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Your 2015-2016 District 1 Bridge



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Not Shown: Asst. Admin. Officer Truxton E. Brodhead, P

From the Helm: D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

I want to thank the members of District 1 for electing me as your Commander for the 2015-16 year. I know that our new District Bridge will work hard to bring you lots of activities that you will enjoy, starting this summer.

I want to thank Past District Commander George M. Gilbert, AP and the previous District Bridge for all the work they did to meet the needs of the District and Squadrons. In addition, I want to recognize all of the members that have supported the Bridge and those that have received recognition and awards from National and District (see page 7).

This issue of the Sounds of 1 includes a description of all of our summer activities, starting with our June Rendezvous which is returning to Essex Island and ending with our Poker Run at Hamburg Cove. All of these events include fun activities for your kids and grandkids and I hope many of you will take advantage of them. Please see pages 4-6 for all the details.

This year our District will sponsor a booth at SailFest 2015 in New London. Our booth will include the USPS Boating Simulator that was very popular at the Hartford Boat Show. We need volunteers to help staff this booth for three days, so please contact us as noted on page 5.

This year's Fall Governing Board Meeting will meet in San Diego, CA. from Aug 25th to Aug 29th. If you are planning to go, please let me know. We would like to get as big a contingent as possible from District 1. San Diego is a great place to visit with its famous zoo, Balboa Park, and waterfront.

I want to thank all of our Squadrons for hosting my wife and me at your Change of Watches. We had a great time at each of them and enjoyed meeting and talking to all of your new officers.

I hope all of you have a safe boating season and wish you fair winds and following seas. Get your Vessel Safety Check (or better yet, become a Vessel Safety Examiner) and wear your life vests.

Meet your District Bridge

Commander Art Andrea, AP has boated in Long Island Sound for over 40 years and owned a variety of boats as well. For the past 14 years, he has been a member of the New Haven Power Squadron. He worked his way up the ranks and achieved the position of Commander in 2009 –2010 and is now the Education Officer.

Executive Officer (XO) Charles L. Marino, P has been a member of the Waterbury Sail and Power Squadron since 2011 serving in the capacity as Executive Officer and is currently in his second term as Commander.

Born and raised in Westport, Connecticut. Charles sailed many times from Longshore Country Club. Over the past seven years Charles, his wife Pat and daughter Charlene have sailed out of Westbrook with Sail Connecticut Access. Although Pat is no longer with us he looks forward to the 2015 boating season

In 2012 they purchased a 1982 31' Allmand Sailboat and are still restoring it with the assistance of a number of the Waterbury Squadron members. Although he enjoys the tranquility of weekend sailing he can't deny the thrill of participating in a Regatta. His first Regatta for 2015, the Robie Pierce Regatta, will take place May 29-31 at the American Yacht Club in Rye New York. On August 1-2 he'll return to Lake Champlain in Vermont for the Martin 16 Regatta. He has also been invited to participate in the Canadian Forces Sailing Association Mobility Cup 2015 in Victoria, BC - September 7-11, 2015

Education Officer (DEO) Anthony "Tony" Salzarulo, JN originally joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 1988 after taking the basic boating course with his son. Tony continued his boating education with the Hartford Squadron. He rejoined the New London Power Squadron in 2004, and served in a variety of Squadron positions including Commander from 2007 - 2009. During boating season, Tony enjoys time on the water with his wife Doreen and dog Luna aboard their 39' Mainship Trawler "Oasis". Tony is a member and officer of the Shennecossett Yacht Club in Groton where he teaches the Basic Boating Courses and a variety of USPS seminars during the year.

Admin Officer, Charles Greenbacker, JN. Charlie's first experience in boating was from the Bay View area of Milford. His father would launch their small rowboat and go clamming on the west side of Welch's Point. His brothers and he were only there for counter weight, as his father would use long handled tongs to pull up the clams. As they got older, they would go exploring on the boat by themselves all around the area, including Charles Island. There were stories of buried pirate treasure on the island but they never found any.

Around this time Charlie's Uncle Herb and Aunt Helen purchased a larger powerboat and would go fishing with them out of the Connecticut River. As he grew older, he would occasionally be invited along on various Power Squadron outings. His uncle who with his cousin Bud had bought another boat then passed the old one to him. Linda and he had that boat for several years, boating out of Haddam on the Connecticut River. As things happen in life, they gave up that boat to raise their three sons. Twenty-nine years later, after becoming empty nesters, they returned to boating in 2011. They currently boat out of Groton in their 41 foot Silverton, cruising Long Island Sound area. Currently, (yes, he's still working) he is the Plant Manager at Mountain Dairy in Storrs, Ct. and resides in Coventry.

