



Summer

2013

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Your 2013-2014 District 1 Bridge

Asst. Treasurer Dick Carlson, SN; Treasurer Cliff McKibbin, SN; Secretary Linda Lewis, AP; Education Officer Tony Salzarulo, JN; Executive Officer Art Andrea, AP; Admin Officer Charles Marino, P; Commander George Gilbert, AP; Asst. Education Officer Fred Schilke, AP; Chief Commander's Representative, Rear Commander Lee Popham, AP. Not shown, Kim Boswell, Asst. Secretary.



From the Helm: D/C George M. Gilbert, AP

The long awaited 2013 Boating Season is now upon us. Not long ago we were shoveling 32" of snow and summer seemed like an eternity away, but here we are, time stops for no one. Many of us recreational boaters are now done preparing our vessels for the season and readying them for launching. I for one am anxious to start using the new electronic package that I am installing in "Northern Dancer".

My world has changed since being sworn in as Commander of District 1 this past March. I am honored to be your Commander and hope that I live up to your expectations. When you reflect on our District management we have had many exceptional leaders that make my position a humbling experience. I want to especially thank Bud Greenbacker for his service as Commander over the last two years. One of my special privileges has been visiting all the squadrons for their Change of Watch ceremonies. The leadership in our squadrons I find to be top notch and committed to boating safety now and into the future. I especially want to congratulate Ken Bell, Sr. for his 50 Merit Marks. Dedication like his is so important to our success.



Ken Bell, Sr., AP receives his 50 Merit Mark award from R/C Popham and D/C Greenbacker.



Past Commander Bud shows off one of his gifts.

With Summer approaching it is time to start planning for the District 1 Rendezvous at Saybrook Point Marina. Note that rather than send your checks to your own commander you will now send them to the contact as detailed on page 4. District 1 has a full boat of activities this summer and we hope to see a good turnout at all them. Details are following in this edition of "Sounds of 1".

I want to thank everyone for the contributions you are making in keeping with the mission of USPS by supporting your local squadron and District 1. Together we can create a culture of boating safety accomplished through continual education.

Meet Your New District Bridge

Ed: Before we highlight the backgrounds of our new District Bridge, it is our sad task to remember P/D/C Marvin Lindquist, JN. Marvin was DC from 1965-67 and was Cdr of Middletown Squadron from 1958-59. Men and women like Marvin have served our Squadrons and District with outstanding dedication through the years and we are proud to highlight our latest volunteer officers.

Commander George Gilbert, AP started boating on the Connecticut River in the late 60's. George held a 100 ton USCG Master license through 5 renewals until 2012. He joined the Middletown squadron in 1983 in order to maintain boating proficiency throughout the long New England winters. George became active in the Middletown Bridge in the early 90's, was Commander from 1994-1996 and from 2012-2013. He has been the squadron editor of the *Jib Sheet* since 1995. For the past 25 years he has taught the Boating Class, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and OT as well as various USPS Seminars. He served as District PRO for 15 years and joined the District Bridge in 2009.

Executive Officer (XO) Art Andrea, AP has boated in Long Island Sound for over 40 years and owned a variety of boats as well. For the past 12 years, he has been a member of the New Haven Power Squadron. He worked his way up the ranks and achieved the position of Commander in 2009 –2010 and is now the Education Officer.

Education Officer (DEO) Anthony “Tony” Salzarulo, JN originally joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 1988 after taking the basic boating course with his son. Tony continued his boating education with the Hartford Squadron. He rejoined the New London Power Squadron in 2004, and served in a variety of Squadron positions including Commander from 2007 – 2009. During boating season, Tony enjoys time on the water with his wife Doreen aboard their Mainship Trawler hailing from Noank.

Admin Officer (AO) Charles L. Marino, P joined the Waterbury Power Squadron in 2011 after his daughter Charlene, his wife Pat, and he took the USCG Aux. boating class and discovered it did not include charting. He was born and raised in Westport Connecticut and sailed many times from Longshore Country Club. Over the past six years he has sailed out of Westbrook with Sail Connecticut Access. In 2012 they purchased a 1982 31' Allmand Sailboat and have been working on it with the assistance of a number of the Waterbury Squadron members. In 2012 he participated in three Regatta's, Larchmont N.Y., Lake Champlain, VT and Lake George, NY, taking third place at Lake Champlain. He has served the past year as Executive Officer for the Waterbury Squadron

Secretary Linda L. Lewis, AP took Piloting and Seamanship in 1967, Advanced Piloting in 1968 when she & husband Gene Lewis were restoring their 32' Victory sloop. She joined Norwich Power Squadron in 1993 and has earned 19 merit marks helping to teach classes and as secretary of NPS and now D1 Secretary.

