



the Bilge Pump

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Ed: Lt/C Kevin Vibert, AP and his wife Janet Frick were elected to the Commander and Secretary positions at the HPS Annual Meeting on 24 March. They were sworn in to those positions at our Change of Watch on 29 March. In May, they informed the nominating Chair that they were unable to continue their duties as Commander and Secretary, respectively, due to business commitments. The Executive Committee, therefore, at its August meeting, in accordance with the Squadron bylaws, elected P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P as our new Commander and D/Lt/C Richard Carlson, SN as our Secretary. They will fill these positions until the next election in March, 2016.

Because of the turnover of our Editor and our Commander, the May issue of the Bilge Pump was not published. We have published the annual reports of the commander and Education Officer on page 6 below and will provide the reports from our other officers in the October issue

From the Helm: P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P

It's hard to believe that September is here already, where has the summer gone. As usual the summer is always too short but I hope that all had a great time on the water.

With boating coming to an end for the year, Hartford Power Squadron is ready for another season, after a brief vacation from meetings and classes, the schedules for Fall classes are set and speakers for our monthly meetings have been scheduled. It looks like it's full speed ahead. See the full schedule in the following pages and please try to get involved.

As you can see I am back at the helm for a few months, Kevin Vibert started a new venture and had to resign his position due to time constraints. I wish Kevin good luck on his venture and I hope he won't be a stranger to HPS.

Remember it's your Squadron, get involved.

P/D/C Patrick Pabouet

Commander

Your 2015-16 Bridge, Executive Committee, and Committees

Commander:	P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Executive Officer	Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
Education Officer	Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
Secretary	D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN
Treasurer	P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Immediate Past Commander	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN
P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP
P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP
P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP
1st/Lt Timothy Tyler, JN (Asst. Admin. Officer)

Elected Committees

Nominating:	
2013-2016	D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN
2014-2017	P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP
2015-2018	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
Auditing:	D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN
Rules:	P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP

Two Long Term Contributors "Retire"

Diana Manner, our long term editor of the Bilge Pump has retired from her position as of last April. Diana took on the editor role in April of 2006 and has provided outstanding service to the Hartford Power Squadron ever since. She has won the National Award for Distinctive Communicator for each year she has edited the Bilge Pump. We wish her the best of luck as she enjoys her retirement.



P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN presents Diana Manner with a plaque commemorating her 9 years of service to HPS. Left: Diana's award for the 2014 year.



Peter K. Askham, AP, Chairman of the Audit Committee, has also taken retirement. Speaking of long term commitment, Peter became our auditor in 1983 and has provided HPS with his professional opinion since then. Peter has also taken retirement from his real job as a partner with CohnReznick and is planning to spend a lot of time fishing out of Rhode Island.

Education Department News

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HPS Spring Education Results. We are pleased to report the following students that passed our spring courses. In addition, those students that joined the Hartford Power Squadron are indicated with an *. Please welcome them at our next meetings.

Piloting -Roy Bergeron

*John Sturtevant
*Ashley Waseleski

12 February, 2015 to 7 May, 2015

*William (Bill) Waseleski *David Waseleski
Annemarie Smith P

Junior Navigation-Roy Guile

1st/Lt Tim Tyler, JN

6 November, 2014 to 2 April, 2015

Marine Communication-Dale Nies

Frank Ventrella P
Dale Nies

18 February, 2015 to 22 April, 2015

1st/Lt Tim Tyler, JN

ABC Farmington –Jon Emerson

Asia Vibert
*Diane Tucker
*Andrew Martin
*Dean Spilka

26 February, 2015 to 30 April, 2015

*Christopher Kelly *Daniel Aiudi
*Patricia Tomlinson *Doug Tomlinson
Robert Roth *Samuel Spilka

ABC Simsbury –Mike Goman

*Gregory DeFrancesco
Arlene Zappile
*Mary Fedus

26 February, 2015 to 30 April, 2015

Glenn Lammey Ronald Zappile
*John Paul Bellott *Brenda Bellott

Fall Education Schedule. We have a great line up of courses for this fall. If you are interested in one of these classes, please call or e-mail to talk about it and/or sign up.

Seamanship (S) begins 8 October at 1900 at the Farmington St. James Episcopal Church (\$60, \$145 non 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. Those 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 19 October at the MDC in Hartford (\$55 member)

You must have passed the Piloting (P) course as a prerequisite. The course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skills, advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position, other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, 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, and piloting with wind and currents. If you are a sailor or operator of a slower vessel the “set and drift” calculations will allow you to maintain a course when beset with strong currents or wind.

Weather (W) begins 14 October at the Instructor’s home in Bloomfield (\$60 member/\$135 New Member)

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 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.

Two Year Course Schedule

Please use the two year schedule below to plan out your own education schedule. By working your way through the advanced grade courses you earn the grade back of your name. Ex: John Doe, AP.