Secretary, Kim T. Boswell, S. of the New London Squadron

Kim resides in Dayville with Chris Jordan. She has 2 daughters and is a Meme're to one grandchild. Outside of the Power Squadron, Kim works full time as a Phlebotomist at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Worcester, MA. In her free time she enjoys spending time on the water with Chris and sharing their boat with family and friends. Kim is also Commander of the New London Squadron.

Treasurer, Richard C. Carlson, SN joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 2005 after taking the Boating course to keep his wife, Betty, company. A long-time boater, Dick had been grandfathered in the Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate program. He has served HPS as Secretary, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander, and has been District 1 Assistant Treasurer for the past two years. Dick docks his 22 foot Wellcraft Sportsman in Westbrook.

Asst. Education Officer, Timothy Tyler, JN of the Hartford Squadron

Tim started boating in 1969. At his uncle's insistence (a HPS member and firm believer in boater safety), he took the basic boating course and joined the Hartford Squadron the same year. Currently he serves as the Asst. Administration Officer for Hartford.

During the boating season he can be found most days with his wife of many years, Elaine Cleary, in Noank aboard their Trojan F36 cruiser White Swan. Most cruising is done in the waters around Fishers and Long islands, with seasonal pilgrimages up and down the Connecticut River. Tim is looking forward to taking the Navigation course this fall.

Asst. Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN

After sailing for 42 years, Peter has traded for a tug this year. He served four years as commodore of the Old Harbor Yacht Club and two years as commodore of North Cove Yacht Club. Peter has been a USPS member since about 1990, The Catboat Association since 1976, and North Cove YC since 1991. Peter has taught Seamanship, Marlinspike, Cruise Planning, and the Anchoring Seminar at various times. He is currently serving on the Board of Governors of NCYC and as Treasurer of the New Haven Power Squadron.



P/D/C George Gilbert helps with the recent Operations Training Course. This course is important for every new squadron officer.

D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN, Cdr Michele Moroni, Cdr James Yeske, Jr., P, Lt/C Thomas Berlandy, AP, Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP, and Lt/C Robert Frost, P all participated in the 28 March course.

If you or members of your squadron need OT, please contact P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP at kbellsr@aol.com.

Join us for the 2015 June Rendezvous and Council

We're returning to Essex Island Marina!

DISTRICT 1 RENDEZVOUS

Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Friday 26 June–Sunday 28 June

Hosted by Waterbury Squadron



Saturday, 27 June

0800-0930 –Continental Breakfast – muffins, pastries, and coffee furnished by District.

1000 -- Children's activities; poster contest.

Children can start a poster anytime during the day.

1100 -- Flare Demo, bring your own or use ours

1200 -- Light lunch hosted by New Britain Squadron.

1245 -- Blessing of the Fleet.

1300 -- **D/1 Council Meeting** hosted by New Britain Squadron.

1430 -- Raffle

1500 -- Poster Contest Judging/ District Commander's BYOB cocktail hour.

1600 -- Cookout – hot dogs, hamburgers, fixings, soda, coffee, and dessert furnished by District. **Please bring the following to share based on the first letter of your last name: A-M, side dish; N-Z, salad.** Cooking by Waterbury Squadron.

All Day -- The pool is open! A Coast Guard Vessel from Homeland Security will be present for information and display.

Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday to perform Vessel Safety Checks.

New This Year: Paul Bialecki has arranged for live music from 2:00 to 4:00. Relax on the lawn during the Commander's Cocktail Party and listen to the sounds of the "ROADRUNNERS".

Sunday 0800-0930: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast **donation requested**, hosted by P/D/C George Gilbert, AP.

Purchase your tickets from your Squadron Commander: \$8.00/ children under 10 \$5.00 by June 15, 2015. Tickets at the door are \$10/\$5.

Please bring your own lawn chair(s). In the event of rain, the cookout will start at 1500.

Contact: D/1 Admin Officer Charles Greenbacker, 860-742-1714 or ncfdchief1@aol.com.



Chaplain Paul Bialecki preparing for the Blessing of the Fleet at our last Rendezvous at Essex Island Marina.

Dockage: \$4.00 per foot per night up to 39' includes 1 30a electric. Docking arrangements to be made directly with Essex Island Marina by 18 June. Please contact the marina at 860-767-2483. State that you are a member of District 1 USPS.

Directions: Take Rt. 9 to exit 3. Turn left onto Rt. 154.

