



Summer

2009

At the Spring Conference change of watch ceremony, I became your district commander for the next year. I am honored to accept this position, and I will do my best to carry on the good work of my predecessors. It will be difficult to follow Elaine Williams with her energy, but I will give it a try.

This year, we will be doing some things a little differently. It will start with a new venue for the June rendezvous. It will move from Essex to Mystic. Mystic has a lot to offer, and we will be in easy walking distance to town and Mystic Seaport.

Our Fall Conference venue will also change. Instead of a high cost hotel, we will hold the conference at the Pataconk Yacht Club in Chester, CT.

Both of these changes were made to reduce district expenses and preclude the need to raise district dues this year. In the coming year, we will continue to find ways to provide quality district events at a reasonable cost. Come join us and let us know how we are doing.

D/C John R. Nason, SN

We are now entering the exciting time of the year, spring has sprung, and a new boating season is upon us. District 1 and the squadrons in District 1 have undergone their Change of Watch ceremonies, and everyone is getting acclimated to their new squadron and district responsibilities including me.

I must say that Bud Greenbacker has left the District 1 Administrative position in good shape allowing me to work into my new responsibilities gradually and without panic. Thanks Bud!

The 2009 District 1 Activities we have planned are:

26-28 June: District 1 Rendezvous, Seaport Marine, Mystic

17-19 July: District Mini-Cruise, Townsend Marina, Greenport, NY

8 August: District Sail Race, Pilot's Point Marina, Westbrook

26 September: Poker Run, Hamburg Cove Yacht Club

Please set aside the above dates in your schedule, so that we can have the pleasure of your participation in these activities. Details of these events are in this edition of the *Sounds of One*.

The membership in our District continues to slowly spiral downward. This is happening at a time where it has never been more important that we focus on boating education. USPS has many advanced courses and seminars that can benefit anyone, who owns or operates marine vessels. Let's see if we can outreach to those, who are not members, who can take advantage of continuous education and having fun with friends, and who share a common interest...boating.

If anyone has any questions, suggestions or comments regarding any of District 1 activities or membership, please feel free to contact me. I am always open to new ideas. Until then keep the sunny side up.

George Gilbert, AP
Administrative Officer

2009 District 1 Rendezvous
Seaport Marine
2 Washington Street, Mystic, CT
Hosted by New Britain Squadron



Friday, 26 June: 1900 Pot Luck Supper

Saturday, 27 June:

- 1800 – Continental Breakfast
- 0900 – Children’s activities; poster contest (continuous)
- 1030- Rowing contest (Contestants supply inflatable)
- 1130- PFD demo
- 1300 – D/1 Council Meeting, hosted by Hartford.
- 1500 – Poster Contest Judging
- 1700 – Cookout – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, beans, salad, dessert.
- 2000- Entertainment
- All Day- A Coast Guard Vessel from Homeland Security will be present for information and display.

Advance tickets are available from your Squadron Commander. **\$8.00 Adult, \$4.00 Children under 12.** Please bring your own lawn chair(s).

Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday to perform Safety Checks. Please make an appointment.

Sunday 28 June: 0800 - Pancake Breakfast at the Pavilion.

QUESTIONS: Contact: D/1 Admin Officer George Gilbert, (860) 342-4614, geomgilb@aol.com

Dockage: \$3.50 per foot (25 foot min). Docking arrangements to be made **directly** with Noank Shipyard 860-536-9651, www.noankshipyard.com/seaportmarine.html by 15 June 2009.

State that you are a member of District 1 USPS.

July Rendezvous: 17, 18, 19 July 2009

For the Cruising Yachtsman. **Townsend Manor** has one of the finest marinas in Eastern Long Island nestled in the protected waters of the secluded Stirling Basin, yet just a short walk from Greenport's stores and activities. There are deep water slips for transient yachts up to 60 feet and complete resort facilities for living aboard or ashore.

Ample dockside electric- 30 or 50 amp available to all slips

Newly remodeled bathrooms and showers

Dockside water, gas, ice and television hook-ups

Floating docks or lawn-side slips

Garbage disposal

Mechanic on call

Reservations and information -- call Townsends Marina at (631) 477-2000

Mention that you are with the USPS District 1

EVENTS

Saturday- Breakfast in the Picnic Area

Danish and Coffee supplied by District 1

1530- Cocktails

1830- Bar-b-que -- Bring your own meat
Salad supplied by District 1

Cost- \$3.00

Sunday- Cruise back to Home Port

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District 1 SAIL RACE
8 AUGUST, 2009

The Sail Race will take place at Pilot's Point Marina in Westbrook. Charge for dockage is \$3.00/ft. Five boats or more, \$2.00/ft. Make your reservations directly with Pilot's Point Marina at 860-399-5128.