Take the elective courses to fill in your expertise in specific areas such as Marine Electronics or Engine Maintenance.

Advanced Grades	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017
Seamanship (S)	X		X		X
Piloting (P)		X		X	
Advanced Piloting (AP)	X		X		X
Junior Navigation (JN)					X
Navigation (N)			X		

Electives					
Marine Electrical (MES)				X	
Marine Communication (MCS)					
Engine Maintenance (EM)		X			
Weather (W)	X				X
Sail (SA)					
Cruise Planning (CP)			X		

2014-15 Annual Meeting

The March Member meeting was the “Annual Meeting” of the Harford Power Squadron. The new Bridge was elected, the report of the auditor approved, and the budget for 2015-16 approved. We then enjoyed a talk by Captain Curt Michael on “How to get Your Captain’s License. Captain Curt went over the typical course outline for the Captain’s License and explained the different licenses available. His firm provides this instruction and several of our members have used his course successfully.

Captain Curt with P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P



September Member Meeting will Feature “The Connecticut River from Sail to Steam”.

The September member and guest meeting will feature a talk by the staff of the Connecticut River Museum in Essex. The talk will include the early sailing history of the Connecticut River beginning with Adriaen Block in 1614 and early ship building activity on the river during the age of sail. The burning of Essex in 1814 by the British ended the age of sailing ship construction in Essex but Essex rebounded as a major port as transportation evolved to steam power. The museum is actually on the site of a major steamboat warehouse that serviced trade from New York and Boston to Essex and up the river to Middletown and Hartford from the 1850s to the 1930s.



Bring your friends to this meeting, Tuesday, 22 September at the Olympia Diner.

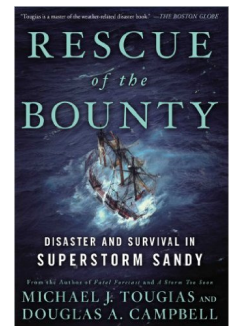
Time: 1830

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

Cost: \$15 for dinner with cash bar- or just come at 1930 for the talk. For reservations contact Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.

October Member Meeting will Feature *RESCUE OF THE BOUNTY*, Disaster and Survival in Superstorm Sandy, by Michael J. Tougias, Douglas A. Campbell

Save 27 October on your calendar for this excellent presentation. Co-author Douglas Campbell will present the harrowing tale of the loss of the famous three-master constructed for *Mutiny on the Bounty* that killed one crew member and the captain. The captain sailed from New London even though he knew hurricane Sandy was coming, feeling that “The boat’s safer being out at sea than being buckled up at a dock somewhere”. The authors devote a thrilling portion of their narrative to the courageous Coast Guard rescue and the almost incredible efforts of the pilots, hoist crews and swimmers who headed straight into Hurricane Sandy.



District Holiday Party

The District is hosting a holiday party on 12 December and the Hartford Squadron has agreed to attend that party instead of having its own party.

CAMPAGNA'S RESTAURANT

151 MARLBOROUGH STREET, PORTLAND, CT

Cocktails –1800 – Cash bar

Buffett Dinner – 1900

Dancing to the music of DJ Al Bower

Raffle prizes



Please bring a toy for “TOYS FOR TOTS”

Win a prize for the Ugliest Holiday sweater; one for the ladies and one for gentlemen.

See your Squadron Commander for tickets: \$35.00 per person

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2014-15 Annual Report of the Commander

Membership: Our membership over the past year has been stabilized with the addition of many new members from our educational courses and programs. Attracting new members from our ABC and Advanced courses, has kept our membership in the 150 range and the largest in our District 1.

Programs and Activities: Our signature event, The Hartford Boat Show along with our free seminars was again a very successful event. This year, we were able to add a new program, The USPS Boating Simulator attracted many visitors to our booth. Our fall foliage canoe trip was well attended. We plan to continue with our second annual Swap Meet that is being organized by our incoming Commander, Kevin Vibert, AP. We tried to improve our monthly meeting programs and were able to bring in many interesting speakers.

Education: This is the backbone of our organization and through the efforts of our SEO, D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, and our Public Boating Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P. we have offered a most extensive program from basic boating and advanced courses to seminars that were well attended.

Publishing and Publicity: Diana Manner, who has been the editor of the Bilge Pump these many years and has been recognized for our many award winning publications, has decided to retire as editor. We want to thank her for the many years of service and will miss her contribution to our award winning publication. I want to thank our Web Master, P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, AP, who not only maintains our squadron website, but also has been instrumental in making it possible to email the Bilge Pump from our website to an increasing number of our members.

This will be my last year as your commander and I could not have accomplished the goals of our squadron without the support of the entire Bridge and Executive Committee for which I am extremely grateful. I will be offering my continual help and support to our new incoming Commander, Kevin Vibert, AP and believe he will lead us to further years of success. Thank You for making my term as your Commander a wonderful experience.

