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# Fallen Comrades

## **P/C Robert A. Ferris, N**

Robert was commander of HPS in 1969, XO in 1968, and AO in 1967. He was chairman of JN education from 1963 to 1966. After retiring he moved to Florida and joined the Seminole Power Squadron (now the Central Florida Power Squadron in Lake Mary). Robert died October 30, 2015.



## **D/Lt/C Richard Carlson, SN**

Our District Treasurer, D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN lost his battle with cancer on Monday, 9 May, 2016. He and his beloved wife, Betty, were avid travelers and hikers, and active in a number of local organizations, especially the Power Squadron. Dick was born and raised in West Hartford, graduated from Hall High in 1958, earned his B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Hartford in 1963 and his M.S. in Computer Science from R.P.I. in 1975. Dick joined the Travelers Insurance Company in 1972 and retired in 1992 as head of Internal Audit and also served on the Travelers Client Security Fund Committee. Dick was an enthusiastic fisherman and boater from his cottage in Clinton and joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 2005. He immediately took an active part in the organization: taking courses, helping with the Hartford Boat Show and CoOp Charting, teaching the “Weather” Course as well as several seminars. He served as Squadron Secretary and then Commander from 2010-2013. He became the District Asst. Treasurer in 2012 and was elected District Treasurer in 2015. He received his “SN” in 2013. Dick will be sorely missed at all levels of USPS and we extend our sincere condolences to Betty and his whole family. (*Reprinted from the Summer 2016 Sounds of 1*)

Your friends in the Hartford Power Squadron salute you both and wish you Godspeed Commanders.

## From the Helm

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I hope everyone had a great summer on the water, but all good things come to an end. Although summer is not over yet, while out this weekend in my car, not navigating the sound since Hermine had taken over the shore line, I noticed that the trees were starting to change.

We all know what is going to happen next, the boats will start to come out of the water and it’s going to get colder. Our squadron will start a new season, new courses and new programs. Unlike nature, this doesn’t come about by itself. We need help running the classes that our Education Department puts on and we need ideas to bring you, the members, great monthly programs. I need the membership to participate in our squadron. Come to a members meeting, take a class, help us run the boat show. In other words, get involved. Jump in, the water is fine. Oh I forgot, call any of us on the bridge we will help you get wet.

Patrick A. Pabouet,  
Commander

## Newport International Boat Show



A lack of participation has forced us to cancel the bus trip to the Newport International Boat Show.

# Hartford Power Squadron Turns 85

Hartford Power Squadron turns 85 on 28 November 2016. The anniversary will be commemorated in a series of history articles in *the Bilge Pump*. This is the second in a series of four articles that will be featured in our remaining 2016 issues.

## The Hartford Power Squadron Historical Notes

*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.*

Hartford member Wesley E. Morse, N (one of the founding members) served as Chief Commander in 1937-38. It was during his tenure that the present "District" structure was formalized. It was apparently not coincidental Hartford was placed in District 1.

- In February, 1939, the Hartford Squadron published its first monthly newsletter, "*the Bilge Pump*".
- In 1949, the Connecticut State Legislature created the requirement of numbering boats and required a license fee.
- In 1961, the Weather Bureau initiated its practice of announcing "small craft warnings" whenever "moderately strong winds" were expected along the coast.
- In 1962, the Executive Committee voted to allow the formation of a "Squadron Auxiliary". At that time women were not allowed as full members. In 1973, as a result of the "Hinden Case" in New Jersey, the USPS was forced to the USPS as a "private club". This drastically altered the methods of soliciting candidates for classes and membership.

*The following are excerpted from later issues of the Bilge Pump.*

October, 1990 - The Connecticut General Assembly passed public Act 89-388 that requires a Certificate of Boating Operation (CBO) to operate power boats with 25hp or above or sail boats above 19 ½ feet. The law finally took effect on October 1, 1992 and included all operation of any motor vessel. This act significantly increased the demand on our Basic Boating Course and for many years the Power Squadrons of District 1 provided the primary training for Connecticut's boaters.

The Hartford Power Squadron provided the following members who served as District Commanders of District 1. Clifford R. Haskins, N, Halsey R. Philbrick, N, and Wesley F. Morse, N served as Rear Commanders (office now known as District Commander). Joseph C. Sonntag, N, William E. Andrew, N, Robert L. O'Brien, N, Hayden F. Loveland, N, and Patrick A. Pabouet, P.



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# Educational Department

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## Spring Education Results

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 Member's Meetings.

