

Summer

2020

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**Your 2020-2021 District 1 Bridge**



Executive Officer Arthur Andrea, AP, Secretary Linda L. Lewis, AP, Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN, Commander Charles F. Greenbacker, JN, Admin Officer Peter DePascale, AP, Education Officer George Gilbert, JN

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## **From the Helm: Cdr Charles F. Greenbacker, JN**

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and making the best of this most unusual time in history. Our health and well-being should continue to be our primary concerns.

You will notice that this year's summer *Sounds of 1* is somewhat abbreviated due to our lack of summer activities. In light of the current restrictions on social gatherings, the Essex Island management has limited gatherings to 5 people, so we have cancelled the June Rendezvous. We are also holding off on all of our other summer activities except that Art Andrea reports that the Sail Race is still on at this time (see page 3). This will be a year of boating in small groups and we hope all of you are able to get out on the water.

Because of the cancellation of the 2020 Spring Conference, the District Bridge made the decision to hold the election for our 2020-21 slate of officers via email. Please see the full explanation below.

I know it is sometimes difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel, but I am confident we will weather this storm. Keep well, stay strong, and remember to wash your hands.

### **District 1 2020-21 Election of Officers**

Our District Bylaws allow for an election of officers via 'electronic means' and our District Secretary sent out an election ballot to the 'District Conference'. The 'District Conference' is composed of the District Bridge, the immediate past District Commander and the past District Commanders who are active members of district squadrons and living in the district, the Elected Committee Chairs, the 13 Squadron Commanders, and two Squadron 'Delegates' named by each Squadron's Commander. These are the members that would have voted at the District Conference. The ballot consisted of the slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee as published in the Spring *Sounds of 1*.

### **District 1 Change of Watch**

The election was completed and the slate of officers for 2020-21 were duly elected. The new Bridge is identical to the 2019-20 Bridge as shown on page 1. Our bylaws allow the Bridge to continue to function until a Change of Watch takes place. This may take place at the Fall Conference in November if not sooner.

### **In-Remembrance**

Chaplain, Cdr Paul Bialecki, P, reports that the following members will be remembered at our next meeting.

HARTFORD	P/Lt/C, Donald G. Watson, AP
MANCHESTER	Mary Eppler, P, James T. Donahue, P, Walter R. Stetson
NEW BRITAIN	Holly Hollister, Arlene Skelskey, P, P/C James J. Skelskey, AP, Robert Knaus,
NEW HAVEN	P/Lt//C Robert H. Mansfield, SN
NORWICH	P/C Stuart "Skip" G. Mauer, AP
SAYBROOK	P/D/Lt/C Priscilla "Polly" Woods, AP, P/C/C Robert L. Woods, SN

### **DAN Boater Benefit**

Our National Organization has partnered with DAN Boater to provide additional travel benefits to our members. The price is \$25 per family/year and is an optional portion of your annual billing. Some of the benefits are: 24/7 medical hotline; Worldwide medical evacuation and repatriation; translation services. All of these benefits for land & sea travel are covered if 50 miles from home. Please see: [www.DANboater.org/abc/](http://www.DANboater.org/abc/) for more information and the complete handbook at: <https://danboater.org/docs/DAN-Boater-Member-Benefits-Handbook.pdf>.



**National Awards** *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2019-20.*

**50 Year Pins:**

P/D/C Walter Wiegert, SN	Saybrook
P/C John Robinson, AP	Saybrook
Lt/C Edward Englehart, AP	New Britain
Lt/C William Cardtenuto, AP	Milford

**Life Members (25 Merit Marks):**

Lt Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP	Hartford
Lt/C Sean J. Connor, JN	Manchester

**2019 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Publications**

District 1	Sounds of 1
Hartford	The Bilge Pump
Middleton	The Jib Sheet
New Haven	Bulletin
Norwich	The Compass Rose
Waterbury	Pharos Beacon

**2019 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites**

District 1  
Hartford Power Squadron  
Meriden Power Squadron  
Middletown Power Squadron  
New Haven Power Squadron  
Norwich Power Squadron  
Waterbury Power Squadron

**Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund for 2019 with a 100% contribution**

Hartford	21 <sup>st</sup> Year
Manchester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
New Britain	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
New Haven	4 <sup>th</sup> Year
Middletown	6 <sup>th</sup> Year
Norwich	19 <sup>th</sup> Year

**2019 CoOp Charting Awards (Nautical)**

District 1	Honor Roll, 5 <sup>th</sup> in USPS
Hartford Power Squadron	Honor Roll, 6 <sup>th</sup> in USPS

**District Awards** *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2019-20.*

**Everett M. Labelle Achievement Award**  
New Haven

**District VSC Awards for most VSCs**

- 1) P/D/C Walter Wiegert, SN Saybrook
- 2) P/C John Robinson, AP Saybrook
- 3) P/D/C Patrick Pabouet, P Hartford

Winning Squadron: Saybrook

**Historian’s Award** 100% of squadron histories through 2018-19

P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
Cdr Ken Bell, Sr., AP	Meriden
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	District 1

**Sail Race**

P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP New Haven

**District Sail Race**

We are joining with 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. The race is still ‘on’ at this time.

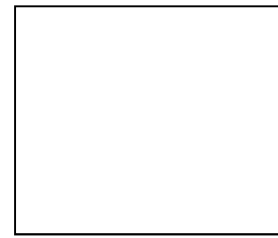
If you are already a member of the ECSA, you can take part and earn ECSA points as well as credit for your squadron. ECSA membership is \$55/year. Trophies will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class.

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

**Entry fee:** \$35.00 per boat (\$30.00 for USSA members) plus \$15 prepaid per person attending the awards party/ \$18 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](mailto:arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net) or 203-641-0954.





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**2018 U.S. Coast Guard Boating Statistics**

- The fatality rate was 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels, which tied as the third lowest rate in the program's history. This rate represents a 3.6 percent decrease from last year's fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Property damage totaled about \$46 million.
- Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2018, accounting for 100 deaths, or 19 percent of total fatalities.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, machinery failure, and excessive speed ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where the cause of death was known, 77 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 84 percent were not wearing a life jacket.
- Where boating instruction was known, 74 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.
- The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (50 percent), kayaks (13.5 percent), and canoes (7 percent).

