



Summer

2017

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Your 2017-2018 District 1 Bridge

Front row L. to R.: Secretary Linda L. Lewis, AP, Commander Charles L. Marino, P

Back row L. to R.: Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN, Exec Officer Charles F. Greenbacker, JN, Educational Officer Timothy F. Tyler, SN



From the Helm: Cdr Charles L. Marino, P

Let me begin by saying thank you for entrusting me to lead District 1 on its journey over the next year and maybe two. Spring is finally here, the days are getting longer, three of my four Magnolia trees are in their first bloom of the season and I'm getting emails from Brewster's Pilot Point and West Marine. District 1 squadrons are in the midst of their Changes of Watch and I extend my personal thanks to P/D/C Art Andrea, AP for assisting at the New Haven and Westerly swearing in ceremonies.

Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN and his wife Dorothy, attended our District Conference and Change of Watch. The Chief Commander is proposing some major changes for USPS and many of his ideas are included in his message below.

Squadrons, not just in District 1, are struggling to survive. I would ask as a district we all come together and lend a hand by supporting your sister squadrons. Invite them to participate in some of your functions, participate in some of theirs and please make time to come together at District functions. Some squadrons need bridge officers; please consider taking a position.

There's lots happening in 2017. We begin with our June District Rendezvous. We'll venture back to Essex Island Marina thanks to P/D/C George Gilbert and Stephanie from Brewster's, with live music thanks to District Chaplain Commander Paul Bialecki. My home squadron Waterbury will be your host for the Council Meeting and Hartford will host the picnic. There will be two mini cruises, one to Greenport, LI and the other to Milford Landing. We have our Sail Race and Fishing Derby and will conclude with a High-Speed Ferry Cruise to Block Island, RI in September. Check out dates and times in this issue of the Sounds of 1.

In closing, Waterbury squadron member P/C Paul Rosa, JN signs his emails "Your Boatin' Buddy" There comes a time when one gives up his, hers or their boat. Be a "Boatin' Buddy" and invite a member to join you on the water this summer.



Members attending the Annual Meeting, L. to R.: D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN, P/D/C George Gilbert, AP, D/C Arthur Andrea, AP, P/R/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN, Stf/C Stanley Klein, SN, P/D/C Patrick Pabouet, P. Not shown, P/D/C Elaine Williams, AP, P/Stf/C Les Williams, JN, P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr., AP, and Linda Greenbacker, S.
Photo by P/D/C George Gilbert, AP

Spring Conference: Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN

Ed: C/C Ojeda gave a very dynamic power point presentation at the Spring Conference. His excerpted remarks follow:

The United States Power Squadron is in much better condition now than it was this same time last year. I have only good things to say at this meeting.

In 1999-2001 membership was stabilizing with about 51,000 members. Starting in 2002 we started dropping members at the rate of 1200 to 1600 per year. That continued for 15 years. It took that long for us to realize that our business plan was kind of dumb because we kept doing the same thing with the same result - losing members. A combination of things that we have started to do are already making a difference. We continue to lose members at the rate of about 400 per year who have crossed the bar, but we do have a retention rate of 92%. Eighty two squadrons have grown in membership this past year. What did they do? They used the telephone and called their members. Research has shown that our biggest resource is YOU. Nobody does it better than volunteers. How can we get recognized - wear polo shirts with USPS emblem. There needs to be a 2 way communication i.e. listening and sending information. Many of our squadrons are forming "clubs" for socialization, i.e. bingo, bowling, cards, bridge, book clubs, activities and social events. We are America's Boating Club, and we also happen to be the best boating educators on the planet, but kayakers would not go to USPS for education. There are a lot of kayak and canoe clubs and we need to interest them in our organization.

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Join us for the 2017 June Rendezvous and Council

We're returning to Brewer Essex Island Marina!

DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS

Brewer Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Friday 23 June–Sunday 25 June

Hosted by the Hartford Squadron

Saturday, 24 June

0800-0930 –On your own at Marley's Restaurant

1000 -- Children's activities; poster contest.

1030 -- Flare Demo, bring your own or use ours

1130 -- Light lunch hosted by Waterbury Squadron.

