

Spring

2017

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District Fall Conference

The Fall Conference was held at the Groton Inn and Suites on 12 November. Over 70 members attended and enjoyed a full day of programs and meetings as well as a very nice buffet lunch. Our Spring Conference will be an excellent chance to visit the Coast Guard Academy in New London. See page 3-4 for all of the arrangements.



The *Teaching Aids contest* attracted three excellent entries: Eric Burdett, SN of Waterbury contributed “Marine Electrical Demonstration Board”, Cdr Peter J. Collins, AP of Norwich contributed “Knot Tying Board”, and Cdr Pat Pabouet, P of Hartford contributed the winning entry “Right of Way”. The winner of each District is presented at the National Conference in February to determine the National winner. If you have an interesting Teaching Aid, please enter it in our contest at the next Fall Conference.



From the Helm-D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

I would like to welcome all of our members back from your holidays and hope everyone enjoyed them. Your District is working hard on our spring and summer activities. We are starting with our Spring Conference at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London. I would like to thank the Norwich Squadron for working to secure this venue. The National Chief Commander Luis Ojeda and his wife will be joining us at the conference. The June Rendezvous and Council Meeting will be at Essex Island and we are planning two mini cruises. In addition, we are trying something new in planning a day trip to Block Island on the high speed ferry. Please come and join us and support your district.

My next report will be at the spring conference after I return from the Annual Meeting in Florida. I can report that the district's Changes of Watch have started. New Haven Sail and Power Squadron held their Change of Watch on January 29, 2017. I wish all of your new officers the best of luck as they take on their new duties.

On a sad note, this will be my last Commander's message from the Helm. I had a great time working with all of you for the past 7 years while I was on the District Bridge and want to thank all of you for your support during that time. I also want to thank all of the squadrons for having my wife and I at your changes of watch. I wish the new District Bridge the best of luck and I will support them in any way I can.

Executive Officer-D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P

It's been an interesting and educating four years as an officer on the District 1 Bridge. Beginning as Administrative Officer then serving as Executive Officer. As they say there's nowhere to go but up and shortly the real challenge begins of filling the shoes of past Commanders; no easy task, but I'll do my best.

This being my last report in the Sounds of 1 as your District 1 Executive Officer, what better way to conclude than to congratulate members of my own squadron, The Waterbury Squadron, and their five new Senior Navigators. The Waterbury Squadron also won LeBel Award for excellence in Education.

I can't stress the importance of Education in boating to keep everyone safe on the water. Whether sailing or power boating, the future of the United States Power Squadron is our education courses. I've said this before and I'll say it again, "It's one thing to have a vehicle accident and fall out of your car; it is entirely different having a boating accident and falling off your boat; in the water you're out of your environment." Tim Tyler, our District Education Officer, has been doing an excellent job and I commend him and all our District Bridge Officers and our squadron Educations Officers and their teams of instructors.



The Waterbury Squadron has done an excellent job in bringing five of their members through the full education sequence to Senior Navigator: L.toR D/C Arthur Andrea, AP, Lt/C Regina Badura, SN, LT/C Egbert Most, SN, Lt Eric Burdett, SN, Lt/C Karen Poole, SN, Lt/C Thomas Poole, SN, D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, JN.

District 1 Commander Art Andrea, taped a half-hour show on the Comcast's Valley Cable TV and I hope we will continue to other Cable and Direct TV networks and communities.

Roger Breuning has been heading Co-operative Charting this past season but only the Hartford squadron participated, I ask other squadrons to please get involved in 2017. Thank you, Roger.

To all the Squadron Commanders, Officers and their members and families, I look forward to working hard for you over the next two years and attending some of your squadron functions. As the incoming commander, if I'm doing a good job no need to mention it; on the other hand please let me know if we can improve.

Thank you all for everything you do for your squadron and the district; remember, you are the squadron, you are the district.



CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2017 SPRING CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 18 March 2017
HOST: Norwich Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Coast Guard Academy- Officer's Club, 15 Mohegan Avenue, New London
(see directions on page 6),
DRESS: Uniform A, USPS Blazer, or other appropriate attire

Schedule:

- 0800 Registration, Coffee, bagels, Danish, scones, Raffle Tickets
Insignia/uniform swap-bring your spare insignia/uniform for others to use.
- 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
Memorial Service 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 Peter J. Collins, AP, Norwich Squadron
Conference Roll Call P/D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 0930 **Message** from the Chief Commander Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN (see page 4)
- 1000 **Departmental Workshops** (for Officers indicated and others interested)
Commanders, Executive and Admin Officers D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Education Officer's D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, JN
Treasurers D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
- 1100 **Action on the minutes** of the 12 November, 2016 Fall 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 Timothy F. Tyler, JN
Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
Secretary (Acting) P/D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
Treasurer D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
- Reports of the General and Standing Committees:**
Audit P/D/Lt/C Douglas S. Burdett, SN
Nominating P/D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
Rules P/C Linda J. Miller, S
Planning P/D/C Ralph L. Borriello, AP
Law P/D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
- 1130 **Attitude Adjustment** —Insignia Swap.
- 1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
* Awards presentation by D/C Arthur Andrea, AP and our C/C Louie Ojeda, SN
* Raffle
- 1330 **Unfinished Business**
New Business
Nominating Committee Report P/D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
Election of Officers and Committee Members C/C Louie Ojeda, SN
Change of Watch C/C Louie Ojeda, SN
Confirm the date and location for the 2017 Fall Conference, Host: Saybrook
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting



1430 **Benediction**
Adjournment

Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P

By Order of District Commander Arthur Andrea, AP

Note: we have a commitment to be out of the building by 1500. The USCG Museum will be open from 3 - 4 p.m. for anyone wishing to visit.

District Spring Luncheon

Cold deli lunch buffet including: New England clam chowder, sliced turkey breast, roast beef, chicken salad, baked ziti with Marinara, deli rolls, cheese platter, lettuce, tomato, condiments, fresh fruit platter, cookies/brownies, iced tea/water all for \$25 per person. A cash bar will be open for "attitude adjustment" and lunch. Send your check to Thomas Adams, 27 Harbor Road, Colchester, CT 06415 made out to "USPS D-1" no later than March 10. **ABSOLUTELY NO WALK INs FOR LUNCH.** This is per USCG rules.

Pre-Conference Dinner

17 March at 1800, Olio's Restaurant, 33 Kings Highway, Groton, (860) 445-6546, <http://olioct.com/olio/oliodinner.shtml>
Reservations must be made to D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714 by 13 March.

Post-Conference Dinner

18 March at 1700, On The Water Front Restaurant, 250 Pequot Ave., New London, (860) 444-2800,
<http://onthewaterfrontnl.com/> . Reservations must be made to D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714 by 13 March.

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 our Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN and his wife Dot, our District Officers, and members from other squadrons.

Hotel Reservations

Groton Inn & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 860-445-9784
Cost: \$93 plus tax, includes breakfast, mention United States Power Squadron. Cut-off date is 13 March.

Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN

Chief Commander Ojeda and his wife Dorothy (Dot) live in Loxley, Alabama. They share a love for sailing, boating and fishing on their two boats, a bass boat and a twin engine offshore center console.

Dot worked for McGriff Siebels and Williams as a yacht underwriter and the boat insurance program for USPS. She is a past commander and has earned 18 merit marks working for the Benefits committee, the VSC committee and the Ship's Store.

Luis is a dual member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and USPS. Joining USPS in 1988, he has 26 merit marks. He has served in various committees in USPS like Planning, Membership, Member Benefits, Meetings and as the organizer and Rear Commander of the very successful Vessel Safety Check program at its inception. He has taught every course from basic boating to Junior Navigator as well as several electives.

His now famous slogan, "Grip and Grin", shows his commitment to being friendly and engaged in making the United States Power Squadrons the place to be to continue to make the water a better place.



DISTRICT 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee For the 2017-2018 one-year term

Commander	D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P	Waterbury
Exec. Officer	D/Lt/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN	Norwich
Educ. Officer	D/Lt/C Timothy T. Tyler, JN	Hartford
Admin. Officer	Open	
Secretary	Open	
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	New Haven
Asst. Ed. Officer	Open	
Asst. Secretary	Open	
Asst. Treasurer	Open	
Asst. Admin.	Open	

Rules Committee

2015-2018	P/D/C James E. Coley, JN	Saybrook
2016-2019	Betsy Tyrrell, S	Meriden
2017-2020	Open	

Audit Committee

2015-2018	Michele Moroni, S	Middletown
2016-2019	P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
2017-2020	Open	

Planning Committee

2015-2018	P/C Christine L. Gwizd, AP	Hartford
2015-2018	P/D/Lt/C Stanley L. Klein, SN	Middletown
2016-2019	P/C Joe Fernandes, P	Meriden
2016-2019	P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP	Meriden
2017-2020	Open	

Nominating Committee

2015-2018	P/D/C George M. Gilbert, AP	Middletown
2016-2019	Open	
2017-2020	D/C Arthur Andrea, AP	

The Nominating Committee

P/D/C Patrick Pabouet, P	Chairman
P/D/C George M. Gilbert, AP	

Want to get your Squadron going with VSC?

