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17 – 20 January	Hartford Boat Show	
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12 February	Executive Committee Meeting – “Bridge and general membership welcome” – MDC	
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Fallen Comrades



P/Lt/C Paul Silversmith, AP, passed away on 19 June 2018.



Paul and Gerri at the 75th anniversary celebration in 2006.

Our beloved longtime member Paul Silversmith has lost his battle with cancer. Paul passed away on June 19th. He leaves his beloved wife, Gerri, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Paul has been a longtime supporter of the Hartford Power Squadron. He joined the HPS in 1973 and joined the Executive Committee in 1975 and 1976. He took on the chairmanship of the Piloting class from 1979 to 1981. He was then chairman of the Public Boating course from 1982 to 1994. This was during the "heyday" of the Public Boating Course when we regularly had 2-300 members of the public take the course each spring. In 1995, his computer skills led him to take over our data management tasks, maintaining our rosters and education records. He continued those activities until his passing.

P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN, passed away on 28 July 2018



George and Christine at the 2015 Change of Watch.

George Donald Gwizd, 90, of Old Saybrook, formerly of West Hartford, beloved husband of Christine Lozito Gwizd, passed away July 28, 2018. George was born on July 10, 1928. He graduated from Bulkeley High School and the University of Hartford. George served in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Korea, where he photographed enemy territory.

He worked for the Phoenix Insurance Company for 42 years. While on the job, he took to walking a coworker home two miles after work each day, despite the fact, as she later found out, that he hated walking. She was Christine, his beloved wife of 67 years.

George and Christine were deeply involved in the towns of West Hartford and Old Saybrook. George served as Secretary of the Water Pollution Control Authority in Old Saybrook.

An avid boater, he loved fishing for blue fish and organized deep-sea fishing trips into his late eighties. Above all, George loved Great Hammock Beach and its residents, and served as President of the beach association for more than 30 years.

George served the Hartford Power Squadron over the course of 47 years, serving as Admin Officer, Executive Officer, and then as Commander from 1987 to 1989. He served on the Executive Committee from 1983 to 2016 and on the Rules Committee and Nominating Committee for many years. He also served as Chairman of the CoOp Charting Committee since 2007. He became a Life Member in 2004 and had 36 Merit Marks.

Many District 1 members knew George for his long support of the District. He served as Asst. Treasurer from 1993 to 1995 and as Treasurer from 1996 to 1999. Since then he was on the Planning Committee or the Nominating Committee for many years and served as Budget Officer from 2004 to 2016. Members attending the annual June Rendezvous remember him as instrumental in holding the flare demonstrations and securing the visiting USCG boats for many years. George was also instrumental in obtaining the Governor's Proclamation for the 90th Anniversary of the US Power Squadron.

Finally, George also served our National Organization; serving on the CoOp Charting Committee from 1996 to 2001.

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



At the Helm

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You may have noticed that this newsletter is a little late this month. I've purchased a boat in Port Dover, Ontario, Canada and I'm in the process of transporting it home, via water, to Connecticut. Both time to write, and good internet connections, have been in short supply. The trip is bringing me from Lake Erie via the Welland Canal to Lake Ontario, east the length of the lake to Oswego Canal, through the canal to the east end of the Erie Canal, east to the Hudson River, down the river to the New York Harbor, through Hell's Gate to Long Island Sound, across the sound to the Connecticut River, and finally up the river to our ultimate destination in Portland. A trip of this nature done on a short schedule with a new unknown boat can be both mentally and physically challenging. I find that my years of USPS classes are being put to the test and are serving me well.

In the interest of getting this newsletter out, I'm cutting this month's message short. I would just like to say I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer weather on their boats and that they will continue to do so for some weeks to come. Please review our fall course offerings in this issue and consider taking a course. Please encourage anyone you know who has a boat to do the same. Remember, just because you have taken a course, there is no reason not to do so again as a review. ABC makes a great review course if you've been away from boating for a while, or just want to brush up on your boating knowledge.

Stay safe out there.
Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN

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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.