1230 – Blessing of the Fleet

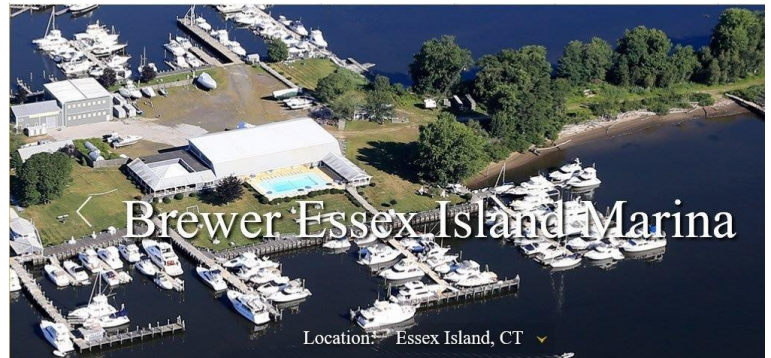
1300 -- **D/1 Council Meeting** hosted by the Waterbury Squadron.

1430 -- Raffle

1500 -- Poster Contest Judging/ District Commander's Beer/Wine hour.

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

All Day -- The pool is open! Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day Saturday to perform Vessel Safety Checks.



Sunday 0800-0930: On your own at Marley's Restaurant

Tickets: Send your check made to "USPS-D1" for \$10.00 adult/ \$5.00 children under 10 postmarked by June 19 to D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, SN, 306 Cherry Hill Dr., Newington, CT 06111. Tickets at the door are \$12/\$5.

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

1500. The Road Runners will be entertaining us with live music from 1400-1600.

Contact: D/1 Program Chair Joyce Bonney, S at 860-742-0332, or jbonney@sbcglobal.net for further questions.



The "Road Runners" are returning and some may "rock out".

Dockage: The normal dockage Thursday-Saturday is \$3.95/ft for boats under 39', \$4.45 for boats 40' to 59'. Power Squadron members will get a 50% discount on the docking fee and Brewer's customers get their usual discount. 30a service is \$12.50/night and 50a is \$25. Cancellation is full refund before 14 days prior, 25% of first night non-refundable between 7 and 14 days prior, 50% of first night less than 7 days and if leaving early. No-shows are charged for full stay.

To make a reservation go online to "Dockwa.com" and enter the location of "brewer essex" to find the marina. Enter the dates you want to reserve and follow the steps. When you get to the box labeled "special request", enter either "United States Power Squadron" to get the 50% discount or "BREWERMEMBER" to get your normal discount. If you have special needs or prefer the river or cove side of the marina please specify those as well.

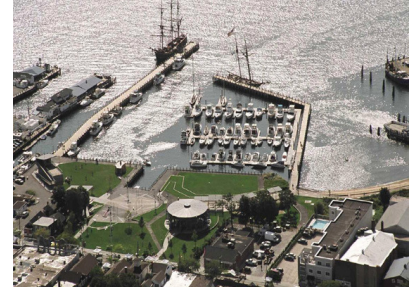
Directions: Take Rt. 9 to exit 3. Turn left onto Rt. 154. From North, turn left onto West Ave. From South, turn right onto West Ave. Take West Ave into the center of town and continue down Main St. Take a left onto Ferry St and another left onto Pratt St. Park in any available spot on the street. Take the small ferry over to Essex Island (no charge).



District Mini Cruise

21-23 July, Mitchell Park Marina, Greenport, LI

Please plan to join District 1 for our Mini Cruise to Strong's Water Club in July.



Friday 21 July: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 22 July: The marina has lots of amenities: Monitor VHF Channel 11, free wireless internet access, free television access, potable water on all docks, free pump-out station, dog walk area with fire hydrant (dogs must be on leashes!), heads and showers, cement floating docks that minimize wave action, and perimeter wave attenuation. Adjacent to Park is the carousel, boardwalk, camera obscura, misting field and seasonal events and only a one minute walk to Greenport shops, services and restaurants.

Sunday 23 July: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast **donation requested**, hosted by P/D/C George Gilbert, AP. Return to home port.

Dockage is \$3.50/ft/day; single 30a is \$10/day/double 30a/single 50a is \$20/day. Contact: 631-477-2200 by 1 June. For more details and to register contact D/1 Program Chair Joyce Bonney, S at 860-742-0332, jcbonney@sbcglobal.net.

District Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 15 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 2016 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 1100. 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 racers can 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.

Norwich Squadron Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 19th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, 7 July. Fishing begins in Long Island Sound at 0800 until 1400. Social hour follows at 1600 with a picnic at 1730 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Rain date is Saturday, 8 July. For more fishing information please contact P/C Gene Lewis at 860-442-4740. You don't have to fish to come to the picnic. Please RSVP by 5 July who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.



Austin Gstattenbauer (6 years old) winner of Jr Division w/porgie 12" and his great grandfather, Ray Dudek winner in adult division with porgie 14.5". Photo by Lt/C Brenda Keefe, P.