This race will be under the management of the Race Committee of USPS District 1. This committee has full authority to classify vessels, interpret rules, and reject entry of any vessel that it considers unsafe, un-seaworthy, or not to comply with the letter or spirit of the rules and conditions of the race. The Committee will be the sole judge of the rules, protests and ratings. Acceptance of an entry does not assume judgment of vessel or skipper's qualifications to participate in the race.

It is the responsibility of the vessels owner and or skipper to see that his or her vessel is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear. Neither USPS District 1 nor the Race Committee will have any responsibility for accidents, injury, or damage to any person or vessel arising out of or in the course of this race regardless of the cause or reason for such incidents.

Skipper: _____

Address: _____

Squadron: _____ Phone _____

Name of Vessel: _____ Type _____

Sail Number _____ PHRF _____ LOA _____

Have you sailed in the D-1 Sail Race in the last 4 years? _____

If yes, the sail race committee probably has your rating certificate on file, and you don't need to submit a new one unless your boat or sails have changed.

District 1 is supplying the hot dogs and hamburgers for the cookout following the race. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Participants and guests are requested to bring a side dish to share.

If you have any further questions regarding this event please contact:
Chris Jordon at 860-908-0688

**DISTRICT 1 RAFT-UP, 6th ANNUAL
POKER RUN and COOKOUT**

Saturday 26 Sept 2009

Rain date: Sunday 27 September

Raft-up Location: Hamburg Cove

Want to raft-up and relax?

Join us Friday evening or Saturday morning for the raft-up. Look for the USPS Ensigns flying! Don't have a boat but want to spend time on one? We'll dinghy you out to the raft-up.

Want to join the Poker Run?

Poker Run Location: Pre-selected Hamburg Cove and Connecticut River Locations.

Entry Fee: **\$4.00**

Registration: **0945-1045**

Start time: **1100**

What is a Poker Run?

A Poker Run is an organized event where the objective is to obtain the best Poker "hand." A Poker Run is not a race. It's a game of chance. The winner with the best "hand" will win the Grand Prize. There will also be prizes for the 2nd and 3rd best hands. Prizes for the winners will be awarded at the cookout. All participants must register **before** September 26th. Each participating boat navigates to five checkpoints with the help of clues. At each checkpoint a sealed envelope containing a playing card is given after correctly answering a boating question. Time doesn't matter. The best hand does! Remember, only 1 entrant will be allowed per dingy. Your boat will be your dinghy, sunfish, canoe, kayak, or other tender. Don't have a dinghy, no problem. Our dinghy captains will be happy to dinghy you around!

Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club 1400.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bring your own salad.

Cost: \$6.00 per person.

Fill out the form to register or for more information contact Poker Run Chair Cdr. Joe Fernandes 860-276-9407 of the Meriden Squadron for more details.

Jfernandes8@cox.net

**USPS D/1 Sixth Annual Poker Run
Registration Form
26 September 2009**

Registrant Name: _____

Squadron: _____

Grade: _____ Rank: _____

Telephone # _____

Email address: _____

When will you be arriving at Hamburg Cove? (please circle)

Friday Saturday

Will you be participating in the Raft-up? Yes No

Do you have your own Poker Run vessel (dinghy, tender, etc)?

Yes No

Will you be attending the cook-out at the Hamburg Yacht Club?

Yes No

If attending cook-out, how many will be attending cook-out?

Poker Run Rules:

- Attendance at the Participant's Meeting is mandatory at the Yacht Club.
- Everyone must wear a life jacket or PFD's at all times during the run.
- No alcohol is to be consumed in or around the boats by anyone involved in the Poker Run until the boat is finally tied up for the night
- Ignition safety tethers should be worn at all times for your own safety and that of others
- All boats must go to all scheduled card stops and collect their own cards
- One participant per vessel only. Families with multiple participants must register each participant individually.
- Use V.H.F. to contact the committee chairs.

Please Mail form to: Joseph Fernandes,
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