Treasurer Cliff McKibbin, SN joined the Hartford Squadron in 2002 when he bought his 25' Oday. There was a gap of 40 years since he sailed with his father in Lake Monroe on the St. Johns River in Sanford, FL so he needed a little refresher training. Those waters didn't have rocks and tides and never got below 75 degrees. He worked up to Cdr of Hartford and is now its SEO. Following three years as District Secretary, he was elected Treasurer last year.

Asst. Ed. Officer (ADEO) Fred Schilke joined the Fayetteville Power Squadron in 1970 while building their first boat, a 21' sailboat. After transferring to Denver, CO he joined the Milehigh Power Squadron and became its Commander in 1974-1975. In 1976 he became affiliated with Manchester Squadron where he has served in many instructor and executive capacities and is presently SEO.

Asst. Secretary Kim Boswell has always felt strongly about volunteering for her community. She spent six years as a Medical Response Technician for the South Killingly Fire Department. She currently serves as an officer in the Danielson Elks where she supports many activities that the Elks do for the community.

Kim has been an active boater since 2006. She joined the New London Power Squadron in 2008, where she has served three years as Administrative Officer. She currently serves as Executive Officer/Administrative Officer for the NLPS, as well as Assistant Secretary for USPS District One.

Kim currently lives in Dayville with her spouse, Christopher Jordan.

Asst. Treasurer Richard C. Carlson, SN joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 2005 after taking the Boating course to keep his wife, Betty company. (A long-time boater, Dick had been grandfathered in the Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate program.) He has served HPS as Secretary, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. Dick docks his 22 foot Wellcraft Sportsman in Westbrook.



The District Bridge met recently with the Squadron Commanders to plan the June Rendezvous and other events.

2012 DISTRICT 1 RENDEZVOUS

Saybrook Point Marina

Two Bridge Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475
Friday 21 June–Sunday 23 June
Hosted by Saybrook Squadron



Saturday, 22 June

0700 – Breakfast on your own for the boaters.

0900 -- Children's activities; poster contest.

Children can start a poster anytime during the day.

1000 -- Flare Demo, Fire Extinguisher Demo, Knot Demo.

1200 -- Light Snack hosted by Westerly Squadron.

1245 -- Blessing of the Fleet.

1300 -- **D/1 Council Meeting** in the Saybrook Pavilion hosted by Westerly Squadron.

1430 -- Raffle

1500 -- Poster Contest Judging/ District Commander's cocktail hour.

1600 -- Cookout – hot dogs, hamburgers, fixings, soda, and coffee furnished by District. **Please bring the following to share based on the first letter of your last name: A-F, Dessert; G-N, side dish; O-Z, salad.** Cooking by Saybrook Squadron.

All Day -- The pool is open! A Coast Guard Vessel from Homeland Security will be present for information and display.

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

Friday and Sunday: There will be informal get-togethers for dinner and breakfast on your own.

Send your check for \$7.00 (adult), children under 12 \$4.00 to: P/V/C
Richard E. Kyle, SN, 5 Beechwood Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371-2003 by
June 15, 2013. Tickets at the door are \$10/\$5.

Dockage for boaters: \$3.95/ft, shore power \$11/30a, \$22/50a all per night, includes complimentary cable TV and WiFi. Docking arrangements can be made using their website or call 860-395-3080. State that you are a member of District 1 USPS.



Members enjoy the Commander's cocktail hour. If you own a boat, please come and stay for the weekend, otherwise come on Saturday for an activity filled day and a nice picnic at 1600.



This is your chance to bring some of your old flares and light or shoot them off legally. It's a lot of fun for the older kids and very instructional for the adults. If you don't have any, we have extras. If you have extra old flares bring them for the rest of us.

Directions:

From I-95 or Rt. 9, take Rt 154 south (becomes main St. in Saybrook, then becomes College St) then right onto Bridge St. See Signs for Saybrook Point Inn and Spa and the Marina. Park in the pavilion area on the North side of the Inn and Marina.

