



Fall

2017

Schedule of Upcoming District Activities

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Our District Summer Activities-District June Rendezvous, Brewer Essex Island Marina



Cdr Paul Bialecki, P leads the assembly in the "Blessing of the Fleet". Photo by Eric Burdett, SN

The District returned to the Brewer Essex Island Marina for the 3rd year for its annual June Rendezvous and Council meeting.

Members and guests enjoyed activities including the "Blessing of the Fleet" by our Chaplain, Cdr Paul Bialecki, P, a lunch "snack" hosted by the Waterbury Squadron, and the annual picnic hosted by the Hartford Squadron.



Members enjoyed themselves on a perfect June day. Photo by Eric Burdett, SN

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From the Helm-D/C Charles L. Marino, P

I can't believe I'm already composing my message for the Fall Sounds of 1, but then again, I haven't had the air conditioner on for the past three nights so I know what's coming.

On land when we have an issue with our vehicles we call AAA; on the water if we have an issue with our boats we call Sea Tow or Boat U.S. Then we have the United States Power Squadron, on land or on the water our members are always there to lend assistance. A special thank you to P/D/C George Gilbert for his assistance while on my way to Essex Island for the June District Rendezvous. I was traveling near downtown Middletown when the light changed from green to red, no yellow. I slammed on my brakes and two coolers, sixty pounds of ice, two cases of beer, nine boxes of wine slid from the back of my van to the front trapping me in the front seat. I called George to see if he had left for Essex Island and as luck would have it George was right across the river and came over and helped rearrange and secure the items.

Our June Council Meeting went well, the rain ceased by late morning and the remainder of the day was sunny. Many thanks to George Gilbert and Stephanie of Essex Island for getting us the Island; to the band and Commander Bialecki for securing the band; to Commander Quigley and the Waterbury Squadron for the snacks and hosting the meeting; to Commander Pabouet and the Hartford Squadron for setting up and cooking the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers; and to P/D/C Art Andrea for bringing one of the two newly purchased boating simulators. Art set it up for hands-on training at Essex Island.

I had the pleasure to attend a few squadron events this summer in Springfield, Meriden, Waterbury and the Norwich Squadron's Fishing Tournament. Thank you to the Commanders and members for their invitations. I apologize for missing the District Mini Cruise to Milford and didn't make the High Speed Ferry trip to Block Island because of the Board of Governors meeting.

I attended the Board of Governors Meeting in Dallas in September and plan to report back highlights to our members at our Fall Conference. I hope to see many of you at the Conference; full details are inside this issue as well as details on our District 1 Christmas Party.



Cdr Charles Marino, P (front row-left) in a group of "first timers" at the Governing Board of USPS in September. Photo by Steve Erickson.

Education Officer-D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN

After the rain and unseasonably cool weather of June, July ushered in summer weather. Boaters untied the lines that held them to the docks and headed out to sea to enjoy favorite boating harbors, islands, swimming locations or simply to enjoy a peaceful day of solitude on the water. Paddleboarders, snorkelers, swimmers and sun worshippers alike dotted the waters everywhere. Everyone was enjoying summer, finally. It may be fall, and summer was late in arriving, but there are still plenty of boats in the water enjoying the last remnants of summer-like days.

Like every summer, it is always easy to identify those boaters who know the rules of boating. More noticeable are the boaters who did not feel they needed to get appropriate boating and safety training. Unfortunately, it is not only their safety we are concerned with, but it is also our safety that should concern us all. As a seasoned boater, please encourage your friends who are thinking about purchasing a boat, or already have one, to sign up for the classes they need to keep all of us on the water safe.

Sadly, I must report that once again there were no nominations for the Chapman Award. There is still time to submit entries for the Teaching Aid Competition to be held at our Fall Conference. Please notify me of your intention to submit an entry by November 3rd so it can properly be displayed.

Our educational breakout at this year's Fall Conference will be a demonstration of the District's recently acquired Visual Trainers given by Past District Commander Art Andrea. The trainers were obtained during Art's watch, and he will be both demonstrating their use, and explaining how they can be effectively integrated into your USPS curriculum. This is a must see for all SEOs and SEOs!



CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2017 FALL CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 11 November 2017
HOST: Saybrook Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Groton Inn & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT
 (see directions on page 4),
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire



Schedule:

- 0830 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 Charles L. Marino, P
 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 Arthur Andrea, AP
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Welcome to Conference Cdr Chris Vanderstad, Saybrook Squadron
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 0930 **Message** from the Chief Commander A video message from the Chief Commander will be presented by D/C Charles L. Marino, P. This will be followed by an update on some of National's educational initiatives presented by DEO D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN. Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN-IN will be on hand representing the NEO to take any questions pertaining to education prompted by the presentation.
- 1030 **Program-Cruising the Erie Canal** (see page 4) P/C Karl Meyer, AP
- 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 Charles L. Marino, P
 * Raffle
- 1400 **Departmental Workshops** (for Officers indicated, and others interested)
 Commander's Meeting D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Education Officer's Meeting D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN
 Demonstration of the Virtual Boating Simulator P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
- 1500 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 18 March 2017 Spring Conference
Reports of the District Officers
 District Commander D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Educational Officer D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN
 Administrative Officer Open
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 Treasurer D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
- Reports of the General and Standing Committees:**
 Audit P/C Michele Moroni, S
 Rules P/D/C James Coley, JN
 Planning Stf/C Stanley Klein, SN
 Nominating P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Law P/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN

Unfinished Business



New Business

Approval of the 2018-2019 D-1 Budget D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
Confirm the date and location for the 2018 Spring Conference, Host: Springfield
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 Charles L. Marino, P

Directions to the Groton Inn & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 860-445-9784

1. Travelling north on I-95, take the left exit 86 onto CT -184E
2. Take the 2nd right exit into the Groton Inn and Suites. This exit comes up very fast on the right.

District Fall Luncheon

The morning coffee service will include assorted muffins and Danish, regular and decaffeinated coffee and tea. The lunch buffet will include tossed salad, chicken Francaise, roast pork, pasta primavera, grilled seasonal vegetables, oven roasted potatoes, rolls and butter, tuxedo truffle mousse cake, coffee regular and decaffeinated, and tea. The cost is \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar. Please make your reservations by 5 November by sending your check for \$35.00 per person made out to "USPS D-1" to: Chris VanDerstad, 204 Norwich Salem Rd., East Haddam, CT 06423.

Pre-Conference Dinner

10 November at 1800, Olio's Restaurant, 33 Kings Highway, Groton, (860) 445-6546, <http://olioc.com/olio/oliodinner.shtml>
Reservations must be made to Cdr Joyce C. Bonney, S at jcbonney@sbcglobal.net or 860-794-8055 by 5 November.

Please come and join us for the pre-conference dinner. They are not for District Officers only. All members are welcome and it's a great way to meet people from other squadrons.

Hotel Reservations

Groton Inn & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 860-445-9784
Cost: Queen Beds \$104 & tax – King Bed is \$112 & tax. Mention United States Power Squadron. Cut-off date is November 1st.
Let the hotel know if you need a 1st floor room as there is no elevator.

Fall Conference Program-Cruising the Erie Canal

The program will feature a presentation about a 10 day trip on the Erie Canal on a 21 foot boat by Captain (and P/C) Karl Meyer of the Springfield Squadron. The trip begins in Waterford at the Hudson River and follows the Erie Canal west, across Oneida Lake, and then up the Oswego canal to Lake Ontario and back, a total of 360 miles. The presentation will cover what it is like to travel on the Erie, going through the locks, the facilities and amenities along the way, a little of the history, and to show that you don't need a big cruiser to have fun on the canal. No longer have your boat? Captain Karl will update us on the canal boats available for short term rental.



Captain Karl Meyer grew up around boats on Long Island. He built his first at 15 and has had numerous power and sail boats since then. He has his Coast Guard captain's license, is currently the Treasurer of the Springfield Power Squadron, and has spent the last 12 years mapping 130 miles of the Connecticut River above Hartford.



