



# United States Power Squadrons®



## MINUTES OF FALL CONFERENCE

November 18, 2023

New Haven Sportsman's Club, Guilford, CT

**Call to Order:** D/C Patrick Pabouet, P called the Fall Conference to order at 0910 at the New Haven Sportsman's Club, Guilford, CT.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by D/Lt/Ken Bell, Sr. AP

**Invocation:** was given by P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN

**Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance:** P/D/C George Gilbert, JN introduced P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P; P/D/C Herb Greenbacker, SN; P/D/C Charles Marino, P and P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP.

**Introduction of Head Table.** D/C Patrick Pabouet,P introduced the head table.

**Welcome to the Conference:** New Haven Commander Peter Jenkin, SN welcomed everyone.

**Roll Call:** Secretary D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP called the roll. Commanders or alternates were present from 6 of the 11 squadrons. Total members included: Hartford 6; Manchester 0; Meriden 2; Middletown 2; New Britain 4; New Haven 9; New London 0; Norwich 2; Saybrook 0; Springfield 3; Waterbury 2. Six District bridge officers are present. Total number present 30. A quorum was declared.

**Message from Chief Commander:** Chief Commander Craig D. Fraser, SN sent a video presentation highlighting the IT plan improvements with increased customer satisfaction, where members can do a one-stop-shop, pay dues, join groups etc. Districts would be able to sign up members, purchase educational materials etc. All of this is still in the testing phase.

In the Education Department they are integrating modern technology with a vision to the primary needs of the members and improvement in classroom teaching and department communication. There are new courses in Marine Navigation, Weather for Boaters, Paddle Seminar and GPS Chart Plotter. There is an American Boaters Channel for smart TV's offering over 500 boating safety and educational videos thru Roku and Fire TV.

The Kansas City Governing Board will be live streamed and can be viewed on You tube. There will be electronic voting by all members of the governing board.

Membership is Job #1 We need to improve marketing, recruitment and retention.

He noted that the Annual Meeting will take place at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando Florida Feb 5-11. Best Wishes to Mary Catherine Berube, Executive Director since 1999 who is retiring after 46 years with USPS

**Program:** Tim Macklin, co-founder of Collective Oyster Recycling and Restoration presented a power point on the importance of oyster shell recycling. Most important is that oysters keep the environment

healthy. They also provide jobs. Oyster shells create a habitat for other marine organisms. They improve the water quality thru filtration and improve the shoreline stabilization by building up reefs.

CORR is partnering with restaurants in Connecticut to save the shells. They have small table buckets which are then dumped into larger containers that are picked up by CORR for shell curing out in the elements for 6 months. Shells are then planted in creeks and other areas to form reefs in the early spring in time for spawning.

This program is well regulated by the Department of Agriculture as is all commercial and recreational shell fishing. CORR has done fundraisers, festivals and educational outreach to make the public aware that their goal is to save every shell for recycling.

**Report of District Officers:**

**District Commander Patrick Pabouet, P**

Since the Spring Conference last year, we had a successful rendezvous at Essex Island. This may be the last one at that location. The new owners are more interested in weddings and they are charging us a premium rate. We have found a new venue. It is going to be at the Middlesex Yacht Club. There is a pool and a place for us to get out of the weather if it rains, just like Essex but less than half the cost of Essex Island.

Our Christmas party changed venue also. It is going to be at the Elks Club in Middletown. Our Admin officer and some members of District 1 got together to set it up for us. Plan to attend. Send in your check to Peter Jenkin. There is room for 65 to attend.

The summer activities are getting set up and you will get the information soon. Talk to our Admin Officer Bill Waseleski if you would like to set up a cruise or a rendezvous in addition to our other activities.

Looking forward to next spring we have the 70th anniversary of the Meriden Squadron. Other squadrons that have their Change of Watch scheduled for April will be able to join the Meriden Squadron for a traditional ceremony combining their Change of Watch with Meriden. More Information will be coming.

I hope you will attend our events. A lot of work has gone into planning them.

See you at the conference on the 18th.

**Additional Note:** We need to build up our membership. ABC classes will be conducted by Hartford Squadron in the new year. We need to have more Vessel Safety Checks. Possibly having a class to get this working again. Attendance at conferences has not been good. The more who attend will keep the cost down.

**District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles Marino, P**

Welcome Squadron Commanders, Officer, squadron members and guests to the New Haven Sportsman's Club.

Allow me to extend my deepest sympathy to Frank Krapf and family on the passing of Frank's wife Linda. Frank has been a member of the Waterbury Squadron since 2007.