District Mini Cruise to Lisman Landing Marina, Milford, CT

Where: Lisman Landing Marina, Milford, CT

When: 11-13 August

Friday 11 August: Join us for happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We'll have pizza and beer on the patio.

Saturday 12 August: Milford Harbor is ideally set up for walking to a large number of shops, restaurants and other attractions including: the Milford Historical Society, Milford Library, Milford Boat Works and Ship's Chandlery, Tony's Bike Shop.

Sunday 13 August: Breakfast and return to home port.



Dock Fees – \$3.00 / ft. LOA/night, slip fee includes 30a power, ice and water, a laundromat, handicap accessible shower and restroom facilities, barbecue/picnic area, free wifi and pumpout, 20% restaurant discount, and concierge service. Car rental, Shoreline East Railroad, bicycle rental, and tennis courts are nearby. We monitor VHF Channel 9. Contact: 203-874-1610 by 1 June.

Milford Harbor Facts – the harbor is dredged to 12'. The Charles Island bell is R "16". Caution: if approaching from the west, do not cross the shallow sandbar between the island and the beach, pass Charles Island bell to seaward. Follow channel markers into harbor, R2, R4, R6, R6a. Watch out for the rock in the harbor opposite Milford Yacht Club.

Contact: D/1 Program Chair Joyce Bonney, S at 860-742-0332, jcbonney@sbcglobal.net

District High Speed Ferry Trip to Block Island

Where: Leave from New London High Speed Ferry Dock

When: 17 September, Departs 0830 or 1150, return 1655 or 2010

Cost: \$47.50/person round trip, bicycle round trip \$20.00. Call 860-444-4624 for reservations and ferry information.

Pick your trip and we'll all get together at Mohegan Cafe & Brewery, 213 Water St., for lunch. You can rent bikes on the island or just walk around. You can also take a taxi tour of the Island; one hour 20 min., air conditioned van holds 11 passengers; \$75 for the first 4 people, \$10 for each additional. Macaloon's taxi is highly recommended; phone 401-741-1410. Call Paul Bialecki 860-944-2542 for further information.



Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN (continued from page 2)

The financial condition of USPS, for the first time in a long time, has improved. We ended the year \$57,000 in the black. Last year we were able to get back to fiscal reality; headquarters came on board, directors and committee members all helped, and actually saved \$247,000 in expenses. With this savings we were able to bring the retirement plan for headquarters employees back up to date. We need to end the year with a \$1 balance - that would be my ideal budget.

We have 5 million dollars in assets and zero debt. We are not in trouble. We have to find alternate ways to bring in money besides raising dues \$2 a year. I have named an ad hoc committee to find a development fund person to write grants and bring in extra money who will be paid out of the grant/extra money he/she raises. We should have a person in place by this summer. We do get grants from the U.S. Coast Guard with the Salt Water/Sport Fishing Restoration program from one half to a million



dollars. What is good about these grants is that we are allowed, as we should be, to use 10% of that money to reduce overhead costs and expenses.

Educational News: our new "Boating Primer" is out and available to order. Our ABC3 course is almost 300 pages long and we are supposed to teach this in 8 hours. We need something to whet the appetite of a new boat owner. The boat dealer is supposed to be giving these Boating Primers out - it has all the rules of the road, etc., and in the center is a membership application. This book costs us 68 cents. Any Squadron can customize the front page for their own use to hand out at marinas, boat launches, etc. We also have 2 new promotional videos geared to America's Boating Club kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, the people who are a little younger than us. There is a free On the Water training program for members which means that you can go out there on a person's boat and teach them with the only caveat being that they have to become a USPS member. Last year 6 squadrons tried it for 6 weeks and gained 57 members. The downside to this is that the paddling population is the largest contributor to boating fatalities by a lot. They are the fastest growing and the fastest dying. We have our Paddle Smart Seminar but we are going to develop more comprehensive courses for this group.

In Summary - nobody joins USPS to make money - we join for the education. Once you reach your education limit you stayed - why - we stay for people like you.

Member Benefits: If you join the power squadron and use just two or three of the member benefits you will not only save your dues, you will make money. Find them on usps.org member benefits.

Uniforms: Are uniforms required at functions - no. Are they important - yes. We are phasing uniforms down a little bit. Uniform "T" will be worn in Dallas (Tropical wear) or western wear. Nobody is going to get badgered if you do or do not wear a uniform.

Council Meetings: Council meetings are not necessary - what do you do at a council meeting that you cannot do at a conference. You cannot approve anything at a council meeting. We are bringing this up in Dallas for a bylaws change.