### **Piloting - Roy Bergeron**

*11 February, 2016 to 28 May, 2016*

Ira Feigenbaum\*  
John Ferry\*  
Roy Filkoff\*  
Danielle Greenwood  
Stephan Lange  
Scott Pape  
Dariusz Szczepankowski\*  
Ian Tingey

### **Engine Maintenance - Dick Stone**

*17 February, 2016 to 20 April, 2016*

Mark Case (Meriden Squadron)  
Stephan Lange  
Kelly O'Laughlin  
John Sturtevant  
Timothy Tyler  
Frank Ventrella  
David Waseleski  
William Waseleski  
Dawn Wile

### **ABC - Jon Emerson**

*25 February, 2016 to 28 April, 2016*

Tyler Frohock  
Dade Crofton  
Anitro Powers\*  
Craig Kosinski\*  
Carson Payne\*  
Myung Chul Shin\*

### **Cruising and Cruise Planning (CP)**

#### **- Self Study**

Timothy Tyler



## Two Year Course Schedule

Please use the two-year schedule below to plan your own education schedule. By working your way through the advanced grade courses, you enhance your boating knowledge and make boating safer for yourself, your crew and other boaters cruising the waters with you.

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

Advanced Grades	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Fall 2018
Seamanship (S)	X		X		X
Piloting (P)		X		X	
Advanced Piloting (AP)	X		X		X
Junior Navigation (JN)			X		
Navigation (N)	X				X

Electives	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Fall 2018
Marine Electrical (MES)		X			
Marine Communication (MCS)					X
Electronic Navigation (EN)	X				
Engine Maintenance (EM)				X	
Weather (W)			X		
Sail (SA)					
Cruise Planning (CP)	X				

## 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 6 October at 1900 at the Farmington St. James Episcopal Church (\$63 member, \$156 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. 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 17 October at 1900 (\$57) – The location of this course is still to be determined.**

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.

### **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.

### **Electronic Navigation (EN) – This course is being offered as a self-study course. (\$65 member, \$158 new member)**

Overwhelmed by all those functions on your GPS or chart plotter? Want to use your tablet or smartphone to help you navigate on your boat? Interested in using a desktop computer program to plan your cruise and then copy that information to your GPS? This course covers the topics you need and want to know.

### **Cruising and Cruise Planning (CP) - This course is being offered as a self-study course. (\$60 member, \$153 new member)**

Want to take a “road trip” on the water? Gain the confidence and practical skills needed to explore ports and coves for a weekend or weeks at a time. Take Cruising and Cruise Planning and join your fellow boaters for raft-ups and rendezvous up the river, down the bay, and along the coast.

## Co-Op Charting Outing

The Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Program is a major public service of USPS. Under it, members supply information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, Coast Pilot publications and formerly, Small Craft Facilities. They also supply data on depth surveys, range status, tidal current surveys and geodetic marks and formerly, aeronautical charts. The Aid To Navigation (ATON) Inspection program allows for damaged or misplaced Aids to be reported. The Adopt-A-Chart subprogram provides for individual squadrons to assume responsibility to keep a chart or a portion of a chart in their local boating area up to date and get recognition on new editions for their work. We have been told that the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services.

The Hartford Squadron has been participating in this effort for a number of years under the leadership of P/D/C George D. Gwizd, JN. George gave up his Chairmanship last year due to health reasons but we were able to plan an outing for 11 June to survey the aids to navigation on the Connecticut River.

We found no ATONs out of place but did find a number of them needed their numbers repainted and some of the fixed ATONs were obscured by foliage. Unfortunately, the primary reporting system, "ccweb", has been taken down by NOAA because of security issues. Our National CoOP Charting Organization is working to replace it and we hope will have some answers for reporting following the National Governing Board meeting in late August (this report was not available as of the deadline for the September *the Bilge Pump*).



*Members Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP; P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP; Kenneth H. Letendre; Cdr Patrick A. Pabouet, P and Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN pose on an "off and on" rain soaked CoOp Charting outing.*

## Editor's Request

Last year we supported a photo contest. All the photos were wonderful and we enjoyed lots of positive feedback. So this year we would like to ask you to send some of the images you captured this summer that impressed you or simply made you happy. With your permission, we will use your photos whenever we have space to include them in an issue of the *Bilge Pump* for all of our members to enjoy. All that is required is that you have rights to the photos and that you include a note that gives us permission to use them in our publication. Please email your photos in a standard electronic format (.jpg, .jpeg, .gif, etc.) to [bilgepumpphotos@elainecleary.us](mailto:bilgepumpphotos@elainecleary.us).

## District Holiday Party

The District is once again hosting a holiday party on 10 December at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland. Come and join us for a great "kick-off" to the Holiday season. Last year's attendees had a great time and were very pleased with not only the food, but also the prices. Food ordering will be off the menu, so instead of a "party menu" you have a wonderfully extensive menu from which to choose. Appetizers, Soup and Salads, Pastas, Al Forno, Chicken, Veal, Seafood, Steaks and Desserts. You name it, and if it's Italian, it's probably on the menu. For those of you that would enjoy a bit of libation with your meal, they have a full bar and extensive wine list.

More details will be published in next month's *the Bilge Pump*. Can't wait until then? You can read all about it in the Fall issue of *Sounds of 1*.



