



Spring 2012

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From the Helm

District Commander Herb “Bud” Greenbacker, SN

Greetings to all,

One of the duties of District Commander is to foster enthusiasm in USPS; to show everyone that being in USPS is important and fun. I have truly enjoyed my years in USPS and being involved at the District level has been a high point in my life.

Results indicate that I failed in this duty. The nominating Committee is struggling to fill all the positions. Local nominating committees are having the same trouble. Why? Does no one care? I don’t think that is the problem. Most Squadrons have good turn outs for courses and programs and are able to find instructors for our courses. That would not happen if no one cared. So why do we have so much trouble finding officers? If you know, please email me and tell me where we are going wrong.

National reports that educational sales are down 28% in 2011. Coast guard tells us that boating deaths are up. Do you see a trend? Our classes are needed now, even more than in years past. Not just the ABC course but piloting and advanced piloting and others. We need to work harder to promote and advertise our courses.

Please notice our use of the logo with the Ship’s Wheel and the USPS Ensign on the back page. National wants to standardize on this logo in an effort to make the USPS more recognizable.

Commander Bud

Linda Filon and Pat Pabouet won the “Best Dressed Pirate” awards at the District Holiday Party in December.



Executive Officer-D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP

Within the next month your Change of Watch's will start taking place. Squadrons should be almost completed with their nominations to fill all available positions. I urge all members to review their job descriptions for your respective squadron and district positions. If you need a copy please contact me.

Public Relations- Karen Grava mentions that posters are available to be distributed to boat yards, electronic dealers, and anyone who is associated with the marine industry. We invite all of our squadrons to distribute these posters to any locations associated with boating interests. Please contact me or Karen and we can provide you with all the posters you can distribute.

Co-operative Charting- I understand that the Hartford squadron has performed the duties for the USPS Co-op Charting program for the Connecticut River from Hartford to Middletown. I urge all squadrons to review what your squadron can do for this program. Co-operative Charting can be made a fun event since it involves boats, fellow members, knowledge learned in USPS courses, and public service. Please talk to our District Co-Op Charting Chairman P/C Roger Breunig, AP/LM to see how your squadron can get involved.

Boat Shows- This is the Boat Show time of year. Boat Shows are an integral part of the District 1 outreach program. The Hartford squadron gave a series of five seminars at the Hartford Boat Show and had 64 members of the public attend, 4 of whom joined the squadron. They received some nice publicity for their participation in the boat show. I urge any squadron that needs help with a boat show or any form of outreach to contact Dick Jones for District 1 support.

Safety- National has many posters, bulletins and safety literature available for distribution. I encourage our squadron safety officers to circulate these materials at boat shows, Safe Boating Week, squadron meetings, etc. We urge all squadrons to submit their Safety Report to Ernest Pierog. There are many different programs that can qualify for credit.

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CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2012 SPRING CONFERENCE

- DATE:** Saturday, 24 March, 2012
HOST: Waterbury Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Courtyard by Marriott (see directions on page 9)
4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire
SCHEDULE:
- 0800 Registration. Ships Store, Coffee, Raffle Tickets
- 0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN
a.Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance,
D/Lt Kenneth Bell, Sr., AP
b.Invocation: D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain
c.Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance –
P/D/C John R. Nason, SN
d.District Commanders Introductions
Guests and Head Table
e.Welcome to Conference Cdr Jonathan B. Dayton, AP
Waterbury Squadron
Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
- 0930 **Message** from C/C John T. Alter, SN presented by
R/C Artemas (Art) M. Pickard, SN
- 1015 **Program-**"Global Warming, Is Man Responsible, or is it Natural
Climate Change?" by 1st/Lt Gil Alwang, N
Mates Program- Happy Hour Recipes See page 11
- 1100 **Morning Breakout Sessions**
Instructor Re-certification P/Stf/C Les Williams, JN
Summer Activities-D/Lt/C Andrea
- 1200 **Attitude Adjustment** — Cash bar
- 1230 **Luncheon**--See page 7 for menu and reservations.
* Awards Presentation
* Raffle

1400 **Departmental Workshops**
 Instructor Re-certification P/Stf/C Les Williams, JN
 Commander's-D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP
 Secretary Boot Camp-D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

1500 **Reconvene the Conference – Business Meeting**
Action on the minutes of the 19 November 2011 Fall
 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 Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
 Treasurer-D/Lt/C Douglas S. Burdett, SN

Reports of the General and Standing Committees:

Audit P/C Alfred Mongillo, Jr., AP
 Nominating P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP
 Rules P/C Christine Casarella, P
 Planning P/D/C James E. Coley, Jr., JN
 Law P/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Report of the Nominating Committee
 P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP
2. Elections and Installation of Officers and Committee Members
 R/C Artemas (Art) M. Pickard, SN
3. Confirm the date and location for the 2012 Fall Conference
4. Consideration of any other business that should come before
 this meeting

