

Fall 2022

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# District June Rendezvous 'Safe Harbor' Essex Island Marina

The District returned to the "Safe Harbor" Essex Island Marina on 24-26 June for its annual June Rendezvous and Council meeting.

Members and guests enjoyed activities including a flare demo, "Blessing of the Fleet" by our Chaplain, Cdr Paul Bialecki, P, a lunch

"snack" hosted by the New Haven Squadron, our June Council

Sam Grover of the Road Runners wrote & sang the ballad, "the sinking of the Annie C" during Cdr Paul Bialecki's "Blessing of the fleet". Photo by Cdr Bill Bonney, AP



meeting, and the annual picnic hosted by the Milford Squadron.

Cdr Paul Bialecki, P leads the Council in the Blessing of the Fleet. Photo by Cdr Bill Bonney, AP



P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P and Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP of the Hartford Squadron demonstrate lighting a flare. Photo by P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN



# From the Helm: D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

I hope everyone had a nice Summer. It's always a sad time for me to take the boat out for the winter, but in five months we will start over again and put it back in the water.

I just returned from our National Governing Board meeting with some new announcements. The new ABC 3 course is out and ready to order. National reported that there were still 41 Squadrons that did not take advantage of the 20 free ABC books. If your squadron is in that group, please check it out. They also passed several changes in the By-laws to allow Districts and Squadrons to have fewer officers and committees. This is all part of their reorganization efforts.

I want to thank the New Haven and Milford Squadrons for hosting the June Council and June Rendezvous. I also want to thank the 'Road Runners' for the music and thank everyone who came out to support the District. I also want to thank everyone for what you do for the United States Power Squadron, your District, and your Squadron.

## **Hartford Boat Show Booth**

District/1 is hoping to participate in the **2023 Hartford Boat Show**. It will be held at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We don't have enough detail at this time to firm up our plans, but if you are interested in signing up for a 3-4 hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please call Cdr Art Andrea at 203-641-0954 or email trescooch@yahoo.com. We are planning to firm up our plans at the Fall Conference and will then contact all those expressing interest.



# Middletown and Hartford Squadrons Celebrate their 90th

Fifty-two Middletown Squadron, Hartford Squadron, and District guests turned out on Saturday, 17 September, at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Hartford & Middletown Squadrons.

State Representative, Quentin "Q" Williams of Middletown presented & read Citations from the Connecticut House of Representatives and Senate to each Squadron. D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN read greetings from our District Commander, Art Andrea, AP, who was at the USPS Governing Board in Raleigh, NC.



Following Introductions by Commanders Robert Borden, P and Bill Waseleski, AP, history notes from each squadron were read by Historians D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN and Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN. All were entertained by Steve Kazlauskas, "Sounds of Sinatra", and enjoyed a delicious buffet catered by Farrell's Restaurant of Portland.

#### **2022 Summer Activities**

Our Squadrons and members had a lot of fun on the water this summer. These are just some of the pictures and stories we received.

# 11 June Hartford Squadron CoOp Charting

The Hartford Squadron made its annual CoOp Charting trip on the Connecticut River. They found 110 ATONs with no discrepancies and 7 with missing numbers or needing paint. In addition, they reported a large tree in the river. The discrepancies were all reported to the USCG. The two boats met at Haddam Meadows State Park before returning to the East Hartford ramp and the Saybrook 'under bridge' ramp respectively. This year's team was Lt. Ted Wurz (kneeling); 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Ken Letendre, P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, Cdr Bill Waseleski, David Waseleski; 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Pete Berlandy, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, P/D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, P/D/C Pat Pabouet.

Photo by Paula Berlandy

Summer Activities continued to page 4.



## CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2022 FALL CONFERENCE

**DATE**: Saturday, 19 November, 2022

**HOST**: D-1 Bridge **TIME**: 0900

PLACE: Bradford Manor Fire House, 85 George St., East Haven, CT 06512 (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.

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 Charles F. Greenbacker, JN

Introductions of Guests and Head Table

D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

Welcome to the Conference

D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander

0930 **ABC Instructor Certification** D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN

Program: The Great Loop Dave and Candace McDougall

1130 Attitude Adjustment — Insignia Swap.

1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.

\* Awards presentation by D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

\* Raffle

1400 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting

Action on the minutes of the 19 March, 2022 Spring Conference

Departmental Workshops: for Officers indicated, and others interested

Commander's Meeting

ABC Instructor Certification (continued)

Admin Officer Meeting

Secretary Meeting

D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN

D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P

D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

**Reports of the District Officers** 

District Commander

D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

Executive Officer

D/Lt/C Patrick Pabouet, P

Educational Officer

D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN

Administrative Officer

D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P

Secretary

D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

Treasurer

D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN

**Reports of the General and Standing Committees:** 

Audit D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN

Rules Betsy Tyrrell, S

Planning P/D/C Elaine Williams, AP

Nominating P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

Law P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P

**Unfinished Business** 



#### **New Business**

Confirm the date and location for the 2023 Spring Conference, Host: New Britain Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting

#### 1530 **Benediction**

Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P

#### Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:

D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

## **Directions** to Bradford Manor Fire House, 85 George St., East Haven, CT 06512

From I-95 North, take exit 51 onto US-1 North. Right onto Hemingway Ave and then Coe Ave to George St. From I-95 South, take exit 52 and left onto N. High St. Left onto Main St and right onto Hemingway. Continue as above.

