

ANCHOR WATCH®

Stamford Sail and Power Squadron -- Stamford, CT-- February 2012

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

Commander's Message

It is not as cold here in Jacksonville Florida as it is at home, but not warm enough to be fun. So instead I find myself attending faithfully the USPS National Meeting. Going to national is fun but more than that it is invigorating. All the people dressed up (around 700) in uniform and working all over the nation on behalf of USPS. I said it before, if you get the chance to do it, you should come at least once!

The main issues revolve around education, especially on the water integration. Equally as important is the updating of all the course materials. Many committees meet to get their work done.

At the meeting our George Hallenbeck was elected to the national Bridge as a Lieutenant Flag Officer in charge of Electronics education. Congratulations George!

Many of the D2 District officers were in attendance including the whole D2 Bridge. D/C Lacey Williams threw us a great dinner on Friday night. We had a great time and better, a chance to get to know each other.

During the meetings I took 2 Leadership courses, each a day long. They were long and tiring, but well worth it. Susan Darcy taught one and she was the best! They not only provided insights into running the squadron, but valuable life lessons as well! I also was educated into the NOAA charting database and was given a number and password to be able to enter data in the future. I had heard that the CO-OP charting program was defunct because NOAA was not taking data. This is wrong, they very much want us to continue to help them. Because of legal issues, they now have to go out and verify the data, but our work guides them to the problem areas.

Some squadrons have put together "Early First Responder Teams" that monitor radio and respond to alerts. Then go out and help the distressed vessel. I asked about this treading on the USCGAUX, but they said the CG and the AUX were glad to have them available.

I spent most of my time in the education meetings this year, trying to see what was going to define us for the next year or two going forward. Like us, they are very concerned about membership and how it interacts with the ABC class and follow up classes. There was a lot of discussion on "Online" courses and how to capture people taking them into the squadrons. George will update us at the next meeting.

I wanted to share what I was doing with you, to show you that the squadrons are active and National is really working on all our problems. We will survive and thrive.

Next I want to discuss the general monthly meeting and it's time. We always had it on Monday's at 7PM.

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**Save the Date - Our 2012
Change of Watch Dinner
Will be held at the
Stamford Yacht Club
On Wednesday, March 21**

*Some details are still being worked
out, so watch for your invitation*

Commander's Message

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When I took over as Commander only the board and a few others would show, even that dwindled. Monday was a great night in the old society, but not in our modern world, especially for families with children going to school. It has taken a while to find a new "spot" but we seem to have settled down on the Third Wednesday night of each month at 7 PM. We now need to make this regular, and punctual. With our new Admin Vivian working on this with speakers and informative events, we hope to build these up to great meetings people want to come to. We will continue to do some joint meetings with local squadrons, as getting good speakers is also a responsibility to them to provide a good audience! I would like you all to look ahead at the speakers and try to attend. We will use SailAngle to put a message out to you all.

My last discussion today will be on SailAngle itself. What SailAngle does for you and USPS is keep the emails and information we put out private. We get this service for free (most others have to pay to use a service like this). It is far from perfect and I am the first one to admit that. I know many of you do not like it as it is harder to use than some of the more open free services. At the same time it is more protected and it gives you a reason to go on SailAngle and check out what is going on in National, District and USPS in general. It is a social networking tool that the younger generation not only accepts but is enthralled with! It is the future. National has committed to using it and we should try to do this too.

We already have a date for the COW on Wednesday, March 21st 2012, mark it on your calendar and come! It will be at Stamford Yacht Club, a great venue with good food and an elegant surroundings.
-Cmdr. Gino Bottino

Ship's Store Online

The good folks at Commodore Uniform & Nautical Supplies have set up an online store where you can order shirts, hats, jackets and sweatshirts with our Squadron's logon. Take a look:

<http://www.commodoreuniforms.com/stores/stamfordps/index.html>

At the Founder's Day Dinner

At our December 15 dinner, we did more than meet with friends. We also saluted our instructors, who do some of our Squadron's most important work. Below, Squadron Education Officer George Hallenbeck (right) recognizes Al Hebert. Next page, left to right, we have Anne Peskin, Chester Lowe and Bob Nelson. On a lighter note, next down on the left, Debbie Benedetto is presented with the prize for the Texas Hold'um Contest at the D2 Rendezvous. To the right and below we see everyone who turned out for our gathering.

