



Fall

2012

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District Spring Rendezvous Featured a New Venue



Our annual District Spring Rendezvous and Council meeting was hosted at the Saybrook Point Marina this year and we all enjoyed the new venue. The meetings and meal were held in a pavilion owned by the town of Saybrook while members docked their boats at the adjacent marina. Activities such as the flare demo, the Blessing of the Fleet, and the Homeland Security Coast Guard vessel were hosted by the Marina at their dock. Members were allowed to board and inspect the 44' Homeland Security vessel.

This is one of the twin 800+ h. p. engines that can power the boat to over 40 knots.



From the Helm: D/C Herb “Bud” Greenbacker, SN

Your Help Is Needed!

We are all aware that there are many benefits to being a member of USPS, but do we tell our friends and boat neighbors? Our membership numbers continue to decline, at a slower rate than in the past, but they are still declining. National reports they are in a poor financial year, income from dues is down and income from course material is down again this year. Are we reaching as many people as we can? The new Brunswick education partnership should begin helping us with our boating course attendance. Do you know about this new program? Is your Squadron going to participate? It should be a win-win for us.

Have you taken a course this year? If not, why not? Besides the knowledge you get, they are fun. I know people who met at a class and have remained close friends for years. Or do you already have more friends than you need? I don't!

I have thrown out these facts and ideas for you to think about. What are the answers to our challenges? If you have ideas, come to your local squadron meetings and talk to your officers about them, contact me about them or, better yet, come to the Fall Conference and help us with solutions. Chief Commander Alter will be in attendance and I am sure he will welcome any comments you wish to make. Remember, this your organization. It takes all of us to keep it going.

Cdr Bud

Members enjoyed themselves at the Commander's cocktail party at the Spring Rendezvous.



Education Officer-D/Lt/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN

Squadrons of District 1 should be scheduling our USPS courses and seminars for this fall and spring. Please enter your announcements for these classes and seminars on the District Calendar. Contact Cliff McKibbin cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net for assistance.

We will be having a Teaching Aid Contest at the Fall Conference. Be sure that your squadron enters this important event. Chief Commander John Alter, SN will attend our Fall Conference. We have great instructors in District 1. let's show the Chief what we, as District 1 squadrons, can offer in the way of Teaching Aids. It would be great if we had 13 different aids to show.

The Education department will be having an open meeting that explores the link between education classes and membership. Gather your thoughts and suggestions and attend this important discussion.

Both the Chapman and LeBel Award winners will be announced at the Luncheon. Full Certificate and Education Proficiency awards will also be presented.

Pattaconk Yacht Club is an excellent location to hold our Fall Conference. It overlooks the Connecticut River and reminds us how fortunate we here in District 1 are to be able enjoy this bountiful area of the United States. Hope to see everyone on the 17th of November.

New Format of the Sounds of 1

We hope you like the new format in this issue. It is easier to print for those using the web version and easier to produce. The only downside is that we are not allowed to put a staple in the left top corner to mail “non-profit, bulk rate” so we ask that you staple it if you wish.

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CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2012 FALL CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 17 November 2012
HOST: Hartford Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Pattaconk Yacht Club (see directions on page 4), Dock Road, Chester, CT
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire

Schedule:

- 0800 Registration. Ships Store, Coffee, Raffle Tickets
Teaching Aids Setup-1 exhibit per Squadron
- 0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN
Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Stanley L. Klein, SN
Invocation: D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain
Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C John R. Nason, SN
Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN
Welcome to Conference Cdr Richard C. Carlson, JN Hartford Squadron
Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 0930 **Message** from the Chief Commander C/C John T. Alter, SN
- 1015 **Program-** "Maritime Archaeology of Ships and 17th century Seafaring" Kroum N. Batchvarov, Ph.D
- 1115 **Attitude Adjustment** — Judging of the Teaching Aid displays
- 1200 **Luncheon**--See page 5 for menu and reservations.
* Awards presentation by D/C Bud Greenbacker, SN and C/C John T. Alter, SN
* Raffle
- 1400 **Departmental Workshops** (*for Officers indicated, and others interested*)
South Meeting Room-2nd Floor-Commander's Meeting D/Lt/C Gilbert
Main Meeting Room-SEO/ASEO workshop D/Lt/C Barbour
Main Meeting Room-Summer Activities D/Lt/C Andrea
Meeting Room-1st Floor- Mates Program "**Crusin' Cuisine**"--See page 5 for details.
- 1500 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 24 March 2012 Spring Conference
Reports of the District Officers
District Commander Bud Greenbacker, SN
Executive Officer D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP
Educational Officer D/Lt/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN
Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Secretary D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
Treasurer D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
- Reports of the General and Standing Committees:**
Audit P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Nominating P/C Stanley L. Klein, SN
Rules P/R/C Robert D. Bair, AP
Planning P/C Alison A. Varian, P
Law P/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
- Unfinished Business**

New Business

Approval of the 2013-2014 D-1 Budget P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN
Confirm the date and location for the 2013 Spring Conference, Host: D-1 Bridge
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting

1630 **Benediction** Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P
Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:
Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN

Directions to the Pattaconk Yacht Club:

1. Take Rt. 9 to exit 6.
2. Take a left(from South bound) or right (North bound) onto Rt. 148 toward the Hadelyme ferry.
3. Drive through Chester and the light at Rt. 154.
4. Take the 1st right onto Dock Road.
5. Park across from the main building.



WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24, 2012 – Beginning this week, the National Marine Manufacturers Association is distributing 100,000 E15 warning labels to NMMA member boat manufacturers across the country to place on their boats in hopes of alerting boaters to the potential dangers of fuel with a high volume of ethanol. The labels will help educate boaters that E15 should not be used in their boat.

Contrary to numerous studies that have shown ethanol to be hazardous to marine engines, the Environmental Protection Agency recently approved a plan submitted by the ethanol industry that effectively completes the last step in the regulatory process and allows E15 to enter the marketplace.

There are serious and well-documented human safety, environmental, and technological concerns associated with ethanol blends over 10 percent in recreational boat fuel tanks and engines. That means that anything above E10 can pose serious problems, including performance issues like stalling, corrosion leading to oil or fuel leaks, increased emissions and damaged valves, rubber fuel lines and gaskets.

Three years ago the ethanol industry filed a waiver with EPA to expand the amount of ethanol allowed in gasoline from 10 percent to 15 percent. Since then, EPA has approved two partial waivers that allow the fuel to be sold in cars from model years 2001 and newer and taken a series of steps to bring the fuel closer to the marketplace. NMMA along with the oil industry, food groups and other stakeholders have continued to oppose the introduction of E15.

It is important for consumers to stay aware at their local gas pumps, checking for any high ethanol fuels and to use only E10 or lower in their vessels. NMMA President Thom Dammrich says, "We encourage manufacturers to take action to help educate boaters by placing these E15 warning labels on their boats to warn about the dangers posed by E15 and help prevent costly and dangerous long term engine damage."

For more information on the National Boating Federation and their efforts to fight E15, please see: <http://www.n-b-f.org/>

District Fall Luncheon

The menu will be a hot and cold buffet, dessert, and coffee. The cost is \$19 per person which includes wine/Beer/soda. There are limited eating facilities close by and Pattaconk rules do not allow food to be brought in when they are furnishing a meal. There will be limited plates for sale at registration for \$20, so be sure to make your reservations by 10 November, 2012.

Send your check, for \$19.00 per person made out to USPS D-1to: Jim Monroe, 36 Oakwood St., Enfield, CT 06082

Pre-Conference Dinner

16 November, 2012, 1730
La Vita Gustosa Ristorante Italiano
9 Main St., East Haddam, CT 06425
860-873-8999 www.lavitagustosa.com/



Post-Conference Dinner

17 November, 2012 1730
The Gelston House, 8 Main St., East Haddam, CT
860-873-1411 www.gelstonhouse.com

Please come and join us at these dinners. They are not for District Officers only. They are for all members and a great way to meet people from other squadrons as well as your Chief Commander.

Please contact Art Andrea for reservations by 12 November, 2012, 203-468-1210 or 203-641-0954 trescooch@sbcglobal.net

Hotel Reservations

Those wanting to stay at a local hotel can stay at the Comfort Inn, 100 Essex Road, Old Saybrook, CT, 860-395-1414. The rate is \$129 or \$122 with an AAA or AARP membership card. This hotel is conveniently located 10 miles away from Pattaconk Yacht Club, making it approximately a 15 minute ride to the meeting.

Mates Program “Crusin' Cuisine”

Jim Monroe of the Hartford Squadron will give a professional presentation on cooking on boats from the shopping, storage, preparation, enjoying the meal with your family and guests, to the clean-up.

Jim is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He has a bachelor's degree in Food Service Management from Cornell University and over 40 years experience in Culinary Arts. He has held various executive chef positions in upscale hotels, country clubs and restaurants, including: Vice President of operations for the largest catering service serving fortune 500 companies in the northeast, Director of Education and Senior Chef instructor for Connecticut Culinary Institute, Chef/Owner of the fine dining Tosca Restaurant in Suffield, and presently full time Consultant Trainer/Presenter to the food distribution and supply industry.



We hope all “mates” will come to this free presentation and get some great ideas for their next cruise.



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District Holiday Party

This year, we are again having our highly successful District Holiday party. The theme this year is the "Holidays" so wear your "Business Casual Holiday" (no jeans) attire and come join us. The party will be easy to get to for all members, and we hope you will all come out and have a good time to start your Holiday season.

Date: Saturday, 1 December 2012, 1800-Cocktails, 1900 Dinner

Place: Manchester Country Club, (Exit 3 off 384), 305 S. Main Street, Manchester, CT 860-646-0103
See directions below.

Price: \$35.00 per person + cash bar. There will be a buffet with lots of choices. Please get your tickets from your squadron commander. The deadline for signing up is 27 November, 2012. Please bring an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots". There will be dancing to DJ'S Don and Nina Sawyer and a raffle with lots of prizes.

Revelers enjoyed the "Pirate" party last year.

Directions:

From Hartford take I-84 east to junction with I-384.
Take I-384 east to exit 3.
Take a left at the exit onto S. Main St. going South.
The country club is at 305 S. Main Street on the left.

