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**Schedule of Upcoming District Activities**

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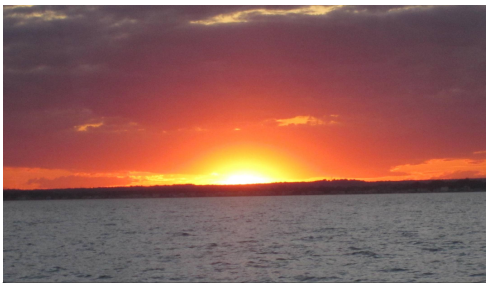
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**June Rendezvous featured the New Haven Squadron's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We held the June Rendezvous and Council at the Pequonnock YC in New Haven. Coincidentally we celebrated New Haven's 100<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful dinner on Friday night at the Union League Café in New Haven which was the site of the creation of the *Examining Board* which ultimately brought in the original members of the New Haven Squadron. On Saturday night we enjoyed a cruise from Long Wharf Pier on the *Mystique* of the Lady Katherine Cruise Line over to Branford Harbor for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.



Sunset over Branford just before the fireworks.



Members of the New Haven Squadron reenacted the *Examining Board* discussion with a great deal of artistic license and humor.



Our Commanders at the Union League Café: District Commander George M. Gilbert, AP, New Haven Commander Donna Ferrucci, AP (in period dress), Chief Commander Robert Baldrige. SN

## **From the Helm: D/C George M. Gilbert, AP**

Let's hear it for the wonderful 2014 boating season! The Weather was the best I can ever remember in my many years of being on the water. District 1 had several great events this summer. The D1 Rendezvous hosted by the New Haven squadron celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year of developing skills to make boating safer. Cdr Ferrucci and her very capable squadron put on a weekend of festivities that was the highlight of my summer. The D1 Sail Race coordinated by D/Lt/C Art Andrea had two sailboats participating. On the bright side this is a 100% increase over last year. If we can increase it next year by 100% we will have breathed new life into this event. D/Lt/C Charles Marino went over the top organizing and putting on the D1 Mini Cruise at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London. We had over 20 vessels there and those who participated had a great time. The Poker Run this year was blessed with great weather, participation and wonderful food. I thank all those who helped organize these events.

District 1 was well represented at the 2014 Governing Board Meeting in Arlington, VA. Our District had eight members present who participated in many of the events. Plan on attending our Council Meeting at Northeast Utilities on Friday, 17 October and our District 1 Conference at Middlesex Yacht Club on 8 November to learn more of what is new in the United States Power Squadrons. The Chief's Rep for this Fall Conference will be National Educational Officer V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN. I had the opportunity to meet with Bob at the Governing Board Meeting. He is a quality person interested in promoting the USPS educational mission and is looking forward to visiting us in District 1.

Now that the 2014 Boating Season is drawing to a close it is time to reassess and concentrate on our mission of developing the skill set to safely operate a vessel whether it be a kayak, canoe, sailboat or power boat. A logical way is by taking advantage of the United States Power Squadrons seminars, courses and skill building offerings. These courses also provide continual improvement developing our own methods to help us to achieve our personal goals. Any squadron that needs help in organizing your education program can contact anyone on the D1 Bridge. I thank the District 1 Bridge and all members for the contributions and volunteerism you are making in keeping with the mission of USPS by supporting your local squadrons and District 1. Together we can create a culture of boating safety accomplished by continual education while having fun at the same time.

## **Education Officer-D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN**

I have just returned from the governing board meeting in Washington DC. When I am able to attend a national USPS meeting, I always seem to get energized. From a national perspective there are many truly talented people who do an incredible amount of work in furtherance of our mission of boating education and safety. Those people and their efforts are combined with the work of our partners like the Coast Guard, BoatUS Foundation, Brunswick, National Safe Boating Council, and many others. I would like to share with you some things that I took away from the national meeting.

