of delicious food. Everything felt so right, like summer had just begun.

Like all great adventures, there is a beginning and an end. Summer has not just begun but is over. Our boat will soon be on jack stands being prepped for her long winter hibernation.

This summer, COVID-19 was always a concern, but I hope all of you enjoyed your boating season as much as we did. Traveling was limited for us this season but living on the boat was a treat. We went home when we had appointments and then came right back. Our live-on experience was most enjoyable. Over the winter months, we had made plans for visiting new places and revisiting old haunts that never came to fruition, but we made lemonade out of lemons.

Just a word about our members' meeting later this month. COVID-19 is still with us, and we have made plans to have a "Hybrid Meeting." If you are comfortable with dining in public, you can meet in person and break bread with some of us at the Olympia Diner. If you are not comfortable with public gatherings yet, you do not have to miss the presentation. Our speaker will broadcast her presentation via Zoom, and you can enjoy it from wherever you feel comfortable. Zoom will also allow you to ask questions. This will be our first attempt at streaming a meeting over the internet. Because we are new to it, even though we have had practice meetings, there is still a chance there will be "technical difficulties." Please bear with us. The way it stands now, you will not be able to participate in the actual meeting portion of the night and only attend the presentation. Still, it should be gratifying and enlightening. There are details on both presentation content, and how to follow it via Zoom, elsewhere in this issue. Please review them before you attend.

One last item. Please take the time to vote. It is both your right and your privilege. If you do not make an effort, others will make your decision for you.

Stay safe out there.

Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN

27 October Members' Meeting
“Whales are Back in New York Waters” by Lisa Piastuch

Note: This program will be available ‘in-person’ or via Zoom.
You will not need video or audio capability to view this presentation on Zoom.
(See below for Zoom instructions).

After many years of absence, the whales are back in New York waters! Species such as the seasonally migrating Humpback and North Atlantic Right Whales, as well as the Fin Whale, are frequent visitors to the New York Bight. Using a variety of scientific tools, scientists are setting out to gain a better understanding of the distribution and abundance of these large whales and sea turtles in the Bight.

Join North American Marine Environment Protection Association’s (NAMEPA) Education and Outreach Director, Lisa Piastuch, to learn more about the New York Bight Whale Monitoring Program, methodologies employed, basic facts about marine mammals and the results of the data collected as part of their work to protect the global oceans, lakes and river resources.

Lisa has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and Management from Sacred Heart University, where her research focused on coastal ecosystems restoration. Before joining NAMEPA, Lisa was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Bridgeport, teaching environmental conservation and ecology. In addition, Lisa has over ten years of professional experience in the non-profit sector, forming partnerships and fostering collaborations with various organizations. She continues to inspire and educate all ages on environmental stewardship.

Date: 27 October, 2020

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 jimsall1@comcast.net

Zoom Instructions: The Zoom meeting will begin at 7:30 with the program. We suggest signing into Zoom 15 minutes earlier so that you will be ready for the beginning of the meeting.

Click the following link to get into Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/96392456460?pwd=VW9IcCszcENDVGIwYWcrN3JSNE8xQT09>

- a. When the Zoom screen comes up if you already have Zoom installed on your machine click on the option in blue: **Launch Meeting**. Otherwise, click on the option: **Download and Run Zoom**.
- b. If you get a screen that has an option to **Join a Meeting**, click on that option.
- c. If the Host has not signed in, you will get a screen that says “Please wait for the host to start this meeting”. Otherwise, you should see the host.
- d. At the end of the meeting, you can click on the option **Leave** near the bottom right of the screen. You will then get a larger button that says **Leave Meeting**. Click it and you can then close down the Zoom internet connection.

If you are new to Zoom and would like to do a test, Frank Pascucci has set up a test to be available at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 October. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85710692094?pwd=ZUVZenZYezdKakg1ZTBmS25JRXXNHdz09>

Please use the instructions above once you click on the link.