Filling your Squadron Bridge: we are relaxing rules and are trying to get the squadron bridge down to 3 members and we are relaxing the need for all of the paperwork and regulations that you have now. It is all too much "stuff". We want to get this down to where there are only 3 on the District and Squadron Bridge and then we will go even farther than that; if you cannot fill out the bridge we are going to work out a system where all we need is one person that we can direct communication with so that they can sign and maintain the 501C3 status. If you have a corporation, you have to have a resident agent who can act as a person in charge. In CT you need two to sign. We think these changes will allow you to maintain your squadron as a Boating Club for social activities.

EVEN EXPERIENCED BOATERS NEED A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK!

A major component of a fun filled outing is a reliable boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check (VSC) is an important safeguard, and our certified examiners will be happy to perform the check for you. There are no consequences if you don't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through education.

See your Squadron's VSC officer or Commander to ask for your free check.

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.



National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2016-17.*

50 Merit Marks

P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP Hartford

50 Year Pins:

Joseph F. Kane, Jr., AP	New Britain
P/C Earl H. Wicklund, SN	New Britain
David J. Coakley, AP	Waterbury
Joseph W. Lux, AP	Waterbury

Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

Cdr Joyce C. Bonney, S	Manchester
P/C William R. Bonney, AP	Manchester
P/D/Lt/C Douglas S. Burdett, SN	Waterbury
P/Stf/C Leslie W. Williams, Jr., JN	Saybrook
P/C Alfred Mongillo, Jr., AP	Milford

2016 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Publications

District 1	Sounds of 1
Hartford	the Bilge Pump
Middleton	The Jib Sheet
Norwich	The Compass Rose
Waterbury	Pharos Beacon

2016 “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

National Growth Award

New London, Division 3, 2nd place

Educational Achievement (Senior Navigator)

Lt/C Regina Badura, SN	Waterbury
LT/C Egbert Most, SN	Waterbury
Lt Eric Burdett, SN	Waterbury
Lt/C Karen Poole, SN	Waterbury
Lt/C Thomas Poole, SN	Waterbury

National Awards *(continued)*

Educational Proficiency Awards (AP + 3 Electives)

1/Lt Ricardo G. Swilling, N	New Haven
P/Lt/C James T. Monroe, AP	Hartford
Frank J. Ventrella, AP	Hartford
Lt/C Mark Case, AP	Meriden
Cdr Peter DePascale, AP	New Haven

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education

Fund for 2016 with a 100% contribution

New Britain	22 st Year
Hartford	18 th Year
Norwich	16 th Year

2016 CoOp Charting Honor Roll Award to the Hartford Power Squadron for ranking 37th among all squadrons for participation in the Office of Coast Survey Chart Maintenance Program.

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2016-17.*

Edward M. Labelle Achievement Award

Waterbury

Teaching Aid Contest at the Fall Conference

P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P Hartford
Right of Way

District VSC Awards for most VSCs

1 st Place	P/C John R. Robinson, AP	Saybrook
2 nd Place	Eric Burdett, SN	Waterbury
3 rd Place	Cdr Joyce C. Bonney, S	Manchester
3 rd Place (tie)	Ltc Robert C. Post, P	Milford
Top Squadron		Hartford

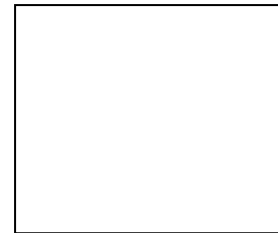
Historian’s Award 100% of squadron histories through 2015-16

P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
P/D/C Herb “Bud” Greenbacker, SN	Meriden
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	District 1

Sail Race

1 st	Cdr Peter DePascale, AP	New Haven
2 nd	D/C Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven





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2015 National Safe Boating Council Statistics

All figures are from the U.S. Coast Guard's 2015 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, the latest official record of reported recreational boating accidents. Full report available at: <http://uscgboating.org>.



- Drowning was reported as the cause of death in three-fourths of all fatalities.
- Approximately 85 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.
- In 2015, the Coast Guard counted 4,158 accidents that involved 626 deaths, 2,613 injuries and approximately \$42 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
- The fatality rate was 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.9% increase from last year's fatality rate of 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Only 15 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, machinery failure and excessive speed as the top 5 primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 17% of deaths.
- Twenty-two children under age thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2015. Twelve children, or approximately 55% of the children who died in 2015 died from drowning. (Two children, 17%, of those who drowned were wearing a life jacket; half of the remaining ten children were not wearing a life jacket and were not required to do so under state law.)

For more information, visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com