# Third Annual Swap Meet

The Third Annual Swap meet was held at Portland Riverside Marina for the second year on April 30. Originally planned as a two-day event, weather conditions forced the cancellation of the second day. Although perhaps not as well attended as last year due to marginal weather, everyone who attended said they had a good time and there were some great deals to be had. Some new changes this year included:

- an expanded food menu
- campground space availability at the marina for those who wished an overnight stay
- dock space availability for those coming to the event in their boats

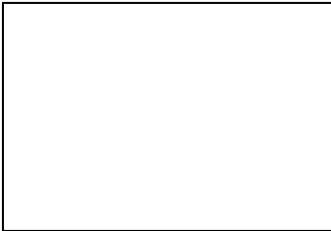
Portland Riverside Marina supports our efforts and has enthusiastically invited us back next year for what will hopefully be a bigger and better attended event. Based on this year's experiences, we will continue to make available overnight camping and dock spaces. If there are other ideas you would like us to consider for the swap meet, please contact Tim Tyler via email at [swapmeet@timtyler.us](mailto:swapmeet@timtyler.us). We value your input.



## Safety Corner

*The article is written by D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, JN. The opinions are his and do not necessarily reflect the views of the HPS or of the USPS.*

While spending some time moored at Block Island this summer, my wife and I noticed there are a lot of people that don't think their inflatable dinghies are boats. Unless you rent a slip, or can afford to pay for many trips to shore in the water taxis, if you spend any time at Block Island the nature of boating there will necessitate you have your own method of transportation to dry land. In most cases this will be an inflatable dinghy. At a lot of other anchorages, the trip to shore is not very far and can be made with a set of oars. At Block the anchorage and most moorings are quite a distance from shore. Throw in the wind that seems to be fairly constant at Block and most people will opt to have a motor on their dinghy. So when you're sitting on your boat enjoying that which is the beauty of Block Island you see a lot of motorized inflatable dinghies. There is nothing inherently problematic with this unless you forget they are not just blow up toys, but are boats. Sure, people get them registered as they are required to do by law, but that seems to be where a line gets drawn. Sitting there we see boats go by rated for 3-4 people that have 6 people in them, no one wearing a PFD and no room left in the boat for one, let alone six of them. These small boats zoom by with no respect for the fact that this is a NO WAKE area and speed is limited to 5 MPH, or that children and adults are swimming around their boats. All this is dangerous enough, but the most alarming thing to us is they head off at night without navigation lights. People, it gets very dark out there, and believe me when I say you can't be seen. This is a busy harbor even at night, with both recreational and commercial traffic. Even with a flash light (not legal for a motorized vessel), or my favorite... a "smart phone" light, you still can't be seen. On those rare occasions when someone might see you, without navigation lights they have no idea where you're going. This "it's only an inflatable" attitude is a very dangerous one and not unique to Block Island. Block Island just happens to be the place it was driven home for me. So for your own safety, and that of those around you, please start giving your hard working inflatable the respect it deserves and treat it like the real honest to goodness boat that it is. Equip it like a boat, operate it like a boat and if you'll be out after dark, please GET SOME NAVIGATION LIGHTS. Yes, they do make them. Stay safe.



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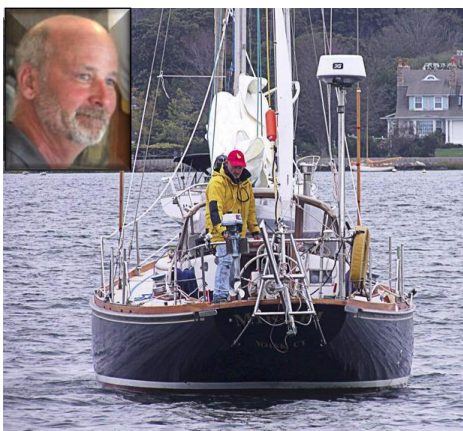
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## October Members' Meeting Will Feature "2015 Bermuda 1-2 Sail Race"



The October 25th Members' Meeting will feature Dan Stadlander, first place winner in Class 4 in the single-handed first leg of the 2015 Bermuda 1-2 sail race.

The Bermuda 1-2 is one of the oldest short-handed offshore races in the world. The race is not for the faint of heart, it is a grueling 635-mile single-handed leg from Newport, RI, to St. Georges, Bermuda, and a double-handed leg back.

Dan competed in the race in 2007, 2009 and 2013. In 2007, he finished in 2nd place in Class 4 in the combined elapsed time in the race and third place in the combined corrected time. In 2009, Dan finished in 4th place in Class 4 in the single-handed first leg of the race. In 2013, Dan was forced to drop out during the first leg because of extremely adverse conditions that resulted in a shredded genoa and several mechanical failures, including a broken boom. Dan will be sharing his lessons learned from both failures and triumphs in these races.

Also presented will be an examination off what is required to undertake this race, including preparation, qualifying, safety equipment, keeping the boat going with minimal sleep, dealing with the Gulfstream and other aspects of the voyage.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$15 for dinner with cash bar - or just come at 7:30 p.m. for the free presentation.

**Reservations:** Contact Jim Salvatore at: [jimsall@comcast.net](mailto:jimsall@comcast.net) or 860-346-0680.

