

ANCHOR WATCH®

Stamford Sail and Power Squadron -- Stamford, CT-- May 2011

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At the April Meeting

At left we see Duncan Nevard of Intrepid Marine Electronics. At our last general meeting, he described what sort of new devices are available for you boat, and how they work. It seems the state of the art really is advancing. New broadband radars and sounders get you a better picture with less power. Most equipment now uses standard interfaces and connections, and more amazing, most are actually compatible, so a brand x radar can use a brand y display. As an added bonus, Duncan raffled off a VHF radio. The winner was Bill Linke, who generously donated it to the squadron.

(Photo R. Nelson)

Marchers (and Riders) Needed!

We need children to ride in boats and wear PFDs (thus setting a good example for boaters in general) for **Stamford's Memorial Day Parade**, Sunday, May 29. We also need grown-ups (like you, for example) dressed in white (or as near to white as you can get) to march with us. So if you can walk (or ride) come join us. If you know the drill, we will assemble at Bull's Head at 11:30. If you need more info, contact George Hallenbeck at gwlk@aol.com or 203 348 7121.

Correction

In our last issue, the description of one of the Change of Watch photos identified Al Hebert as Treasurer. He was and is our Secretary.

Flares and Extinguishers June - 6PM

On the first Monday night in June, Stamford will again host a live Fire Extinguisher and Flare night. The goal is to provide actual experience to each participant in the proper technique for putting out a fire and how to aim and shoot actual flares in a controlled environment so you will know what to do in an emergency, if you need it. It will also provide you with the opportunity to decide which type of flares are right for you.

The Fire Extinguishers will be at the Stamford Fire Training Center, 148 Magee Avenue and if the CG is not in the middle of a search and rescue, we will move to West Beach in Stamford for flares. Bring your old expired flares to help others.

We need some folks to help run this event, as we usually have a crowd. If you can help, Please call George Hallenbeck at gwlk@aol.com or 203 348 7121.

Education

To sign up or get more information on any of our classes, contact George Hallenbeck at gwlk@aol.com or 203 348 7121. Descriptions of courses can be found at <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept>.

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This class is in Progress, meeting Wednesday nights 7PM at the Senior Center, Stamford Gov't Center. Instructors John Gardell and Bill Cavers.

Inland Certification

This is a new program where an applicant is awarded the certification upon demonstrating a number of boat handling skills. This is still in the set-up and planning stage; if you are interested in the certification, or would like to help with the program, please contact George Hallenbeck.

Teachers needed for the Children's safe Boating Program

We need help. George and Anne are overwhelmed with requests for the program at different schools. We need teachers. To be a teacher you need to follow the course material, have studied it beforehand, and go with Anne or George at least 2 times for mentoring. Please consider helping with this important function for the kids.

If you can spare a few hours to make the next generation of boaters safer, please contact Anne Peskin at 203 322 6641.

-Cdr. Gino Bottino

We Need Your E-mail!

If you received your Anchor Watch on paper, you could get it faster, and in color, and save the squadron some money. (And help save some trees, too!) To do that, we need your e-mail address. (To be used only for Sail and Power Squadron business.) If you're not receiving your Anchor Watch electronically, please send a message titled "Anchor Watch" to rdnelson@interserv.com.

COOP Charting in June

We will gather on Gino's RAVEN HAWK at 10 AM, June 25 for this function. For more information or to sign up, contact Cdr. Gino Bottino, 203 357 8964 or gbottino@aol.com. Since it has been a long time since our squadron has participated in this, you editor includes the following description, from the National USPS web site:

Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Program is a major public service of USPS. Under it, members supply information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, and Coast Pilot publications. They also supply data on depth surveys, range status, and formerly, geodetic marks and aeronautical charts. The Adopt-A-Chart subprogram provides for individual squadrons to assume responsibility to keep a chart or a portion of a chart in their local boating area up to date and get recognition on new editions for their work. We have been told that the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services.

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Web Site: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/stamford/>



USPS Courses Offered in 2010 – 2011

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This Consortium has arranged to present ALL of the Advanced Grade and Elective courses in the catalogue at least once a year. For information, e-mail the contact listed below for each course, or telephone Susan Ryan at (203) 698 – 0441.

