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"Grand Republic rests overnight in Port Jefferson NY"

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At the Helm



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Ahoy All,

I hope you all had very good summer of boating despite the high fuel prices. We had good weather & no Hurricanes.

The CoOp Charting outing on June 11th was a success. CoOp Chairman Cliff McKibbin reported that our Squadron ranked 5th in the country for determining potential errors or required updates, a public service for all boaters. We report issues found to NOAA.

On 28 November, 1931, the Hartford Squadron received its charter. We have very special event coming up on September 17th, 2022, (albeit a little late due to the Pandemic) our Squadron will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary. The Middletown Squadron was also chartered in 1931 & they too will be celebrating with us The party will be at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester, CT, complete with an outstanding dinner, & entertainment. (See page # , for more details & to make your reservation.)

Another 1st for our Squadron, we will be entering a Float in the Bristol Mum Parade. The parade is on Sunday, September 25th; kicks off at 1:30PM. Our Float will feature a pirate, music, & we will be promoting the Safe Boating classes we teach at the Bristol Public Library. Come on out & cheer us on at the parade!!

Speaking of classes, our first ABC class of the fall season will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Bristol Public Library. It's a first-rate class which includes a manual, coffee, lunch, & snacks for only \$50! It's also a great review for experienced boaters. Tell your friends to register early, we're already getting sign-ups.

Our 1st Member meeting will be on September 27th, at the Olympia Diner, 6:30PM. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Mitch Wagener from Western Connecticut State College. Dr. Wagener will be presenting on the basics of climate change, but also mix in some new information giving us a better understanding of the world and our future. Although not all of us may agree that the climate is changing, or its effects, it should be interesting to hear the possible impact. Bring your questions.

There will be a Hartford Boat Show this year, it's on January 19-22, 2023, at the Mohegan Sun.

But more important than that, there will be a 2nd Hartford Power Squadron Boat Show & Swap Meet at the Westbrook Outlets. Our Boat Show/ Swap Meet will be on Saturday April 22, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, April 23rd. Our last boat show/swap meet was a great success, our 2023 show will be bigger & better. We're starting the promotion early so you can put aside that excess equipment you want to sell & start making that list of equipment you need to buy.

We have a Christmas Party coming up on Dec 4th, and possibly a bus trip to the Hartford Boat Show... 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. We're planning a tour of Vintage Boat Restorations LLC in Bristol, and a new member meeting at the Hop Haus Brewery in Plainville.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and swapping boating stories with you all.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP

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Below is the list of courses that are very practical to take on you own and the ‘Net’ cost to you. Most are available in ‘e-book’ form if you prefer those at the same price.

If you are interested, please email Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)	43	Cruise Planning	43
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America’s Boating Course (ABC) will be offered ‘in person’ at the Bristol Public Library on Saturday: 22 October. The cost will be \$50 which includes the manual, morning coffee, and lunch. This class starts at 9:00 am and is a one day course.

Passing the course allows the student to purchase the CT DEEP ‘Certificate to Operate a Power Boat’, including PWCs, and towing others. If you have family members who need their certificate, please contact Cliff McKibbin at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net to sign up.



Members of the Hartford Power Squadron ExCom at Ragged Rock Marina for August Meeting

SEPTEMBER MEMBERS MEETING

Dr. Mitch Wagener has been teaching ecology, climate ecology, and related courses at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury since 1996.

In 2019, he received the *Aquarion Environmental Champion Award*, Individual Communication category. That same year Dr. Wagener received an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly for his efforts in climate change education and community service. His research interests include the impact of historical events—such as the Industrial Revolution—on the environment.



Mitch began life in the Ozarks and attending high school in Branson, Missouri. After spending a year as an exchange student in Chiang Mai, Thailand, he attended the University of Missouri, where he completed an undergrad degree in Fisheries and Wildlife. After college he moved to Fairbanks, Alaska to attend graduate school. Mitch received a Masters degree in Stream Ecology and a doctorate in Soil Ecology during his 13 years in Alaska. There too, he met the lovely Rita Kabali, a native of Uganda, East Africa, to whom he has now been married 38 years. They have two lively daughters, Rohanna 32 (a history teacher in New Haven) and Danika 24 (a nurse). They also have a grandson, Leon, who is four years old.

Mitch enjoys—among other things—watching his grandson grow up and explaining climate change to the public.

Climate change is the greatest challenge we face and will be our grandchildren's challenge as well. In a warmer world, weather events will be more severe, sea levels higher, and people will be displaced. It is a serious situation, which we must meet with both our heads and our hearts. But there is hope.

The study of climate change is developing very quickly. Significant new information is coming out—literally—every day. This talk will explain the basics but also mix in some of this new information giving us a better understanding of the world and our future.

27 September 2022

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

Cost: *\$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.*

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

District Rendezvous Saturday 26 June

Flare Demonstration Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP with Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P

Entertainment by The Road Runners



Flare demo photo courtesy of the Essex Fire Dept. Entertainment photo by Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP

Hartford and Middletown Power Squadron's 90th Anniversary Celebration

The Hartford and Middletown Power Squadrons are celebrating their 90th Anniversary and want to invite all members of District 1 to the Celebration! The party will be at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester with a picturesque view of the Connecticut River.

The meal will be outstanding with appetizers including a cheese and cracker tray and raw vegetables with dips; Caesar salad; entries including a beef carvery, chicken marsala, stuffed filet of sole, and sausage and peppers; side dishes of penne a-la vodka, roasted potatoes, and a vegetable medley; bread and rolls; deserts of cookies and a brownie tray; and finally, a coffee station.



We will be entertained by Steve Kazlauskas, “Echoes of Sinatra” for a truly memorable evening.

Please make your reservations early.

When: Saturday, 17 September, 2022 17:00

Cost: \$30 for dinner with a cash bar.

Place: Middlesex Yacht Club, 276 Middlesex Turnpike, Chester, CT 06412

Reservations: Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net to hold your reservation and send a check for \$30/person made to “HPS” to Cliff McKibbin, 44 Copplestone Rd., Avon, CT 06001

-Or-

[Click Here](#) or use the QR code to pay on-line with a credit card or PayPal
This method will be your registration as well as your payment



Please register either way by 10 September.

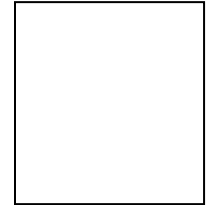
Dress: Uniform Class A or other appropriate attire

Please join us for this important occasion,

William J. Waseleski, AP, Commander, Hartford

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PLEASE JOIN US at the Middlesex Yacht Club
Saturday 17 September 17:00
To Celebrate
The
HARTFORD & MIDDLETOWN POWER SQUADRON'S
90TH ANNIVERSARY!
(details inside)