I reached out and spoke with, or received calls back regarding Vessel Safety checks as follows:

Waterbury (Eric Burdett)	19
Hartford	15

Pat Pabouet	6
Cliff McKibbin	9
Meriden (Ken Bell, Jr)	13
New Haven (Art Andrea)	8
Manchester	23
Joyce Bonney	18
Bill Bonney	5
Saybrook (Walter Wiegert)	60

**District Education Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP**

I would like to welcome everyone back from their summer break. I have seen squadrons starting up classes. There are new courses coming out and replacing the old courses. National is looking for squadrons to do a Beta Testing for a new course that is coming out. I will talk about some of the new courses and update you.

District 1 will be doing an Instructor Recertification class at the Fall Conference. If anyone needs to be recertified, please come to the fall conference.

Please be safe during this holiday season

**Additional Note:** A new navigation will replace Junior Navigation. Other courses being updated are Engine Maintenance, Electronics, Marine Communications, and seminars. New Haven will be having a cruise planning class.

**District Administrative Officer D/Lt/C William Waseleski AP**

Thank you to all who attended the Essex Island Marina Rendezvous & Council Meeting on June 24th. Despite the heavy rain we had nearly 60 people in attendance. The new schedule & menu with corn on the cob and steamed clams was readily accepted.

Unfortunately, due to the small number of members renting transient slips at the rendezvous, Essex Island Marina will not host the 2024 rendezvous and council meeting. The 2024 rendezvous and council meeting will be held on June 8 at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester, CT. More information regarding transient slips, the schedule and cost will be forthcoming.

Our Holiday Part this year will be at the Middletown Elks Club on Saturday evening December 9th (5 pm - 9 pm), featuring entertainment (Echos of Sinatra with Steve Kazlauskas), an excellent buffet dinner, drinks at Elks members prices, and our Yankee swap. The cost is \$35 pp. Please get your reservations in to Peter Jenkin ASAP. The room comfortably holds 65 people. We anticipate a sell out as both the New Haven and Waterbury Squadrons along with Hartford have committed to participate.

District 1 is participating in the 2024 Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun again this year Jan 18 - 21. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4 hour time slot or have any questions regarding the show, please contact me at [wjwaseleski@gmail.com](mailto:wjwaseleski@gmail.com) or our Secretary Cliff McKibbin at [cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net](mailto:cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net). Admission to the show is Free for all those who help staff our booth.

See you at the Holiday Party!

**Additional Note:** I want to compliment New Haven on their Thimble Island Cruise. It is important to do activities that don't require a personal boat. We need more ideas to do combined squadron events.

## Secretary & Historian Report D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

Thanks to all of the squadrons who have submitted their 2022 histories. I am looking for someone to take over the district historian position. Please see me and we can go over everything.

Early in the new year Assistant Secretary RuthAnne Collins and I will be updating the District Roster. We need to have your 2024-2025 officers ASAP and any other changes that need to be made.

### United States Power Squadrons District 1 Historian Report

Squadron	Histories Submitted during 2022-2023	Histories Owed	Status
Hartford	2022	None	100%
Manchester	2022	None	100%
Meriden	2022	None	100%
Middletown		2014-2022	
New Britain	2022	None	100%
New Haven		1998-2022	
New London		2012-2022	
Norwich	2022	None	100%
Saybrook		2011-2022	
Springfield		1994-1999,2007,2011-2022	
Waterbury	2020-2022	None	100%
District 1	2022	None	100%

Please send your completed squadron history reports (H-701) to District 1 Historian D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP, 23 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385 or linleew1@comcast.net or call me if you have questions 860442-4740 (Home) or 860-908-3877 Cell

#### Treasurer Report: D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN

First, for the past three conferences, as well as the past three Essex Island Councils, we have been consistent in that we have managed to run an unbroken string of losses on them. The total loss was \$2,792.73. We are still solvent, as one can see by the attached Financial Report, but this is an unsustainable trend. We have taken steps to mitigate this trend starting with lunch at this conference. While we have held the price to attendees down, we have, in the past, paid exorbitant prices for meals that resembled dinner buffets rather than luncheons. The raffle income has not made up the difference.

Secondly, I cannot stress highly enough that squadrons must be sure to file their 990-N with the IRS every year. Failure to file for three years will result in loss of the squadron's non-profit exemption. This happened to Springfield Squadron, whose exemption was terminated in 2018. I was able to get their exemption restored retroactively to 2015. The workload was daunting, as you may have guessed. Springfield's Treasurer was able to give me figures for each tax year that had not been filed, and I had to amend the corporate filing to include new dissolution requirements, a \$35 fee to Massachusetts. We had to also file an online 1023 form requesting retroactive reinstatement with a \$600 user fee to IRS. The software cost was \$50. Had I done this work for a paying customer, my accountant's fee would have been

\$4,320. Needless to say, there were many hours, and a lot of back-and-forth communication with the Squadron Treasurer, to get this task done successfully. So, do not fail to file on time.

### **Reports of General & Standing Committees**

**Audit:** No report

**Rules** No Report

**Planning:** No Report

**Law** No Report

**Nominating:** Looking for volunteers for committees. I would like to have assistants for all officers.

At this time D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P formerly announced his retirement as District Chaplain.