(All photos Leo Nelson.)



Anchor Watch

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Bridge

Commander	Cdr. Gino Bottino AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Vivian Werner
Executive Officer	Lt/C Chester Lowe
Education Officer	P/C George Hallenbeck AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Ellen Blum AP
Secretary	Lt/C Alvin Hebert AP

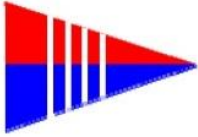
Executive Committee

Mary Howland AP	William F. Linke SN
Anne Peskin SN	Robert D. Nelson JN

Immediate Past Commander Debbie Benedetto

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





United States Power Squadrons®
District 2 Spring Conference 2012
 Hosted by Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron
 Friday and Saturday, April 20 – 21, 2012



At the Hyatt Regency Greenwich
 1800 E. Putnam Ave • Old Greenwich • CT 06870
 (203) 637-1234 • www.greenwich.hyatt.com

Friday:	3:00 pm	Registration begins
	5:00 pm	Meet & Greet, Hospitality Suite
	7:00 pm	Dinner with Chief Commander's Representative
Saturday:	8:00 am	Registration/Coffee
	9:00 am	Morning Session
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:30 pm	Afternoon Session
	5:00 pm	Meet & Greet, Hospitality Suite
	7:00 pm	Dinner and Dancing, Riverside Ballroom

Dress: Fri. dinner: Blazers. Sat. meeting: Uniform G or appropriate attire. Dinner: Uniform A or evening attire.

(DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION)

REGISTRATION FORM: First time attending a District meeting? Please check here _____

Hotel rooms: Please reserve early with Marsha (late fee applies after April 6)

1st Registrant Name _____ Grade ____ Rank ____ Position _____

Address _____ Tel: _____ Squadron _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email: _____

2nd Registrant Name _____ Grade ____ Rank ____ Position _____

Friday buffet dinner Number of guests ____ @ \$40/person = \$ _____

Saturday coffee & Danish and lunch Number of guests ____ @ \$20/person = \$ _____

Saturday dinner/dance Number of guests ____ @ \$65/person = \$ _____

Note your entrée choice: Roast pork loin/citrus glaze _____ or Chicken/rosemary & lemon _____

All guests have mixed salad, gazpacho soup as appetizers, peach tarte tatin for dessert, and coffee.

Rooms Friday ____ Saturday ____ Total ____ rooms @ \$130 = \$ _____

(includes full breakfast and Wi-Fi)

Late fee if registration is received after April 6 ...(\$10)..... = \$ _____

REGISTRATION TOTAL = \$ _____

Social Program: For those not attending the meeting, please contact Rick Ewen (914) 584-6555 for activities.

**Please make checks payable to Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron, and mail with this completed form to:
 Marsha Colten, 95 Alexandra Dr. Stamford, CT 06903 • Tel (203) 329-9622 • Email D2Conference@gmail.com**

Form Date – 10 January 2012

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>.

America's Boating Course (Basic Boating)

In progress, meeting Tuesdays at Rippowam at 7PM. The current schedule has the final exam on April 10, with graduation April 11.

Piloting

This course covers near-shore navigation, including manual and electronic plotting, aids to navigation and GPS. **Revised schedule:** It will start February 27 at 7:30, on the 2nd floor of the Government Center at Tresser and Washington Boulevards.

Seamanship

The suggested next course after Basic Boating teaches practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, and what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions. Starts February 8 at 7:30, at the Marine Center on Magee Ave. (Behind Animal Control.)

