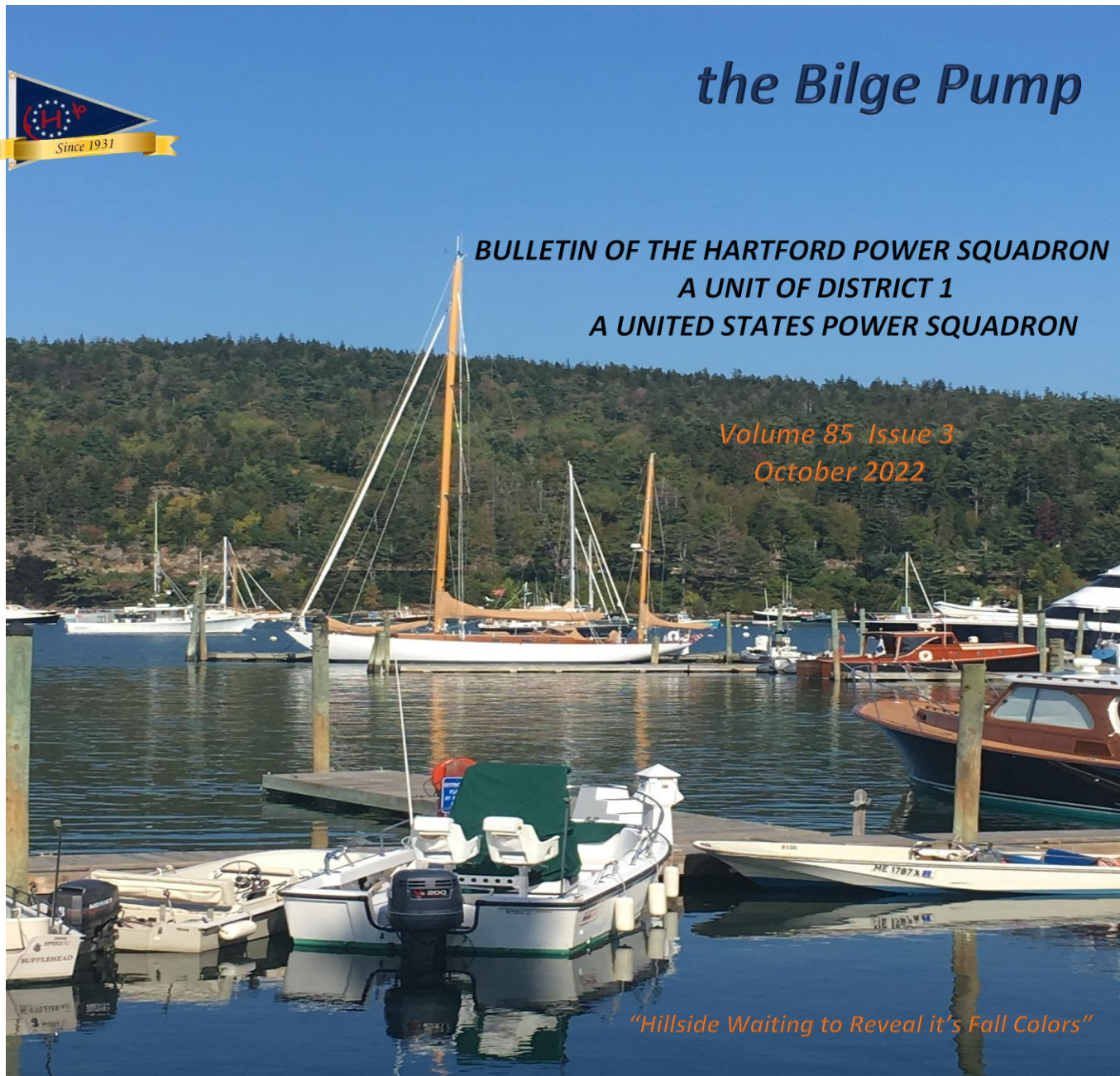




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22 October	ABC Class- Bristol Library 5 High St. Bristol CT	
25 October	October Members Meeting- Olympia Diner 6:30pm	
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19 November	District 1 Fall Conference Bradford Manor Fire House 85 George St. East Haven, CT	
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