Although first unveiled in Jacksonville last January, our new virtual trainer has been modified and improved. The virtual trainer is a computer with three monitors coupled with a steering wheel and shift control that actually simulates driving an outboard powerboat. I got a chance to take the boat for a spin and it is amazingly realistic and a lot of fun to drive. The virtual trainer can simulate docking situations as well as high-speed maneuvering on an open lake. You can adjust the wind speed and direction as well as the current speed and direction to simulate a variety of conditions both day and night. Plans are underway to have one available in our District to coincide with the Hartford Power Squadron's boat show presentation in February.

Our interactive online learning program continues to grow. In addition to *Partner in Command, Boating on Rivers Locks and Lakes*, USPS has just added *Weather for Boaters* to its online repertoire. I have not taken this course yet but hope to do so before we meet at the fall conference and will report to you at that time. Of the people I talked to, this class is considered to be excellent. In the works are online seminars in *Radar, Marine Electronics* and a full length course in *Cruise Planning*.

Another trend that I took away from the national meeting is the increasing demand for on the water training. USPS continues to develop its practical on the water training program and I attended seminars updating us on how the program is working in various parts of the country. US Sailing and The National Safe Boating Council also have programs for on the water training. We plan on discussing this further at the Council meeting as well as the fall conference.

## CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2014 FALL CONFERENCE

*Ed: With this issue we are providing the "call and Agenda" for the Fall Conference only in the Sounds of I. Since it is going to all members in electronic or paper form, it would be redundant to also send out a separate copy from the Secretary. If you want to have the agenda at the conference be sure to take this copy.*

**DATE:** Saturday, 8 November 2014  
**HOST:** Middletown Power Squadron  
**TIME:** 0900  
**PLACE:** Middlesex Yacht Club, Chester, CT  
 (see directions on page 4),  
**DRESS:** Uniform F or other appropriate attire



### Schedule:

- 0800 Registration. Ships Store, Coffee, Raffle Tickets  
 Insignia/uniform swap-bring your spare insignia/uniform for others to use.  
 Teaching Aids Setup-1 exhibit per Squadron
- 0900 **Call to Order:**  
 Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance  
 Invocation:  
 Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance  
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table  
 Welcome to Conference  
 Conference Roll Call:
- 0930 **Message** from the Chief Commander
- 1015 **Program-** "Geology of the CT River Basin" (see page 6)
- 1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Judging of the Teaching Aid displays/Insignia Swap/Ship's Store
- 1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.  
 \* Awards presentation by D/C George M. Gilbert, AP and V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN  
 \* Raffle
- 1400 **Departmental Workshops** (for Officers indicated, and others interested)  
 Commander's Meeting/Summer Activities  
 Education Department meeting  
**Mates Program** (see page 4)
- 1500 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting  
**Action on the minutes** of the 22 March 2014 Spring Conference  
**Reports of the District Officers**  
 District Commander  
 Executive Officer  
 Educational Officer  
 Administrative Officer  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer
- Reports of the General and Standing Committees:**  
 Audit  
 Nominating  
 Rules  
 Planning  
 Law

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 State of CT Archeologist Dr. Brian Jones  
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 D/Lt/C Salzarulo  
 Connecticut River Museum, Essex, CT

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### Unfinished Business

### **New Business**

Approval of the 2015-2016 D-1 Budget P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN  
Confirm the date and location for the 2015 Spring Conference, Host: Milford Squadron  
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:  
George M. Gilbert, AP

### **Directions to the Middlesex Yacht Club, 276 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412, 860-526-5634**

1. Take Rt. 9 to exit 7.
2. Turn onto CT-82 going east.
3. Turn right onto CT-154.
4. Turn left into the Middlesex YC in 1.3 miles.

### **District Fall Luncheon**

The menu will be a hot and cold buffet, dessert, and coffee. The cost is \$18 per person/\$20 at the door. There will be a cash bar. There will be limited plates for sale at registration for \$20, so be sure to make your reservations by 1 November, 2014. Send your check, for \$18.00 per person made out to USPS D-1 to: Michele Moroni, 212 Markham Street, Middletown, CT 06457. There are limited eating facilities close by and since Middlesex YC is catering this function members are not allowed to bring in their own lunches.