Teachers needed for the Children's safe Boating Program

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

CONSORTIUM SCHEDULE 2011 – 2012

The Squadrons of Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, Norwalk, Saugatuck, and Penfield. have coordinated their educational offerings For information, e-mail the contact listed below for each course, or contact Susan Ryan: susanpryan@sbcglobal.net (203) 698 – 0441.

Advanced Course Name	Offered by	Start Date	Location	Contact
Seamanship	Greenwich	Mon. 10/17/2011	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net
	Norwalk	Sat. 10/22/2011	tbd	karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
	Darien	Mon. 4/?/2012	Middlesex Middle School	Leah_beckman@mac.com
Piloting W/on-water classes >>>>>>	Darien	Mon. 9/12/2011	Middlesex Middle School	Leah_beckman@mac.com
	Greenwich	Mon. 9/27/2011	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net
	Stamford	Jan 2012	Stamford Govt. Center	gwlk@aol.com
Advanced Piloting W/on-water classes >>>>>>	Darien	Mon. 1/9/2012	Middlesex Middle School	Leah_beckman@mac.com
	Greenwich	Late January 2012	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net
	Norwalk	Sat. 3/3/2012	tbd	karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
	Stamford	After their P course	Stamford Govt. Center	gwlk@aol.com
Junior Navigation	Consortium	Fall 2013		susanpryan@sbcglobal.net
Navigation	Stamford	Wed Jan 2012	Stamford Govt. Center	gwlk@aol.com

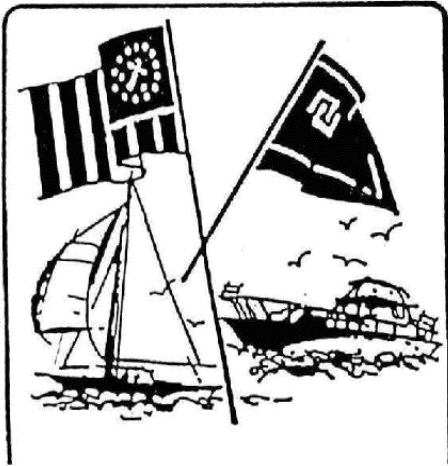
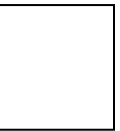
Electives Course Name	Offered by	Start Date	Location	Contact
Cruise Planning	Greenwich	Mon. 9/17/2011	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net
	Norwalk	Sat. 1/7/2012	tbd	karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
Engine Maintenance	Norwalk	Mon. 10/10/2011	tbd	karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
	Greenwich	Late January 2012	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net
Marine Electrical Systems	Norwalk	Sat. 1/7/2012	tbd	karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
Marine Comm. Systems	Greenwich	Late January 2012	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net
	Norwalk	Sat. 3/3/2012	tbd	karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
Sail W/on-water classes	Stamford	Fall 2012	Stamford Govt. Center	gwlk@aol.com
Weather	Darien	Tues. 1/10/2012	Middlesex Middle School	Leah_beckman@mac.com
	Greenwich	January 2012	Greenwich High School	rhenry149@optonline.net

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Stamford CT 06907

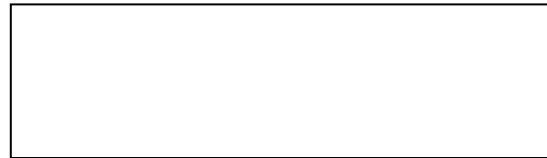
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Change Of Watch
At Stamford Y.C.
March 21
Watch for your
Invitation!



February 2012

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Stamford Sail and Power Squadron Calendar

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| February | 8 | Seamanship Class begins, 7:30, Marine Center Magee Ave. |
| February | 27 | Piloting Class begins, 7:00, 2 nd floor, Government Center, Washington and Tresser Blvds. |
| March | 21 | Change of Watch Dinner, Stamford Y.C. |