Vessel Safety Checks are a great way to "advertise" the U.S. Power Squadron and your own Squadron. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding to check boats to make sure they are safe. Boaters appreciate our free checks to get their Coast Guard sticker. Please contact our District VSC Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P at Argus06108@aol.com to express your interest.

Summer Is Almost Here

These summer activities will be described in more detail in the Summer Sounds of 1, but in the meantime please put these events on your calendar.

29 April **Marine Swap Meet and Cookout**
See page 6 for full details

23-25 June **D-1 June Rendezvous, Essex Island Marina.** Boating members will arrive Friday evening. Non-boating members will begin arriving at 10:00 on Saturday and enjoy a flare demonstration, fire extinguisher demonstration, a USCG boat, and other activities. A light lunch will be served and the council held at 13:00 followed by the blessing of the fleet, the Commander's cocktail party and a picnic.

24 June **D-1 Council** convenes at 13:00.

15 July **D-1 Sail Race,** Branford Yacht Club, Branford, CT. This is an official function of the ECSA, Eastern CT Sailing Association. You can sail in this race at a reduced rate even if you are not a member.

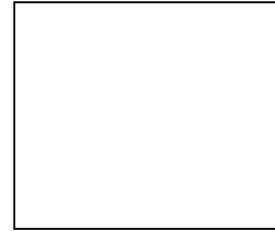
21-23 July **D-1 Mini Cruise, Mitchell Park Marina, Greenport, LI** Amenities include: Free wireless internet access, Free television access, 30, 50, 100 amp service, Potable water on all docks, Free pump-out station, Dog walk area with fire hydrant. Dogs must be on leashes!, Heads and showers, Cement floating docks that minimize wave action, Adjacent to Park is the carousel, boardwalk, camera obscura, misting field and seasonal events. Call 631 477-2200

July (TBA) **D-1 Fishing Derby, date TBA,** with the Awards Picnic at 1600 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT. Picnic - \$5 and bring a side dish or dessert. RSVP to Gene and Linda Lewis 860-442-4740. All are welcome even if you are not fishing.

11-13 August **D-1 Mini Cruise, Lisman Landing Marina, Milford, CT** is located just steps from beautiful historic downtown Milford. Available amenities include trained dock staff to assist in your tie-up, complimentary morning coffee and newspaper, free pump out with an overnight stay, 30 amp and 50 amp electrical service, ice and water, a laundromat, handicap accessible shower and restroom facilities, barbecue/picnic area, car rental, bicycle rental, and concierge service. Many restaurants and shops are within walking distance. Call 203-874-1610

17 September **District High Speed Ferry to Block Island Trip**





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c/o 44 Copplesstone Rd., Avon, CT 06001

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Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, JN	860-561-0669
Admin Officer	D/Lt/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN	860-742-1714
Acting Secretary	P/D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	860-423-3341
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	203-234-7794

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Directions to the Coast Guard Academy- Officer's Club, 15 Mohegan Avenue, New London

1. Travelling north on I-95, take exit 83 onto Frontage Rd.
2. Take the left onto Williams St.
3. Follow Williams St. to a right onto Mohegan Avenue.
4. Take a right onto Tampa St. and into the entrance of the Academy. **YOU WILL NEED TO SHOW PHOTO IDS AT THE ENTRANCE.**
5. Follow Tampa two blocks to a left into the parking lot for the Officer's Club just prior to Harriet St.

District 1 is cordially invited to join the **Hartford Power Squadron for its 4th ANNUAL MARINE SWAP MEET AND COOKOUT**. Come Find Your Treasure!

Sign up for a space and free yourself of no longer needed treasures. Searching for treasure? Stop by and find what you've been looking for at a great bargain.

April 29, 2017 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Rain Date April 30, 2017

Portland Riverside Marina
37 Riverview St, Portland, CT 06480

Call Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669
Email swapmeet@hartfordpowersquadron.com
Additional Information: hartfordpowersquadron.com/swapmeet