From North, turn left onto West Ave. From South, turn right onto West Ave. Take West Ave into the center of town and continue down Main St. Take a left onto Ferry St and another left onto Pratt St. Park in any available spot on the street. Take the small ferry over to Essex Island (no charge).

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Summer Activities Issue

District 1 Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 16th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, June 26. Fishing begins in Long Island Sound at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Social hour to follow at 4:30 with a picnic at 5:30 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Rain date is Friday, July 10.

For more fishing information please contact Cdr Gene Lewis at 860-442-4740. You don't have to fish to come to the picnic. Please let Linda Lewis know who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. We have a wonderful time.

SailFest 2015

The District has committed to staffing a booth at SailFest 2015 to be held at the New London waterfront on 10-12 July. Sailfest is Southeastern Connecticut's premiere summertime event attracting over 300,000 people over the three-day festival. Complete with a major fireworks display, amusement rides, free entertainment, Tall Ships, and over 200 vendors lining the downtown streets. We will have a booth to promote USPS and have confirmed that we will have the USPS Boating Simulator that we used at the Hartford Boat Show. If you would like to help with the booth, please contact D/Lt/C Charles Marino, P at bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net or 203-723-7362.

District 1 Sail Race



We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 11 July "Branford Invitational" which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) racing schedule. If you are already a member of the ECSA, you can take part and earn ECSA points as well as credit for your squadron. Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each class.

Eligibility: The Branford Invitational has hosted as many as 75 racers in the past in up to 8 classes, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker. You must have a 2014 PHRF- ECSA rating certificate to race. If you don't have one, you can join ECSA for \$40 on the spot, have your boat measured, and be ready to race.

Starting line and Time: Off Branford Harbor between Negro Heads and Cow and Calf Buoys. First Gun will be at 11:00 am. Spinnaker classes will have windward and leeward courses. Non-spinnaker classes will have a triangular course.

Dockage: If you are not in the Branford area, you can sail over Friday and use their dockage free of charge and make a weekend of it.

Entry fee: \$35.00 per boat (\$30.00 for USSA members) plus \$12 prepaid per person attending the awards party/ \$15 when paid at the party. Non-racers can come and enjoy the day and join in the party.

Contact: Art Andrea for the race entry form and for help with the PHRF-ECSA rating certificate and any other details. arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net or 203-641-0954.

P/D/C Elaine Williams with one of our poster contest winners at our last mini cruise. Bring the kids to the June Rendezvous.



2015 Mini Cruise

Cedar Island Marina, 34 Riverside Dr, Clinton, CT 06413 Phone: (860) 669-8681

Please plan to join District 1 for our Mini Cruise to Cedar Island Marina, Clinton, CT, 7-9 August 2015.

Friday 7 August: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 8 August: The marina has lots of amenities: pool and whirlpool, live poolside entertainment, kids slide/climbing structure, volleyball, shuffleboard, tetherball, horseshoes, bocce, and basketball, pool table, foosball table, snack bar, restaurant, free wifi, picnic area, washers and dryers w/24/7 access. We'll have a cookout (please bring a dish to share).

Sunday 9 August: Past Commander Gilbert will make his famous blueberry pancakes before we return to our homes or home-ports.

Arriving by vehicle. There is plenty of parking. Come enjoy the activities on Saturday.

For more details and to register contact D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714.

USPS DISTRICT 1

11th ANNUAL POKER RUN and COOKOUT

Saturday, 19 September 2015, (Rain date: Sunday, 20 September 2015)

Raft-up Location: Hamburg Cove

Arrive Friday evening or Saturday morning, look for other USPS Ensigns flying, and anchor, moor, or raft up! Stay for a day or the weekend.

The Poker Run- Entry Fee: \$5.00,
Event day registration: 0945 – 1045, Start Time: 1100
(Participants are encouraged to register before 15 September)

A Poker Run is an organized event where the objective is to obtain the best poker "hand." A Poker Run is not a race, but a game of knowledge and chance. Participants navigate boats (e.g. canoe, dinghy, kayak, sunfish, other tender) to five checkpoints with the help of clues. At each checkpoint, participants who correctly answer a randomly chosen boating question will receive a sealed envelope containing one playing card. There is no time limit. The boater with the best "hand" of five cards will be considered the winner. There will also be 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Results will be determined and prizes awarded at the afternoon cookout.



The Blindfolded Dingy Race is on again this year!

(Your chance to demonstrate your navigation skill)

Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club @ 1400

Hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Cost: \$8.00 per person.