District 1 Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron for their 15th Annual Fishing Derby & Awards Picnic on Sunday, June 30th. The rain date will be July 28.

Fishing begins at 0800 and continues to 1400 in Long Island Sound. There is an adult and junior division (15 & younger). It is important if you want to fish that you contact Gene Lewis at 860-442-4740 or 860-861-4517 for more detailed information. He will get an Angler's Form to you to record your catches. This is on the honor system. Deadline for registration is June 17th.

The awards picnic will begin at 4 p.m. hosted by Gene and Linda Lewis at 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Anyone, even if you are not fishing may join the picnic. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert and \$5/person. Please RSVP to Linda Lewis at 860-442-4740 by June 24 for the picnic.



Deb Lewis, daughter of Linda and Gene, holds one of her catches. We've got our work cut out to beat her this year.

District 1 Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 13 July "Branford Invitational" which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) racing schedule. If you are already a member of the ECSA, you can take part and earn ECSA points as well as credit for your squadron. Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each class.

Eligibility: The Branford Invitational has hosted as many as 75 racers in the past in up to 8 classes, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker. You must have a 2013 PHRF- ECSA rating certificate to race. If you don't have one, you can join ECSA for \$40 on the spot, have your boat measured, and be ready to race.

Starting line and Time: Off Branford Harbor between Negro Heads and Cow and Calf Buoys. First Gun will be at 11:00 am. Spinnaker classes will have windward and leeward courses. Non-spinnaker classes will have a triangular course.



Dockage: If you are not in the Branford area, you can sail over Friday and use their dockage free of charge and make a weekend of it.

Entry fee: \$35.00 per boat (\$30.00 for USSA members) plus \$12 prepaid per person attending the awards party/ \$15 when paid at the party. Non-racers can come and enjoy the day and join in the party.

Contact: Art Andrea for the race entry form and for help with the PHRF- ECSA rating certificate and any other details.

arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net or 203-641-0954.

2012 DISTRICT 1 Mini Cruise

Brewer Pilot's Point Marina (South)
63 Pilots Point Dr, Westbrook, CT 860-399-7906

DATES: 9-11 August, 2013

Friday 1730 -- Cocktails, Dinner on your own.
Saturday- 0900 -- Breakfast in the Picnic Area.
Pancakes and Coffee supplied by District 1.
1700 -- Cocktails.
1830 -- Summer Cookout, bring your own food.
Sunday Cruise home



Not coming by boat? Don't hesitate to come for the afternoon and cookout on Saturday and enjoy the camaraderie.

Make your own reservations with Brewer Marina (South) at 860-399-7906. The transient slip rates include Electric/Cable /Water/ Wifi/Amenities and are: \$3.00/ft up to 30', \$3.50/ft up to 40', \$4.00/ft up to 50'. Please see their web site for cancellation policies, etc. Please notify Charles Marino at bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net or 203-723-7362 for his count.

DISTRICT 1 RAFT-UP, 9th ANNUAL POKER RUN and COOKOUT

Saturday 21 September, 2013 Come join us by boat or car
Rain date: Sunday, 22 September
Location: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club, Hamburg, CT

Want to raft-up and relax?

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



What is a Poker Run? A Poker Run is not a race. 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! There will also be prizes for the 2nd and 3rd best hands. Prizes will be awarded at the cookout. 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! ***Blindfold Dingy Race is on again this year!***

Want to join the Poker Run? Entry Fee: \$5.00 Registration: 0945-1045 Start time: 1100
Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club 1400. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Cost: \$8.00 per person. Contact Charles Marion at bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net or 203-723-7362 for more details and to register.

Directions:

From the north, take I-91 or Rt. 9 South to I-95. Take I-95 north to Rt. 156 in Old Lyme.

From the west, take I-95 north to Rt. 156.

From the east, take I-95 south to Rt. 156.

Take Rt. 156 north approximately 4.7 miles to arrive at Hamburg Cove. The Yacht Club is on the south side of the cove almost immediately off Rt. 156.