ABC - Jon Emerson
1 March 201 to 3 May 2018
Kurt A. Ollestad
Nicholas D. Molino

ABC – Mike Goman
22 February 2018 to 19 April 2018
William H. Ethier
Denis T. Moreau*
Judith B. Gessford

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 while making 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 2018	Spring 2019	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Fall 2020
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 2018	Spring 2019	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Fall 2020
Marine Electrical (MES)				X	
Marine Communication (MCS)	X				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 11 October at 1900 at St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington (\$63 member, \$160 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. 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 15 October at 1900 (\$57) – The location for this course is still to be determined.

You must have passed the Piloting (P) course as a prerequisite. Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student’s skills through hands-on practice and learning. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, 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
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

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.

Marine Communications Systems (\$54 member, \$151 new member) – This is an elective. The course is planned for October. Date/time and location to be determined.

Marine Communications Systems is an in-depth review of those systems available to the recreational boater. Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn, to choose the best communications method for his/her situation. One chapter is devoted to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and another to FCC Rules and regulations to set the stage for instruction of radiotelephone operating procedures (both voice and digital messaging are covered). The remaining chapters cover High Seas radio (MF/HF) and satellite communications) and other systems such as Family Radio Service transceivers. There is also a chapter on troubleshooting of radio installations.



Once again, we would like to remind you that if you buy from Amazon, naming Hartford Power Squadron as your charity of choice with Amazon Smile is a great way to support your squadron. It costs you nothing and helps our organization. With millions of customers, Amazon is the leading e-retailer in the United States.

Instead of shopping at <http://amazon.com>, do your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/>. You’ll need to complete a one-time registration naming Hartford Power Squadron as your charity of choice. From then on, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be donated to our organization. The important thing to remember is to shop using the <http://smile.amazon.com/> address otherwise your purchases will not get credited. The link you need for registration is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-6055634>, or scan the QR code to the right using your smart phone.



June 16 Co-Op Charting Outing

This past spring, Hartford Squadron sponsored a CoOp Charting outing on the Connecticut River.

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 the 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. The Aid To Navigation (ATON) Inspection program allows for damaged or misplaced Aids to be reported. The Adopt-A-Chart sub program 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 the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all the Federal services.

Roy Bergeron took his boat from East Hartford Landing to Haddam Meadows State Park with Pat Pabouet as observer. Tom Berlandy took his boat from the Saybrook ramp under the I-95 bridge to Haddam Meadows with Cliff McKibbin and Ken Letendre as observers.



The outing found the following:

- 41 Fixed ATONs and ranges with no problems. These are not reported.
- 49 Buoys with no problems. These we can report and get credit for.
- 4 Fixed ATONs and ranges with problems with foliage blocking the view of the Aton.
- 10 Buoys with missing numbers. These are reported.
- 2 Buoys off station by more than 300'. These are reported.
- 1 Piling in the middle of the river. It was not floating but was stuck on the bottom and was reported as a serious navigation hazard.
- 1 Tree in the river was reported as a serious navigation hazard.
- 1 fixed ATON was reported as the pole was leaning at more than 15 degrees. This was just above the Haddam Bridge and was perhaps due to the ice dam that occurred in the winter.

All the reported items (19) with problems were reported to the USCG. All the reported items (68) require a USCG Report 7054 to be filled out and then attached to a report to the USPS CoOp Charting Committee. The reporting took approximately 11.5 hours. Hopefully we will get a lot of credit from National as we found several problems.



Participants included L. to R.:

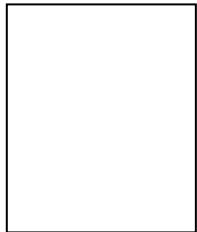
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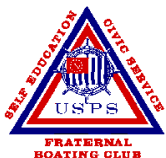
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September Members' Meeting Will Feature "The Ports of Martha's Vineyard" by Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN



Our Treasurer and Past Commander, Cliff McKibbin, will describe the approach to and ports of Martha's Vineyard. He will describe in detail the boater's accommodations and sights in each of the main ports of Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, and Edgartown. If you haven't been to Martha's Vineyard and might want to go next summer (by your boat or by ferry), don't miss this informative talk to find out the pros and cons of each harbor and things to do in each town.

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 jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.