Come by boat or car! Driving directions:

- From points south, take I-95 to exit 70. Turn left and proceed straight on Rte. 156 for 4.4 miles. Turn left onto Cove Rd. The clubhouse is directly ahead. Park in the lot across from the building.
- From points north, take I-95 to exit 70. Turn left onto Rte. 1 and take a quick right onto Halls Road. At the end of Halls Road (~.7 mile), turn right onto Rte. 156 and follow the directions above.

For more details and to register contact D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714.

National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2014-15.*

50 Year Pins:

Richard Taylor, P	Hartford
P/D/Lt/C Kenneth Weeks Jr AP	Hartford
Gerald Giffin P	Meriden
Nicholas Chieppo AP	New Haven
P/C John (Jack) B. Kurrus, SN	New London
Presented to the family posthumously	
P/C Warren Newhouse, AP	Springfield

Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

P/C Thomas F. Corbett, Jr., SN	Waterbury
D/Lt Harrison L. Jewett, SN	New London

2014 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Publications

District 1	Sounds of 1
Hartford	the Bilge Pump
Manchester	Silk City Sailor
Meriden	Masthead
Middleton	The Jib Sheet
Norwich	The Compass Rose
Waterbury	Pharos Beacon

2014 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites

District 1
 Hartford Power Squadron
 Meriden Power Squadron
 Middletown Power Squadron
 New Britain Power Squadron
 New Haven Power Squadron
 New London Power Squadron
 Springfield Power Squadron
 Waterbury Power Squadron

Educational Achievement (Senior Navigator (SN))

Michael Mathews, SN	Springfield
Lt Jean H. Quigley, SN	Waterbury

Educational Proficiency Awards (AP + 3 Electives)

1 st /Lt Timothy F. Tyler, JN	Hartford
Lt. Sean Connor, JN	Manchester
Robert Ahlsclager, JN	Manchester
Robert Shaver, AP	Waterbury
Eric Burdett, AP	Waterbury

Co-Op Charting

Hartford placed 32nd out of 75 squadrons.
 D-1 placed 12th out of 33 districts.

National Awards (Continued)

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund for 2014

New Britain	20 th Year with a 100% contribution
New London	10 th Year
Norwich	14 th Year

VSC Century Club (100+ per year)

P/C John R Robinson, AP Saybrook

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2014-15.*

Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching

Roy L Bergeron, AP Hartford

Teaching Aid Contest at the Fall Conference

Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN Middletown
 Celestial Tools

District VSC Awards for most VSC

1 st Place	P/C John R. Robinson, AP	Saybrook
2 nd Place	Lt/C H. William Rinckel, P	Milford
3 rd Place	1 st /Lt Robert C. Post, P	Milford
Top Squadron		Milford

Historian’s Award 100% of squadron histories through 2013-14

D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
P/D/C Herb “Bud” Greenbacker, SN	Meriden
Lt/C Robert E. Borden, P	Middletown
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich

District Sail Race

D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP	1 st Place
New Haven	
Lt/C Peter DePasqualle, AP	Runner Up
New Haven	

Want to be a Vessel Safety Examiner?

Performing Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) is a lot of fun and very rewarding. It’s a great squadron activity to set up a visit to a Marina and bring in a group of VSEs. You can be the VSE for your marina or yacht club. Non members are always grateful to get their boat inspected and might even be interested in joining the USPS. For more information contact your squadron VSC Chairperson or P/D/C Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.



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National Safe Boating Council Statistics

The annual Safe Boating Council statistics are out for 2013 and they are getting better. For the first time in 24 years the fatality count has dropped below 600 to 560. This is a 101 drop from 2012.

There is little doubt that wearing a life jacket saves lives. 426 lives were lost among those not wearing life jackets and only 112 with those wearing life jackets (22 were “unknown” as to the wearing of the life jacket). Among fatalities due to “Drowning” there were 61 with jackets and 328 without. Among fatalities due to “Trauma” there were 39 and 50 respectively.

Fatalities from smaller boats continue to increase as their popularity has soared. There were 55 canoe fatalities, 41 drowning with no life jacket, 7 drowning with a life jacket; 54 kayak fatalities, 24 drowning with no life jacket, 21 with a jacket. Standup paddleboards are getting into the act with 5 drowning, all without a life jacket. Personal watercraft fatalities are skewed toward “trauma” with 19 trauma deaths with life jackets and 1 without a life jacket. Rowboats experienced 30 fatalities almost all from drowning.

Among larger boats, those with a cabin are the safest with only 25 fatalities, while open motorboats experienced 272 fatalities and sailboats only 13. As with all statistics, these numbers are most likely biased by the number of each type of boat on the water.

For more information, visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com.

