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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

It's been an interesting summer with plenty of rain, but with the mild temperatures we may be able to extend the boating season for a couple of extra weeks.

NBC 30 Meteorologist Darren Sweeney did an excellent presentation on weather at our September member meeting. We can better appreciate all the variables that go in to forecasting weather, especially here in New England. Despite the drones & computer models, there is a lot of just plain experience that goes into putting a weather forecast together.

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 21 at the Bristol Library.

As of this writing, we do not have a speaker or program for our October Member meeting. We need your input as to what you are interested in seeing and any leads for speakers would be appreciated. I'm sure we will put a program together for the October Meeting, but to just "fill in the time slot" is not what we want to do. We want to give you programs you want to see. Please contact me or our Admin Officer Jim Salvatore with your suggestions & leads.

Our District Holiday Party is at the Middletown Elks Club this year on December 9th. It will be a lot of fun, with entertainment by Steve Kazlauskas, Echoes of Sinatra, an excellent buffet dinner, and we will be doing the Yankee Swap Grab Bag once again. We are expecting to sell out as both the New Haven & Waterbury Squadrons have committed to participating. Get your reservations in early!

The Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun is back on January 18-21, 2024! Our District will have a booth & if you are interested in helping to staff the booth, please contact Cdr Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.

Most importantly, we will be doing our 3rd annual Swap Meet. Big changes this year! We are pushing the date out to May 18th for better weather, and moving the meet to the parking lot at West Marine in Old Saybrook. We'll be doing our Raffle & the price of the spaces will remain the same. We're starting the promotion early & need your help. We will have 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!

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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You can still get friends and family to sign up for our one-day ABC Class at the Bristol Public Library.

ABC-Bristol Public Library (one day course) 5 High St. Bristol, CT 06010 [860-584-7787](tel:860-584-7787)
Saturday: 10/21/2023 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Cost: \$60 includes Manual/Coffee/lunch

This is an 8-hour course meeting the requirements of the State of Connecticut DEEP for its Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations. The final exam will be given at the end of the day and after passing the exam the student will receive the Hartford Power Squadron's Certificate attesting to the passing of the NASBLA test which can be used in any State to apply for a License or Certificate to operate a power boat. The Connecticut student will then be able to apply on-line for the State of Connecticut DEEP Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

Please call Cliff McKibbin at 860-655-4623 or e-mail him at Cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net for further information and to reserve your spot.

Would you like to teach one of our courses? If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet.

HARTFORD BOAT SHOW BOOTH

The Hartford Squadron has signed up to sponsor a booth at the **2024 Hartford Boat Show**. It will be held at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT Thursday, January 18th through Sunday, January 21st., 2024.

Booth participants get in free. If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4 hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please contact Hartford Cdr Bill Waseleski at commander@hartfordpowersquadron.com.



24 October 2023 HPS Member and Guest Meeting

Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Cost: \$20 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.

Reservations: Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net

Program TBD



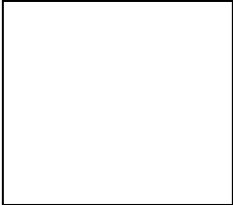


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At the September Members Meeting, a great Presentation was given by **Darren Sweeney**, Channel 4 Weatherman and Associate Professor, Dept of Journalism, Central Connecticut State University.

Darren explained some of the basics of weather forecasting: look at what's coming and what just happened. He explained that cloud formations can help the boater look for danger, especially the high 'anvil' shaped cloud that can create high winds.

He explained that each National Weather Service facility releases two weather balloons per 24 hours that give temperature, pressure, and wind speeds. These are then used by the major 'models' to help forecast the upcoming weather. He said the 'European' model has some advantages over the 'American' model in that it has been updated more, but either can be wrong.

He suggested that there are problems with 'messaging' for today's weather forecasting in that there is a lot of dis-information and poor information on social media. He urged everyone to stick with the established weather forecasting outlets.



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