Our District Summer Activities (Continued)

District Mini Cruise, Greenport, LI

District members arrived at Mitchell Park Marina, Greenport, LI on 21 July and enjoyed the weekend. They took advantage of the boardwalk, seasonal events and the Greenport shops, services and restaurants.

Photo provided by Owen Loprinze



District Sail Race, Branford, YC

Two boats from District 1 participated in the "Branford Invitational" which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) race series, held at the Branford YC on 15 July. Cdr Peter DePascale, AP in "Irish Mist" won first place for the District with P/D/C Art Andrea, AP placing second in "TreScooch", both of the New Haven Squadron.

"Irish Mist" and "TreScooch"
Photos by Kelley Fryer of Branford, CT



District Fishing Derby

The District was invited to the Norwich Power Squadron's 19th Annual Fishing Tournament & Awards Picnic on July 9, 2017. There were 3 boats participating in the fishing and one shore fisherman. The awards picnic was attended by 35 adults and 5 children. Representing District 1 at the picnic were members from Waterbury, Middletown, Hartford, New Britain, Manchester and Norwich. District Commander Charles Marino welcomed everyone and thanked the organizers of the tournament, Jerry Pineault and Gene Lewis and the Lewises for hosting.

Trophies were presented to the following:

P/D/C Pat Pabouet	17" Striped Bass
P/C Gene Lewis	15" Scup
Chase Gilbert	20" Sea Bass
Chase Gilbert	19.5" Fluke
Sam Gilbert	18.5" fluke Youth Division 6 yrs old

This is always a highlight of the summer for Norwich Power Squadron and we encourage more boats to participate in the fishing. *Reported by D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP*



Chase Gilbert receiving one of her two trophies from Jerry Pineault. *Photo by Lt/C Brenda J. Keefe, P*

District Mini Cruise, Lisman Landing Marina, Milford

We had five boats including NancyAnn, Gaelic and Garlic, Sandy Seas, Tre Scooch and my sailboat Passage starting on Friday August 11.

We had Pizza & Beer on Friday night, everyone had a good breakfast on Saturday morning, a cocktail reception on Saturday afternoon and dinners at a few local restaurants within a 5 minute walk downtown from the marina.

If you've never been to this cozy little spot midway between the Thimbles and the Norwalk Islands, and dead across from Port Jefferson LI, you owe it to yourself to spend a night or a weekend here. From here both New Haven harbor and Blackrock Harbor (Captains Cove) are just a stone's throw away.



Photo by Lt/C Henry "Hank" Chmielewski, AP

Reported by Cdr Bruce Ross, P





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New URL for our USPS National Website

We have a new URL to get into our National Website: <https://beyondboating.org/> as noted on the bottom right of each page of the *Sounds of 1*. Please set this new URL up on your computer and on any other publications or documents that contain the old URL.

From this entry point, non-members can explore the benefits of being a member and you can sign in to the member web pages. One of the important issues for non-members is “How to find a course near You”. This is a little harder than it used to be. Pull down the main page and click on “Get Education before You Get on the Water”, then “In Person Boating Education”, then “Explore our Courses” or “Explore our Seminars” and finally “Find a Course Near You” and you will get the search screen. As an alternative, if you want to set up a hot link in an online publication or website, you can use the direct URL to the search page: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?C>

District Holiday Party

The District is hosting a holiday party on 16 December at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne, 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT. Come and join us for a great “kick-off” to the Holiday season. This year we are having a complete dinner with cheese platter and pizza during the cocktail hour, appetizers of stuffed mushrooms and fried calamari, pastas of Linguine with white clam sauce and penne marinara both served family style, bread and rolls, salad, your choice of 15 veal, chicken, fish, and beef entrees, dessert, coffee and tea. You will select your entrée from the menu when we sit down. The fixed cost is \$35 which includes tip and there will be no tax. Cocktails (cash bar) –17:30, dinner at 18:30. Lots of raffle prizes. Please bring a toy for “TOYS FOR TOTS”



For reservations please send your check for \$35 per person made out to “USPS-District 1” to: Jim Salvatore, 4-3 Canterbury Ct, Middletown, CT 06457-4934 by 9 December.