National Awards *Ed: The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2012-13.*

50 Merit Marks

P/C Kenneth L. Bell, Sr., AP Meriden

50 Year Pins:

P/D/C Charles J. Newfield, JN New Haven
Charles A. Pederzoli, AP Springfield

Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

P/C Richard Jones, AP Manchester
Lt/C Robert DeConti, P New Britain
P/C Cameron C. Taylor, JN New Haven
P/R/C Robert D. Bair, AP Saybrook

2012 "Distinctive Communicator Award" for Publications

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Hartford the Bilge Pump
Manchester Silk City Sailor
Meriden Masthead
Middleton The Jib Sheet
New London The Yardarm
Norwich The Compass Rose
Saybrook The Outer Light
Springfield The Flying Bridge
Waterbury Pharos Beacon

2012 "Distinctive Communicator Award" for Websites

District 1
Hartford Power Squadron
Meriden Power Squadron
Middletown Power Squadron
New Britain Power Squadron
New London Power Squadron
Springfield Power Squadron
Waterbury Power Squadron

Educational Achievement (Senior Navigator (SN))

Thomas J. Davis, SN Waterbury
P/C Jonathan B. Dayton, SN Waterbury
P/Lt/C Michael A. Marino, SN Waterbury

Educational Proficiency Awards (AP + 3 Electives)

Lt/C Michael Rinaldi, JN Hartford
Cdr Christine Cassarella, AP Meriden
Cdr G. Bradford Ficken, AP Saybrook
Bruce H Matthias, AP Saybrook
Thomas H Welch, AP Saybrook
John F. Altmann, AP Waterbury
1Lt Egbert E. Most, AP Waterbury

VSC Century Club

P/C John R. Robinson, AP, Saybrook 8th Year

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Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching

Roy N. Guile, N Hartford

Everett M. Lebel Educational Achievement Award for the Squadron with the most active educational program based on members taking courses:

Hartford 4th Runner up with .327
Saybrook 3rd Runner up with .494
Springfield 2nd Runner up with .563
Waterbury 1st Place with .573.

Teaching Aid Contest at the Fall Conference

New London 3rd Place
Middletown 2nd Place
Meriden 1st Place

District VSC Awards for most VSCs:

1st Place P/C John R. Robinson, AP
Saybrook, 13th Year
2nd Place P/Lt/C William H. Rinckel, P
Milford
3rd Place P/Lt/C Timothy L. Gove, AP
Middletown
Top Squadron Milford

Historian's Award 100% of squadron histories through 2011-12:

D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN Hartford:
Cdr Sandra W. Pierog, SN Manchester
P/C Angela Anderson, S Meriden
Lt/C Robert E. Borden, S Middletown
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P New Britain
P/C John (Jack) B. Kurrus, SN New London
Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP Norwich
Vicki Davis, P Waterbury

Want to be a Vessel Safety Examiner?

Performing Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) is a lot of fun and very rewarding. It's a great squadron activity to set up a visit to a Marina and bring in a group of VSEs. Non members are always grateful to get their boat inspected and might even be interested in joining the USPS. For more information contact your squadron VSC Chairperson or P/D/C Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.



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2011 Fatality Statistics or “Why I should wear my Life Jacket”

The “National Safe Boating Council” (NSBC) has compiled and released the USCG fatality statistics for 2011 and the number of fatalities in the country were up to 758 from 672 the previous year. The statistics show that 534 of the victims were not wearing life jackets (The CT DEEP and the NSBC are converting to the use of “Life Jackets” from PFD as it is more descriptive to the boating layman) and 139 were (the remaining 85 were “unknown” as to life jacket wear). A boater can be thrown overboard or have a head trauma and be rendered helpless. According to the NSBC "Life jacket wear is the simplest life-saving activity for a boater. Choose to **Wear It!** at all times while boating".

Over 120 of the fatalities listed alcohol use as a contributing factor, 60 were due to operator inattention, over 40 due to operator inexperience. Excessive speed was listed in 30 cases and improper lookout in 35 cases.

Perhaps most pertinent to our mission was that only 3% of the fatalities were people trained by the USPS, USCG Aux, and American Red Cross, 78% had no training at all, another 8% had informal or internet training only, and 11% had state training.

Open motorboats contributed to 374 fatalities, with kayaks-68, canoes-66, and rowboats-52. Cabin motorboats contributed 47, personal watercraft-44, and inflatables-25. By far, sailboats were very safe with 11 fatalities.

Our lesson for today: take USPS courses, buy a sailboat, wear your life jacket, and don’t drink while you drive (boats or cars). For more information visit the National Safe Boating Council web site at: <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/statistics.htm>.