#### **D1 Fall Conference Luncheon**

The menu will be a buffet of: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Ziti, Meat Balls, Tossed Salad, sliced bread. Coffee and Danish included at morning registration. Beer & wine donation bar will be open for "Attitude Adjustment". Please send check for \$20 per person, made out to "USPS D-1" by 11 November to: Art Andrea, 10 Philip St., East Haven, CT 06512. Please make your reservations, as walk-ins may not be served a meal.

**Raffle** - Bridge Members and each Squadron are asked to bring a raffle item. Thank you.

**Pre-Conference Dinner** will be at Eli's on the Hill, 624 West Main St., Branford, 18 November 2022 at 1830 (6:30PM). Please confirm with Joyce Bonney at 860-794-8055 or <a href="mailto:jcbonney68@yahoo.com">jcbonney68@yahoo.com</a> by 12 November, 2022.

# Fall Conference Program: The Great Loop by Dave and Candace McDougall

Dave and Candace will present pictures and charts from their recent 'Great Loop' voyage. They fixed a number of issues on their boat during the trip and we'll hear about those. Their route charts will give us a good introduction to the route and some of the interesting stops along it.

#### **ABC Instructor Re-Certification**

All of our District 1 ABC Instructors will be needing their Re-Certification in 2023. D/Lt/C George Gilbert will be conducting a Re-Cert class at the Fall Conference and all ABC Instructors are urged to attend.

#### **2022 Summer Activities (continued)**

#### 9 July District Sail Race, Branford, YC

One boat 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 10 July. D/C Art Andrea, AP, of the New Haven Squadron, sailed in "TreScooch" Photo by Mike Ganci, P



<- P/D/C Walter Wiegert, SN of the Saybrook Squadron did **Vessel Safety checks** last June 4th at Essex YC.

Note that your fire extinguishers must now be 12 or fewer years old Photo by Janet Phillips of Essex YC.

->Harry and Sherry Sessa of the New Haven Squadron in their 'Alexandra' off the **Thimble Islands**. Photo by Ken Wynne





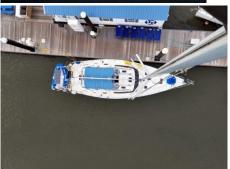


<- Sunset at Biddeford Pool, Maine.

Photo by Peter C. Jenkin, SN of the New Haven Squadron.

->Cdr RuthAnne and Peter Collins of the Norwich Squadron started a new water sport, paddle boarding.

->The sunset is from our mooring at **Dering Harbor**, **Green Port**, **LI**. Photos by RuthAnne Collins



<- Rob Goldstein of the Hartford Squadron from atop his 64.5' mast during the return of his boat from the west coast of Florida to Westbrook -1957 miles over 25 days.





<- Grandson Cobbe, 4, fell asleep on the paddleboard in **Great Salt Pond, Block Is.** Paddle boarding is very tiring.

->Granddaughter Kaia's first time on the helm at 5 months. Block Island Sound with her father, Michael Caramanico.

Photos by P/C Michael Camarata of the Waterbury Squadron



<-Oak Bluffs is busy as usual on a summer weekend. Photo by Cdr Bill Waseleski of the Hartford Squadron

->'Sailing Sam', winner of the Waterbury Squadron's September photo contest.

Photo by Cdr Jean Quigley, SN



<-D/Lt/C George Gilbert and Carol of the Middletown Squadron and P/D/Lt/C Tim Tyler and Elaine Cleary of the Hartford Squadron

rafted up at **Block Island**. Photo by Elaine Cleary



->Lt Jim Long and Nancy and Lt/C Peter Novicelli & Gail of the Meriden Squadron docked down from the *Cedar Island* at **Cedar Island Marina**. Photo by Jim Long.









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# District Holiday Party ----Featuring "Jim Sisti, Amazing Magic and Comedy"

The District is hosting a holiday party on Sunday, 4 December, at Campagna's Restaurant, 151 Marlborough Street. Portland, CT 06480.

The party will start at 1:00 PM with a cash bar and a cheese and cracker platter. The appetizers will be their wonderful stuffed potato skins. The meal will begin with bread and tossed salad. The Main Course will be penne ala vodka, meat balls, string beans, and chicken piccata. We will finish with coffee and your choice of several desserts.

For fun we have Jim Sisti who will entertain us with Magic and Comedy and we have a reprise of last year's Yankee-Swap. Bring a **wrapped** gift in the \$10 range for the Yankee-Swap. You'll get to take a gift and then others may steal it away. Finally, we'll have a 50/50 raffle. We will also be collecting **un-wrapped** gifts for Toys for Tots.

Don't miss out on this party. The cost is only \$28.00 per person. Book it early!

Please send your check for \$28.00 per person made out to "USPS D-1" to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Court, North Haven, CT 06473-2892 by 26 November, 2022.



Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP of Hartford Power Squadron with help from Grand-daughter, Krystal, led the Yankee Swap which was a lot of fun. Hint: don't bring honey.

Photo by P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