For those of us in the Northeast, it's time to start putting away our boats for the winter and planning our adventures for next year. For those of you who caught Dr. Stephen Wagner's presentation on Climate Change at our September member meeting, you can better understand what the boaters & residents of Fort Meyers Florida endured under the wrath of Hurricane Ian. Although our boating season is short, you have to appreciate the climate here in the Northeast.

We have several activities lined up to keep us occupied over the winter months. We'll be running our ABC classes again & have the first one scheduled for Oct 22 at the Bristol Library.

Rob Goldstein will be speaking at our October member meeting about his adventure sailing up the East Coast from Florida.

The District Christmas Party at Campagna's in Portland on December 4th will be a lot of fun, with some amazing magic & comedy by Jim Sisti. Jim has performed at Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun, & many Corporate events. An excellent dinner will be served, and we will be doing the Yankee Swap Grab Bag once again.

The Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun is back on January 19-22, 2023! Our District will have a table & if you are interested in helping to man the table, please contact Cdr Art Andrea at trescooch@yahoo.com

We have some great programs in the works for our January & February member meetings, a tour of Vintage Boat Restorations in Bristol, & a presentation on weather (not climate change) by Darren Sweeney, NBC 30 meteorologist.

Most importantly, we will be doing our 2nd annual Boat Show/Swap Meet and Raffle at the Westbrook Outlets on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023. We're starting the promotion early & need your help. We have business size cards & flyers available that you can hand out or post at your marina. Just contact us & we'll send you some. Let's make this the biggest event of the year!

Your input is critical to our success. We need to get younger people involved. Please send us your comments and ideas. We're trying to make our meetings more attractive to younger members & looking for new locations, maybe a brewery or winery? If you have any ideas or connections let us know.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next member meeting & hope you get to enjoy your boat for a few more weeks before putting it away for the season.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP

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Below is the list of courses that are very practical to take on your own and the 'Net' cost to you. Most are available in 'e-book' form if you prefer those at the same price.

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)	43	Cruise Planning	43
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Engine Maintenance	43
Weekend Navigator	15	Marine Electrical Systems	43
Plotting tools	15	Marine Communication Systems	43
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America's Boating Course (ABC) will be offered 'in person' at the Bristol Public Library on Saturday: 22 October. The cost will be \$50 which includes the manual, morning coffee, and lunch. This class starts at 9:00 am and is a one day course.

Passing the course allows the student to purchase the CT DEEP 'Certificate to Operate a Power Boat', including PWCs, and towing others. If you have family members who need their certificate, please contact Cliff McKibbin at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net to sign up.

Would you like to teach one of our courses? We need instructors for Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, and others. If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.

The Hartford Squadron made its annual CoOp Charting trip on the Connecticut River. They found 110 ATONs with no discrepancies and 7 with missing numbers or needing paint.

In addition, they reported a large tree in the river. The discrepancies were all reported to the USCG. The two boats met at Haddam Meadows State Park before returning to the East Hartford ramp and the Saybrook 'under bridge' ramp respectively. This year's team was Lt. Ted Wurz (kneeling); 2nd row: Ken Letendre, P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, Cdr Bill Waseleski, David Waseleski; 3rd Row: Pete Berlandy, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, P/D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, P/D/C Pat Pabouet.

Photo by Paula Berlandy



Middletown and Hartford Squadron's Celebrate their 90th

The Middletown and Hartford Squadron members and District guests turned out on Saturday, 17 September, at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the two Squadrons.