Advanced Grades:

Course Name (BOC [®])	Offered by	Start Date	Location	Contact
Scamanship 1	Norwalk Darien	Jan 8 2011 Sat - Aft. Apr 11 2011 Monday	First Cong. Ch. - Norwalk Middlesex Middle School	reddog_captain@yahoo.com Leah_beckman@mac.com
Piloting 2	Greenwich Norwalk	Feb 8 2011 Tuesday Feb 12 2011 Sat – Aft.	Greenwich High School Norwalk Library	Robert.Henry@pharma.com reddog_captain@yahoo.com
Advanced Piloting 3	Stamford	Spring / Fall 2011	*See Note	gwlk@aol.com
Junior Navigation 4	Stamford	Feb 23 2011 Wednesday	St. Ctr. @ Stamford Gvt. Ctr.	gwlk@aol.com
Navigation 4	Stamford	Fall 2011	*See Note	gwlk@aol.com

Electives:

Course Name	Offered by	Start Date	Location	Contact
Cruise Planning 3	Greenwich	Fall 2011	Greenwich High School	Robert.Henry@pharma.com
Engine Maintenance 1	Greenwich Norwalk	Sep 16 2010 Thursday Oct 5 2010 Tuesday	Greenwich High School Norwalk City Hall	Robert.Henry@pharma.com reddog_captain@yahoo.com
Marine Comm. Systems	Darien	April 12 2011 Tuesday	Middlesex Middle School	leah_beckman@mac.com
Marine Electrical Sys. 1	Greenwich	Feb 28 2011 Monday	Greenwich High School	Robert.Henry@pharma.com
Sail-classroom based	Darien	Jan 10 2011 Monday	Middlesex Middle Sch.	leah_beckman@mac.com
Sail-w/on water classes	Norwalk Stamford	Feb 12 2011 Sat - Aft. Apr 20 2011 Wednesday	First Cong. Ch. - Norwalk Stamford Government Cntr.	reddog_captain@yahoo.com gwlk@aol.com
Weather 3	Norwalk	Oct 6 2010 Wednesday	Grace Epis. Ch. - Norwalk	reddog_captain@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	Norwalk	Feb 19&26 2011 Sat - Aft.	Grace Episcopal Ch-Norwalk	reddog_captain@yahoo.com

*NOTE – Course to be presented "On Request" once a minimum number of students is available

Courses Required for BOC Levels: 1= Inland Navigator 2=Coastal Navigator 3= Advanced Coastal Pilot 4= Offshore Navigator



**2011
Stamford Sail and Power Squadron
& Halloween Yacht Club Day Race
Saturday, August 20 (Rain Date, Sunday August 21)
Entry Form
Open to ALL Sailors**

Please send completed form and check for \$30 entry fee (payable to Stamford Sail and Power Squadron) and valid 2011 PHRF certificate (if available) to: Stamford Sail and Power Squadron, c/o Robert Nelson, 217 Bouton St. West, Stamford, CT 06907.

Note: Entries must be received by Monday, August 15th.

Owner's Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Telephone _____
 Eve/wknd: (____) _____ - _____
 Days: (____) _____ - _____
 Email: _____
 Yacht name: _____
 Sail Number: _____
 Class of yacht (eg. "J-30"): _____
 Year built: _____
 Length Overall: _____
 Length Water Line: _____

Your yacht must have auxiliary power and safety equipment as required by the USCG. Ultimate responsibility for the conduct and safety of each participating yacht rests with her captain and/or owner. They are jointly and severally liable and, by entering the yacht in this event, accept all risks of participation. They further agree that the Stamford Sail and Power Squadron, the Halloween Yacht club, their officers, and race officials will be held harmless for personal injury, or loss of life, or damage to or loss of yachts or gear. I have read the above conditions and release the Race Committee and all race officials from all liability.

 Signature of Captain Date

Note: After the race, refreshments will be served and awards will be presented at the reception at the Halloween Yacht Club. How many crew representing your yacht, including yourself, will attend? []

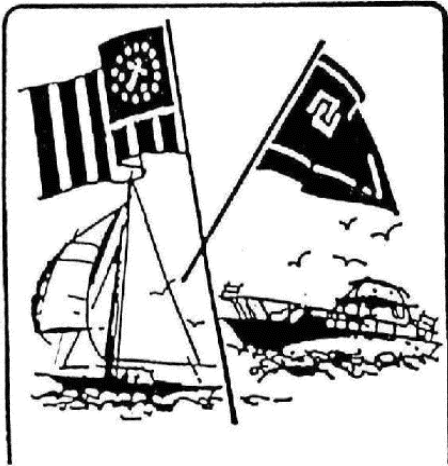
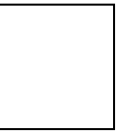
**Start line between R32 ("The Cows") and Committee Boat. First Gun 1200
 Racing Instructions and Courses will be available at HYC, and online at:
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/stamford/Race.html>**

If you need more information, please contact Robert Nelson at rdnelson@interserv.com, or 203 595 9343

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Event:
Flares and
Extinguishers
June 6



May 2011

ANCHOR WATCH

May 18 General Meeting Canceled

We decided having both the general meeting and the Cinco de Mayo dinner would be too much for one month, so we have decided not to hold the May 18 meeting listed in last month's calendar.

Calendar of Coming Events

May	29	Stamford's Memorial Day Parade
June	6	Flares and Extinguishers
June.	25	Coop Charting Rendezvous
July	29-31	District 2 Summer Council and Rendezvous
August	20	SSPS/Halloween Yacht Club Race