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2015

Schedule of Upcoming District Activities

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District Holiday Party

The District is hosting a holiday party on 12 December at Campagna’s Restaurant in Portland. Come and join us for a great “kick-off” to the Holiday season.

CAMPAGNA’S RESTAURANT
 151 MARLBOROUGH STREET, PORTLAND, CT
 Cocktails –1800 – Cash bar
 Buffett Dinner – 1900
 Dancing to the music of DJ Al Bower
 Raffle prizes



Please bring a toy for “TOYS FOR TOTS”
 Win a prize for the Ugliest Holiday sweater; one for the ladies and one for gentlemen.

See your Squadron Commander for tickets: \$35.00 per person

From the Helm: D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

I would like to welcome everyone back from a nice boating season. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

I would like to thank the Norwich Squadron for kicking off our summer activities with their fishing derby and thank Linda and Gene Lewis for hosting the awards dinner at their summer cottage. Thanks to P/D/C George Gilbert, our June Council meeting returned to Essex Island the 26-28th of June and was a big success. Thank you to New Britain and Waterbury Squadrons for hosting the lunch and the dinner. D/LT/C Charles Marino put together a booth at the Sail Fest in New London from July 10-12 which included the Boats Skills Virtual Trainer. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped Charles that weekend. The District 1 Sail race was held along with Branford Yacht club July 11th. Only one of our boats participated but we had fun. On August 7th-9th we held our Mini cruise at Cedar Island. Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us and a special thank you to P/D/C George Gilbert and his helpers for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast made on Sunday Morning.

The National Governing Board Meeting was held in San Diego, and I'm sad to say that only 2 of us from District 1 attended the meeting and 11 out of 13 squadrons got their Proxy Votes into me. The Chief Commander reported they are no longer sending a Chief's rep to fall conferences in an effort to reduce costs. National is setting up a webinar and a video which we will show at the conference. National dues will be going up \$4.00 for a single active member, and \$6.00 for a family membership. The next annual meeting will be in Orlando, FL, Feb 15th-21st at the Rosen Hotel, and the next Governing board meeting will be in Pittsburgh Pa.

Education Officer-D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN

America's boating course is now revised and available for the 2015 edition. This was a regular update because of changes promulgated under NASBLA three year review cycle. The 2015 additions have begun being shipped from USPS but those Squadrons who are holding inventories of the old 2012 edition may still use those. Some of the changes that are included in the 2015 edition include changes in life jacket classification eliminating the old I, II, III, IV, V classifications pursuant to USCG regulations. Also, changes were made in a several areas of the text adding checklists and updates where needed. The courseware CD as well as the Rose Point navigation CD will no longer be part of the student kit. Chapter eight that deals with state and local regulations is being rewritten and is currently under review by Connecticut DEEP to ensure compliance with the Connecticut supplement.

The examinations for ABC are now downloadable on the education page at USPS.org. The 2015 examinations must be used even though all students may still use the 2012 edition of America's Boating Course. Additionally, there is a new 2015 instructor PowerPoint presentation CD which should be used.

This past legislative session the Connecticut legislature passed, and the Governor signed, the new legislation known as *Emily's Law*. Emily's law was named after the 16 year old who was tragically killed in Greenwich Connecticut last year during a tubing accident. Under the statute, in order to operate a motor vessel that is pulling a water skier or other towing device, the operator must be 16 years of age and hold a Connecticut safe waterskiing endorsement if their boating certificate was issued after October 1, 2015. The statute also gave Connecticut DEEP the power to promulgate regulations regarding the education and testing of water skiing and tubing operations that must be included with our ABC safe boating instructional materials. The State of Connecticut test that we have been giving to our ABC students consisted of 10 multiple choice questions regarding a variety of topics contained in the State supplement. As of October 1, the new state test will consist of 20 multiple choice questions and 10 of those questions will be dedicated to safe waterskiing and tubing operations pursuant to Emily's law.

Finally, we have definitive guidelines as to our access to state DEEP classes for purposes of advertising our advanced level courses. We will not be allowed personal access to the classes. We will be allowed links on the State web site directing students to wherever we wish. We will be allowed to distribute materials to classes. Also, we will be allowed to submit a PowerPoint slide to be included in the State's presentation to its students. Additionally, State instructors will be briefed to announce to the class the availability and desirability of taking our advanced courses.

CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2015 FALL CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 7 November 2015
HOST: New Britain Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Middlesex Yacht Club, Chester, CT
 (see directions on page 4),
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire



Schedule:

- 0800 Registration, Coffee, Raffle Tickets
 Insignia/uniform swap-bring your spare insignia/uniform for others to use.
 Teaching Aids Setup-1 exhibit per Squadron
- 0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP
 Invocation: D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain
 Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C George M. Gilbert, AP
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Welcome to Conference Cdr Paul Bialecki, P, New Britain Squadron
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Kim T. Boswell, S
- 0930 **Message** from the Chief Commander-will feature a 15 minute video and a web based question/answer session.
- 1015 **Program-** is not finalized at this time. A promo will be distributed as soon as it is available.
- 1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Judging of the Teaching Aid displays/Insignia Swap
- 1200 **Luncheon--**See page 4 for menu and reservations.
 * Awards presentation by D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 * Raffle
- 1400 **Departmental Workshops** (*for Officers indicated, and others interested*)
 Commander's Meeting D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Education Department meeting D/Lt/C Salzarulo, JN
Mates Program (see page 4)
- 1500 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 21 March 2015 Spring Conference
Reports of the District Officers
 District Commander D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Educational Officer D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
 Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Secretary D/Lt/C Kim T. Boswell, S
 Treasurer D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN
- Reports of the General and Standing Committees:**
 Audit P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP
 Nominating P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN
 Rules P/D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Planning P/D/C Sandra W. Pierog, SN
 Law D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
- Unfinished Business**

New Business

Approval of the 2016-2017 D-1 Budget P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN
Confirm the date and location for the 2016 Spring Conference, Host: New Haven
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting

1630 **Benediction** Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P

Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:
D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

Directions to the Middlesex Yacht Club, 276 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412, 860-526-5634

1. Take Rt. 9 to exit 7.
2. Turn onto CT-82 going east.
3. Turn right onto CT-154.
4. Turn left into the Middlesex YC in 1.3 miles.

District Fall Luncheon

The menu will be Chicken Parmesan with pasta, salad, garlic bread, dessert and coffee. The cost is \$18 per person/\$20 at the door. There will be a cash bar. There will be limited plates for sale at registration for \$20, so be sure to make your reservations by 1 November, 2015. Send your check, for \$18.00 per person made out to USPS D-1 to: Ed Englehardt, 100 Appletree Dr., East Hartford, CT 06118-3573. Please also indicate how many will attend the Mates Program.

There are limited eating facilities close by and since Middlesex YC is catering this function our members are not allowed to bring in their own lunches.

Pre-Conference Dinner

6 November at 1800, Haddam Restaurant and Pizzeria, 1617 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT 06438.
<http://haddamrestaurant.com/> . Reservations must be made to D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714 by 1 November.

Post-Conference Dinner

7 November at 1700, The Gelston House, 8 Main St., East Haddam, CT , 860-873-1411 www.gelstonhouse.com
Reservations must be made to D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714 by 1 November.

Please come and join us for these dinners. They are not for District Officers only. All members are welcome and they are a great way to meet people from other squadrons.

Hotel Reservations

Those wanting to stay at a local hotel can stay at the Comfort Inn, 100 Essex Road, Old Saybrook, CT, 860-395-1414. This hotel is conveniently located 10 miles away from Middlesex Yacht Club, making it approximately a 20 minute ride to the meeting.

Mates Program

The Mates Program in the afternoon will include BINGO with prizes; please bring used books (novels) for a book exchange. On your luncheon reservation, please indicate how many will attend the Mates Program.

Request a Paper Copy of the *Sounds of 1*

This is the final issue of the *Sounds of 1* in which we will automatically send out the *Sounds of 1* in paper form to all member families. The June Council voted in favor of a “Request a paper copy” plan which will feature:

- All members with no email address in DB 2000 will automatically continue to receive the paper *Sounds of 1*. These members don't have to do anything to receive their paper copy.
- All members with an email address in DB 2000 will automatically receive an email from the editor with a link to a pdf file containing the *Sounds of 1*. This will be identical to the “Advanced Copy” these members have received for the last 5 years. This email will be via regular email from the editor and not via the “Sail Angle” system.
- All members with an email address in DB 2000 that wish to receive the paper *Sounds of 1* can notify the editor to “Request a paper copy”. These members will continue to get the “Advanced” electronic copy but will also get a mailed paper copy.

This change will save us the printing and mailing expense for about 2/3 of our families. We have been able to reduce our costs over the last five years due to the generous cooperation of the Gilbert and Jones firm. By implementing this plan now, we get an immediate savings of about \$500 per year, but more importantly, we will reduce our vulnerability should the Gilbert and Jones printer not remain available to us. Because our print count will be dropping to near the 200 limit for bulk non-profit mail, we will also be converting to first class mail for the spring or summer issue. This will reduce our mailing delay but also allow our issues to be forwarded to members who travel south in the winter and forward only their first class mail.