State Representative, Quentin "Q" Williams, of Middletown read Citations to each Squadron from the Connecticut House and Senate and D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN read greetings from our District Commander, Art Andrea, AP, who was at the USPS Governing Board in Raleigh, NC. Following Introductions by Commanders Robert Borden, P and Bill Waseleski, AP, history notes from each squadron were read by Historians D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN and Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN. The large group was entertained by Steve Kazlauskas, 'Sounds of Sinatra' and enjoyed the catered meal by Farrell's Restaurant of Portland.





Ed: The Executive Committee asked (since 2021 was the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Hartford Power Squadron) and we just had our 90th celebration (because of Covid) that **the Bilge Pump commemorate the anniversary with a series of history notes**. This is **the first of four notes** that will be included in our next issues.

The Hartford Power Squadron Founding of the Hartford Power Squadron

The following is excerpted from the 50th anniversary Bilge Pump in April, 1981 (Kenneth Weeks, Jr., AP, Editor) as well as the 75th anniversary booklet of District 1.

The Hartford Power Squadron had its beginning in late 1930 when Kenneth B. Noble, JN of New Haven Power Squadron sent Piloting class placards to local yacht clubs. Walter Pittman of Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club wrote to Noble expressing interest in the course and offering full cooperation.

On 23 January 1931, Captain Noble, having received authority to give the class from then C/C Frederic W. Keator, N, of the New Haven Squadron, reports that he began the Hartford introductory course with 23 students. The course was held at the Morse Business College in Hartford. Attendance grew to 70 men from Springfield, Hartford, Wethersfield and Middletown. On 27 March, 1931, it was reported that 23 Hartford men passed the exam, most with very high scores.

The original By-Laws of Hartford Power Squadron were voted on 9 April, 1931 and captain Noble was elected the first Commander.

On 28 November, 1931, the Hartford Squadron received its charter signed by C/C Frederick L Reid. The names of the following twenty-seven charter members appear on the charter: C.D. Belanger, C.C. Bell, G. Benoit, A.W. Bevin, F.N. Deardon, R.P. Drew, M. Fishborn, R. Fox, H. Halliday, S.S. Hasbrouck, S.A. Hasbrouck, T. Holden, R.A. House, W.E. Morse, E.A. Moyer, K.B. Noble, W.T. Palmer, H.R. Philbrick, W.E. Pittman, K.B. Post, R. Robbins, J.H. Schwarz, Jr., H.A. Sorenson, E.G. Spencer, H.R. Stockder, W. Walther, H.B. Wilson.

HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON BRISTOL MUM PARADE FLOAT 25 SEPTEMBER



Hartford Power Squadron Members decorated a float in their 1st Bristol Mum Parade. Darth Vader joined for a photo-op. Members include: Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP; P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P; Lt/C Patrick Pabouet P; David M. Waseleski, AP; Krystal Waseleski. Photo credits P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP

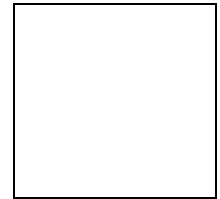


AT THE 27 SEPTEMBER MEMBERS MEETING, Dr. Stephen (Mitch) Wagener gave a well-educated and thought-out program on the topic of climate change. He engaged members with questions and answers.

He reminded us of the difference between climate and weather:

- a. Climate is based on statistics over a long period
- b. Weather is 'today': Is the hurricane coming, is it going to rain.

Hope for the future is in the young people. They are really taking this seriously, as are a growing number of companies.



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OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING

JOIN US FOR AN ENTERTAINING EVENING WHERE ROB SHARES HIS ADVENTURES SAILING UP THE EAST COAST IN A NEW BOAT!

25 October 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

ROB GOLDSTEIN

Rob started sailing when he was around 10 years old at a Boy Scout sailing camp where he learned all the basics of sailing, including knot tying, splicing and racing. After sailing for a number of years on his family's 16 foot sailboat, then Rhodes 19, his family purchased their O'Day 27 that he continues to sail out of Westbrook Pilots Point marina. Rob enjoys reading up on all things sailing and anything to expand his knowledge of boating, maintenance and safety.