1630 **Benediction** – Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P
Retirement of the Colors- D/Lt Kenneth Bell, Sr., AP
Adjournment

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

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee

For the 2012-2013 one year term

Commander	Herb ‘Bud’ Greenbacker, SN	Meriden
Exec Officer	George M. Gilbert, AP	Middletown
Educ. Officer	M. Ellen Barbour, SN	New London
Admin Office	Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven
Secretary	Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
Treasurer	Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
Asst Ed Officer	Fred J. Schilke AP	Manchester
Asst Secretary	Open	
Asst Treasurer	Richard C. Carlson, JN	Hartford
Asst Admin	Open	

Rules Committee

2010-2013	Robert D. Bair, AP	Saybrook
2011-2014	Ralph L. Borriello, AP	Meriden
2012-2015	John R. Robinson, AP	Saybrook

Audit Committee

2010-2013	Patrick A. Pabouet, P	Hartford
2011-2014	Robert E. Borden, S	Middletown
2012-2015	Christine Casarella, AP	Meriden

Planning Committee

2010-2013	Alison A. Varian, P	New Haven
2010-2013	Eugene H. Lewis Jr., AP	Norwich
2011-2014	William R. Bonney, AP	Manchester
2011-2014	George D. Gwizd, JN	Hartford
2012-2015	Eugene J. Sullivan, JN	Middletown
2012-2015	Leslie W. Williams, Jr., JN	Saybrook

Nominating Committee

2010-2013	Stanley Klein, SN	Middletown
2011-2014	John R. Nason, SN	Springfield
2012-2015	George D. Gwizd, JN	Hartford

Respectfully Submitted: P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP, Chair
 P/C Stanley L. Klein, SN
 P/D/C John R. Nason, SN

DISTRICT FALL LUNCHEON

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Select your choice of Chicken Breast w/traditional herb stuffing or Pasta Primavera w/fresh vegetables tossed w/Parmesan Cream Sauce. All Luncheon Entrees include mixed garden salad, seasonal vegetable and starch, fresh rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, decaffeinated coffee and specialty teas.

Send your check with your choices, for \$25.00 per person, made out to USPS D-1, to: K.aren Rosa, 107 Ransom Hall Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716-2545.

Pre-Conference Dinner

23 March, 2012, 1830

Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough St. (Rt. 66), Portland, CT

www.campagnact.com

We will order off the menu at the Campagna Restaurant.

Post-Conference Dinner

24 March, 2012, 1700

The Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT

www.bacigrill.com

We will have a buffet at the Baci Grill for \$19.50 plus tax and tip.

The buffet includes: salad, bread, Baci Penne, eggplant rolletini, baked stuffed sole, dessert and coffee.



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's Rep.

Please contact Art Andrea for reservations by 19 March, 2012
203-468-1210 or 203-641-0954 trescooch@sbcglobal.net

Hotel Reservations

\$99.00 plus tax, Single or Double

Reservations must be made 30 days prior to March 23, 2012. After February 23, 2012 rooms will be returned to open reservations and will not be available at \$99.00. Call 860-635-1001 and request USPS discount.

"Global Warming, Is Man Responsible, or is it Natural Climate Change?" by 1st/Lt Gil Alwang, N

Our morning program will feature a talk by Gil Alwang. Following World War II, Gil joined the Navy and earned his B.S. in Physics as part of the NROTC program. Gil served on submarines and destroyers and, after Navy service, he went to work for Pratt & Whitney and earned his M.S. in Physics at Trinity College.

At P&W, Gil worked on the application and improvement of instruments for measuring engine performance. This work was driven by the need to maximize engine efficiency but also by increasingly strict federal and state air pollution control requirements. He became familiar with the potential dangers to the environment caused by the combustion of hydrocarbon fuels and, after retirement, he decided to devote his time to the better understanding of these issues.

He will describe WWII military experiences, such as Admiral Halsey's Typhoon, that spurred a major effort to improve weather and climate forecasting. One result was the rapid expansion of the Office of Naval Research, increasing activities of the National Academy of Sciences and the founding of new federal agencies like the Atomic Energy Commission, NASA, and NOAA. Advances in technology were making possible great improvements in measurement methods so that now we know a great deal more about what is happening in the world's climate and what the consequences might be. Gil will summarize the current understanding of climate change and global warming as expressed by the scientific agencies in the USA and the world's primary scientific organizations.

Executive Officer (Continued from page 3)

Vessel Safety Checks- Pat Pabouet reminds us that this is the season for VSC volunteers to be resting for another active summer. District 1 supports the fine work of all VSC volunteers.

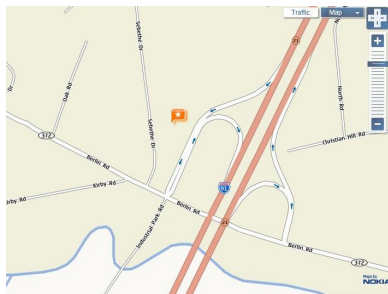
District 1 still has an opening for a Membership Chairman. We are looking for one excellent volunteer to fill this position.