Questions and Answers:

- **How do I know I have an email address in DB 2000?** If you have been getting the “Advanced Copy” of the *Sounds of 1* via email in the past few issues (including this issue), you can be fairly certain that your email address is in DB 2000 correctly.
- **I thought I had an email in DB 2000, but haven't been getting the *Sounds of 1* electronically?** You can check with your squadron secretary to see what email address is in DB 2000 and the secretary can correct it if necessary. You can also send an email to the editor at the address below and he can check it for you.
- **I don't have an email in DB 2000, but would like to add mine so I can get the electronic copy?** Please send your email address to the editor at the address below and he can get it set up with your squadron secretary.
- **I have an email address in DB 2000, but would like to “Request a paper copy”?** Just send an email to the editor at the address below or sign up at the fall conference.
- **What do I do with the electronic copy?** You can certainly just read it and you can print it on your own printer. It comes in full color but if you have only a black and white printer, it will still print. Some members “save as” a copy the pdf file on their own computer. Others with “smart phones”, keep the email on their phone and can refer to it at any time to answer questions like “what is the date of the fall conference?”.

We are excited about this change. It will reduce our costs and production time and allow us to send each issue out using first class mail. We hope you will find it satisfactory for your needs but feel free to “Request a paper copy” if that works better for you. Please do not hesitate to email the editor if you have any problems in working with the new system.

For all queries to the editor, just click on cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net to send an email.

Summer Events were a lot of fun

Our summer events were outstanding this year. The Fishing Derby had a nice turnout; the June Rendezvous returned to the very popular Essex Island Marina and over 100 members participated. The Poker run was not completed in time for this issue.

Fishing Derby

The 17th Annual Norwich Power Squadron Fishing Derby and Awards Picnic were held on June 26. District 1 was invited to join. There were three boats participating: Sea Apple with Capt. George Gilbert, Sharon C with Capt Jerry Pineault, and DEBLIN with Capt Gene Lewis.

As Commander Gene Lewis puts it - it was a good day for a picnic. The weather was beautiful but the fishing not so good. There were no striped bass, scup, or bluefish caught. The winner was a 19 5/8" fluke caught by Capt Jerry Pineault.

Approximately 30 attended the awards picnic represented by Middletown, New London, New Britain and Norwich Squadrons.



Left: Members enjoyed the awards picnic at the home of Linda and Gene Lewis.



Right: Gene Lewis congratulates Jerry Pineault for his winning catch.

June Rendezvous and Council

The June Council Meeting was held on 27 June in conjunction with the June Rendezvous at Essex Island Marina in Essex, CT. The flare demo had to be cancelled because of high winds but the rest of the day was quite nice. The host of the Council, the New Britain Squadron, provided a very nice light lunch and the host of the Rendezvous, the Waterbury Squadron, did the cooking and setup for the picnic. The "RoadRunners" provided live music for the Commander's Cocktail Party. One of the major issues discussed and approved by the Council was the concept of "Request a paper copy" of the Sounds of 1 (see page 5 above).



District Chaplain Cdr Paul Bialecki and Father Arul Rajan Peter, Pastor of both Our Lady of Sorrows church in Essex and St. Joseph's church in Chester, led us in the "Blessing of the Fleet".



The "RoadRunners" entertained us and some "rocked out".



District Sail Race

Our District joined the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 11 July “Branford Invitational” which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) racing schedule. Our District Commander, Art Andrea, and Peter St. Pierre joined the race in Art’s boat.

D/C Art Andrea (L.) and Peter St. Pierre (R.) of the New Haven Squadron compete in the ‘Branford Invitational.’



District Mini Cruise

The summer Mini Cruise was held August 7-9 at the Cedar Island Marina, Clinton, CT. Members enjoyed the amenities of the marina and a cookout on Saturday night. Past Commander Gilbert made his famous blueberry pancakes on Sunday morning.



Hartford Power Squadron Spends a Day at Chester Point Marina

On August 15th, Hartford Power Squadron members conducted an entire day of Vessel Safety Examinations at Chester Point Marina on the Connecticut River.



In addition to the vessel safety examinations, instruction was given in the proper use, handling and disposal of visual distress signals. Red Hand-held Flares, Parachute Flares, Red Meteors, and Orange Hand-held Smoke Signals were demonstrated and practiced. Finally, the proper use and handling of B-1 dry chemical fire extinguishers was demonstrated and practiced. The event was organized and put on by Hartford members: Cdr Pat Pabouet, P, Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP, and Marvin Goldberg, AP.



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P/V/C Richard (Dick) E. Kyle, SN

Past District Commander and Past National Vice Commander Dick Kyle passed away Friday, August the 14th. He was born April 1, 1938 in Springfield Massachusetts, the son of Robert Gerald and Frances Virginia (Bennett). He was married to Elaine Agnes Rich on July 9, 1960. Educated in England, he spent his entire professional career with The Hartford Courant.

He had a great love of the water and his association with the United States Power Squadron led him to become passionate about boating education and boater safety.

Dick was one of our more active members rising in the Saybrook Squadron to Executive Officer 1969-70, Commander 1970-71, and then served as Squadron Education Officer 1976-81.

Joining our District 1 organization, he served as Assistant DEO 1980, District Education Officer 1981-82, and District Commander 1992-94.

At the National level he was on the National Education Business Committee 1994-2001, Assistant NEO 2003-06, National Education Officer 2006-09, and several committee positions until 2011.