### **Pre-Conference Dinner**

7 November, 2014, Oliver's Tavern, The Library Room, 124 Westbrook Rd., Essex, CT 06426, 860-767-2633  
Reservations must be made to Joyce Bonney, 860-742-0332 or [jcbonney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcbonney@sbcglobal.net) by November 5th. No late reservations will be accepted.

### **Post-Conference Dinner**

8 November, 2014, The Gelston House, 8 Main St., East Haddam, CT, 860-873-1411 [www.gelstonhouse.com](http://www.gelstonhouse.com)  
Reservations must be made to Charles Marino, 203-723-7362 or [bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net) by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please come and join us for these dinners. They are not for District Officers only. All members are welcome and they are a great way to meet people from other squadrons as well as your Chief Commander's representative.

### **Hotel Reservations**

Those wanting stay at a local hotel can stay at the Comfort Inn, 100 Essex Road, Old Saybrook, CT, 860-395-1414. This hotel is conveniently located 10 miles away from Middlesex Yacht Club, making it approximately a 20 minute ride to the meeting.

### **Mates Program "Visit to the Connecticut River Museum"**

We will depart the Middlesex YC at 2:00 following the lunch and awards and drive down to Essex for a visit to the Connecticut River Museum. The museum includes collections of early Connecticut art, furniture, maritime memorabilia, and the "turtle", the first submarine ever used in combat. The cost is \$9.00 at the door.



## Summer Events Better than Ever

Our summer events were outstanding this year. From a great “kickoff” with the New Haven 100<sup>th</sup> celebration (See page 1), we progressed right to the Fishing Derby and then to an excellent Mini Cruise to the Coast Guard Academy in New London. The Poker run was not completed in time for this issue.

### Fishing Derby

On July 20, six boats participated in the NPS/D1 Fishing Derby, Middletown 1, New London 1, Norwich 4. 35 Members and guests attended the awards picnic.

Jerry Pineault, co-organizer of the Derby with Gene Lewis, is shown here with Tyson Hawver accepting the trophy for Art Geyer for his 19" Porgie, and Gene Lewis receiving 2 trophies for his 30 1/4" Bluefish and 18" Fluke. A great time was had by all! Picture courtesy of Brenda Keefe of the Norwich Power Squadron.



### Mini Cruise to the Coast Guard Academy

The 2014 Mini Cruise to the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London consisted of 16 boats either docked or moored. 52 members arrived by boat and another 21 arrived on Saturday, August 9 by car for the day's festivities.

On Saturday the members were given guided tours of the Coast Guard Museum. We were able to review the new cadets training and marching in drill formation directly adjacent to our location on the waterfront and at the football field. On Saturday afternoon we enjoyed the Commanders Cocktail Party and Pot Luck Dinner. On Sunday those wishing to attend church services were able to do so at the Academy. We then once again enjoyed Commander George Gilbert's Blueberry Pancake Breakfast before departing for our homeports.

Commander Tim Brown and Water Director Allen Kruger of the USCG were instrumental in making this idea become a reality. The USCG Academy could not have been better hosts. All pictures courtesy of the Waterbury Power Squadron.



Approaching the Coast Guard Academy from the water.



The cadets were out in full force for the whole weekend.



Cdr. Gilbert made his famous pancakes with suburb assistance from Charlotte Gregory and Michele Moroni.



The Commander's cocktail party and pot luck dinner wrapped up Saturday after a full day of activity.



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### Fall Conference Program

Dr. Brian Jones was named the State Archeologist for Connecticut effective this last July. Dr. Jones has been working in the archaeology field for over 24 years, most recently as Senior Archaeologist with Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. in Storrs, Connecticut. His dissertation explored human adaptation to the changing climate at the end of the last Ice Age. He is also experienced in geoarchaeology (the relationship of archaeology to landscape and soil formation processes) and stone tool analysis. His presentation will be on the geology and evolution of the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound.

### Sea Tow Partnership with USPS

Our National organization has announced a new partnership to save you money. Sea Tow will now give USPS members a \$10 discount on their annual fee. Enter "PSQ" when renewing or signing up for the first time to get the discount. For new members, Sea Tow will give a 60 day free membership if they have taken ABC or our older Basic Boating. ABC Instructors should mention this new benefit to their ABC students this fall and next spring.

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