Education Department

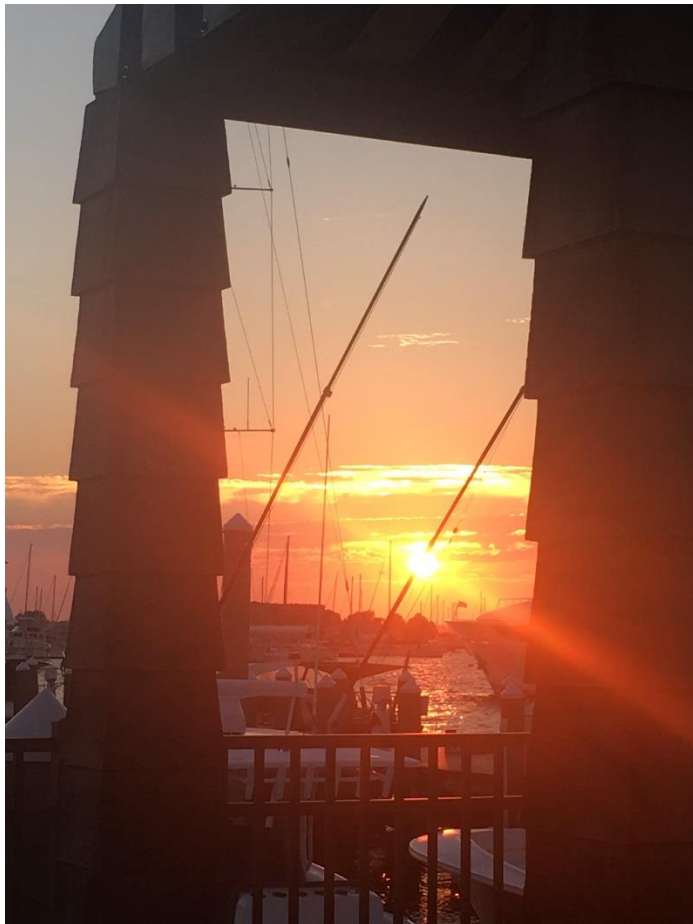
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In the last issue we reported that because of the Covid-19 virus we would be offering only 'self-study' courses this fall. These courses are offered at a discount of 25% of the price we pay to National.

We are happy to report that Alan Ortner, AP has taken and passed two of the courses: Cruise Planning and Navigation Systems. There is still plenty of time in the fall to take a course.

Below is the list of courses and the 'Net' cost to you. If you are interested, please email Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)		Cruise Planning	34
On-line version	\$36	Engine Maintenance	29
Book	43	Marine Electrical Systems	29
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Marine Communication Systems	35
Plotting tools	15	Navigation Systems	37
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	31	Radar for boaters	48
Junior Navigation	57	Sail	29
Nautical Almanac	28	Weather	34
Navigation	101		
Ditto on Almanac	28		



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Details to Follow

in

the November/December

issue of

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Top 6 Fall Boating Safety Tips



Autumn's arrival doesn't mean the boating season has to come to an end. Quite the contrary! Many boaters agree that leaf-peeping while slowly cruising through calm, mirror-like waters takes on an almost ethereal quality.

However, the arrival of fall's shorter days and colder temperatures does require boaters to take some extra precautions in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing for all. With this in mind, the Sea Tow Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to promote boating safety, offers the following six tips for boaters and anglers who go out on the water this fall.

1. Update your charts.
2. Check nav lights and flares
3. Make sure your VHF is working...
4. Gas up before you go.
5. Wear a life jacket.
6. Keep a "weather eye".

About the Sea Tow Foundation

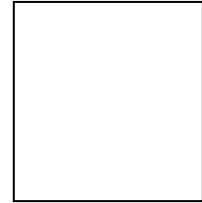
In 2007, Sea Tow Founder and CEO Capt. Joe Frohnhoefer created the Sea Tow Foundation – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization – to promote safe boating practices. The Foundation's goal is to reduce accidents, fatalities and property damage related to recreational boating. For more information, please visit boatingsafety.com.

Source: www.boatingmag.com; September, 2013.

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Appointed Committee Assignments for 2020-2021

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	Ken Weeks	Law Officer	Ted Wurz
Chaplain	Cliff McKibbin	Parliamentarian	Ken Weeks
Cooperative Charting	Cliff McKibbin	Publications Editor	Jeanne Waseleski
Programs Chairman	Jim Salvatore	Photographer	Frank Pascucci
Safety Officer	Tim Tyler	Merit Marks	Tim Tyler
USPS Education Fund	Cliff McKibbin	Computer Records	Cliff McKibbin
Officer Training Chairman	Pat Pabouet	Webmaster	Frank Pascucci
Boat Show	Frank Pascucci	Budget Chairman	Cliff McKibbin
Ships Store	Tom Berlandy	Vessel Safety Check	Pat Pabouet

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