**Awards:** The following are 50 year members for 2023. Pins and plaques will be awarded at the Spring Conference.

Hartford	Barry N. Gordon, AP
Manchester	Richard C. Rylander, S
New Haven	Frank. J. Borzenski, P
	Rudolph Niedermeier, N
	George F. O'Neil, AP

At this time Springfield Commander Henry Mikucki, N presented D 1 Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN with a plaque in appreciation for all his work in getting Springfield Squadron's non-profit exemption status restored from 2015.

Commander Pabouet asked for action on the minutes of the Spring Conference March 18, 2023. **A motion is made to accept the minutes as published. Seconded. Passed**

**Unfinished: None**

**New Business:** Confirm date and location of 2024 Spring Conference. Host: District 1. The date will be March 16, 2024. Location to be determined.

### **Consideration of other business to come before this meeting:**

**TR1** received by Headquarters. The Squadrons that are current and up to date.

Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, Norwich, Springfield, Waterbury, District 1

The Squadrons that are behind: Manchester, Middletown, New London, and Saybrook.

**Benediction:** Given by P/D/C George M Gilbert, JN

**Adjourned:** 1430

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS			Actual	Actual			
District 1 Financial Report (FY 2023-2024)		2023-24	3/1/2023	9/1/2023	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Dated: 31 October 2023		Code	8/31/2023	2/28/2024	YTD	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
OPERATIONS SUMMARY vs. BUDGET		Budget					
Dues Income	101	1400.00	1032.50	90.00	1122.50	1500.00	1542.50
Interest Income	102	225.00	218.50	69.20	287.70	210.96	262.00
Grant Income	104	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ships Store	105	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exec Dept/VSC Income	110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Educ Dept Income	114	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin Dept Income	118	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	119	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conference Ticket Income	140	1300.00	628.00	156.00	784.00	1328.00	840.00
Conference Raffle Income	141	300.00	125.00	0.00	125.00	308.00	250.00
	145						
June Rendezvous Ticket Income	150	250.00	560.00	0.00	560.00	215.00	260.00
June Rendezvous Raffle Income	151	100.00	334.00	0.00	334.00	105.00	77.00
	155						
Holiday Party Ticket Income	160	1100.00	0.00	210.00	210.00	1036.00	1200.00
Holiday Raffle Income	161	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	165	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activity Income	170	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	190	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>4675.00</b>	<b>2898.00</b>	<b>525.20</b>	<b>3423.20</b>	<b>4702.96</b>	<b>4431.50</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>							
Cdr Expense	200	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
National Meeting Hospitality	202	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards Expense	205	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.19	0.00
National Rep Expense	206	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.68	0.00
Exec Dept Expense	210	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.12
VSC Expense	211	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Squadron Advertising	212	0.00	0.00	(100.00)	(100.00)	500.00	(100.00)
Educ Dept Expense	214	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin Dept Expense	218	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sec Dept Expense	220	50.00	70.09	0.00	70.09	33.15	0.00
Sounds of 1-Printing Expense	221	85.00	23.76	75.42	99.18	83.46	38.40
Sounds of 1-Postage Expense	222	225.00	62.37	48.18	110.55	213.76	143.36
Treas Dept Expense	230	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
Bank Fee/Checks Expense	231	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sec of State Expense	232	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	50.00
	235						
Conf Meal Expense	240	1450.00	1428.43	0.00	1428.43	1814.99	137.67
Conf Facility Fee Expense	242	350.00	525.00	0.00	525.00	60.00	350.00
Conf pre/post Dinner Expense	243	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conf Squadron Expense	245	300.00	39.95	0.00	39.95	397.97	214.61
	247						
June Rendezvous Meal Expense	250	340.00	1128.35	0.00	1128.35	529.84	309.76
June Rendezvous Facility Fees	251	0.00	25.82	0.00	25.82	0.00	0.00
	255						
Holiday Party Meal Expense	260	1100.00	0.00	810.00	810.00	1036.80	1400.40
Holiday Party Other Expense	261	0.00	0.00	265.00	265.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activity Expense	270	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	316.97	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	290	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>4675.00</b>	<b>3353.77</b>	<b>1098.60</b>	<b>4452.37</b>	<b>5252.81</b>	<b>3190.32</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>(455.77)</b>	<b>(573.40)</b>	<b>(1029.17)</b>	<b>(549.85)</b>	<b>1241.18</b>
<b>STATEMENT of FINANCIAL CONDITION</b>	<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>PrePd Exp Prior Year</b>	<b>PrePaid Expense</b>	<b>Net Income</b>		<b>Balance</b>
Checking Account	6265.69				(1316.87)		4948.82
Certificates of Deposit	18593.46				287.70		18881.16
Accounts Receivable	0.00				0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24859.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(1029.17)</b>		<b>23829.98</b>