I thank all volunteers of District 1 for your dedication to District 1, Boating Safety and Boating Education.

**Directions to the Courtyard by Marriott
4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT 860-635-1001**

From I-91 South
Take exit 21, Turn right onto CT-372 /
Berlin Rd, Turn right onto Sebethe Dr.

From I-91 North
Take exit 21, Turn right onto CT-372 /
Berlin Rd, Go under overpass and turn
right onto Sebethe Dr.



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Note from Educational Officer, D/Lt/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN

We will be having P/Stf/C Les Williams, SN conducting the Instructor Re-certification for District 1 at the conference. Every squadron should take this opportunity to get their instructors re-certified. Les will show us how to make our presentations the best that they can be. Remember we need certified Instructors teaching our ABC₃ courses. See you there!

Chief Commander's Representative

Chairman, USPS Committee on Rules, R/C Artemas M. Pickard

Art joined the Rowayton (CT) Power Squadron in 1987. While a member of Rowayton, Art taught all advanced grades as well as Boating, Sail and Weather. He served in all squadron positions except treasurer, becoming commander in 1992. He rose through the District 2 Bridge to Commander in 1998.

In 2001 Art and Mary retired from 40 years with IBM and moved to their present home in Maine and helped form a new squadron, the Portland Head Sail & Power Squadron, which was chartered in 2004 with Art as the Chartering Commander. Art was later elected Executive Officer of D/19 in 2007 and the D/19 Commander in 2009. Art was elected to the Committee on Rules in 2006, to Assistant Chairman in 2009, and to Chairman in 2012.

**FIRST ANNUAL USPS
DISTRICT 1 FISHING
TOURNAMENT 2 June, 2012**



The rules for this 1st time tournament will be simple and straightforward. It is our hope to get as many anglers to participate as possible. The categories of fish that may be caught are bluefish and striped bass. There will be more categories made available when the DEEP publishes the 2012 season dates for other species. All anglers may fish wherever they see fit. There are no restrictions. There will be a special Junior Angler division for anglers 15 years old and younger. There will be no captain's meeting the morning of June 2.

The fishing hours are 0600 to 1400 on June 2, 2012. This is a "lines in the water" and "lines out of the water" time. However, you may be on station before that time or after that time. This should allow 8 hours of actual fishing time, plus an additional 3 hours to get back to the dock, take care of your boat, and get to the cookout.

All fish caught must be photographed next to a measuring tape. Digital cameras or cell phones are acceptable for this. It is the captain's discretion to keep or release the fish. The photograph of the fish will determine the winner at the cookout at Pilot's Point Marina. Prior to the start of the tournament, you will be assigned a number. This number must appear in the photograph with the fish and the measuring tape.

The winner will be determined at the cookout to be held at Pilot's Point Marina in Westbrook on June 2, 2012 at 1700. The cost for the cookout is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years old and younger. You must be present to win.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$10.00 per angler and \$5.00 per Junior Angler. All anglers must have a CT fishing license, except Junior Anglers. If you are an angler, and find yourself without a boat, or if you have room for additional anglers on your boat, please contact Chris Jordan.

The deadline for registration is Monday, May 28, 2012. Please contact Chris Jordan at 860-908-0688, or pelagic104@sbcglobal.net.

Summer Activities

These summer activities will be described in more detail in the Summer Sounds of 1, but in the meantime please put them on your calendar.

22-24 June D-1 June Rendezvous- Saybrook Point Inn & Spa.

Note this is a change of venue and meal plan. Map and directions will be in the Summer Sounds of 1.

Reserve your slips one month in advance at 860-243-0212.

Activities on Saturday will begin at 1000 and will include a flare demo, PFD demo, fire demo, and knot demo. Lunch will be a light “snack” at 1200 followed by the D-1 Council at 1300. The blessing of the fleet will be at 1430, a commander’s cocktail hour at 1500 and dinner at 1600.

This year the district will furnish plates and utensils, hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixings for a lower price than last year. Members will bring pot luck salads, beans, or other side dishes. The cost will be \$7 for adults/\$4 for children. Please see your squadron commander for tickets.

23 June D-1 Council, Saybrook Point Inn & Spa. See above.

7 July D-1 Sail Race, Branford Yacht Club, Branford, CT

10-12 August D-1 Mini Cruise, Pilot’s Point Marina, Westbrook, CT

22 September D-1 Poker Run, Hamburg Cove Yacht Club

Mates Program-Happy Hour Recipes

Cheers! Come learn and share tips and recipes for Happy Hour, whether on board, or at home. Discuss recipes for sure-to-please hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. Bring a \$5 materials fee to make Bruschetta In A Jar, and a few favorite recipes to share. Please RSVP to crquig@yahoo.com so that we have an accurate count.



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