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19-27 February 2022	USPS Annual Meeting 2/19-27, 2022 Ponte Vedra, FL	
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# At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

We dodged a bullet! Hurricane Henri was no more than a tropical storm, then a tropical depression when it reached Connecticut. I hope no one's boat sustained any serious damage.

Our Squadron also survived the storm (Covid). We are doing well. The CoOp Charting outing on June 5<sup>th</sup> was a success. CoOp Chairman Cliff McKibbin reported that we should have a higher score than last year.

We're going try something a little different this year, our first regular member meeting of the new season will be a "NEW MEMBER MEETING". We are asking each member who attends to bring a guest, a fellow boater/potential new member. Your guest's dinner will be on us!

The New Member meeting will be on September 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Olympia Diner, 6:30PM. Our featured speaker will be Nick Civitillo. Nick will be presenting on his adventure aboard his 44' Tollycraft doing the Great Loop. He will put you on Kailani's flybridge in the mate's chair and take you along to share his experiences along the adventure."

We're also resuming our ABC classes at the Bristol Library. Our next ABC class will be on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at the library. It's a first rate class which includes a manual, coffee, lunch, & snacks for only \$50! Tell your friends, it's also a great review for experienced boaters. (sign up information is on page 3).

We have a Christmas Party coming up on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and hopefully a bus trip to the Hartford Boat Show on January 22, 2022 ... so mark your calendars.

As things return to normal, more events & activities will be planned. Please send us your ideas for speakers, presentations, & events you'd like to see.

I'm looking forward to seeing you (and not just on Zoom!), and swapping boating stories with you all.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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# Education Department

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**ABC-Bristol Public Library (one day course)** 5 High St., Bristol, CT  
Offered Saturday: 9/25 9am-5pm Cost: \$50 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 each 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.

Contact [Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net](mailto:Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net) for questions or to sign up for the course.

**Take a self- guided course!** Below is the list of courses and the 'Net' cost to you. If you are interested, please email [Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net](mailto:Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net) and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)		Cruise Planning	34
On-line version	\$36	Engine Maintenance	29
Book	43	Marine Electrical Systems	29
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Marine Communication Systems	35
Plotting tools	15	Navigation Systems	37
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	31	Radar for boaters	48
Junior Navigation	57	Sail	29
Nautical Almanac	28	Weather	34
Navigation	101		
Ditto on Almanac	28		

**Want to Help Teach? The Hartford Power Squadron Education Dept. is looking for instructors to teach Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigator and Navigator.**

**If you are looking to pass on your boating knowledge we need to hear from you. Join an elite group of members that give back to our organization and keep your fellow boaters safe. Take the first step: Call Pat Pabouet at 860 781-7106 or Cliff McKibbin at 860 655-4623**

**Hartford Power Squadron September Members' Meeting**  
**28 September**  
**Featuring Nick Civitillo**  
**Join us on an Adventure spanning nearly 18 Months!**

**This is our NEW MEMBER MEETING. Members can bring a guest and their guest's dinner is on us!**

**Come in person:**

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.  
Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT  
Reservations: Contact **Jim Salvatore** at [jimsal1@comcast.net](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net).

**Come via Zoom:** The presentation begins at 7:30. The Commander will open the meeting at 7:15 and Zoom visitors are encouraged to login a few minutes before that.

**Click the following link to get into Zoom:**

Time: Sep 28, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting

[HPS September Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 880 3432 5007  
Passcode: 706689

**Nick Civitillo**

**PROFILE**

Guest speaker for Flotilla 25-4 Monthly Meeting, 14 September, 2021

Topic: America's Great Loop

**EXPERIENCE**

Boating on Long Island Sound since 1967

Bayliner 18' bowrider, Four Winns 200 Horizon, Trinidad 24' pontoon boat,

Kailani- Tollycraft 44 CPMY Motor Yacht

**EDUCATION**

Safe Boating Certification-CT

2 weeks on-board training by 100 ton Captain, Geoff Gow

**THE ADVENTURE**

America's Great Loop, a circumnavigation of the eastern half of the North American Continent including the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Hudson River, Erie & Oswego Canal, Trent-Severn Waterway (Canada), 3 Great Lakes-Ontario, Huron & Michigan, Inland Rivers-Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee & Tombigbee, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and Florida Gulf Coast including the Keys.

We left our homeport in Chester, CT in November 2017 and returned to Chester in June 2019, safely completing 8,300 statute miles, over 110 locks and 50 bridge openings

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# August ExCom Meeting and Picnic

August 14<sup>th</sup>



(l to r) Ted Wurz; Frank Pascucci; Tom Berlandy;  
Cdr. Wm Waseleski; Timothy Tyler; James Salvatore.  
(missing: Clifford McKibbin, and Jeanne Waseleski)

Top Chef: James Salvatore

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## FALL PHOTO CONTEST!

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$50 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$25, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$10.



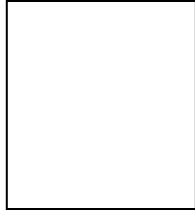
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Stick your neck out, and...Refer a friend to join today!