Commander Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

2014-15 Annual Report of the Education Officer

Public Boating Course attendance was a little better than average, resulting in 21 new members. Almost as important to our membership growth was our new policy of advertising our advanced courses to non-members. This resulted in 6 new members taking our advanced courses. This winter we gave seminars at the Hartford Boat show resulting in 49 students.

I want to thank those who served the Education Department this past year: our ABC Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P, our Asst. Education Officer, 1st/Lt Tim Tyler, JN, and all of our instructors who are so dedicated to our education mission. We gave 17 merit marks to our staff this year. I want to especially recognize Roy Bergeron who was awarded the District Chapman Award for outstanding teaching. 1st/Lt Tim Tyler, JN was awarded the National Educational Proficiency Award for achieving AP plus three electives.

For 2014-15, we had the following course completions.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>New Members</u>
ABC Farmington-spring	Dave Sinder	6	6
ABC Simsbury-spring	Mike Goman	10	10
ABC Farmington-fall	Dave Sinder	5	5
Seamanship	Roy Bergeron	8	0
Piloting	Jon Emerson	4	3
Marine Electrical	Gene Danko	10	1
Navigation	Stan Klein	1	0
Sail	Marty Abrams	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

Total		48	27
<u>Seminars</u>			
Reading a Chart	Cliff McKibbin	14	Htfd Boat Show
Electronic Charts	Cliff McKibbin	13	Htfd Boat Show
Using GPS	Cliff McKibbin	16	Htfd Boat Show
Partner in Command	Cliff McKibbin	<u>6</u>	Htfd Boat Show
Total Seminars		<u>49</u>	
Total all Courses		97	27

P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Educational Officer

Change of Watch held at Marco Polo



Our annual Change of Watch (COW) was held at the Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford on 29 March, 2015. Our new Bridge was sworn in by District Commander Arthur Andrea, AP.

On the left, D/C Andrea is presenting the Squadron Commander's flag to newly installed Kevin Vibert. On the right, the new Bridge with D/C Andrea.



2014-15 Hartford Power Squadron Awards: the following awards were announced at the Change of Watch.

District Awards:

D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Historian, for completing 100% of histories through 2013-2014.

District Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching: Roy Bergeron, AP

National Awards:

“Distinctive Communicator Award” for Bilge Pump for 2014: Diana Manner, Editor

“Distinctive Communicator Award” for web site for 2014: P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, AP, Web Master

“Distinctive Communicator Award” for Sounds of 1 for 2014, D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Editor

50 Year Members: Richard Taylor, P P/D/Lt/C Kenneth Weeks Jr., AP

25 Year Members: Peter H. Bigelow, S Bruce Dworak, S

Dolores P. Dworak Frank Dworak III

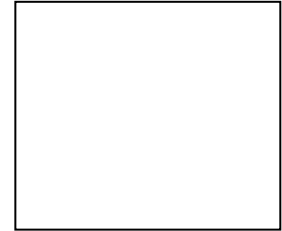
David P. Greenblatt Flordeliza C. Palazzolo, P

Julie Talarski

Educational Proficiency Award (AP + 3 Electives) 1st/Lt Timothy Tyler, JN

Co-Op Charting: Hartford placed 32nd out of 75 squadrons participating

Honors awards went to Hartford Squadron members: P/Lt/C James Monroe, P, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P, Cdr Mike Rinaldi, JN, D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN



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May Member Meeting Featured “Emergencies at Sea”

Our final meeting of the year was held on 26 May at the Olympia Diner in Newington. The featured speaker was Captain Jim Cranston of Central Connecticut Sea Tow. Captain Cranston is a Retired U.S. Navy Commander of 21 years service and Licensed Master of the U.S. Coast Guard. He is known for his Sea Training classes and presented how to best handle at-sea emergencies such as fire, flooding, heavy weather, groundings, equipment breakdowns, and man-overboard events.

Sea Tow is now offering a 60 day free Sea Tow membership for any students who take any USPS course. USPS members are eligible for a \$10 discount on their Sea Tow Membership. Sea Tow also offers a free Automated Radio Check, a free mobile

Emergencies at Sea

Presented by Team
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Towing Considerations

- Expect a reasonable ETA from provider
- USCG will not play a lead role in Salvage Operations
- Marine Insurance should cover “Salvage”
 - Homeowners policies are often insufficient
 - Policy must include pollution liability & wreck removal
- Be aware of unscrupulous salvors
 - “Take my line, I’ll pull you off!”
 - “Don’t worry...your insurance will cover it!”
 - Insinuates that membership doesn’t have anything to do with salvage

app and expert knowledge and advice from their captains.



Captain Cranston’s slide explaining issues related to towing and salvage.

Captain Cranston showed slides on how to anticipate many emergencies and how to get out of trouble.